

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EUROPE & AFRICA TOURNAMENT COUNCIL

held at the Rey Don Jaime Hotel, Casteldefells, SPAIN on Friday 29th and Sunday 31st January 2016

### MINUTES OF Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

#### 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Candido Moz	Chairman
Inessa Potes	Secretary
Dimos Alexopoulos	
Hannu Rintanen	
Nigel Talamo	
Stian Lilleberg	arrived in the afternoon
Clémentine Lucine	Athlete Representative

Congratulations to Clémentine on her election as an Athlete Representative at the meeting in Mexico. There was some confusion and disorganisation concerning the athlete elections in Mexico. It was noted that in future, athletes' meetings and elections should be better organised.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013

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The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th and 8th November 2015 were agreed as a true record. It was noted that from now, the Minutes should be prepared and issued with less delay.

#### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes and to notes for Other Business

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##### Competitions with lack of data:

Correspondence had been exchanged with Michal Mos concerning: 15GER001 & 15GER004 and 15POL002. It was concluded that no additional files are needed for this year. More details about data to be presented will be given at the seminar

##### Competitions in France and homologator's issue

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The competitions were homologated by an official who was not at that time qualified to homologate ranking list events. (He has since taken and passed the relevant exam.) Allowing him to act as homologator was an error of his and his examiner and which was overlooked by the chief judge. No penalties would be taken against the competitors and scores will stand. However on this occasion, warning letters would be sent to the homologator, chief judge and the examining homologator.

##### London night jump 2015

This event was not registered with EA TC- it was noted that the organiser was unable to make it an Elite tournament because it clashed with another event in the USA. The event took place but it was not homologated and scores were not eligible for the ranking list. For 2016, the organiser has registered the event as elite and will comply with all conditions.

**French competition Region Réunion Waterski** (raised by Hannu) was solved by the French federation. It was registered in the E&A calendar 26-27.03.2016 as cash prize 1, the judges panel is to be approved by TC.

##### Record certificate for Henry Herve -Final answer

The TC is grateful to Henry and Patrice for bringing to our attention an anomaly in the historical list of records. As evidence shows, the record was not approved and the listing is incorrect. The list will be revised and this performance will be withdrawn. A letter will be sent to Patrice and Herve.

**Medals** – Nigel made the list and sent it to the office. Alan showed the new medals suggested by Spain and Italy

#### 4. Distribution of paperwork

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The following circulars had been sent out to all Officials and Federations:

- 2016 World University Championships officials requests
- 2016 Officials Seminar preliminary information
- November 2015 Minutes

#### 5. Finance

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##### Budget 2016

28 000 Euro were generated from homologation and fines in 2015. For 2016 the projected income and expenditure looks similar. It appears that the budget 2014 was wrong and we lost some money as the numbers were almost the same in 2014.

##### TC expenditure for 2016

End course software		1000
Server expenses 50 Euro x 12		600
Ranking & Manu program maintenance		3000
Travel expenses for E&A titled events-	€ 3000 x 4 =	12000
Travel grants Akita	€ 300 x 6 =	1800
WEB site 200 or the new site around 150		200
Extra for the seminar	€ 150 x 7 =	1050
Athlete rep		2500
TC extra expenditures		2100

##### Intention to Enter

The problems of incorrect Intentions to Enter would not go away. To try to improve the situation, the TC proposed to Admincom an amendment to the bylaws concerning the Intention to Enter clauses. The proposal was accepted and the new bylaw is reproduced in Item 18 Other Business.

##### Review of 2016 E&A Championship grants

Everyone agreed that travel grants for officials are important since this ensures that the highest level of officials can attend the events. As in previous years, a levy of €20 per skier entered into E&A Championships will be collected for the TC. This will be issued to appointed officials as a contribution to their travel expenses. As there will not be enough to award 300 euro for each Official at 4 Titled events, the TC will use find additional funding from within its budget.

##### Travel grants for the World Championships 2017 .

Five major competitions are to be held in 2017. So about €7000 will be carried over from this year so that there are enough funds to help officials appointed to the titled events in 2017.

#### 6. Election of TC Officers

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This was done during the lunch break of the Congress

Candido Moz	Chairman, World TC member
Inessa Potes	Secretary
Stian Lilleberg	Treasurer
Dimos Alexopoulos	World TC member
Nigel Talamo	World TC member
Hannu Rintanen	Invited guest member
Clémentine Lucine	Athlete Representative
Donal Connolly	newly elected member
Christophe Duverger	newly elected member

## 7. Officials

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### Review of Activities and qualifications

The TC reviewed the activity of every official on the lists prepared by Dimos. All changes are in the list which is attached at the end of these Minutes.

### Homologation and Scoring program updates

It was decided that the list of officials should be periodically updated in the homologation program and in the scoring program, as soon as the lists are finalised by the TC. Dimos will communicate with Manu to organise this.

### Officials training video

Candido has prepared a new training video. TC members will judge all the runs and master sheets will be produced. This video will be distributed at the Seminar and will also be available to download from the TC server.

### Officials Seminar 2016

Dimos, Stian and Inessa will work on the seminar program which is still under discussion. It will be based on the same format as last year and will contain sessions for judges, drivers, homologators and calculators. Dimos will write a letter to all officials with an invitation to send us examples of 'interesting' situations that may have arisen and which merit discussion at the seminar.

### Officials Seminar 2017

The TC needs to find an organiser for 2017.

### Call for interest for the E&A Titled Events.

Hannu will prepare panel inscription information and the online submission form for 2016.

Inessa will send it to the Office for distribution to all officials.

**the deadline will be 10th of March.**

E&A Titled events panels will be discussed before the Seminar via internet conference. Stian will arrange this which is scheduled for the 17th of March at 0700 Central European Time. This time will allow the TC members in Australia and the USA to participate.

Call for interest for the 2016 World Junior Water Ski Championships in Chile will be put in the major inscription list together with the E&A Titled events.

Please pay attention that the date has been revised. The 2016 World Junior Championships will now be held between January 05 - January 08 2017.

There are no confirmed dates yet for the 2016 World 35+ Water Ski Championships.

### Nomination of officials from E&A for the World University Championships, 2016 Akita, Japan

CJ is to be from E&A and if possible a student, or professor, or teacher.

From the people who applied, the TC has nominated the following officials to attend the WUC.

Judge 1	Francine Lion (FRA)
Judge 2	Gavin Kelly (GBR)
Judge 3	Muriel Fromiau (FRA)
Judge 4	Ilaria Buzzotta (ITA)
Driver	Fabrizio Sonzongi (ITA)
Calculator	Ulf Langrock (GER)

Marie-Anne Persoons was suggested as a candidate for Chief Judge. She will check her schedule and let us know.

## 8. Calendar

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The calendar is filling with plenty of events and another busy year is foreseen. It is published at <http://iwwfeatournamentcouncil.asocion.com/>  
or

<http://iwwfeatc.bravesites.com/> (New address)

### European Open Championships 2016

The dates of the E&A Open Championships and the World University Championships are very close and it will be difficult for athletes to attend both events. Zdenek Kolman wrote with the request to change the date of E&A Open Championships. A formal protest concerning the same issue arrived from the Czech Federation.

The date of 2016 E&A Open was discussed with the Organisers. They have very valid reasons to run it on the proposed dates. The 1st bulletin of the World University Championships shows the start as the 8th September. It has been proposed that the E&A Championship medal ceremonies to be completed by late afternoon so that athletes who are travelling to Japan can take flights out of Barcelona that evening.

### European Open Championships 2017

The Austrian Federation has made a request to change the date from 16-19 to 24-27 August. We do not have an objection to moving the date for E&A Champ 2017 to this weekend but we are concerned that it will clash with the London Night Jump, scheduled for the same date. Candido will write to the organisers to ask if there are any other possibilities.

## 9. Skiers

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### Ranking List

Candido and Nigel cross referenced the E&A and World ranking lists and amended any discrepancies. Nigel reported that there were very few differences in ranking placement with the top 200 skiers. Most errors were typological.

### Records and Best Championship Performances.

The mistake was found in the historical list of records. Corrections have been made. (See Henry Herve item above)

## 10. Additional Rules

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This year we are expecting substantial changes to the World Rules. Therefore the changes in the Additional Rules cannot be finalised until the World Rules are published. In the meantime these are the points being considered.

- To clarify the status of National Judges
- To clarify the situation with exams. Where and when to they can be taken
- We need to find a way to speed up the process of updating the list of new judges after each exam session. Dimos will contact Manu.

- Steve Sopp (GBR) wrote to the TC regarding U21 E&A Championships team size. Team size will be increased from 4 to 6 skiers. The team scoring will still be the best three scores. This rule will start from 2016
- Front flips were discussed and the E&A TC has made a recommendation to the World TC to try to clarify the situation and harmonise judging worldwide.
- 50 euro together with intention to enter was approved by the Congress

## 11. Rule changes – IWWF.

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Candido informed the TC members about the decisions made in the recent World TC meeting in Mexico.

Bob is in the process of updating the World Rules.

### MINUTES OF SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2016

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## 12. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Candido Moz	Chairman
Inessa Potes	Secretary
Dimos Alexopoulos	
Stian Lilleberg	
Nigel Talamo	
Hannu Rintanen	Invited Guest member
Clémentine Lucine	Athlete Representative
Donal Connolly	

Christophe Duverger was elected but was not present at the Congress and therefore absent for his first meeting.

Candido officially welcomed all re-elected members and newly elected member Donal Connolly (IRL), Clémentine Lucine (FRA) as athlete rep and especially Hannu Rintanen as an invited guest member who will be always considered as a team member and voting TC member. The TC highly appreciates his decision to withdraw his candidature before the elections at the Congress.

The TC continued to work on the items of the agenda that were not discussed on Friday. Some questions were reviewed again.

## 13. VISIT of the BUREAU

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The TC welcomed the President and Secretary General to the meeting.

The following items were discussed

- Alain Amade wishes that the TC maintains its good atmosphere and continues to take decisions which are clear and understandable. He also emphasised that it is very important for TC members to be present at all meetings for fruitful progress. Alain remarked that 2015 was an unusually bad year for TC member attendances. He encouraged us to try to be more attentive in future.
- It was mentioned that the level of European judges is high and this was reflected at the World Championships in Mexico where three of the five judges on the tricks panel were from E&A.
- Thinking about the future of the sport, there are fewer jumpers and costs continue to rise.

Something has to be changed. Support of a Placement Ranking List will certainly help the situation with homologation. At present there are not enough active homologators in E&A or in fact any other region.

- The introduction in 2015 of Senior Homologators is a step forward. The exam is done under the supervision and with the recommendation of an experienced E&A Homologator. Senior Homologators are able to officiate at some Ranking List events and this takes some pressure off the E&A homologators.
- Athletes point of view of the Who Beats Who situation from Lucine. Clémentine remarked that there are two differing approaches for athletes to consider; to be the winner or to set the highest performance. The two systems should at first be run side by side. The skier must have the choice of which competitions to attend.  
Elite Ranking lists do not always reflect reality. Sometimes the No3 in the ranking will not even make the final of the World Championships. We have to respect both [systems](#).

#### **14. New E&A Tournament Website**

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There were some technical problems with the old site. So the site is at the following address  
<http://iwwfeatournamentcouncil.asocion.com/>

Hannu found a new possibility which is cheaper and better, so he will continue to work at the new site and Clémentine will collaborate with Hannu on the new site layout.

New address <http://iwwfeatc.com/>

#### **15. WORLD TOURNAMENT COUNCIL ISSUES**

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There are no other items on the discussion board at this time.

*NOTE For all recent World TC decisions, please see the World TC Minutes published on [iwwfed.com](http://iwwfed.com)*

#### **16. ATHLETES COMMISSION REPORT**

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Clém will continue discussions with the top level athletes all over the world.

The current items under the discussion are :

- Front Flips: two variations of Front Flip, inside and outside.
- Slalom recalculation
- Sites safety evaluation chart proposal for pro jump events

#### **17. DISTRIBUTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER WORKLOAD**

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This was the most important discussion on Sunday. All duties were split among the TC members in such way that everybody will carry out his task from the very beginning to the end. A new 'to do' list was discussed and approved

- Donal will take over Marc's job and will be responsible for event homologation administration and any issues that arise from this. He will also prepare the voting powers and send them to Inessa who will send them to the Office as necessary.
- Inessa will prepare the best performances and Official Standards for the Rule Book (before the November Meeting)
- Candido, Nigel and Dimos were appointed as 3 members to represent the Region on the World TC. A substitute was not appointed any TC member can be a substitute if necessary.
- Clémentine will work with the organisers on Bulletins and their issue.

## 18. OTHER BUSINESS

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### Congress highlights

**Monaco-France: Roquebrunne problem.** Monaco who now have a lease of the Roguebrunne site, is not able to run competitions without French Federation permission in accordance with the bye-laws. The best way to solve it is to find an agreement between two the federations.

### By laws change regarding intention to enter

**To be accepted, the "Intention to Enter" form must be accompanied by a deposit amounting to 50 Euro for each athlete mentioned on the form. (For instance : 3 athletes :3x50 = 150 Euro).This amount must be paid to the organisers and is non-refundable. This 50 Euro will be deducted from the entry fee to be paid for each athlete.**

**The Federation may enter up to two additional athletes more than originally declared on the "Intention to Enter" form. If more than two additional athletes participate, then a fee of 50 Euro per additional athlete will be levied upon that Federation.**

**Missing homologation files.** There were a lot of responses regarding missing files which are required from Ranking List and Record Capable tournaments. Nigel will construct a chart of instructions which will be sent to all organisers to help make the situation clearer.

## 19. CORRESPONDENCE

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Steve Sopp, Zdenek Kolman and Czech federation letters are covered above

## 20. NEXT MEETINGS

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For the Seminar meeting, we would meet on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of March in Bratislava commencing at 9 am, continuing all day on Thursday and Friday morning. The Seminar would commence after lunch on Friday and finish by lunchtime on Sunday.

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Secretary

Inessa Potes

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Chairman

Candido Moz

Original text: English

The Minutes are subject to approval at the next Meeting.

**Federations please note:** The Minutes are sent to all International Officials. Please pass on any relevant information to your National Officials.

### Meeting sessions:

Friday 09:00 to 17:30

Sunday 09:00 to 14:00

## E&A OFFICIALS CHANGES for 2016

**Following January 2016 TC Meeting held at  
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Name	Country	from	→ To:	TC DECISION
<b>E&amp;A JUDGES (ES)</b>				
ALEXOPOULOS Dimos	GRE	EJ	SJ	
<b>BEASLEY Clair</b>	GBR	EJ	SJ	
<b>BOCHUD Catherine</b>	SUI	EJ	SJ	
<b>DOLANSKA Zdena</b>	CZE	EJ	SJ	
DUVERGER Christophe	FRA	EJ	SJ	
FINAZZI Christina	ITA	EJ	SJ	
<b>SENIOR JUDGES (JS)</b>				
AMADE Anais	FRA	SJ	NJ	<b>Federation decision</b>
<b>ANDEOL Quentin</b>	FRA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
<b>BEGUN Anna</b>	BLR			Leave of absence for 2015, ok for <b>2016</b>
<b>BORTER ELIANE</b>	SUI	SJ	NJ	<b>Federation decision</b>
<b>CHENTRE Severine</b>	FRA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
D' ALBERTO Matteo	ITA	SJ	NJ	<b>Federation decision</b>
GRIFFIOEN Marcel	RSA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
JACQUIER Christophe	FRA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
LAKENS-DOUWES Dom.	NED			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
MILIAS Ioannis	GRE			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
MORROS Andrea	ESP			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
OOSTERHUIS Jitze	NED			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
RAMSEN Howard	RSA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
RAUCHENWALD Stefan	AUT			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
RITSCHARD Kuno	SUI			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
SABATIER Denis	FRA	SJ	NJ	<b>Federation decision</b>
VAN DER DEURE Dicky	NED			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
VANDERMOT Cedric	BEL			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
<b>SENIOR JUDGES 2 DISCIPLINES (SJ2D)</b>				
ALLAIS Carlo	ITA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
COHEN Angela	RSA	SL2D	NJ	<b>Federation decision</b>
CORNHILL Eric	RSA	SJ2D	NJ	<b>Federation decision</b>
DAVIES Peter	GBR			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
FORSMARK Christina	SWE	SL2D	NJ	<b>Federation decision</b>
GOOSSENS Paul	BEL	SJ2D	NJ	<b>Federation decision</b>
GREY David	GBR			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
JONES Natalie	GBR			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
MALHOMME Thierry	FRA	SL2D	NJ	<b>Federation decision</b>



SCHUTTE Jasper	NAM	SJ2D	NJ	<b>Federation decision</b>
SHEAD Don	RSA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
SOURTY Marc	FRA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
VISSER Marica	RSA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL CALCULATORS (CI)</b>				
DURNOU Aliaksei	BLR			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
GOOSENS Paul	BEL	CI	CN	<b>Federation decision</b>
KEMLINK David	CZE	CI	CN	<b>Federation decision</b>
RAMBO Kristian	NOR			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
RITSCHARD Vreni	SUI	CI	CN	Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS (DI)</b>				
FOWLER Rupert	GBR			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
LIUBOVNIKOV Anton	RUS	DI	DN	<b>Federation decision</b>
PATUREL Gilles	SUI	DI	DN	<b>Federation decision</b>
SPOO Elise	BEL	DI	DN	<b>Federation decision</b>
STROBBE Marc	BEL			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
VERTICCHIO Marco	ITA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL HOMOLOGATORS (HI)</b>				
ALCKOCK Richard	GBR			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
AMADE Alain	FRA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
BROWAYS Pierre Andre	FRA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
DUBUISON Alain	FRA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
GOOSENS Paul	BEL	HI	HN	<b>Federation decision</b>
GRIFFIOEN Marcel	RSA	HI	HN	<b>Federation decision</b>
KOLMAN Zdenek	CZE			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>
PERSOONS Marie Anne	BEL	HI	HN	<b>Federation decision</b>
VAN DER MERVE Piet	RSA			Did not officiate in 2015, but <b>OK for 2016</b>