



**MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Wuhan, China
Friday, 20th September at 10:00**

In Attendance

Mr Gianarrigo Rona, President in the Chair
Mr José Damiani, President Emeritus
Mr Al Levy, 1st Vice President
Mr Patrick Choy, 2nd Vice President
Mr Marc De Pauw, Treasurer
Mr David Harris, General Counsel
Mr Giorgio Duboin, Member
Mr Nader Hanna, Member
Mr Jan Kamras, Member
Mr Eric Laurant, Member
Mr Eitan Levy, Member
Mr Kirubakara Moorthy, Member
Mrs Kari-Anne Opsal, Member
Mr Douglas (Kip) Rotchell, Member
Mrs Esther Sophonpanich, Member
Mrs Suzi Subeck, Member
Mr Ben Thompson, Member
Mr Adam Wildavsky, Member

Also in Attendance

Mr David Harris, General Counsel
Mr Simon Fellus, WBF Secretary
Ms Arianna Testa, Secretary to the Executive Council

By invitation of the President

Mr Panos Gerontopoulos, Honour Committee Member
Mrs Georgia Heth, Honour Committee Member
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Honour Committee Member
Mr John Wignall, Honour Committee Member

Excused

Mr Marcelo Caracci, Member
Mr Bernard Pascal, Member
Mrs Janice Seamon-Molson, Member

The President called the meeting to order at 10:00. He declared that there was a quorum, and the meeting proceeded as follows.

Before the start of the meeting, the President introduced Mr Stan Subeck and awarded with the WBF Honour Plaque for his outstanding support during the World Championships in Orlando. The Executive Council unanimously thanked and congratulated Mr Subeck. The President reported that the same award was attributed to Mr. Joan Martel, at the time Secretary General of USBF and today President of the NABF, but, being she unavailable to attend the meeting, the award will be delivered to her on behalf of the WBF by Al Levy.

1. Future Events agenda item #16.1

1.1. 2020 World Bridge Games:

As already reported to the Executive Council in Orlando and to the Management Committee in Lucignano and also already reported by Marc De Pauw, the President confirmed there is a proposal submitted by the Turkish Federation. Together with Marc De Pauw I went to Turkey last year to visit various possible venues in Istanbul (three different locations), in Izmir, in Kusadashi, in Antalya. In Orlando we discussed with Nafitz Zorlu, Turkish President, the various details of the organisation of the event in Istanbul at Pulmann Hotel. After Orlando we have been informed that Pulmann was no more available because of the change of its Management while the Green Park (where the European Open Championship was held) could host the event, but other points of the agreement must be rediscussed. The problem is that Green Park looks not to have enough space to host the event and in addition Mr. Zorlu continues "to change the cards" and seems to be not affordable. At the same time during the IMSA General Assembly, as Marc De Pauw has already reported, it was discussed the organisation in Qingdao, China, of the 3rd edition of the World Mind Sport Games (after Beijing 2008 and Lille 2012), where our World Bridge Games were incorporated. As it happened in the past this organisation will give us a lot of advantages in term of facilities, support and hospitality. Of course, a final decision has to be taken not later than the San Francisco Meeting of the Management Committee.

At this point the President introduced Mr Geoffrey Borg, IMSA Executive Director, who gave to the Council an update on the procedure that IMSA is carrying on with the city of Qingdao, to host the 2020 World Bridge Games. Mr. Borg reported that at the end of November the situation will be defined.

The Council thanked Mr. Borg, while the President confirmed that at the meeting of San Francisco the Management Committee will take the decision. The Executive Council unanimously approved.

1.2. 2020 Youth Teams Championship

The President reported that after the withdrawal of Samorin, the event will be organised in Salsomaggiore, Italy, and the contacts with the Italian Federation and

the local Authorities are in progress. The agreement will be signed before the meeting of the Management Committee in San Francisco. Salsomaggiore as all know is a very comfortable venue very appreciated by the players and above all by the youth, because of the facilities provided in term of hospitality and cost and the characteristics of the town with all the hotels and services at walking distance from the venue. The Executive Council unanimously approved.

Mr Kamras, in his position of EBL President, reported that in the even years there are in July the European Open Youth Pairs Championship and in August the World Youth Teams Championship: it should be a very good solution, in term of costs, participation, advantage for the NBOs and the players, when the World Championship is scheduled in Europe, to have both the events together. The European event can start at the end of the Round Robin of the World, replacing the Consolation Bam, so only two additional days are needed. The President, sharing the suggestion of Mr. Kamras, proposed to start the project in Salsomaggiore, subject the final approval of the EBL Executive Committee. The Executive Council unanimously approved.

1.3. 2021 World Teams Championship:

The President reminded that there is the proposal, already accepted by the Executive Council, from the Morocco Bridge Federation to host the championship in Marrakech. Together with Mrs. Chafika Tak-Tak, President of the Federation, we visited the venue, the hotels and the town that is wonderful and very attractive. The works are in progress and the contacts with Chafika are constant. The Executive Council unanimously confirmed its appreciation.

1.4. 2022 World Bridge Series:

The President reported that just few days ago a letter arrived from the Polish Bridge Union Vice President & Member of the EBL Board Igor Chalupec with a request from PBU to host the event in Krakow or Wroclaw. A draft of the agreement with the requirements has been already forwarded to the PBU and the contacts are in progress. The Executive Council, considering the great success of the World Bridge Games held in 2016 in Wroclaw, unanimously gave its favourable opinion.

1.5. 2023 World Teams Championship:

The President reported a proposal to host the event arrived from Hong Kong. In Singapore he met, together with Patrick Choy and Marc De Pauw, Derek Zen, President of the China Hong Kong Federation to discuss the matter. A draft of the WBF Standard Agreement and Specification was forwarded to Derek and a visit to Hong Kong for an inspection to the venue and hotels will be planned. Mr, Choy confirmed that the intentions of Honk Kong are serious and that they have the resources to organise the event, thanks the very good subsidy received from the Olympic Committee following the medals won in the Asian Games. The Executive Council unanimously gave its favourable opinion.

The President concluded his report referring that it should be very good to have in Bermuda in 2025 the World Teams Championship. 2025 will be the 75th Anniversary of the Bermuda Bowl and it should be remarkable to be in Bermuda where the event started in 1950 and where celebrated both its 25th and 50th anniversary in 1975 and in 2000. He had already submitted the idea to Kip Rotchell, who expressed its agreement, being in any case necessary to investigate if there are the conditions and the resources to realize the event. The Executive Council unanimously gave its favourable opinion and approved the President's suggestion.

Mr. Kamras asked to consider the possibility of separating the Senior Championship to let most of the players the chance to attend both the Senior and the Open events. The President replied to have already proposed, as reported to the Management Committee in Lucignano, the introduction of a Separate World Seniors Championship in the years of the World Series, and having had green light, the project will be discussed at the Management Committee in San Francisco. The Executive Council unanimously approved.

2. World Wide Bridge Contest agenda item #22 - **Women's Bridge Festival** agenda item #18.4 - **Antidoping & Medical Matters** agenda item #14

The President welcomed and introduced Mrs Anna Gudge to present her Reports to the Executive Council and Mrs. Gudge reported as follows:

2.1. World Wide Bridge Contest:

This year's WWC was held on the usual two days in June, with no extra heats earlier in the year.

It was agreed that the prizes would be: 1st and 2nd placed Pair on each day: B&B hotel accommodation in double room at the World Bridge Games 2020 for the duration of the Pairs Tournament, a subsidy of € 500.00 (five hundred Euro) to each player (8 in total) and free entry-fee to the pairs event of their choice (Open, Women's, Mixed or Seniors); 3rd placed Pair on each day: B&B hotel accommodation in double room at the World Bridge Games 2020 for the duration of the Pairs Tournament and free entry-fee to the pairs event of their choice (Open, Women's, Mixed or Seniors); 4th and 5th placed Pair on each day: free entry-fee to the pairs event of their choice at the World Bridge Games 2020 (Open, Women's, Mixed or Seniors). The winners have been informed accordingly but most are waiting to find out where and when the Games are to be held, before deciding whether or not to accept.

We had a total of 3742 pairs on the Friday from 20 countries, slightly up on the previous year and 2254 on the Saturday from 22 countries, slightly down on the previous year. It all went smoothly and continues to be popular. It is a very good way for the WBF to raise awareness among the grass roots players and in fact I think we don't make enough of that ... especially now we don't have a printed booklet since we are not constricted by space. The online booklet can contain advertising for our events, information about the WBF and so forth.

I know that I tend to be an evangelist on behalf of the local club players, but that is what I have been in terms of playing bridge and it is where, in real terms, most people learn their bridge, whether they start as juniors or when they retire. And seeing what the work of the WBF involves, perhaps especially with regard to Youth Bridge, can only be valuable.

For now – onward and upward and looking forward to the future!

2.2. Women's Bridge Festival

We have had two Festivals since we last met – one last Autumn and one this Spring. I would like first to thank the President of the EBL, Jan Kamras, for so generously agreeing to give free entry to the Women's Pairs event at the European Championships to the two winners, each with the partner of her choice.

This year's Autumn and the 2020 Spring Festival will have prizes of entries & accommodation at the Women's Pairs at the World Bridge Games for which I have to thank Gianarrigo and Marc of course !

The WBF grants a fund for prizes for the festivals which are very well received and the image of the WBF is enhanced by this – there are many players who would otherwise be unaware of the World Bridge Federation and its work and these events bring us into focus. Although the WBF is, of course, seen as the body in charge and as running World Championship this is another chance for people to learn of the work done in youth bridge, for example.

The EBL has done some excellent work in contacting the people within the NBOs who are interested in and responsible for Women's Bridge in their own country and, working the Mary Kelly, we plan to expand this to NBOs worldwide so that we can further encourage the development of this sector.

However, I think it should be accepted that many of the women actually seem to prefer playing in Mixed events and it may be that entries to any women's team events other than the national ones like the Venice Cup may decrease. But at least the women are still playing.

2.3. Antidoping & Medical Matters

a) Helgemo's Anti Doping violation has been dealt with and the gold medal reinstated for the team, only withheld for Helgemo

b) Code Compliance – for those here last year I gave a report on the Code Compliance questionnaire and the work involved in that and the Corrective Action Plan that we were then sent. I received the following email from WADA a few days ago, stating:

To date, 37 IFs have successfully addressed all non-conformities following the assessment of their respective Code Compliance Questionnaire (CCQ). 32 have less than 10 Corrective Actions (CAs) to implement and 13 still have to address more than 20 CAs.

I am pleased to report that we are one of the 37 who have dealt with the CAs as requested, and that we did so within the WADA deadline which was September 2018

- c) *Professor Gabriele prepared and submitted a full Risk Assessment to WADA, following which we now have clear written agreement that the WBF is not required to undertake Out of Competition Tests. However, it is very important that this information is treated as confidential as has been requested by WADA since they do not wish to upset the Status Quo with other sports Federations. There was previously an informal understanding that we didn't do OOC testing but recently WADA had started to complain and were suggesting that we must do it.*

The contract with ITA – the International Testing Agency (the WBF/ITA Agreement has been previously delivered to the Executive Council).

This has now been formally agreed and will come into force in January 2020. It is actually the same work that they have always done for us, but with a formal contract. They arrange the tests that we undertake in various parts of the world.

The Executive Council unanimously thanked Mrs. Gudge and congratulated her for the precious and excellent job done in all the sections of her competence. Mrs Gudge left the room.

3. Zonal Report agenda item #32

3.1. Zone 5 – CACBF – report by Mr Kip Rotchell:

The status of Bridge in our Countries: Zone 5 is also one of the smallest if not the smallest (by membership) of the 8 Zones. Like the other small Zones we too are consistently having to overcome the obstacles we have in our region and this meeting of the Executive Council is the only opportunity where our plight can be discussed. So forgive me for cutting to the chase!

We, the WBF, have to decide whether participation takes preference to income. Being as widespread as we are, we find ourselves geographically disadvantaged in as much as movement within the region is horrendously expensive for all NBO's. In many cases it is cheaper to fly from the islands to North America than it is to fly inter island. Travelling between Central America and the wider Caribbean is much the same cost wise. This makes the movement between our NBO's cost prohibitive. It is not possible to move, screens, bidding boxes, tables and other materials around the region without incurring great expense far beyond our means.

Notwithstanding this Zone 5 have 3 teams registered in Wuhan in the Bermuda, Venice and Mixed Teams. The cost to us to send these three Teams represents 35% of our finances but while expensive we believe in participation wherever possible. It should also be noted that each player has had to cover several thousands of dollars of their own money to make the trip.

As such I would like to appeal to the Board that consideration be made to ease the financial commitment required to attend WBF tournaments around the world. One suggestion I respectfully suggest is that the entry fee for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice

Cup, D'Orsi and the newly named Wuhan Mixed Teams be discounted by 50%. In recognition of this courtesy any of my NBO's attending these games would not automatically be entitled to play in the Transnational Teams without paying an entry fee of some sort.

NBO Update: At our Zonal Championship held last May in Costa Rica and having been approached by the representatives from the Cuban Bridge Association (CBA) the Board awarded the hosting of the CACBF Championship to Cuba. However, 10 weeks later we were informed that the President of the CBA Ms. Edma Castro (Fidel's Sister) contacted me to say that at 84 years old she has reluctantly decided not to continue an active role in the CBA and preferred to play socially. The knock on effect of this development resulted in the collapse of the CBA and ultimately a decision was made by them that they could no longer host the Zonal Championships in 2021. It is hoped that when they have restructured their NBO they will be back in the fold again. With this unexpected news I contacted all my NBO's requesting any of them that might be interested in hosting and I am pleased to say that 3 of them have stepped up and are prepared to host in 2021. The merits of each application will be noted and an announcement as to where it will be held will be announced by the end of the first week of October. On a positive note we also heard from Suriname who have not been active in the Zone for many years and they have now rejoined and we look forward to their participation moving forward.

Bridge Youth Development: Several of our NBO's are aggressively working on the development of encouraging our youths to participate in classes. In Barbados we are visiting several schools with the intention of creating a small local tournament for participants which we hope would lead to a Zonal Tournament. This effort is also being tested in other NBO's around the region and I hope to be able to report its success the next time we meet.

Regional Tournaments: Barbados has held its Sun, Sea and Slams tournament every year since 1990. Held in February this small tournament has grown and next year we are expecting in excess of 70 tables to be in play making it the largest annual tournament in the Zone. Located on the South coats of the island we have already filled the hotel of its 106 rooms and we are now making a dent in their Sister hotel opposite with 20 rooms already booked.

I have been bullied by our President and have been given firm instructions not to request but rather insist that my NBO in Bermuda host the Bowl in 2025 to mark the 75th Anniversary of its inception. Needless to say I will rise to the occasion and talk with them over the next few weeks.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for being so kind to the "New Kid on The Block"! It has truly been a pleasure to meet you all and I look forward to working with you all in the future. Should any of you be tempted to visit our Gem in the Caribbean I can think of no better place to enjoy our Sun, Sea and Sand in a place famous for its flying fish and whistling frogs than Barbados. Even our capital city should be inviting..... Bridgetown!

The Executive Council unanimously thanked Mr Rotchell for his detailed report and the President congratulated him remarking the very good job by him done in this few months of his presidency; in particular he was very happy and proud about the

starting of the youth bridge development that represent an excellent viaticum for the future success of the organisation and management of the Zone.

3.2. Zone 4 – BFAME – report by Mr Kirubakara Moorthy

Mr Moorthy reported about the 20th Asia and Middle East Bridge Championships that took place in Jordan, Amman (23rd June – 30th June 2019).

Mr Moorthy's plan for the next months is to travel around Zone 4 to promote Bridge especially in the Countries where Card play is not allowed. He will also support youth activities.

3.3. Zone 7 – PA – report by Mr Ben Thompson

Mr Thompson will address his efforts in promoting Bridge in Zone 7 in order to enlarge the number of NBOs affiliated (today there are only two NBOs in Zone 7, Australia and New Zealand).

4. Laws Committee agenda item #29

The President welcomed and introduced Mr Ton Kooijman, Chairman of the WBF Laws Committee, to present his report.

Mr Kooijman reported that three meetings will be hold. Mr Al Levy, who was taken from the list a year ago is a Member again and Mr Max Bavin becomes the Consultant. On the request of Mr Jan Kamras a combined Committee is formed to find a description for cheating which gives better possibilities to catch the cheaters. Most of the time was spent on maintenance. After a renewed set of laws is promulgated new questions arise for which answers need to be given. The Laws Committee received a gender neutral "translation" of the laws and agreed that it may be ported on the WBF website, explaining the status of this document.

Mr. Kooijman asked the approval of the Executive Council, which was unanimously given, thanking him for his report. Mr. Kooijman left the room.

5. Online e-Bridge world championship agenda item #18.3

Following the discussion and decisions taken by the Executive Council in the previous meeting about the item, upon the proposal of the President the Executive Council unanimously appointed a Sub-Committee, composed by José Damiani, Marc De Pauw, Eric Laurant, Alvin Levy e Kari-Anne Opsal to discuss the details of the project (involvement of the NBOs, funds, prizes) to submit to the Management Committee to launch the initiative.

6. System Committee agenda item #30

The President invited Mr Wignall, Chairman of the System Committee to present his report after the meeting that took place on 19th September 2019.

Mr Wignall submitted to the Executive Council the following report:

Minutes of the Meeting of the WBF Systems Committee- Present: John Wignall, Chairman; Maurizio Di Sacco, Eitan Levy, Laurie Kelso, Jan Kamras, Ben Thompson, Members; Anna Gudge, Secretary in attendance.

1) The Committee received the following report regarding the filing of systems:

WBF Systems Committee 2019 - Report to the Executive Council, Wuhan 2019

As indicated last year I had my Committee look at our current Systems Policy and compare it with that of the EBL. There are few changes to the wording we could make but in my opinion we should leave well enough alone. The Players, or 95% of them, understand the policy and are prepared to stick with it. This does not mean, however, that all is perfect.

The job of receiving, collating and filling the Convention Cads for our annual World Championships grows bigger every year. For the World Teams for example we originally had the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup. Now we have the Seniors and the Mixed as well, doubling the amount of work.

Thanks largely to Anna's patience and experience we manage but this year must have set a new record for changes in pairs, bad formatting the cards and late filing. To date we have never imposed a penalty but in my opinion, we will have to do so soon, if only to issue a stern warning.

This raises an interesting point. What should the penalty be, and who should impose it? It may take the form of a monetary fine, it may be a restriction on the System to be played or it may be the loss of Victory points. The Systems Committee may not be the right body to decide this. It is made up largely of people who are not in the Executive Council and who often have a vested interest on the outcome. It seems to me to be more a matter for the Rules & Regulations Committee who are already charged with enforcing the regulations. Whatever I suggest there should be a discussion at a higher level than a sub-committee.

Finally, I referred above the great job that Anna does. She relies heavily on the experience earned in the thirty years or so she has been doing it. Without wishing anyone any harm, the WBF should really be doing a little "Succession Planning". If Anna were to be incapacitated in the period before a Championship I do not know how we would cope with the mechanisms of filing the Systems. It would be wise to discuss this possible problem with her.

2) Anna Gudge reported on the filing of systems for this event. The Committee made the following recommendations:

- a. *The cut-off point for lodging systems should be 4 – 6 weeks before the opening date*
 - b. *Late filing should be advised by her to the Chairman and then to the Rules and Regulations Committee. Any penalty should be in Victory Points rather than in any other way*
 - c. *Any revisions to a system card after it has been lodged should be high-lighted*
- 3) *Laurie Kelso reported on the matters raised at the Captains' Meeting. His biggest problem has been communicating with the captains electronically. On the whole amendments submitted gave few problems.*
- 4) *Eitan Levy presented the revised EBL Systems Policy, based on that of the WBF but with certain differences. After working through these, the consensus of the Committee was that the alterations should be adopted but only after the whole policy has been referred for comment to the Zones.*
- 5) *It was reported that references to alerts when screens are not in use causes confusion at WBF events. Mr Levy would clarify procedures with and without screens and produce a revised document for adoption.*

The Executive Council thanked Mr. Wignall for his detailed report and for his multiannual excellent leadership of the System Committee.

On the proposal of the President, the Executive Council unanimously ratified the statement of the Management Committee that starting from 1st January 2020 Category 1 of the Systems allowed at the WBF Championship (WBF System Policy art.3) includes all the competitions in Open, Women, Senior, Mixed, Under 31 and Under 26.

7. Secretariat Report agenda item #33

Mr Simon Fellus presented his report as follows:

- *Lausanne Headquarters (Maison du Sport): We will move from 4th floor to the 3rd floor of Building A, together with the World Chess Federation; so the two main Mind Sport will work alongside during the year.*
- *Managing the WBF Website, the WBF Facebook Page, the WBF Instagram Page, WBF YouTube Channel with Anna Gudge, Francesca Canali and Fotis Skoularikis.*
- *WBF Facebook Page: almost 7,000 followers*
- *WBF Instagram: 850 followers*
- *WBF YouTube Official Channel: more than 1000 followers; we produced 22 playlist with more than 500 videos published since we started in 2012.*
- *Managing the reservation for hotels and meeting room at MSI for the WBF Meetings;*

- *Every day replying to players, officers and people who is asking for information. Concerning a specific matter, I forward the email to the related officer in charge.*
- *I'm in contact with Philippe Gueisbuhler from GAISF (Global Association of International Sport Federations, previously SportAccord) – I provide him news and highlights from our events and they are editing a video to support all non-Olympic sports. They will send me the link when it's done.*
- *Always in contact with the ARISF Staff providing them information, pictures and updates concerning our organization and our championships.*
- *Every month I send the Financial monthly Report to Marc De Pauw and Dirk De Clercq.*

The Executive Council thanked Mr. Fellus for his complete and detailed report.

8. WBF Committees agenda item #34

According to art. 47 of the By-laws the Executive Council unanimously approved the following Committees appointed by the President:

Advisory Committee: José Damiani, Chairman; Chen Zelan, Patrick Choy, Marc De Pauw, Georgia Heth, Panos Gerontopoulos, Mazhar Jafri, Alvin Levy, George Retek, Gianarrigo Rona, John Wignall, Robert S. Wolff, Peiyang Zen, Members; Simon Fellus, Secretary. **Credentials Committee:** Marc De Pauw, Chairman; Marcelo Caracci, Eric Laurant, Bernard Pascal, Ben Thompson, Esther Sophonpanich, Adam Wildavsky, Members; David Harris, Consultant; Simon Fellus, Secretary. **Finance Committee:** Marc De Pauw, Chairman; Marcelo Caracci, Patrick Choy, Eric Laurant, Alvin Levy, Bernard Pascal, Douglas (Kip) Rotchell, Members; Dirk De Clercq, Secretary. **Constitution & By Laws Committee:** David Harris, Chairman; Marc De Pauw, Patrick Choy, Nader Hanna, Eitan Levy, Kari-Anne Opsal, Gianarrigo Rona, Members; Ross Wenzel, Consultant, Simon Fellus, Secretary. **Rules & Regulations Committee:** Gianarrigo Rona, Chairman, Philippe Cronier, Maurizio Di Sacco, Giorgio Duboin, Jan Kamras, Eitan Levy, Adam Wildavsky, Members, Anna Gudge, Secretary. **Championship Committee:** Gianarrigo Rona, Chairman; Jan Kamras Co-Chairman; Philippe Cronier, Marc De Pauw, Maurizio Di Sacco, Simon Fellus, Alvin Levy, Members; Marina Madia, Secretary. **Youth Committee:** Ata Aydin, Chairman; Sevinç Atay, Simon Fellus, Gilad Ofir, Kirubakara Moorthy, Gianarrigo Rona, Carlotta Venier, Members; Paolo Clair, Secretary. **Kids Sub-Committee:** Sevinç Atay, Chairman; Amaresh Deshpande, Fernando Lema, Eduardo Rosen, Simon Stocken, Joseph Stokes, Wang Yannan, Members; Simon Fellus, Secretary. **E-Bridge Laws Committee:** José Damiani, Chairman; Philippe Cronier, Marc De Pauw, Jan Kamras, Eric Laurant, Alvin Levy, Kari-Anne Opsal, Members; Maurizio Di Sacco, Secretary. **University Sub-Committee:** Geert Magerman, Chairman; Marc De Pauw, Simon Fellus, Members; Paolo Clair, Secretary. **Laws Committee:** Ton Kooijman, Chairman; Maurizio Di Sacco, David Harris, Fu Qiang, Alvin Levy, Eitan

Levy, Chip Martel, Matt Smith, Howard Weinstein, Adam Wildavsky, Members; Laurie Kelso, Member & Secretary. **Protocol & Ceremony Committee:** Sevinç Atay, Chairman; Gianarrigo Rona, Silvia Valentini, Members; Arianna Testa, Secretary. **Medical & Prevention Commission:** Paolo Walter Gabriele, Chairman; Giovanni Capelli, Vice Chairman; Lorenza Mel, Elizabeth (Liz) Newton, James Sternberg, Jaap Stomphorst, Members; Matteo Vallini (SportAccord), Consultant; Anna Gudge, Secretary. **Anti-doping TUE Sub-Committee:** Jaap Stomphorst, Chairman; Giovanni Capelli, Paolo Walter Gabriele, Members; Anna Gudge, Secretary. **Awards Committee:** José Damiani, Chairman; Marc De Pauw, Panos Gerontopoulos, Alvin Levy, Gianarrigo Rona, Members; Anna Gudge, Secretary. **TDs Committee:** Josef Harsanyi, Chairman; Maurizio Di Sacco, Laurie Kelso, Eitan Levy, Fu Qiang, Antonio Riccardi, Matt Smith, Members; Peter Eidt, Secretary. **Systems Committee:** Laurie Kelso, Chairman; Eitan Levy, Co-Chairman, Fu Qiang, Chip Martel, PO Sundelin, Ben Thompson, Kit Woolsey, Members; Maurizio Di Sacco, Consultant; Anna Gudge, Secretary. **Technology Commission:** Al Levy, Chairman; Peter Belcack, Traian Chira, Duccio Geronimi, Maurizio Di Sacco, Hans van Staveren, Members; Gianni Baldi, Consultant; Fotis Skoularikis, Member & Secretary. **Seniors Committee:** Gianarrigo Rona, Chairman; Marcelo Caracci, Patrick Choy, Philippe Cronier, Nader Hanna, Bernard Pascal, Douglas (Kip) Rotchell, Members; Maurizio Di Sacco, Secretary. **Bridge & Science Committee:** Marek Malysa, Chairman; Piotr Blajet, Giovanni Cappelli, Paolo Walter Gabriele, Samantha Punch, Veronique Ventos, Members; Anna Gudge, Secretary. **Disciplinary Panel & Antidoping Hearing Panel:** Ata Aydin, Jurica Caric, Francesca Carnicelli, Ron Gerard, Françoise Lejuste, Lorenza Mel, Dominique Portal, Members; David Harris, Prosecutor; Herman De Wael, Secretary. **Women Committee:** Kari-Anne Opsal, Chairwoman; Sevinç Atay, Janice Seamon-Molson, Esther Sophonpanich, Suzy Subek, Chafika Tak-Tak, Wang Yannan, Members; Anna Gudge, Member & Secretary. **Masterpoints Committee:** Gianarrigo Rona, Chairman; Giorgio Duboin, Simon Fellus, Jan Kamras, Nader Hanna, Ben Thompson, Members; Mark Newton, Member & Secretary. **Infrastructure Committee:** Gianarrigo Rona, Chairman; Jan Kamras, Marcelo Caracci, Kirubakara Moorthy, Bernard Pascal, Douglas (Kip) Rotchell, Esther Sophonpanich, Nader Hanna, Ben Thompson, Members; Simon Fellus, Secretary.

Not being other items in discussion, the President declared close the works of the meeting of the Executive Council, thanking the members and expressing his appreciation for the intense and productive contribution. The meeting was adjourned, sine die at 14:10.