



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

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INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 09h00

Stadhalle - Congress Centre Dusseldorf South - Dusseldorf, Germany.

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PRESIDENT (Thomas Weikert)

Report to the AGM

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A successful Olympic year, the 90th anniversary of the International Table Tennis Federation, many outstanding events; I look back on the past year with a great deal of pride.

From the World Championships in Kuala Lumpur to the Rio Olympic Games and the World Tour Grand Finals, our athletes brought table tennis to a new level; exciting rallies, new records and personal achievements were witnessed.

The ITTF World Tour had a high number of events with all continents involved. Impressively, the Seamaster Qatar 2016 World Tour Grand Finals in Doha, immediately preceded by a fantastic Star Awards Dinner, where the world's leading players were acknowledged, brought the year to a dazzling conclusion.

High standards in Doha, it was the same at the Liebherr Men's World Cup in Saarbrücken and at the Seamaster Women's World Cup in Philadelphia; new levels of presentation were set.

Equally away from the spotlight of the playing arena, there was notable progress. During the events, we had many opportunities for face-to-face meetings, which proved extremely important; such interaction is essential to determine the issues to be addressed around the world.

I represented the ITTF at both the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) meetings. There was detailed information and discussion about the 2020 agenda of the IOC; currently negotiations for a fifth or maybe more events in Tokyo 2020 are making substantial progress, an application has been submitted. We are confident in this matter and already have had very promising discussions with the IOC and the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (TOCOG 2020).

Raising the image of table tennis worldwide has been one of my major goals but in the background, we focused on the stringent implementation of the WADA Code, alongside the Good Governance and Ethics Code. They are topics which are vitally important for operating in a trustworthy atmosphere; the Anti-Corruption and Anti-Harassment Policy continued, whilst a Code of Ethics and an Ethics Commission has been introduced to complete this sector.

A clean sport to protect clean athletes, no match-fixing, no betting-fraud, no doping, no manipulations in any area; it must be realised that if such items are not addressed, they are life-threatening for every association regarding reputation, image or financial income. Our goal must be to eradicate such practices!

It is extremely important to work in a completely transparent manner and to work much more closely with continents to develop table tennis in all areas.

All continents renewed the development agreements at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games; the agreements being made possible thanks to the high level of co-operation for which I am

grateful. Importantly, we already have increased our activities and our financial support; moreover we plan to increase the support in all areas.

In the past year, the ITTF initiated new projects such as Table Tennis for NepALL, TTX, ITTF Dream Building and many more developmental assignments around the globe. Our mission must be that small and economically weaker regions receive our support via the Development Programme; the aim being that in such countries table tennis has a secure structure, a basis for growth. It is not only equipment that may be needed, equally education and training is vital.

May I take this opportunity to thank the continental and national associations who have supported the initiatives.

However, we must be clear, ITTF finances are limited. We depend on public funds, money from the IOC and sponsors to continue our efforts in advancing the Development Programme.

The ITTF can act in this area as partner, providing support but we also need your commitment, the support of the associations; this is for me a personal goal. It is my policy to work in a transparent and realistic way. I will not make any empty promises about funds that do not exist but I am working hard to extend our development programmes as far as possible.

Keeping up-to-date, our social media platform has increased youth engagement by continual innovation. A 360-degree table tennis video, new camera positions were tried; iTV in HD quality was launched on all devices.

The virtual reality broadcast, which we started at the World Tour Grand Finals, will eventually allow fans to watch a table tennis match from any position inside the venue. It means a fan can watch the match from the perspective of an umpire or coach, as well occupying a VIP seat to witness a prime view of the world's best table tennis player battling for gold.

It is a momentous step forward in the way we will broadcast events. We are sure that virtual reality will be a big hit amongst table tennis and sport fans and will improve the popularity of table tennis broadcasting significantly.

Also, we anticipate further innovative ideas and initiatives to improve our sport. The focus will be more and more on social and digital platforms; the day is not far off when table tennis will be one of the most widely followed sports in the world. Using new platforms and even greater networking in digital media, the ITTF intends to achieve an even stronger connection between fans and the sport, thus tapping into additional markets.

Furthermore in 2016 a new and modern website was published and a draft of a new World Ranking was created.

In a similar vein, the ITTF and TMS entered into a new agreement by which the ITTF regained all its commercial rights as of Sunday 1st January 2017 by terminating the current marketing accord. The goal is to increase commercial income; most importantly, in this respect, Seamaster has become the title sponsor of the ITTF World Tour.

Meanwhile, in 2016 a joint Para Table Tennis project with United Nations Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) and the ITTF was held on the World Table Tennis Day in Nepal. It was a tremendous event, which was rewarded at the end of the year with the Peace and Sport Award.

On Wednesday 6th April, World Table Tennis Day was celebrated all around the globe. For details in multiple languages and registration visit www.tt4all.com. Working together. That must be our policy; full inclusion is important. We must encourage and help our member associations to have Para Table Tennis under one roof, at the moment not the situation universally.

Also, we started to have discussions and negotiations with Swaythling Club International. The goal is for the World Veteran Championships to return under the ITTF umbrella; fruitful meetings with Ebby Schöler, the President of Swaythling Club International have been held and we are on the right track to a gain a mutual agreement.

Which tasks will be the main ones in 2017?

I have many plans to improve our sport; steady progress is vital in order to remain a strong and powerful Federation.

High quality events must be promoted but everyone should have the chance to play table tennis and enjoy the sport; play just for fun.

The project "TTX" affords the opportunity to attract "non-table-tennis people" to our sport and who knows what may be the effect; not only at a high level, also just for fun and hopefully with the result to add new members to our national associations.

Improvement, to make progress, there is a heavy reliance on member associations, in this respect the response is always positive; my thanks for the outstanding level of support.

Undoubtedly, ITTF finances are extremely important. It means our focus to gain new sponsors has a vital importance. We have already been successful in a very short time; most promisingly in the early months of this year more support has been gained. Even more encouraging is the fact there are most positive signs in this respect for the immediate future.

Challenging times ahead, but I believe, most sincerely, that by utilizing our strengths, exploring our extensive resources and exploiting our wide-ranging capabilities, in addition to working together in a fair, honest and intelligent fashion; the collective experience, will not only help us overcome these challenges, we will also thrive and have the best year yet!

Finally, I thank the members of the ITTF for the trust placed in me. I thank the ITTF Executive Committee, Chairs of ITTF Committees; the ITTF and TMS professional staff for their efforts; last but not least, I thank all member associations and their athletes for their tremendous support.

It is a pleasure to work with you. We are one family and I count on you!

Thomas Weikert

DEPUTY PRESIDENT (Khalil Al-Mohannadi)

Report to the AGM

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In between two World Championships, the 2016 WTTC in Kuala Lumpur and the 2017 WTTC in Dusseldorf, there has been an exceptionally long period, lasting for more than 15 months.

In my areas of responsibility, the two most important points have been:

1. To study reports from the 2016 WTTC in Kuala Lumpur and the start of work for the ITTF Events group to ensure the best possible organization of WTTCs in the future.
2. To be in close contact with the 2017 WTTC Organising Committee and to make sure that the 2017 WTTC and 2017 AGM will strictly follow ITTF WTTC Directives.

Areas of Responsibility

- Deputy President
- Asia (Communications)
- World Championships (Administration)
- World Championships (Technical)
- World Cups (Men, Women)
- Media & Promotion
- Publications & News

In looking after my areas of responsibility, I was in close contact with Cai Zhenhua (ATTU President), the ATTU Executive Board, Judit Farago (CEO), Karl Jindrak (Director-Competitions) and Arne Madsen (Media Committee Chairman).

We had our usual number of tournaments:

- PERFECT 2016 World Championships (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- Olympic Games (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- LIEBHERR Men's World Cup (Saarbrücken, Germany)
- SEAMASTER Women's World Cup (Philadelphia, USA)
- SUN International World Junior Championships (Cape Town, South Africa)
- SEAMASTER QATAR 2016 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals (Doha, Qatar)

I would like to underline excellent collaboration between the Organizing Committees, sponsors and ITTF staff, which produced very good organization in all events with remarks that the PERFECT 2016 WTTC showed a number of points that we have to do better in the future.

I am very grateful to the associations of Malaysia, Brazil, Germany, USA and South Africa, and to the ITTF staff for their exceptional contribution for the benefit of our sport.

The very detailed reports from WTTC, World Cups, World Junior Championships, Olympic Games and World Tour Grand Finals, produced by ITTF Competition Managers, are available for your information and ready for your attention.

Attendance at ITTF Executive Committee Meetings

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| • Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | March, 2016 |
| • Rio de Janeiro, Brazil | August, 2016 |
| • Saarbrücken, Germany | October, 2016 |
| • Doha, Qatar | December, 2016 |
| • Dubai, UAE | March, 2017 |

Attendance at ITTF Competition Events

- PERFECT 2016 World Championships (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- ITTF-ASIA Olympic Qualification Tournament (Hong Kong)
- ITTF-Asian Cup (Dubai, UAE)
- Olympic Games (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- LIEBHERR Men's World Cup (Saarbrücken, Germany)
- SUN INTERNATIONAL World Junior Championships (Cape Town, South Africa)
- SEAMASTER QATAR 2016 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals (Doha, Qatar)

Attending the big events is giving me the opportunity to discuss with Organizing Committees, the ITTF Competition, Marketing and Promotion Directors about problems we have faced and improvements we can make in the future. Those discussions produce many good proposals for the 2016- 2017 events.

I am very proud of the Qatar Table Tennis Association, who used all these proposals and its own experience, to produce the SEAMASTER 2016 ITTF STAR AWARDS and GALA DINNER in December of 2016. We received many very best congratulations and grateful remarks from all over the world for the fantastic organization of the greatest ITTF annual event together with the extraordinary competition of SEAMASTER QATAR 2016 ITTF WORLD TOUR GRAND FINALS, which was organized at the same time.

Attendance at Regional Competition Events

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| • 2016 Arab Team TT Championships | Hammamet, Tunisia |
| • 2016 Arab Club Championships | Agadir, Morocco |

Attendance at regional events is very important for me and for officials from many regional associations. I can answer all questions about ITTF work and how the ITTF can help Arab associations as well as receive information about regional associations' problems.

The 2017 World Table Tennis Championships will be held in Dusseldorf during the Holy month of Ramadan and I am very proud that the German TTA has followed my initiative to make a special arrangement for meals and there will be a mosque at the venue where men and women from all Islamic countries may pray during Ramadan.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to ITTF President Mr. Thomas Weikert, my colleagues on the Executive Committee, and the ITTF professional staff for their support and cooperation.

Khalil Al-Mohannadi

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE (Petra Sörling)

Report to the AGM

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Since I was elected as an Executive Vice President in 2009, I was assigned to be responsible for a couple of focus areas in addition to the general duties within the ITTF Executive Committee (EC).

FOCUS AREAS

Para Table Tennis

It is a pleasure to have Para TT in my portfolio. I have a strong interest in this area and it is very positive to see that many associations now are fully integrated or have a very good working relationship between the two groups. Also within the ITTF we are focusing on how to work more integrated and we propose to convert the Para TT Division to a committee.

During the year, I took part in Para TT Division meetings in Copenhagen and a Para TT Division meeting in Rio. The meeting in Rio took place during the Paralympics and it was an amazing event with a lot of spectators, who created a special atmosphere.

Finance

Final statements had not yet been finalized as of the writing of this report and the audit is planned to be done in March this year. Our Finance Committee, besides me as chairperson, includes Mr. Eberhard Schöler (PAC) and Mr. Dhanraj Choudhary (BoD), as well as the President and the CEO as ex-officio members.

Staff

I have also this year assisted our president and our CEO regarding the ITTF's staff structure and human resource matters in general.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Since the last AGM in Kuala Lumpur, I participated in the following meetings of the EC:

- May, 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- August, 2016 in Rio, Brazil
- October, 2016 in Saarbrücken, Germany
- December, 2016 in Doha, Qatar
- March, 2017 in Dubai, UAE

I represented the ITTF at the following events (chronologically sorted):

- Olympic Games in Rio, Brazil
- Paralympics in Rio, Brazil
- ITTF European Championships in Budapest, Hungary
- ITTF Men's World Cup, 2016, in Germany
- ITTF Women's World Cup, 2016, in the USA
- ITTF World Tour, Swedish Open 2016, in Sweden

I represented the ITTF at the following meetings:

- Audit in Lausanne, 2016, in Switzerland
- Para TT Division meeting 2016, in Rio, Brazil
- Para TT Division meeting 2017 Copenhagen, Denmark

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our President Mr. Thomas Weikert; it is my pleasure to work with him and my colleagues on the Executive Committee. Thank you all for your continuous support and to the Continental Presidents, Board of Director members and committee/division members for your always kind cooperation. Last, but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to our professional staff; it is always a great pleasure to work together with you. I'm very proud to be part of the ITTF family!

Petra Sörling

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (H. Bruce Burton)

Report to the AGM

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The highlight of this past year was undoubtedly the success of the Olympic and Paralympic Games held in Rio de Janeiro. The memories of the incredible matches as well as the energy of the spectators in the arena will stay with us for a very long time. Despite the dominance of the Rio events during the year's activities, other business carried on as usual and the following summarizes those focus areas for which I have responsibility:

FOCUS AREAS

Umpires and Referees Committee

The leadership has been effective in running their programs and there have been very few issues that have required attention. There was a trial of informal uniforms at both 2016 World Cups and currently the URC and the Marketing Department are exploring sponsorship options.

An Advanced Referee Project (ARP2) workshop was held in Kuala Lumpur. Eight referees, the ARP Expert Group, and the Chair of the URC, Ronald Wee, met to engage in a strenuous weekend of exercises aimed at challenging and elevating the level and the consistency of our top referees. A special mention must go to Michael Zwipp for his role as a facilitator at this workshop.

Two referee conferences are planned for 2017: in China in October and in Cyprus in November.

Commonwealth Table Tennis

Regular contact has been maintained with the Chairman of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation. Despite efforts made throughout the past year to arrange for a 2017 CTTF Championships, unfortunately nothing came to fruition. Given that the Gold Coast Games take place in 2018, I am told that attempts will now be directed at finding a host for 2019.

We are pleased that Graeme Ireland has been named as the Technical Delegate for the 2018 Gold Coast Games. That, plus the fact that Jens Lang has been named as the Competition Manager, means that the technical side of the Games are in very good hands.

North America/Pan America

The first Pan Am event in the newly proposed competition structure took place in Burnaby, B.C., as TTCAN hosted the 2016 Pan Am Junior event. At the time of the writing of this report, there are still details to be finalized but it is certainly correct to say that there is a will to make the competition program work. Sites for the Pan Am Cup, Championships, and the Juniors have been proposed and I am optimistic that we can make good progress here.

A very successful Women's World Cup was hosted by the USATT in Philadelphia in October of 2016. The 2017 version will be held in the Pan Am Center in Markham, Canada and we hope to build upon the success of the American event.

Promotion

My last report was submitted just before the 2015 Star Awards were held in Lisbon, Portugal at the magnificent Patio da Galé. It was a wonderful production and one would think that it would be very difficult to surpass it, but that is exactly what happened at the 2016 version in Doha, Qatar. It was extremely well-crafted and supported superbly by the Qatar Table Tennis Association and our Deputy President, Khalil Al-Mohannadi. A special note of appreciation must go to the Media Chair, Arne Madsen, and the Singapore office for the co-ordination of the Awards themselves.

As we begin 2017 the breaking news is that Seamaster has signed an ITTF World Tour sponsorship package. This is a special deal that will hopefully open up new avenues for our marketing ventures and improve the overall presentation of our events considerably.

Eligibility

During our December 2016 Executive Committee meeting in Doha, it was decided to establish a group to work on a proposal to have more simple and uniform eligibility rules. I have been tasked to lead this group which will be composed of the Deputy President, the Chair of the Rules Committee, the CEO, and the Results and Ranking Manager.

Information Technology

Since my last report we have engaged the digital agency Skylab to redesign our website. The initial platform for the new site was put in place just in time to showcase our activities at the Olympic Games. Since that time more and more elements of the old site have been upgraded but there is still much work to be done. This has been a very large undertaking and it is important here to thank everyone for their assistance, and patience, during this time period.

Matt Pound and the Singapore staff deserve a great deal of credit for the efforts put forward during this complex process. While there are detractors (that is normal during most periods of change), overall we are pleased with the positive comments about the efforts to modernize our website. As work continues, I am confident that we will have a high-end product that will continue to evolve.

Integrity

During the past year considerable time has been devoted towards editing and completing an ITTF Code of Ethics. In particular I wish to thank Sara Sutcliffe, CEO of the English Table Tennis Association, for her valuable input. At the time of writing of this report the document is being analysed to identify any constitutional changes that may be necessary for its full implementation.

Governance issues are still a very high priority in international sport. At the end of January we submitted a comprehensive governance survey to ASOIF. Areas covered included: Transparency, Integrity, Democracy, Sports Development & Solidarity, and Control Mechanisms. Following the analysis of the information, the expectation is that the ASOIF Governance Task Force will advise and support us to upgrade and improve our model as required.

Conclusion

Thank you to my colleagues on the Executive Committee for their co-operation and support over the past year. The interactions with the Continental Presidents have been rewarding as usual. Finally, a word of thanks to our professional staff who work tirelessly to implement all our programs and events.

H. Bruce Burton

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Patrick Gillmann)

Report to the AGM

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FOCUS AREAS

Global Junior Program

I have been involved with the junior program since it started and I continue to think that it is one of the ITTF's highlights, due to a high-performing staff and a lot of activities: training camps, competitions, world events, Youth Olympic Games, qualification events, rankings and hopes initiatives. My main concern and work this year was to try to find solutions, in cooperation with the new Junior commissioner, to lower the cost for hosting the World Cadet Challenge and the WJTTC.

2016 World Cadet Challenge

The World Cadet Challenge is one of the most popular and interesting projects on the Global Junior Program. It is one of the only events that allows the continents to build an identity with players from different cultures and to mix the young players from around the world during the training camp.

In 2016, it was the turn of Asia and Shanghai in China. CTTA and CTTC provided a warm and friendly welcome and tried to do all their best to make everybody happy. It was a very high level event and the organizers can be proud.

I met with all the team managers to learn their opinion regarding the future of WJTTC and WCC, how to reduce the costs for the hosts to get more bids and whether or not to increase the number of XD to 32 at the WCC. This was a very useful meeting, which allowed me to get the feelings of those involved. That is important to pass on to the EC.

Junior program and Olympic Games

In Rio 13 qualified players from all 6 continents have been registered as have taken part in any of ITTF's programs (for example Hopes) and/or have been supported by ITTF /Olympic Solidarity (OS) via the With the Future in Mind program:

- Adriana Diaz (PUR): former Hopes Team member, Dream Building Ambassador and this year WFIM scholarship holder;
- Bruna Takahashi (BRA): former Hopes Team member;
- Brian Afanador (PUR), former Hopes Team member, WFIM scholarship holder, but in 2016 supported directly via the OS scholarship as their NOC was successful with the application (also qualified for the 2014 YOG);
- Kirill Gerassimenko (KAZ): WFIM scholarship holder (also qualified for the 2014 YOG);
- Padasak Tanviriyavechakul (THA): WFIM scholarship holder (also qualified for the 2014 YOG); and
- Yoshua SHING (VAN): 2015/2016 WFIM scholarship holder.

Formerly supported players include:

WFIM Women: Meshref Dina (EGY)* and Caroline Kumahara (BRA)

WFIM Men: Omar Assar (EGY)*, Hugo Calderano (BRA), Andy Pereira (CUB), Marcelo Aguirre (PAR) – this year tripartite place

Dream Building: Kanak Jha (USA)

** are also supported in the period 2015/2016 directly from OS (Rio scholarships program).*

Thanks to Polona to have made this investigation on my request.

I also worked on a proposal for the organizing of the award ceremony for WCC and WJTTC.

Oceania (Communication):

My involvement with the OTTF in 2016 was focused on the presentation of the Oceania Championships in Australia, how to help the Pacific islands for development and organization of elite events and how to promote ParaTT. I also helped to get sponsorship for the DNA program. I thank the OTTF President James Morris, ODO for ParaTT Christian Holtz and the ODO Michael Brown for their close cooperation.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

I participated in the meetings of the EC:

- February/March 2016 in Kuala Lumpur
- August in Rio, Brazil
- October in Saarbrücken, Germany
- December in Doha, Qatar

I represented the ITTF at the following events:

- Oceania Championships & Olympic Qualification 2016 in Bendigo, Australia
- Australia Open and Oceania Cup in Melbourne, Australia
- World Cadet Challenge 2016, in Shanghai, China
- World Junior Championships, 2016 in Cape Town, South Africa

Finally, I would like to thank our President for the confidence placed in me, and my colleagues from the Executive Committee for their continuous support, the Continental Presidents, Board of Directors' members and committee/commission members and commissioners with whom I worked, for their always kind cooperation.

A special thank you to all the coaches and team managers that I've met all around the world for their proposals and advice.

Last but not least, I would like to express my warmest thanks to the ITTF staff for their help and the professional way they have managed all the events and meetings.

Patrick Gillmann

1) Introduction

The following is an analysis of my modest collaborations and coordinations in 2016 with the chairpersons of the following structures (you can also see their reports):

2) Communications with Africa

Several continental and regional competitions, courses for beginners and for high performance, equipment support to several associations, contributions to the young qualifiers of the continent (for the world finals), motivations to medallists (of the events), as well as media coverage of important events, are assets of ITTF Africa.

Also, I have to note that for the second time, two African players, Qadri Aruna from Nigeria (WR 25) and Omar Assar from Egypt (WR 45) are among the top 50 in the world. I congratulate the Presidents Wahid Oshodi and Alaa Meshref and members of their respective associations; also Aruna was the 1st player in African history to reach the ¼ final of the Olympic Games (in Rio August 2016), while Toriola Segun (NGR) participated for the 7th time at the Olympic Games (best world record).

This year, an African Association, SATTB, put in evidence its continent with the World Junior Championships organized with great success in Cape Town in December.

3) Calendar

The calendar of about 100 competitions proposed by our Continental Federations, Regional Unions, Speaking Unions, Associations, etc., is ensured with diligence by the concerned staff members.

4) Nominations Committee

This Committee, which met twice in Malaysia, has continued working with the candidatures received and exercised the other duties they have been entrusted with. I congratulate the committee for its presentation for the second time with criteria for the Merit Award of our organization, for the year 2017 (6 were awarded in 2016, but all are men).

5) Results and Statistics

The concerned Members regularly published the information related to results and statistics of competitions: World Championships, World Tours, World Junior Circuits and others from associations, different unions and continents.

6) Rules Committee

This Committee contributed positively through its advice and proposals for the AGM and the BOD concerning the modifications in our handbook and through its responses to the questions related to the interpretation of the rules and regulations.

7) Technical Commissioner

The Technical Commissioner handled the technical affairs of the World, Olympic, Continental and International Competitions with remarkable competence.

8) Missions

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| Khartoum (Sudan) | 12 to 19 February | African Senior Championships African meetings African Qualifier tournament for Olympic Games Rio August 2016 |
| Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) | 25 Feb. to 7 March | World Championships + 13 Meetings of: - ITTF AGM (1) - ITTF Executive Committee (2) - ITTF Olympic Commission (1) - ITTF Board (1) - ITTF Nomination Committee (1) - ITTF Rules Committee (2) - ITTF Africa (3) - Arab TT Associations (1) - French Speaking Union (1) |
| Doha (Qatar) | 22 to 28 March | Qatar Open |
| Alger (Algeria) | 5 to 13 April | ITTF Africa, Junior and Cadet Championships, ITTF Africa Meetings (2) |
| Agadir (Morocco) | 7 to 13 July | Morocco Open African Meetings (2) |
| Rio Di Janeiro (Brazil) | 3 to 18 August | Olympic Games ITTF Ex. Committee Meeting ITTF Olympic Commission Meeting African Meetings (2) |
| Saarbrücken (Germany) | 30 Sep. to 3 Oct. | ITTF Executive Committee Meeting Men's Single's World Cup |
| Agadir (Morocco) | 22 to 31 Oct. | ITTF Africa Biannual General Meeting African Senior Championships ITTF Africa Meetings (3) |
| Cape Town (South Africa) | 28 Nov. to 4 Dec. | World Juniors TTC ITTF Africa Meetings (2) |
| Doha (Qatar) | 7 to 12 Dec. | ITTF Executive Committee Meeting Star Awards + World Tour Finals ITTF Olympic Commission Meeting ITTF Africa Meetings (2) |

9) Local Invitations

My Federation (Tunisia) invited me (in also my positions of Tunisian TTA Honorary President and African TTF Honorary President) to the following events:

- World Junior Circuit in March;
- Tunisian Cups in June;
- Arab Championships in August; and
- AGM (election) on 24 December.

Thank you very much.

10) My Acknowledgements and Thanks for Their Support to the Following:

- Adham Sharara ITTF Chair, ITTF Honorary President and former ITTF President from 1999 to 2014;
- All my colleagues on the Executive Committee;
- All the Presidents and Members of our 222 National Associations;
- All ITTF Continental Presidents and Members;
- All ITTF BOD Members;
- All ITTF Chairs and Members of Committees and Commissions;
- All ITTF Staff Members;
- All with whom I had the honour to represent the Executive Committee, in their structures, let me mention in particular: Chan Foong Keong, Rudi Sporrer, Judit Farago, Raul Calin (for nomination and Rules Committee), Khaled El Salhy (President of ATTF), Glenn Tepper, Mikael Brown, Daniela Gomes (for African Activities), Arne Madsen, Zoltan Bencsik, Matt Pound (for Statistics and Results), Etsuko Enami (for Calendar) Graeme Ireland, Karl Jindark (for Technical) without forgetting the assistance of Habiba Besic (for Finances), Ian Marshall (Editing of Publications), Mohamed Dawlatiy and Mounir Bessah (Competition) Olalekan Okusan (ITTF Africa, Press Office), Polona Cehovin (Education), Leandro Olvech (Development), Anders Thunstrom and Steve Dainton (Marketing);
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Chérif Hajem

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Masahiro Maehara)

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This report covers my activities in 2016.

Attended Events

World Team Table Tennis Championships (28th February to 6th March)

From 28th of February to 6th of March, I attended the “Perfect 2016 World Team Table Tennis Championships” which took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. I believe it was very difficult for the Table Tennis Association of Malaysia to operate this championships especially since they had to change the venue just before it began.

During the championships, I attended the following meetings:

- 27th February and 6th March Executive Committee Meeting
- 28th February EQC Meeting
- 29th February Olympic and Paralympic Commission
- 29th February ATTU Council Meeting
- 1st March Annual General Meeting
- 3rd March Board of Directors Meeting
- 4th March Sports & Science Meeting

ITTF-Asian Cup (28th April to 30th April)

I attended the ITTF-Asian Cup, which took place in Dubai, UAE. During the event, other than observing the event, I participated at the ATTU meeting.

ITTF World Tour, LAOX Japan Open (15th June to 19th June)

I attended the ITTF World Tour, LAOX Japan Open as the Organising Committee Chairperson, and am happy to say that the event met with success.

2016 Rio Summer Olympics (6th August to 17th August)

I attended the Executive Committee meeting in Rio, which took place on the 5th of August.

After the Meeting, I had the chance to watch the Table Tennis events that took place, and at the same time, I took the opportunity to deepen my relationship with other members.

As suggested by Mr. Thomas Weikert (ITTF President), I also made an appearance at the Japan House Reception and Farewell Party of the International Judo Federation as the ITTF Executive Vice President.

I truly believe that the Rio Olympic Games provided a lot of excitement throughout the world with the high performance which the players demonstrated. I personally was one of those excited persons for my country (Japan) winning a total of three medals, which is a fantastic start for Table Tennis towards the 2020 Tokyo Games.

At the Men's Singles Medal Ceremony, I was given the honour to present the silver medal to Jun MIZUTANI (Japan). Since I've known MIZUTANI since his childhood, that opportunity provided by Mr. Thomas Weikert and Mrs. Judit Farago (ITTF CEO) is something which I cannot

thank you enough. Here again I would like to thank you both for your kind and generous opportunity given to me.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Confederaçao Brasileira de Tennis de Mesa and the Brazil Olympic Committee for their successful hosting of the Olympic Games.

JTTA SSMC International Meeting (24th September to 25th September)

I attended the meeting which took place in Tokyo on the 24th September to observe the presentation from each member. On the afternoon of the 25th was the Rio Olympic Japan National Teams Medal Triumphal Ceremony where all the members taking part at the JTTA SSMC was invited. During the Ceremony, we managed to introduce JTTA staff and other members from the Japan Table Tennis world to our SSMC members, which resulted in deepening the international exchange with each other. As to having this opportunity to hold this International Meeting, I would like to thank Mr. Miran Kondric (Chairperson) and Dr Matsuo (Chief Anti-Doping) for their preparation.

LIEBHERR Men's World Cup (1st October to 3rd October)

I attended the EC Meeting that took place in Saarbrücken, Germany where we discussed about the number of teams that may enter the World Table Tennis Championships.

On the 2nd and 3rd, I observed the Men's World Cup where again I was given the honour to become the medal presenter.

Seamaster QATAR 2016 ITTF World Tour Grand Final (8th December to 11th December)

From the 8th December to 11th December I attended the Seamaster QATAR 2016 ITTF World Tour Grand Final, which took place in Doha, Qatar. During the Grand Finals, I attended the following events and meetings.

- 8th December Star Awards
- 9th December Executive Committee Meeting
- 10th December Olympic and Paralympic Commission

At the Olympic and Paralympic Commission meeting, we managed to agree on applying to have a Mixed Doubles Event added to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Also there was information about the upcoming Youth Olympic Games.

Then I observed the Men's World Cup to the end of the event.

ATTU EB Meeting (14th December to 15th December)

I attended the ATTU EB Meeting which took place at Wuxi, China from 14th December to 15th December.

At the meeting, we had reports on the event that took place in 2016, along with the discussion on the 2017 events and when they are to be held.

We also had discussions about the upcoming 2017 ITTF elections.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members for their support throughout this year, and at the same time, mention that I will carry on to devote myself to contribute to the development of our

Table Tennis with Mr. Thomas Weikert (President), and EC members and all of the ITTF's professional staff.

Masahiro Maehara

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Melecio Eduardo Rivera)

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During the period gone by, the ITTF has continued to implement the structural changes started by our President **Thomas Weikert**, which has come to bring our Organization greater solidity and agility of its administration, as well as continues to turn the ITTF into a truly modern and highly professional Organization. The outcome of these changes, undoubtedly are felt already, and little by little it has been consolidated as one of the stronger and more active International Federations of the **Olympic Movement**. The professionalism and dedication to their work from the **ITTF** Technical and Administrative staff without any doubt continues being the best guarantee of the functioning of all these processes. Our role within them has been framed on specific functions that were entrusted by Mr. President at the beginning of his direction, as well as supporting those changes.

As part of my responsibilities as Executive Vice-President, I had the opportunity to represent our Executive Committee in the following activities:

1. I attended the **ITTF Latin American Championship** that took place in the city of **San Juan, Puerto Rico**, from February 1st to 6th, 2016.
2. I attended the **2016 Olympic Classification** and the **World Tour Chile Open** that took place in the city of **Santiago de Chile** from March 31 to April 8, 2016.

Such events were very well organized and constituted a success in its development.

I wish to point out a relevant matter: the **Development Program** of our Organization, to which I took special attention as part of my responsibilities as Executive Vice-President. This Program has continued under the direction of **Glenn Tepper** and his outstanding team. Its achievements and great work have keep growing in our Continents, showing all its success. Thank you for the effort, dedication and leadership that he has shown all his team members throughout all of its activities.

Another very important topic of my assigned responsibilities in the **EC** is the keeping of communications and relations between the **Continental Organization LATTU (Latin American Table Tennis Union)** and **NATTU (ITTF-NA)** for their efforts to try to achieve the establishment of the Pan American Confederation of Table Tennis. It has not yet been finally politically achieved, but already three annual events of competition have been held, which shows the beginning of this Pan American relations. As always, I have provided to **LATTU** my availability to advise on such an important process. It is also outstanding the enormous work carried out by **Raul Calin** to moderate and push this integration process so important for all of us.

Within my responsibilities as Executive Vice-President I must inform that I attended all the meetings of our Executive Committee to which I was summoned, and offer the following details:

- Meeting of the Executive Committee in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** and the attendance of the **ITTF World Championship** from February 24 to March 6. During this period, I took part in the **Executive Committee, AGM, BOD and DC** meetings.

- **Executive Committee** meeting and participation in the **Olympic Games** that took place in the city of **Río de Janeiro, Brazil** from August 3 to August 18. There was an outstanding participation of our sport in those great games.
- **Executive Committee** meeting in the city of **Saarbrücken, Germany** on September 29 to October 2.
- **Executive Committee** meeting and meetings of the **Olympic Commission** and **Continental Council** that took place in the city of **Doha, Qatar**. In like manner, I participated in the Gala Dinner to honor the stars of our sport, all during the period of December 5 to December 14.

I wish to end the current report, expressing my recognition to our President **Thomas Weikert**, colleagues from the EC and members of the ITTF staff officials, for their permanent support to our work during this period. In a special manner, I wish to extend my gratitude to all member associations, particularly to the Latin Americans for their support to our work and for participating in all the activities and projects of our Organization.

Melecio Eduardo Rivera

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Shi Zhihao)

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The year 2016 was a great and special year for table tennis. With the Olympic Games held in Rio, our sport achieved great success and attention around the world.

As an ITTF Vice-President, I would like to report my work as follows:

1. Education & Training Program

As the Vice-President in charge of this area, to push forward the promotion and development of our sport is an important part of my work. Meanwhile, as the Vice-President of CTTA and President of CTTC, I combined the resources from CTTA with my work. Therefore, in the past year, CTTA, CTTC and CTTC-E cooperated with ITTF in the following events.

- April: The first meeting of Made By China program held in CTTC. The rudiment of this program was decided in the meeting.
- September: ITTF Rough Diamond training camp was held in CTTC-E in Luxembourg, which attracted great attention around the country. The Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Mr. Xavier Bettel, visited the camp and joined in the interactive activities with the coaches and players. CTTC in Shanghai also gave great support to the camp by inviting Coach Li Xiaodong from the Chinese National Team as the head coach, inviting Olympic Champion Ms. Zhang Yining as assistant coach and sent a physical coach as well as sparring partners to the camp.
- September: The ITTF Mentorship Program was held in CTTC in Shanghai. Ms. MUANGSUK ANISARA, coach from Thailand, joined in the coach's training and lectures for a week made specially by CTTC.
- October: The ITTF World Cadet Challenge was held in CTTC in Shanghai. As the local OC, CTTC cooperated with the ITTF for all the issues related to the event and invited Mr. Chen Bin, the coach for Olympic Champion Ding Ning and Olympic Champion Ms. Zhang Yining as the coach for the pre-training camp.

With the cooperation among all parties, we achieved success in the above events. In the coming 2017, I hope we could have more achievement in the promotion and development of table tennis around the world.

2. Future Events Working Group

In 2016, I was given a new task to lead a working group to look at the ITTF Events, with focus on the World Championships, and to try and develop a concept and plan that would solve many of the problems that were obviously affecting the ITTF events over recent years. This is a challenge not only for me, but also for ITTF. Under the great effort of all the continental Presidents and the ITTF staff, the research is going on smoothly and has come to the step of an economic feasibility study. The aim is to bring the final solution to the 2018 AGM and BoD meetings for ratification.

3. ITTF Museum

The ITTF Museum program is going on smoothly. The building will be completed in August, 2017. In November, the exhibition setting will be completed. The trial operation will be started in December.

4. Attendance in ITTF Meetings

In the past year, I attended the following meetings and competition events:

Working Group Meeting

- Singapore June, 2016

Executive Committee Meetings

- Malaysia February, 2016
- Rio August, 2016
- Doha December, 2016

BoD Meeting

- Malaysia February, 2016

OPC Meetings

- Malaysia February, 2016
- Doha December, 2016

DCC Meeting

- Doha December, 2016

AGM

- Malaysia February, 2016

World Tour

- Chengdu September, 2016
- Doha December, 2016

As a conclusion, I'd like to express my gratitude to my colleagues in the Executive Committee and other friends in the ITTF family. Thank you for your kind cooperation and hard work in the past year. Let's welcome a brighter 2017 together.

Shi Zhihao

After reaching the number of 51 affiliated Associations in the ITTF, Africa has become very close to fulfilling its full quota by helping the Associations of Eritrea & Cape Verde to finalize their affiliation documents to join the ITTF at this AGM (Düsseldorf 2017) and working hard with Guinea Bissau as the last country to ensure the full quota of Africa soon.

I have had the pleasure to represent the ATTF since the previous ITTF AGM at the following event held in December of 2016 during the World Tour Grand Finals & 2016 Star Awards: the ITTF Development & Continental Council in Doha (Qatar).

The African activities for the year 2016 were as follows:

2016 ITTF-Africa Top 16 Cup & African Final Qualification stage for 2016 Rio OG

The Top 16 Cup was held in Khartoum, Sudan in February 2016 with players from 11 different countries, and it was the first time to conduct an International official ITTF/ATTF event in Sudan in the history. All of the players/officials appreciated the excellent organization of the host. Thanks to Sudan Table Tennis Association who helped ITTF/ATTF to do live coverage in Sudan plus YouTube streaming with good production under the supervision of Mr. Michael Brown, ITTF Development Officer - Africa. The ITTF-Africa Top 16 Cup was the qualifying event for the ITTF World Cups 2016, with the result of ARUNA Quadri of Nigeria for men & MESHREF Dina of Egypt for women to represent Africa in 2016. It was followed by the African final stage of qualification for 2016 Rio OG with 16 men & 12 women players to select the last 2 male (TORIOLA Segun of NGR + SAKA Suraju of CGO) & 2 female (EDEM Offiong of NGR + SAIDANY Safa of TUN) to represent Africa in Rio to fulfil the quota.

2016 ITTF-Africa Juniors & Cadet Championships

It was held in Algiers, Algeria in April 2016 with 13 participating countries. Thanks to Algeria Table Tennis Association for hosting such a successful event that included also the African Youth U21 Championships. ITTF/ATTF celebrated with them the conduction of their WJC event in Algeria and also the excellent organization of the second ITTF World Table Tennis day on the 6th of April 2016, it was a very nice celebration with the African taste.

2016 ITTF-Africa Senior Championships

It was held in Morocco in October 2016 with 17 participating countries, which is quite good level of participation compared with previous events in the past 10 years. We had also ITTF-Africa BGM in which a new office have been elected for the coming 4 years (2017-2020), thanks to Mr. Monqid Hajji – President of FRMTT & EVP of ATTF, with his group to reach the optimum level of professional organization and to help the ATTF to have one of the most successful sport competition due to securing a Title Sponsor for the event. The medals list for Table Tennis was:

- Egypt (5 Gold + 3 Silver + 8 Bronze)
- Nigeria (2 Gold + 3 Silver + 1 Bronze)
- Tunisia (1 Silver + 1 Bronze)
- Algeria (2 Bronze)
- Congo B. & South Africa (1 Bronze each)

Sun International 2016 World Juniors Championships

The ITTF gave the chance to Africa again to host the World Juniors Championships for the third time after 2006 in Cairo, then 2013 in Rabat; this time the WJTTC was held in South Africa (December 2016) in Cape Town. It was a great pleasure for all participants to take part in such a fantastic event. Thanks to the South African Table Tennis Board for their super efforts to provide a remarkable success to such an important and World title event. I am so proud of the organization. Everyone there expressed genuine satisfaction. African participating teams were:

- In Boy's Teams : EGY got position (16), NGR got position (17) and the host RSA got position (20)
- In Girl's Teams : EGY got position (15), ALG got position (16), NGR got position (18) and the host RSA got position (19)

African Participation & Top International Results

- 10 Associations took part in the Perfect 2016 WTTC in Kuala Lumpur (ALG – CGO – EGY – LBA – MAR – MRI – NGR – RSA – TOG – TUN), with 8 Men teams (the top 3 teams were EGY in position 27, NGR in position 29 & ALG in position 61) and 4 Women teams (the top 3 teams were EGY in position 29, ALG in position 61 & MRI in position 76).
- All 6 male & 6 female qualifiers took part in 2016 Rio Olympic Games representing 4 NOCs (CGO – EGY – NGR – TUN), and Africa achieved 2 historical records through TORIOLA Segun (NGR) whom became the 1st African Athlete to take part in 7 consequent OG in a row since 1992 till 2016, and ARUNA Quadri (NGR) whom became the 1st African Table Tennis player to qualify for the Quarter Final in Men's Singles, he did a superb level against top players. Both players have been awarded with ITTF-Africa Trophies in the 2016 ITTF-Africa Senior Championships – Agadir – Morocco.
- 6 African Associations participated in the Arab Team Championships in Hammamet (TUN) in August 2016 (ALG – EGY – DJI – LBA – MAR - TUN), and Africa was there on the podium with 7 Gold, 7 Silver & 4 Bronze for EGY, TUN & ALG.
- ARUNA Quadri (NGR), the winner of the 2016 ITTF-Africa Top 16 Cup (MS) participated in the LIEBHERR Men's World Cup in Saarbrücken, Germany in October 2016.
- MESHREF Dina (EGY), the winner of the 2016 ITTF-Africa Top 16 Cup (WS) participated in the Seamaster Women's World Cup in Philadelphia, USA in October 2016. She qualified for the main draw (round of 16).
- There was one WT (Challenge Series) event organized in 2016 in Nigeria in May, thanks to NTTF & Lagos State for their professional organization and for being a part of the World Tour for the third year in a row with Title Sponsor "Premier Lotto" this time, and they already applied to continue for the current year, 2017.
- There were four GJC events organized in 2016 in Africa, in Egypt in March, Algeria in April, Morocco in July and finally in Tunisia in September, thanks to ETTF, FATT, FRMTT & FTTT for their good level of representation for Africa to host such important ITTF-sanctioned events with remarkable success and good participation level from Africa.

Development & Education in Africa

We had 2 successful Continental Hopes Week/Challenge events, which was well organized in TUN for the Northern part (March) & KEN for the Southern part (March) in 2016, plus other National Hopes Weeks in the following (MAR – MRI – SEY – SUD).

Africa was a part of the finals of the ITTF Hopes Challenge in Doha (June), SAMEH Mohamed (EGY) won the Bronze medal for Boy's Hope Singles. He has been selected to play for the ITTF Hopes Team in the 2016 WCC in Shanghai - China.

Thanks to all professional Course Conductors and Camp Experts who came to Africa in 2016. Sincere thanks to BUTTERFLY & TINSUE-FLOOR brands for their great and continuous support to our associations and competitions. They helped create a prestigious image at our events. Thanks to STAG & XIOM brands for the same support towards promotion of African associations. Thanks also to STIGA brand for sponsoring the official uniform for the African Cadet Team in the WCC for the fifth year in a row (since 2012) plus the Jury of ITTF-Africa events in 2016.

Special thanks to Mr Michael Brown for his keen efforts to follow up all DP programs in Africa during the whole year, plus providing his great experience for TV coverage to all countries hosting ITTF/ATTF events for better promotion of such events.

Essential Recognition

On behalf of the ATTF EC (Mr Henri Djombo, Mr Banji Oladapo, Mr Berthe Bakhary, Ms Hajera Kajee, Mr Balla Lo, Mr Monqid Hajji and Mr Farah Hasan), I thank Mr Thomas Weikert, the ITTF President, and all ITTF EC group for their full support to Table Tennis in Africa, and all over the World to keep our sport among the top 5 in all fields.

Thanks also to the ITTF CEO, Deputy CEO, the Directors and all staff for their full-time engagement in helping our planning and activities.

Khaled El-Salhy

Continental President: Africa

Number of Member Associations

The Asian Table Tennis Union has maintained 44 member associations through the end of 2016.

Key Competitions

In 2016 the ATTU successfully hosted its 3 authorized events, namely NAKHEEL Table Tennis Asian Cup, My Hills International Trade Centre Cup Asia-Europe All Stars Challenge 2016 and the 22nd Asian Junior & Cadet Championships 2016. The host associations for the three events are UAE TTA, Thailand TTA and Chinese TT respectively. One of the highlights is that the Asian Cup and the Asia-Europe All Stars Challenge were broadcast live on 7 TV stations with the total TV viewers exceeding 20 million, based on the reports of Lagardere Sports, the media promoter for ATTU events.

In addition, Asian associations have actively organized various ITTF events of the year. Major tournaments like the Perfect 2016 World Team Table Tennis Championships in Malaysia, as well as the Seamaster Qatar 2016 ITTF World Tour Grand Final and Annual Star Awards Ceremony, are a big treat for table tennis lovers not only in Asia but all over the world. The ITTF-Asian Olympic Qualification Tournament held in Hong Kong saw top Asian players from both developed and developing associations winning tickets to the Rio Olympic Games. The 2016 ITTF PTT China Open and Thailand Open offered disabled players, who are an indispensable part of our sport, an arena where they showcased their passion and spirit. The 2016 World Cadet Challenge, organized by the China Table Tennis College based in Shanghai, attracted future-star players, aged 12 to 15, to fight for their dreams. Many other ITTF open tournaments were staged in Asia last year as always, such as ITTF World Tour, and ITTF Junior & Cadet Circuit events.

To all member associations that have been actively hosting all kinds of table tennis events and activities, I would hereby like to extend my sincere gratitude for their contributions.

Development Programs

The following two development programs were carried out by the ATTU in 2016:

- **2016 ITTF-ATTU Development Activities**

The ITTF development fund allocated to Asia was used for free equipment assistance, regional Hopes programs and education activities such as coach education courses, PTT classification courses, umpires & referees, and tournament organization courses among many others throughout the year in different regions and countries.

- **2016 ATTU-DHS Development Fund Plan**

The ATTU-DHS Fund was utilized to provide financial support to participants of the China Junior & Cadet Open as well as equipment assistance. ATTU Pathways to Excellence 2016 was sponsored by the Fund as well.

- ATTU Training Camp for Olympians

This camp took place in the Zhengding TT Centre of China for some of the Rio Olympic qualifiers from Asia with the hospitality and training charges covered by the ATTU.

Marketing Initiative

We maintained good relationships in 2016 with our long-term strategic cooperation partners. Lagardere Sports, our media promoter, managed to give live coverage of our events on both traditional media and social media. DHS Company, our equipment sponsor, has expressed willingness to extend its contract with ATTU for another 4 years (2018-2021), which guarantees various development programs will be designed and implemented to benefit more member associations in Asia. Nittaku Company, the exclusive equipment sponsor for Team Asia in Asia-Euro All Stars Challenge and World Cadet Challenge, was designated as the 2017 ITTF-Asian Table Tennis Championships official ball supplier.

Relations with Continental Organizations

We took pride in our cooperation with the European TTU by co-hosting the Asia-Europe All Stars Challenge, an elite event with high marketing value, for the 8th time in 2016. The annual exchange between officials and players through the competition has helped to bring the two Unions closer. Star players' participation, good publicity activities, and long hours of broadcasting on TV have made the event ever more attractive to organizers and sponsors.

The "China in Oceania" project jointly developed by the ITTF, the Chinese TTA and DHS, which has been well received, offered the Chinese TTA a platform to bring the advanced techniques and concept of table tennis from Asia to other parts of the globe.

Affiliation with the ITTF

During the Rio Olympic Games, the ATTU renewed its affiliation agreement with the ITTF for another 4 years (2017-2020), which marks a new stage of cooperation between the two sides. With experience accumulated and mutual understanding deepened, a better future is expected.

To conclude, I would like to thank the ITTF, continental organizations, and all Asian member associations for their support and contributions in 2016.

Cai Zhenhua

Continental President: Asia

EUROPE (Ronald Kramer)

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Member Basis

The total membership of the ETTU is, after the re-admittance of the Gibraltar Association, at present 58 Associations.

Competitions

Since the ITTF AGM in Kuala Lumpur, the ETTU has organised the LIEBHERR ITTF European Championships in Budapest (HUN) with 130 men and 112 women players participating in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. It showed that the ETTU has progressed by deciding to hold Championships for team events in even years and Championships for individual events in uneven years. The success of the event was, of course, mainly due to the very good organisation by the Hungarian Association. The 59th European Youth Championships were very well organised in Zagreb (CRO) by the Croatian Association, with 41 junior boys teams, 38 junior girls teams, 40 cadet boys' teams and 33 cadet girls' teams participating. In addition, the Europe Youth Top 10 was organised in October in Prague (CZE) by the Czech Association. Their experience guaranteed a smooth event.

A special word of thanks goes to our colleagues from the Asian Table Tennis Union for once more spectacularly organising the 2016 edition of the Euro-Asia All Star Challenge, this time in Dongguan (CHN) in September.

Much to ETTU's regret the Executive Board had to decide to move the Olympic Qualification Tournament away from Istanbul (TUR). Too many associations found it not sufficiently safe to go there in that period of time. Within a very short period the Swedish Association capably managed to organise an adequate alternative in Halmstad (SWE).

Congresses 2016

During the Extraordinary Congress in Kuala Lumpur, the ETTU's Executive Board reported on its achievements since 2013 and updated the Members on the ETTU's finances over 2015, showing a nice and much-needed surplus. The Development Program was presented, which is steadily increasing and gradually improving in quality, including some promising results of young players. The 2017 European Championships team qualification was presented and discussed, as were the ETTU club competitions. The difficulty preparing the future ETTU calendar without a confirmed ITTF calendar for more than 12 months in advance was mentioned. The remaining part of the Congress was devoted to an open discussion on the challenges ahead for European table tennis for the period 2017-2020.

ETTU's Ordinary Congress was held in Budapest (HUN) in September, with election procedures taking much of the time, while all propositions were adopted unanimously or by a vast majority.

Development Initiatives

In the development area, 2016 was the third year of implementing a renewed more coaching-centered approach of the ETTU development program. After the camps in 2014, which resulted in 11 players being selected and with 9 selected in 2015, three new selection camps were organised during 2016 under the name of 'Eurotalents' and they led to the selection of another 4 boys and 3 girls who will get further support from the ETTU. During 2016, some additional

development activities at national levels have been executed with three national associations (POR, GRE, CYP). We owe many thanks to the Japanese Association for their support in hosting a training camp of Eurotalents U-18 in Tokyo in October, 2016.

Club Competitions and Marketing Initiatives

With the aim of supporting ETTU member associations, a marketing workshop was organised during the LIEBHERR ITTF European Championships in Budapest (HUN), with support of the ITTF's marketing department. It was received very well, as was confirmed in the written evaluation. It will get a follow-up in 2017.

In 2016, in cooperation with our marketing and media partner, 'the sportsman media group' (tsmg), the ETTU continued to promote and market our club competitions, and in particular the Table Tennis Champions League Men. Although better than in the preceding season, the first rounds of the 2016-2017 season showed that it is still not easy for all the participating clubs to make the necessary investments in the necessary improvement in the quality of presentation.

The cooperation with TMS International has also helped the ETTU to enhance its performance in 2016.

The ETTU is very happy to acknowledge the support of its suppliers' pool members and looks forward to intensifying its cooperation with them.

Athletes Commission

The Athlete's Commission Chairman, Petr Korbel, as a co-opted member of our Executive Board, has continued to contribute to the quality of our work.

Finance

Under the guidance of our VP for Finance, the ETTU's Executive Board and the secretariat has worked hard to further improve our financial situation.

Honours

During the Congress in Budapest, former ETTU President Mr. Stefano Bosi (ITA), Mr. Camille Gonderinger (LUX) and Dr. Jean-François Kahn (FRA) were awarded the ETTU Honorary Membership and 14 other members of the European Table Tennis family were decorated with the ETTU Badge of Honour for their great contribution to our sport.

I wish to take the opportunity to thank all the colleagues of the ETTU Executive Board as well as the staff for the loyal way they are working for the improvement of the ETTU's performance.

Last but not least, many thanks to the ITTF, its President, its Chair, its officials, and its staff, and the other continental Federations for their inspiration, their support and cooperation, and the work we are doing together.

Ronald Kramer

Continental President: Europe

2016 was a year with a historical high value for the Latin American Table Tennis Union (LATTU), due to the celebration of two extraordinary events. The Rio 2016 Olympic Games, marked the first time Table Tennis was in the Olympic Games in our continent, with results that made ITTF family proud. Congratulations to the Organising Committee of this Games and particularly the Brazilian Table Tennis Confederation. We want to also mention with distinction the athlete Hugo Calderano, who, although he didn't reach the podium, offered to the thousands of Latin Americans fans an important light of hope that the dream can soon be achieved.

The celebration of the Pan Am Junior Championships in Vancouver, Canada, was the other milestone, which will be in the history books of our sport in America for being the first time we had a joint event in all categories. We have to mention the effort, commitment and dedication of Table Tennis Canada and particularly our beloved Tony Kiesenhofer, who has been our North American partner, and the one who moved forward this important competition program.

COMPETITIONS

The quality of the competitions in Latin America keeps rising, not only in athletes' results, but also in the good organization of the events; we require more from each event. The LATTU Championships in Puerto Rico and the Olympic Qualification in Chile were two important examples of our affirmation, without forgetting the Latin American Cup in Guatemala and the Hopes event in Lima, Peru.

INSTITUTIONAL RESULTS

Without hesitation, the competition agreement with North America is a reality. Vancouver was the host and witness of this important historical milestone when they organized the first Pan American Junior Championships. In 2017, the entire joint competition program will be a reality.

The LATTU constitution renewal was another milestone achieved. Today, we have a functional and updated Constitution.

EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

This last year of the 2013-2016 quadrennial has been very positive in regards to educational activities and coaching, with a sensible increase in the number of self-funded activities and courses, which included:

- 29 coaching courses ITTF/PTT Level 1 (24 self-funded)
- 9 coaching courses ITTF Level 2 (6 self-funded)
- 1 coaching course ITTF Level 3 (self-funded)
- 8 URC basic umpires' courses (3 self-funded)
- 6 URC basic referees' courses (none self-funded)
- 2 URC AUT+ARE+BB courses (both self-funded)
- 1 International Referee School (Colombia)
- 52 new ITTF International Umpires and 5 new BB umpires
- 2 new ITTF International Referees
- 3 National Hopes activities (Chile, Panama and St. Lucia)

- 1 Continental Hopes activity (Peru)
- 1 Regional training camp (Guatemala)
- 4 Scholarships for the World Hopes Week
- 1 Training camp in China
- 1 Activity for Women in Ecuador
- 1 PTT activity in Peru
- 1 Competition Manager seminar in Barbados
- 5 Olympic Solidarity Technical Courses
- 2 Developing National Sport Structure (DNSS) Olympic Solidarity Courses
- 1 Dream Building activity in Haiti
- 1 Para TT Classifiers seminar in Argentina
- 2 ITTF PTT Level 1 Course conductors seminar (both self-funded)
- 7 equipment packages for associations (25 if we include those providing manuals)

World Junior Circuit and World Tour Events in Latin America

- Paraguay Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF World Junior Circuit
- El Salvador Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF World Junior Circuit
- World Tour, Chile Open, Challenge Series
- Chile Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF World Junior Circuit

Yearly Latin American Championships

- ITTF Pan American Junior Championships, Vancouver, Canada
- ITTF Latin American Championships, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Latin American Cadet Championships, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Latin American Under 13 and Under 11 Championships, Lima, Peru
- ITTF Latin American Cup, Guatemala
- ITTF Olympic Qualification, Santiago, Chile

We would like to thank the ITTF staff for its support, and especially Raul Calin for his continuous support.

Juan Vila

Continental President: Latin America

North American Development Program

As in previous years, ITTF North America completed all development activities as planned.

The PANAM Center in Markham, ON, Canada was the host of the **Women's Course**, which took the form of a 10-day training camp. Austria's top women's club Froschberg Linz sent a coach/manager and three junior women players to train with the Canadians. Aside from daily training sessions, players from the two countries found time for some social activities, e.g., a visit to the nearby Niagara Falls.

The **PARA Table Tennis** camp was held in Dallas, Texas with participants from the US and Canada. The camp was organized to fit in with the preparation plan for the PARALYMPIC Games in Rio de Janeiro.

ITTF North America Hopes Challenge

Both USA and Canada held their regional and national Hopes activities to tie in to the ITTF World Hopes program. ITTF North America selected its World Hopes Challenge participants at the Continental Hopes Challenge in Markham, Ontario. The winners represented North America in the World Hopes week in Doha, Qatar.

Junior Training Camps

The Junior Girls and the Junior Boys camps were held in Burnaby, British Columbia prior to the PANAM Junior championships. A team of Canadian and US coaches led the camp at the excellent facilities of the Fortius Sports Center.

Cadet Challenge Program

As in 2015, there were a number of preparation activities leading up to the selection of Team North America – a camp in Baltimore, USA and one in Markham, Canada with a number of weekend sessions in Richmond, Canada. The teams arrived in Shanghai well prepared and achieved results just outside of the medal ranks.

TMS ITTF North America Cup and Championships

The 2016 and possibly final edition of the TMS ITTF North America Cup was held in Burnaby, Canada. US athletes Kanak Jha and Jennifer Wu claimed both titles and secured their tickets to the World Cup competitions.

The ITTF North America Championships were staged in the San Francisco Bay area, at one of North America's Top clubs, the ICC. Event presentation and the playing facility were of good standard. An enthusiastic crowd saw the US prevail against Canada's young teams in closer than expected encounters.

It should be mentioned here – though not an ITTF North America activity – that USATT hosted an excellent Women's World Cup in Philadelphia, USA. Playing conditions and event presentation ranked among the best this writer has experienced. A sizeable and energetic crowd cheered Japanese young star Miu Hirano to the top of the podium. Moreover, the television production of the event was done by an experienced professional sports crew that produced the event to the highest standards.

Looking Forward

Due to the cooperation with TMS, the Cup and the Championships have been improving in terms of presentation. Starting in 2017, both competitions will be fought on the PANAM level, which promises greater spectator and media appeal as well as more exciting competition.

Tony Kiesenhofer

Continental President: North America

Events

2016 ITTF-Oceania Cup

The 2016 ITTF-Oceania Cup took place in Melbourne, Australia. With the introduction of qualification through events from the previous calendar year, 8 Men and 8 Women were invited to participate in the event, with an increased prize pool in excess of \$40,000AU; the event was the largest prize money ever offered for athletes within the region. The event crowned new champions, with David Powell of Australia becoming the first evert winner other than William Henzell, and Australia's Vivian Dederko surprising the field to take the women's title. Perpetual trophies were also inaugurated for the event, with the William Henzell Trophy for the Men's Singles Champion.

2016 ITTF-Oceania Championships

The 2016 ITTF-Oceania Championships were held in Bendigo, Australia from 20-24 March. Australia dominated the Championships by winning the majority of Gold Medals, however, the partnership of Choy Freddy (KIR) and Yoshua Shing (VAN) became the first-ever Pacific Islanders to claim Gold at the Oceania Table Tennis Championships when they won the Men's Doubles title.

2016 ITTF-Oceania Olympic Qualification Tournament

Immediately following the ITTF-Oceania Championships was the Oceania Olympic Qualification Tournament, in which the three quota places allocated for Oceania would be determined. The preliminary stage of the tournament took place as part of the ITTF-Oceania Championships, which then left just the Top 6 Men and Women, with a maximum of 2 per National Olympic Committee to compete in the final stage of the tournament.

Following the results, history was made with Melissa Tapper becoming the first-ever Australian to qualify for both the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in the same year. Sally Yee of Fiji became the youngest-ever table tennis athlete to qualify for the Olympic Games, at the age of 14.

2016 ITTF-Oceania Junior Championships

The 2016 ITTF-Oceania Junior Championships were held in Tweed Heads, Australia. For 2016, the number of events were reduced and only saw Team and Singles events taking place. The Junior Team events were the qualification for the ITTF World Junior Championships, whereas the Cadet Singles event was the qualification event for selection into the Oceania Cadet Team to compete at the ITTF World Cadet Challenge. The winners of the Junior Singles events were awarded a \$1,500AU scholarship each.

World Cadet Challenge

The Oceania Cadet Team once again competed in the World Cadet Challenge, with the team made up of athletes from four different national associations. In the team events, Oceania finished in 8th place in both the Boy's and Girl's events. The individual events saw a variety of

results with the most exciting result being a Bronze Medal in the Mixed Doubles event. This was the second-ever medal won by an Oceania athlete at the World Cadet Challenge.

Development Program

The ITTF-Oceania Development Program continues to be the primary activity of ITTF-Oceania with several development initiatives taking place throughout the continent. There were seven Olympic Solidarity funded courses, including three 'Development of the National Sports Structure' courses, and four 'Technical Courses.' There were also a further twelve courses funded through the ITTF-Oceania Development Program.

The year saw a total of 19 activities taking place, which involved participants from 18 National Associations. Through the support of the China Table Tennis Association and Double Happiness Shanghai, the China in Oceania training camp took place in Australia as the final preparation for the Oceania Cadet Team competing at the World Cadet Challenge, as well as the Australian National Junior Squad being involved as part of their preparation for the World Junior Table Tennis Championships.

For the first time since 2010, a Promotion & Marketing Forum took place through the support of the development program to assist National Associations in understanding how to better market and promote events, as well as table tennis in general.

A new agreement was confirmed with Stag, to become the official equipment supporter of the ITTF-Oceania Development Program, which now sees more equipment than ever before being distributed throughout the region.

The development program made full use of the Education & Training funding provided through hosting an ITTF-Oceania Hopes Week & Challenge, as well as two National Hopes Weeks, and an ITTF-Oceania Hopes Expert Training. There were two participants from Oceania at the World Hopes Week, and one athlete also participated in the Hopes Team at the World Cadet Challenge.

Smash Down Barriers Pacific Sports Partnership Program

The Smash Down Barriers program continues to grow and expand, and now incorporates both Solomon Islands and Tonga as countries in which the program operates. These are in addition to the original partner countries of Fiji, Kiribati and Vanuatu. The general interest in Para Table Tennis throughout Oceania has grown beyond these countries, and this has been evident through specific Para Table Tennis Development Courses throughout the year, as well as the year-ending ITTF-Oceania Para Table Tennis Camp, which was proudly supported by the Agitos Foundation.

The ITTF-Oceania Para Table Tennis Camp saw 28 participants, from 8 countries. The camp included both coach education, specifically for Para Table Tennis, as well as a training camp for athletes, and concluded with the New Zealand Para Table Tennis Open.

What's Happening Next

In April 2017, Fiji played host of the ITTF-Oceania Cup, ITTF-Oceania Junior Championships and ITTF-Oceania Para Table Tennis Championships. This is a major undertaking to host three

events simultaneously, however it provides an amazing opportunity to maximise participation from as many National Associations within Oceania, with the reduced costs required when it comes to additional travelling personnel. In October 2017, Fiji will welcome the world when it becomes just the second country from Oceania to host the World Cadet Challenge. The year of events will round out in Bendigo, Australia with the ITTF-Oceania Youth Olympic Games Qualification Tournament taking place in November.

The 2017 ITTF-Oceania Development Program is working towards providing national associations with greater opportunities to take advantage of educational and up-skilling activities of the executive members of the national association. This will take place through the assistance of the Oceania Sports Education Program. The Development Program is also looking to fund extended visits for targeted national associations to ensure a sustainable approach to development activities. With the new quadrennial commencing, the Development Program will also look to allocate specific funds towards providing elite level athletes with scholarships to train outside Oceania.

In summary, the past year has been busy and I must thank Michael Brown for his committed hard work and initiative and his meeting the outcomes of our development program.

I would like to give credit to the continuing good work over this past year of the Para Sub-committee, which is dedicated to creating opportunities for athletes with disabilities.

Finally, I thank all sponsors and volunteers in the Pacific region for their efforts for table tennis and, of course, a huge thanks to TMS, and to the ITTF elected and paid staff for the guidance and energy you give us.

James Morris

Continental President: Oceania

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Judit Farago)

Report to the AGM

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Current Staff Status

Since the last report to the AGM, no one from the ITTF professional staff has left the ITTF. On the contrary, there were several new hires as a result of the growing activities and the restructuring within the ITTF. The increase in staff helps relieve the existing heavy workload on most of the colleagues and promotes close cooperation between the programme staff teams and efficiency in sharing responsibilities.

At the moment, the ITTF has 32 employees and service providers (7 more than one year ago), with 26 of them working full-time. Course Conductors and a few of the Continental Development Officers help the Development and Education & Training Programs; several Assigned Competition Managers support ITTF tournaments; and web-site editors and Continental Press Officers contribute to media service on an event-by-event or on a per-project basis.

The new positions created are:

- April, 2016: Competition Manager (working time shared 2/3 – 1/3 with ETTU)
- October, 2016: Development and Education & Training Projects Officer
- November, 2016: Office Assistant – Lausanne
- January, 2017: Marketing & Commercial Director (before shared 50%-50% with TMS)
- January, 2017: Business Development Manager (recruitment from TMS)
- February, 2017: Partnership Manager
- February, 2017: Events Marketing & Player Services Coordinator

The Administration & Finance Manager – Lausanne is on maternity leave between November and April.

(See the Program summary and the Deputy CEO's report for more details.)

The ITTF staff graphic flow-chart is regularly updated on the Directory section of ITTF: <http://www.ittf.com/directory/>

Competition Program

The number of competitions and the players' participation has been balanced and steady in the last few years (there were 74 ITTF sanctioned tournaments in 2017). During the Olympic year, of course, the focus was determined by the Rio 2016 Olympic Games all year long.

Dimosthenis Messinis has been promoted from ACM and joined the competition team, and it was agreed with ETTU to release him 1/3 working time to help the European tournaments.

At the end of 2016, the need for a fully dedicated staff to the junior events and the Global Junior Program was raised by the Executive Committee; recruitment is in progress at the time of the report.

The intensive discussion and the year-long study and research within the ITTF Future Events Working Group, supported by a professional external company will bring changes in the

competition structure after 2020. The Competition staff team under the leadership of Karl Jindrak gives its input when requested, based on their vast experience on tournament management, and will concentrate on implementation of the changes once it happens.

There are several areas under the competition scheme, where big efforts and investments were made recently to develop our sport, such as: enhanced sport presentation at major events, a new concept of the re-branded World Tour, an improved bidding process for the ITTF events, introduction of a new World Ranking system beginning in 2018, and support of ITTF-Continental events. All these were done together with the Marketing team and in consultation with the Athletes Commission.

Operations Program

Preparation for the Olympic and Paralympic Games; follow-up of the McLaren report's consequences on Russian participation in Rio; the demand from IOC, ASOIF, WADA for self-assessing and reporting on compliance and regulating policies on governance and integrity put extra workload on colleagues at the Lausanne Head Office. Furthermore, the daily financial operation and administration had to be taken over temporarily from Habiba Besic due to her maternity leave.

Our staff overcame the difficult transition period without interruption under the leadership of Raul Calin. The ITTF also received great and efficient half-time assistance from our new Swiss colleague, Silvia Bernhard. Nevertheless, our financial operations will need more support in the near future as a result of all financial operations (other than the operational costs of the Singapore office) having been transferred to the Head Office, including collecting all sponsorship income as of January, 2017.

It was agreed, and a contract has been signed, to move the ITTF Head Office to the new building of the House of Sport (MSI) in Lausanne, with the construction to be ready for April of 2018. At the same time, the ITTF will rent out the current office space of its current property, keeping only some storage space.

Marketing and Promotion/Media Program

This was the fastest growing programme, mainly because of the agreement between the ITTF and TMS for the ITTF to take back all the commercial rights as of January 2017, with the decision to do marketing and selling TV-rights partly in-house, partly looking for partner agencies to increase sponsor income.

All of the above changes required a professional restructure and additional staff. Steve Dainton was hired as Marketing & Commercial Director after his previous shared ITTF-TMS engagement was terminated, and Kimberly Koh switched from TMS to ITTF, with the two of them as the key persons for marketing.

The take-over was conducted October-December, and the first big deal was successfully concluded with Seamaster in January 2017, as an overall title sponsor for the ITTF World Tour, replacing GAC Group, whose partnership ended at the end of 2015.

Promotion and media colleagues, headed and inspired by Matt Pound, continued to grow our table tennis fan base, especially targeting youngsters by further developing social media and video content with special focus on our Chinese audience, justified by the huge Olympic success in Rio.

Besides the ongoing programs, such as the organisation of the Star Award Gala, the Dreambuilding project, development and promotion of TTX (the new outdoor format of table tennis), the new website design was also coordinated from the ITTF Asia-Pacific office. The launch of the newly designed website started with the Rio 2016 event page, and since then gradual development and opening of new sections is taking place.

(Information on the Development and Education & Training Programs is in the Deputy CEO's report.)

Meetings and Business Travels (other than at events and official meetings)

- Regular visits to the ITTF offices and staff
- Representation of the ITTF at 2016 SportAccord, the 206th IOC Session and at the 2016 IF Forum
- Meetings with IOC, ASOIF, Rio 2016, Multisport Games organizations
- Coordination visits and meetings with the next WTTC organisers

Acknowledgement

In 2016 the main goals were to have a successful lead-up to, and outcome of, the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and to ensure that the ITTF is moderate in its expenses to make up for the shortage created by the loss of a major sponsor temporarily, which was finally for 1 year only. I think these goals were fulfilled last year.

I wish to thank the Executive Committee for their trust in, and support of, the professional staff. I also thank all of the ITTF officials who contribute their expertise and advice in their free time. Special thanks to my Deputy, Glenn Tepper, and to all Directors for the close cooperation.

Judit Farago

February 2017

DEPUTY CEO (Glenn Tepper)

(Responsible for DEVELOPMENT and EDUCATION Programs)

Report to the AGM

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Development and Education & Training Programs Summary

One of the main focuses for the last year of the quadrennial is finalizing, assessing and reporting on the previous quadrennial, while negotiating the content of the 2017-2020 Continental Development Agreements. This process began on December 5, 2015 at the Development and Continental Council Meeting in France and was finalized with the signing of all Development Agreements, as well as all Continental Affiliation Agreements for 2017-2020 at the Rio Olympic Games in August, 2016. Thanks to all the Continental Presidents for their close co-operation in ensuring all was completed in due time to allow for planning for 2017.

Meanwhile during 2016 and the quadrennial, Development and Education & Training Programs continued to offer many and varied programs including: Continental Development Programs (Continental Development Officers, World Cadet Challenge Continental Teams, Continental Federation administrative support, Coach Education, URC Courses, PTT Courses, Women's Courses, Training Camps and Equipment Assistance); Hopes Program (including National, Regional, Continental, and World Hopes weeks as well as World Hopes Team and World Hopes Ambassador); World Table Tennis Day - April 6 every year, continued to expand its reach, as the chance for everyone, everywhere to celebrate our passion for table tennis; Online Education (through ITTFEducation.com and Spins and Skills Coaching videos); ITTF Coach Accreditation Scheme; our social programs through DreamBuilding (including work with United Nations and "Peace and Sport") using table tennis as a vehicle for social change; the ITTF International Training Center Network, "With the Future in Mind" Scholarships, and Mentorship Program supporting our players and coaches. All of those programs, courses and activities form part of a plethora of support for table tennis worldwide through Development and Education & Training.

The ITTF provided over US\$1.4 million per year or over US\$5.7 million for the quadrennial directly towards the above-listed Development and Education & Training Programs for 2013-2016.

The International Olympic Committee and Olympic Solidarity have been a strong partner of ITTF since the beginning of the ITTF Development Program in 1999, and the ITTF continued to work closely through Technical Courses, Developing a National Sports Structure Courses, Scholarships for Coaches (managed by Development), and "With the Future in Mind" Scholarships, and Scholarships for Athletes-Rio 2016 (managed by Education & Training).

This close relationship resulted in close to US\$2 million in support for these programs across the 2013-2016 quadrennial. Olympic Solidarity funding is from outside table tennis, but securing the funds requires considerable lobbying and applications through National and Continental Olympic Committees as well as Olympic Solidarity in conjunction with the National Associations.

Co-operation with the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) continued in 2016 with the 3-year "TT4NepALL" PTT joint project of ITTF and UNOSDP inaugurated on World Table Tennis Day on April 6, 2016, with the presence of Wilfried Lemke, Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, and ITTF President,

Thomas Weikert. ITTF continues to also be the only sport to attend and lead training at all UNOSDP Youth Leadership Camps worldwide since inception.

(Alphabetically) Butterfly, China Table Tennis Association (CTTA), Double Happiness, Foundation for Global Sports Development, German Table Tennis Association (DTTB), Nittaku, Stag, Tibhar and the Xiom again all supported Development and/or Education & Training projects with funding and/or equipment.

2. New Initiatives

- “ITTF **DNA**”-Developing **National Associations** is the key motto and guiding principle moving into the new quadrennial and all the above programs, together with our newest project “ITTF Administration Course,” will lead this pathway.
- ITTF Bachelor of Sports Coaching specializing in Table Tennis - Split, Croatia-first intake November, 2016.
- Rough Diamonds Training Camps - To provide an additional step in the ITTF Athlete Development Model between Hopes and Cadet-Juniors.
- **ITTFEducation.com**, the ITTF online education platform, continues to expand, to provide more content.
- **Para Table Tennis Projects** supported by the Australian Government “Pacific Sports Partnerships” in Oceania (Fiji-Kiribati-Vanuatu) has been expanded to Asia (Thailand); while the ITTF, UNOSDP and UN International Working Group on Persons with Disabilities and Sports project in Nepal with a 3-year budget of over US\$100,000 have been initiated during World Table Tennis Day - April 6.
- **New staff** - Daniela Gomes joined the staff as Development and Education & Training Projects Officer, sharing her time between Development and Education & Training.

3. ITTF Membership

The ITTF is currently the number one International Sports Federation in terms of membership, with 222 members. Of the 4 remaining countries (Eritrea, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, The Bahamas), at the time of writing, two (Eritrea, The Bahamas) have already completed the requirements of membership and have been approved by the EC to go the AGM for formal recognition, while Cape Verde has a course and visit planned for January, and discussions are well underway with Guinea-Bissau to formally establish their National Association.

So, at the 2017 AGM, the ITTF will, or will be within 2 countries, of becoming the first sport to have every country on Earth as a member. This was one of 3 goals established in 1999, when the ITTF Development Program began, the other 2 being to set up a worldwide Development Program (which is now a multi-award winning program, which again won a Peace and Sport Award in 2016), and to set up an ITTF Coach Accreditation Scheme (which now has ITTF L1-L2-L3 in the 4 languages most used by ITTF member countries-English-French-Spanish-Arabic, with ITTF L4 to be implemented in this quadrennial).

When the Development Program began in 1999, the ITTF had 180 members.

4. International Conferences

The ITTF Development and Education & Training Programs were represented at the following International Conferences:

- ASDEG (ASOIF Development & Education) Forum – Switzerland - Glenn Tepper, Leandro Olvech, Polona Cehovin
- Peace and Sport Conference – Monaco - Leandro Olvech
- Coaching Conference – USA - Dejan Papic

5. Thanks!

- To ITTF President Thomas Weikert, for his strong commitment to development and education, commencing already in 2006 through DTTB providing financial and technical support that has continued annually since 2006.
- To all ITTF Executive Vice-Presidents and in particular those responsible for Development, Mr. Melecio Rivera; Education & Training, Shi Zhihao; Global Junior Program, Patrick Gillmann and Women: Petra Söring, for their support, guidance and efforts to develop table tennis worldwide.
- To all Continental Presidents for their on-going support and close co-operation.
- To the hard-working Development and Education & Training Staff: Directors - Leandro Olvech, Polona Cehovin; as well as Michael Brown and Dejan Papic; and for Women in Sport - Vicky Eleftheriade;
- Continental Development Officers: Michael Brown (Africa and Oceania), Afshin Badiie (Asia), Neven Cegnar (Europe), Ramon Ortega Montes (Latin America), and Mireille Tallon (North America);
- To all course conductors and ITTF staff connected with the Development and Education & Training Programs.
- To Olympic Solidarity and in particular Pere Miro, and the Coaches Department - Yassine Yousfi, Carina Dragomir, and Cynthia Amami and the Athletes Department - Olivier Niamkey, Silvia Lucciarini and Edward Kensington for their close co-operation and support.
- To the Foundation for Global Sports Development for their ongoing support of the ITTF Development Program since 2009.
- To the German Table Tennis Association (DTTB) for their on-going support since 2006.
- To the China Table Tennis Association (CTTA) and Double Happiness for their support of the continental “China in...” project.
- To Butterfly and Stag for their kind and unwavering support of the ITTF Development and Education Programs since inception in 1999; to Xiom and Nittaku for their ongoing support since 2011.

Glenn Tepper

COMPETITIONS (Karl Jindrak)

Report to the AGM

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This report covers the period of the last 12 months, so it is almost in line with the yearly calendar basis operation of the Competition Program. Here is a summary of what happened in 2016 as well as a short preview for 2017 and 2018.

Competition Program

The objective of the Program is the same since the start: to provide opportunities to the ITTF members to take part in international competitions both at the elite level and in terms of mass and global participation.

As a “service provider,” the Competition Program is responsible for:

- Offering and coordinating the ITTF competitions through the ITTF Calendar;
- Supervising all the ITTF events;
- Ensuring the implementation of the contractual agreement between ITTF and the organisers as well as between TMS and its commercial partners; and
- Assisting organisers in running the events according to the Directives.

The 2016 ITTF Calendar included 118 tournaments in total, Olympic Games and Paralympics, 76 sanctioned and authorized by the ITTF, 8 registered, 19 approved and 13 Para events by the ITTF. Compared to 2015, we had 20 (138 events in 2015) less events.

While we continue to reach high and record figures in visual and web coverage worldwide, we do hope to improve it even more in 2017 to reach and keep our position to be among the TOP 5 International Sports Federations worldwide.

The Perfect 2016 World Championships in Kuala Lumpur was another well-organized World Championships by the Malaysian Table Tennis Association, together with the city of Kuala Lumpur. We faced a lot of challenges in general because we played this time in huge marquees except the Championships Division, and it was because of the tropical weather (thunderstorms, heavy rain, humidity, and air conditioning inside the marquees), which was not ideal for Table Tennis in terms of venue set up. The local organising team did their best to make the WTTC 2016 finally a success and the cooperation with ITTF Competition Department staff was smooth.

We had 2 World Title tournaments last year. Both the LIEBHERR Men’s World Cup in Germany and the Seamaster Women’s World Cup in the USA were organized at a very high quality level and we took the next step up in terms of presentation at those events.

The Olympic Games in Rio were another highlight as well in 2016, with extraordinary performances of the players.

In 2016 the World Tour went successfully, with 12 World Tour tournaments and 8 Challenge tournaments in total, plus the World Tour Grand Finals at the end of the year in Doha.

We had again events in 5 continents: 11 events in Europe, 7 events in Asia (6+1 WTGF), 1 event in Latin America, 1 event in Oceania and 1 event in Africa; only North America was missing in 2016, but with the first World Title event of the Seamaster Women’s World Cup we had North America also “on board.” Another goal for the World Tour in the future is to have a World Tour or Challenge event in North America as well.

For 2017 we made some bigger changes concerning the World Tour 2017:

- We separated the World Tour from the Challenge events;
- The main draw will be played over 4 days on only 4 tables;
- 2 full days of TV production; and
- With the new Tour Sponsor “Seamaster,” we will increase the Prize money and will raise the quality of our World Tour

From the Statistical Point-of-View:

97 different Associations in total took part in our World Tour 2016, compared to 85 in 2015.

1,405 unique players participated in 2016 (1,384 in 2015), with a breakdown of 828 unique men (826 in 2015) and 577 unique women (558 in 2015).

The most active associations have been Japan with 77 players (38 men and 39 women), followed by Nigeria with 76 players (45 men and 31 women) and Australia with 67 players (48 men and 19 women).

The ITTF World Junior Circuit has a firm system with about 28 events last year, including five continents. There were 14 events in Europe, 8 events in Asia, 4 events in Africa, 2 events in Latin America and 1 event in Oceania, with a total of 4 Golden Series, 9 Premium and 15 Regular events.

Last year exactly 2,225 different players entered a junior circuit tournament (1,266 Boys and 959 Girls), representing 95 national associations, with a total of 5 fewer associations compared to 2015. Compared to 2015, the total number of participating players decreased in 2016 a little bit; exactly by 225 players!

The GJC Finals were held as a stand-alone tournament for the fourth time in January 2017 in India (Indore) after its separation from the World Cadet Challenge in 2011. The last World Cadet Challenge at the end of October was held successfully in Shanghai (China).

Small associations repeatedly demonstrate that they can organise major and title junior events with high playing and hospitality conditions all over the world and many small Associations did an excellent job.

The ITTF's Competition Program and the Marketing Division assisted for the second time already all five Continents with a total of twelve continental events such as 6 ITTF-Continental Championships and 6 ITTF-Continental Cups according to the contractual agreement between the ITTF and the Continental Federations concerned.

Plans for the Future

The Competition Department and the Marketing Department will work hard together to grow the World Tour with new concepts and want to bring higher prize money to the Tour to make the ITTF World Tour even more attractive for the players to participate. With the new Tour Sponsor “Seamaster” it brought us big steps closer to our goals.

Coordination of the Competition Management Team

The above-mentioned comprehensive competition program is mainly implemented by seven full-time staff: Mohamed Dawlatly, Didier Leroy, Zoltan Bencsik, Vicky Eleftheriade, Dimos Messinis, Zena Sim and me; I am acting as Competition Manager at a certain number of events during the year as well. I take this opportunity to thank all of them for their tireless and dedicated work as well as for their professional approach.

In the recent years, a group of Assigned Competition Managers (ACMs) were selected and trained; they regularly help the ITTF on a contractual basis. This program has run since 2009. The last seminar to

recruit new ACMs was held in September, 2014. We now have 8 ACMs to help the ITTF in the competition area when requested on their respective continents.

Administration and Communication

National Associations are in the main streamline of communication either as participating associations or as host associations organizing ITTF events.

The administrative work of the Competition Program covers:

- Preparing, announcing, distributing and posting Prospectus, Directives, Policies
- Reporting on Inspections and on Competitions
- Preparing together with Marketing contracts for organisers of ITTF sanctioned events
- Announcing and collecting bids for different events together with Marketing
- Finalizing and updating the ITTF calendar together with Marketing

Tournament Management System

At the last WTTC in Kuala Lumpur we again set up our System successfully. For the first time, the Main Umpires entered the results on all tables using our Touch pads. The System will be improved so that it can be used at more and more events in the near future and not only at our TOP events.

Our centralized online entry system is still in progress to be implemented and we are working hard to get it ready together with our IT staff during the year of 2017.

Acknowledgement

Finally, I wish to thank the Executive Committee for trusting and supporting our work, and all ITTF officials and professional staff colleagues for helping and cooperating in the most efficient way. I am grateful to the national associations who partner with us to reach our common goal: to show the best image of our sport both at the participation and organizational levels.

Karl Jindrak

Director of Competitions

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2016 OVERVIEW

2016: New Development Agreements for **Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America** and **Oceania** were signed during the Olympic Games in Rio. Those contracts cover the current Olympic cycle **2017-2020**.

FACTS 2016

166 Activities were executed in 2016, including Coach Education, Training Camps, URC courses, Para TT, Women's, Marketing and Tournament Organization courses.

- **30** major equipment packages were distributed.
- **7** Courses were funded by the **PTT** Division: Nigeria, Slovak Republic, Peru, USA, Samoa, Tahiti and New Zealand.

Olympic Solidarity - Coaches Department

- **30** Technical and "Developing a National Sports Structure" Courses
- **2** "Scholarships for Coaches"

MEMBERSHIP

The current ITTF Membership is composed of **222** National Associations, which makes it the **largest International Sport Federation (ISF)** in that sense. There are only **4** countries in the World that are not ITTF members (**Bahamas, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau and Eritrea**). Meetings with their NOCs were held in Rio and ITTF staff visited them to advise on their first steps developing table tennis while equipment packages are also being supplied. It is possible that during the next AGM in Düsseldorf, those 4 countries will become ITTF members, in that case **we will be the first ISF to cover all countries in the World!**

TABLE TENNIS FOR ALL

April 6, 2016 was the second edition of the **World Table Tennis Day**. 196 events in 83 countries set standards to keep on raising popularity and establish the event worldwide. Awarded by Peace and Sport as the best April 6 Initiative 2016, World Table Tennis Day is set to grow in the future and make Table Tennis accessible to **everyone, everywhere**. The main event was celebrated in Kathmandu, Nepal.

ITTF COACH ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

One of our aims is for National Associations to become **self-sufficient** at ITTF-PTT L1 initially and later at higher levels. With this in mind, **4** ITTF Coach Accreditation Course Conductor Training Courses have been held in 2016 in Qatar, Uruguay, Jamaica and Spain. This led to **53 self-funded** ITTF Coach Accreditation Courses in 2016, which shows the process is working well. The ITTF Coach Accreditation System is also looking to add to the PTT education component by the inclusion of PTT courses for the Levels 2, 3 and High Performance (Level 4) over the coming years.

| Level | 2016 Courses | Coaches Accredited since Inception |
|----------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 61 | 5,287 |
| 2 | 14 | 724 |
| 3 | 3 | 41 |

DREAM BUILDING

- **United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP):** The ITTF has been present at 2 Youth Leadership Camps (in Germany and Japan) in 2016, in which leaders from developing countries attend for 2 weeks to learn about the use of sport for social change.
- **UNOSDP – International Working Group:** On April 6, 2016, Table Tennis for NepALL was launched in Kathmandu, a project to promote the practice of Table Tennis among people with a disability in Nepal. On the same day, a renovated Para Table Tennis Centre, damaged during the earthquake in 2015, was inaugurated. The financial support from the UN for this 3-year project is US\$104,000.
- **Ping sans Frontières:** The cooperation with this French NGO continued in 2016. Notably Ping Sans Frontières promoted World Table Tennis Day, with 19 events held in France and other countries. A joint manual to build tables locally is being developed.
- **DTTB Support:** The **German** Table Tennis Association (DTTB) provided **equipment assistance** to the ITTF Development Program as it has been doing since 2006.
- **“China in Oceania”:** In October, former World Champions, National Junior Coaches and sparring partners from China provided a training camp and coach education in Australia for young players from Oceania, funded by ITTF Dream Building, Double Happiness and the CTTA.

WOMEN IN SPORT PROGRAM

Women's Courses have been held in five continents in 2016 (Cote d'Ivoire, Cambodia, Austria, Ecuador, Canada and Papua New Guinea).

PROMOTION

Five new films were produced. Links:

Dream Building – “Improving the World Through Table Tennis”:

<https://youtu.be/e3UCaKrzt4E?list=PLB78036B55F8DB867>

Smash Down Barriers - “Table Tennis Shame to Fame”:

<https://youtu.be/4IUQwVJMm8Y?list=PLB78036B55F8DB867>

ITTF and Diplomacy – “Breaking Down Barriers”: https://youtu.be/LPBmJkF_7DA?list=PLB78036B55F8DB867

“Best of World Table Tennis Day” - <https://youtu.be/CvWkAtluRJQ?list=PLB78036B55F8DB867>

“Table Tennis for NepALL”: <https://youtu.be/aioRGf1pLOs?list=PLB78036B55F8DB867>

AWARDS

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| FICTS Festival | Sport & Society Film | Table Tennis for NepALL | Honorable Mention |
| FICTS Festival | Sport & Society Film | Best of 2016 World Table Tennis Day | Shortlisted |
| Peace & Sport | April 6 Initiative of the Year | World Table Tennis Day | Winner |

Thanks to all contributors who made 2016 a successful year, especially our **course conductors** in the field and the **Continental Development Officers!** Thanks to the **Executive Committee** and **Continental Presidents** for their support, and to the **National Associations** for their cooperation on the implementation of all activities.

Last, but not least, thanks to our Deputy CEO **Glenn Tepper** for his leadership and advice and to our **President Thomas Weikert** for his support!

Leandro Olvech

Director of Development

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (Polona Cehovin)

Report to the AGM

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In the year 2016 the Education & Training Program continued to further develop the **ITTF Athlete Development Model** that now offers a sustainable and continuous pathway for athletes from the early age of 10 until they become Olympic Games candidates in their late teen years. At the same time we have continued to solidify and strengthen another important pillar of our Program, i.e. coach education, offering new tools and avenues to gain precious and highly applicable knowledge from a vast array of areas.

1. HOPES PROGRAM

The Hopes Program continues to be our most popular program and we are very pleased that all Continental Federations and many National Associations have fully adopted the philosophy that assures a complete implementation of the pyramidal structure introduced in 2015. All together more than 20 Hopes activities were held worldwide in 2016, which confirms the necessity of a worldwide talent identification program, aiming at both grassroots development and also on the route toward excellence.

The annual **World Hopes Week & Challenge** was held in the splendid Aspire Academy in Qatar, and justified its prestigious status, effectively combining the vital elements of the Hopes movement – talent identification, training, education and competition - which through the specially developed evaluations tool also represented the base for the selection of the **2016 Hopes Team**. The Team later on successfully participated at the 2016 ITTF World Cadet Challenge in China, whereby much more than their performance itself, the focus is on a comprehensive training and educational experience provided to the young players and their coaches.

We also continued with the nomination of the **Dream Building Ambassador**. The honour to represent and promote the Hopes Program as such belonged to Youssef Abdelaziz of Egypt, a former Hopes player, who, by becoming African Junior Champion, inspired many young players from all over the world.

2. ROUGH DIAMONDS

The launch of the latest addition to the ITTF Athlete Development Model is targeting players in the U15 age group that have already showcased their abilities and skills as Hopes and Cadets and are envisioned to play an important role on their respective Continents and on the route to the world top level overall.

The very first camp was organized at the China Table Tennis College – Europe in Luxembourg under the watchful eyes of prominent Chinese experts, which means that the “**learn from the best**” approach was very much in place.

3. WITH THE FUTURE IN MIND

The 2016 generation of scholarship holders was very much Olympic fashioned and in spite of the fact that the selection was mainly composed of players under 20 years of age, it was very rewarding to have some of them already qualifying for the Rio Olympic Games.

The educational component of the Program focusing on the coaches and the National Associations of the supported players has been further cultivated in order to maximize its legacy

and the long-lasting impact. We are glad to notice that many of them have learned and implemented relevant mechanisms and tools that will contribute toward development and improvement on the national level in the future. This is precisely the motivation that aligns very well with the **ITTF DNA (Developing National Associations) philosophy**.

4. INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTER NETWORK

In the first year of the revamped Network that now functions under the renewed Directives and Operational Guidelines, it could be noticed that there is an **increased demand for training worldwide**, however, at the same time, it could also be apprised that still too often competitions represent the sole elements of players' and national teams' programs, without a proper focus for quality training and comprehensive education.

In spite of the fact that the International Training Centers, members of the ITTF Network, are normally organizing ITTF supported and lately more often also Continental activities, their potential is surely still underrated and we hope that in the future all the stakeholders could better recognize the possible benefits of these high performance oriented environments, also through self-funded projects.

Contrary to the traditional approach when training of different groups of players is in the spotlight, the ITC Network plays an important role also in the area of coach education. This aspect is brought to life also through the **Mentorship Program**, which supports a selected number of coaches enabling them to access and work with the most prominent experts.

5. ONLINE EDUCATION

The ITTF e-learning platform **ITTFEducation.com** has been enriched content-wise and now besides coaching related material, it also offers other highly applicable know-how, combined with video materials available on the ITTF YouTube channel. Just in 2016 more than 30 videos have been released and the plans for the future are even more optimistic, especially considering the vast potential of online tools and communication channels supported by new technologies.

Moreover, the **Spins n' Skills** series of 8 coaching films that altogether reached close to 1 million views, reassures us in the belief that there is a very tangible market for similar products, and to a great extent, also indicates the way moving forward.

The Education & Training Program team vigorously and earnestly believes in the power of cooperation at all levels.

Our mission and objectives are ambitious and cannot be achieved without forming partnerships: With the **Continental Federations**, with the **National Associations**, with our **experts** and finally, with all the individuals, i.e. **players, coaches and officials**, that are the ultimate beneficiaries of the various projects and incentives. Thank you all and we hope that with time our bonds will grow and strengthen further.

Last but not least, very special notes of thanks to our guiding forces: **Thomas Weikert**, ITTF President, as quality is definitely very much engraved in his vision; to the entire **Executive Committee**; and, in particular **Shi Zhihao**, the Executive Vice-President in charge of our

Program, for their overall support. Thanks to all the **ITTF staff** for the precious and valuable interactions, and finally to **Glenn Tepper**, the Deputy CEO, for his availability, understanding and assistance in helping us navigate as smartly as possible this exciting yet challenging journey.

Yours in Sport,

Polona Cehovin

Director of Education & Training

MARKETING AND COMMERCIAL (Steve Dainton)

Report to the AGM

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In 2016, the key development related to Marketing was that on October 3 the ITTF and TMS International agreed that the ITTF would take back in house the ITTF commercial rights as of January 1, 2017. It was unanimously agreed that this was in the best interest of the ITTF for the long-term development of the ITTF commercial properties. At the same time, the work went on and the deal resulted in the ITTF inheriting from TMS contracts that were of record amounts for the 2017-2020 period. Besides this, the ITTF BoD in Kuala Lumpur agreed for a Working Group to be formed to look closely at our event structure and especially the World Championships with a major aim to improve our Media and Commercial situation globally. Additionally, enhancements to our media efforts were achieved with a new website, testing of Virtual Reality at the Grand Finals in Doha, and the new “youth-aimed” version of table tennis “TTX” was launched during the Rio Olympic Games. To top it off, table tennis had a wonderful experience during the Rio Olympic Games with massive increases in our TV numbers and our World Championships final TV figures in China and Japan were the best in many years.

In 2016 the team in Singapore worked hard to develop new ideas, seek new investors in the sport throughout the world and provide stronger promotion and presentation of our events, provide more assistance to our Continental federations and add support to all of our Members in their Marketing and Media needs. All of this work is being done so that we can try to find more sources of income for our sport from outside the table tennis community.

TMS International Partnership – Management

The Marketing team worked very closely with TMS International on all aspects of the ITTF’s commercial activities in 2016, mainly assisting with new and existing sponsor relations, TV partnerships and helping develop new business. Since our office is based in Singapore, we also assist heavily with the events and partners that are also located in the Asia Pacific region. As the ITTF’s marketing revenue has grown over recent years and there are now numerous commercial partners, this area is the key focus of our daily activity. A brand new deal done with SECA for Chinese Digital rights for the period of 2017-2020 was one of the highlights of the Marketing Department’s Work in 2016.

Continental Events – Commercial Support

The ITTF Marketing Department, with the support of TMS International, continued to manage the Marketing agreements with the Continental Federations of Africa, Latin America, North America and Oceania in 2016. A Marketing Seminar in collaboration with the European Table Tennis Union was organised during their Championships in Hungary in October.

Other Properties

Other properties and ideas that ITTF Marketing has been developing in order to help further commercialize and to help bring further financial support to the ITTF and its programs in 2016 are:

1. **ITTF Star Awards:** The Awards have no doubt grown into one of the biggest events for table tennis of the year. Four great events have now been held and Qatar in 2016 showcased arguably the best-ever Star Awards, with an amazing stage and video display at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Doha on December 8th, 2016.

2. **YouTube Development:** The ITTF's YouTube page has gone from strength to strength in 2016 and is becoming a key factor in promoting the sport in parallel with itTV. As it stands in early November, we currently have 170,000 subscribers and 130 million views.
3. **Sports Presentation:** In 2016 we assisted our organisers with the tools needed through our Sports Presentation Guidelines and templates to ensure our events can take some giant leaps to ensure we present ourselves in a much more professional, cool and modern way. In 2016 we saw some events embrace these novel approaches.
4. **Launch of Table Tennis X (TTX):** This idea and concept has come a long way in 2016. We launched in Rio, during the Olympic Games. New Equipment, New Rules, New Attitude has been developed in cooperation with our partner Brand Union. In Dusseldorf, TTX will be showcased and officially start the TTX revolution, and we are looking forward to everyone's participation and feedback in such.

Media – Promotion

2016 has been another productive year for the media and promotion of the ITTF and table tennis. ITTF re-launched ITTF.com for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, which gives the sport a fresh new image. The website is still under development, with many new features to be added to give NA's and fans the best possible experience. The ITTF's media reach has continued to grow with more relationships being created with large media agencies and with the ITTF providing more content to the media. The ITTF has increased its social media fan base considerably and now has over 1.6 million social media followers, which is the 3rd most of any IF. An increased emphasis on turning our players into star names has been one of the key focuses in 2016. The more people know our top players, the more people will like and follow table tennis! We will keep on pushing to bring new fans to our sport with new and innovative ideas!

Future/Key Issues

With the rights now back in house, it is an opportunity to grow the revenues further and take some new approaches

1. We must find a way to make our top events more competitive and less predictable in terms of all being won by one country – China. Our media rights income is severely minimised by a situation that athletes from only one country win all the major events. If this situation can change, we will see healthy increases in media rights income and, more generally, more interest in our sport around the world. The Malaysia World Championships and Olympic Games clearly showed the gap.
2. The World Championships and World Tour concepts and formats need serious revamps to cater more to the media and commercial aspects. Both assets have an ok brand image, however, they struggle to make income for the ITTF. Deep and serious thoughts into further modernising and commercialising these products need to be taken. A new deal in January, 2017 with Seamaster will help us make some in-roads to the needs of the World Tour and there will be reasonable pressure to ensure a long-term deal.
3. The connecting of our World events with our Continental events needs to speed up. In the marketplace it is quite confusing if you look at the World events and their relation with the Continental events. If we can speed up the process to connect World and Continental events, both will benefit massively.

Steve Dainton

Marketing and Commercial Director

OPERATIONS & OLYMPIC GAMES (Raul Calin)

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Staff Structure

With the departure of Darren Leong from the position of Equipment Coordinator, his duties for 2016 were re-distributed between Vicky Eleftheriade and Emese Barsai. Etsuko Enami continued in a part-time capacity as Project Manager and Françoise Dagouret assumed more responsibilities in her capacity of anti-doping manager. Chuck Hoey, now based in the United States, kept his Honorary Curator and Historian position, assisting with the migration of the museum to Shanghai and with the publication of the bimonthly *"The Table Tennis Collector"* magazine. For Raul Calin, the main focus was the preparations for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio.

Operations

The ITTF headquarters handled the payments for the ITTF-funded development activities and sanctioned competitions. The ITTF made payments for prize money in some cases, travel contributions, services to providers, and contributions for organizers of World Tours and World Junior Circuits and other events according to the existing contractual agreements.

In total, over 1,500 bank transactions were made, a similar amount year-by-year.

Finances

The 2015 audits were conducted in the last week of March 2016, with the final exercise of consolidation and analysis being made in the middle of May. The 2015 audits will be presented in 2017 AGM due to the earlier dates of the Kuala Lumpur World Championships.

Equipment

In 2016, 481 invoices were issued for tests, approval of equipment and minor accessory equipment sales. Equipment tested included balls, flooring, tables, nets and racket coverings.

Anti-Doping

2016 was a very special year, not only due to the fact of having the Olympic Games, but also due to the international controversy created around the McLaren report. This required extra attention from our staff and executives in the area of anti-doping. Different approaches were taken by the IOC and the IPC for the Olympic and Paralympic Games respectively, and the ITTF kept a clear and transparent position in this respect with both institutions as well as with WADA.

The risk assessment exercise presented in December 2015 to WADA was accepted and reflected in our anti-doping program for 2016.

Para Table Tennis

In close coordination with the Para TT Division Chair Dorte Darfelt, Deputy Chair Nico Verspeelt, and Georgios Seliniotakis, who help in the coordination of the tournaments, the Operations staff provided support to the Para TT Division activities, which also had this year the Paralympic Games in Rio.

Support to Various Committees

In addition to the support provided to the Para Table Tennis Division, we continued providing support to the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, the Annual General Meeting, the Olympic and Paralympic Commission, as well as these committees: Equipment, Nominations,

Rules, Veterans, Sport Science and Medical as well as Umpires and Referees. We also established a more close relationship with the Swaythling Club International.

Support to Other Programs

Etsuko Enami continued providing support to the ITTF CEO, Development, Education & Training and Competition Programs for their communications to the ITTF-affiliated members.

Our staff also worked in close cooperation with the competitions staff related to appointments of umpires and referees and implementation of doping controls.

Multi-Sport Events

Preparations for the 2017 Universiade in Taipei are in progress, as well as with the Mediterranean Games (postponed to 2018), the 2018 Commonwealth Games and the 2019 Pan Am Games.

Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games

The planning and preparation for the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games took most of our time during the first three quarters of the year. Interaction with Rio 2016 Sport Managers Carlos Leon (OG) and Edimilson Pinheiro (PG) intensified in the last months, resulting in having almost daily conferences.

In 2016 we had two final inspections and since July, two ITTF staff joined the Rio 2016 team besides other contractors. Our sincere appreciation not only to the entire team of staff and volunteers for our sport from Rio 2016, commanded by Mr. Leon and Mr. Pinheiro, but also to the Confederação Brasileira de Tennis de Mesa and its President, Alaor Azevedo, for supporting the ITTF in the promotion of the event. The equipment provided by the three equipment sponsors, San-Ei, DHS and Tinsue also helped to raise the level of presentation of our sport, ensuring their best quality products being present in Rio. My sincere thanks to them also for their support.

Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games

We had the first inspection in Buenos Aires, and we were pleased by the facilities offered for the Table Tennis event. BAYOGOC has already hired over 100 staff that is working on the Games preparation.

Tokyo 2020

As it was already agreed by the Olympic and Paralympic Commission, the ITTF will pursue Mixed Doubles as our fifth Olympic event in Tokyo and a second application for Men's and Women's Doubles will be submitted also to IOC. Sachiko Yokota has been appointed as the Tokyo 2020 Sport Manager and the ITTF will start with the first inspections for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in 2017.

Conclusions

Our sincere appreciation to the ITTF Executive Committee members, Continental Presidents, Committee Chairs, Commissioners and members of their committees / commissions, as well as to our staff colleagues, led by Mrs. Farago and Mr. Tepper, for their daily contact and support to our duties. Last but not least, to each and every one of our ITTF national associations, the true reason of our existence, for their daily work for our sport.

Respectfully submitted,

Raul Calin

Director of Operations & Olympic/Paralympic Games

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE (Federico Lineros)

Report to the AGM

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General

The activity of the Equipment Committee has not decreased at all during 2016. We have continued working with manufacturers to improve the quality of the different items of Table Tennis equipment. Many re-tests have been done for Nets, Tables and Floorings, with a very good response from the side of manufacturers and suppliers.

As usual, a lot of meetings with manufacturers and suppliers were held during the WTTC in Kuala Lumpur, and I would like to say that I am quite proud that the former distance between Equipment Committee members and suppliers and manufacturers are getting closer, which I am convinced is really important for the future of our sport, as both parts need each other. I see that the communication is now more fluid, and they are able to understand what our role is, and we are also able to understand that not everything is possible in a massive production. As a result, members of the Equipment Committee have been invited to attend different Working Group meetings organised by FIT to discuss together equipment properties and changes.

Among these topics in which these groups are working is the proposal that the HKTTA made in Kuala Lumpur about the materials to be used in blades. There is not any conclusion made except that the real risk that this decision, in case of passing this proposal, may cause to our sport due to the unpredictability of the consequences. The Equipment Committee is working on a new wording to describe the racket (Rule 2.4), including descriptions for the blade that could be taken as a basis for a possible new technical leaflet for authorisation of blades in the near future.

Approved/authorised Equipment

At the last count of approved/authorised equipment we had:

| Equipment | 2015 | 2014 |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Balls | 91 | 80 |
| Tables | 119 | 132 |
| Nets | 54 | 52 |
| Floors | 17 | 10 |
| Racket Coverings | 1,483 | 1,414 |

Balls

The second generation of non-celluloid balls, presented to the Equipment Committee as a prototype in 2015, were submitted for approval by two manufacturers during 2016, successfully passed all lab tests, and became ITTF approved. Their durability should be outstanding compared to the former version and should strongly improve the market standard.

Specifications in the Technical Leaflet T3 were optimized in 2016, in order to respect equally the different production methods of balls, thus improving good competition between ball models.

The Equipment Committee member in charge of Balls assisted with the evaluation of tested TTX equipment samples and also proposed specifications that are currently being evaluated by potential manufacturers. The next step will be final specifications.

Tables

Re-testing of tables type (II) for safety reasons, started in 2015, and completed in 2017: 14 of the 44 tables initially approved, were withdrawn, 2 failed, and several require substantial improvement.

New inspections have been added on an exploratory basis: deflection of the table corners at table end or at net end under 80 kg and unexpected rolling away on a slope for tables with wheels without brakes.

Grip of table tennis surfaces (Brazil resolution). In a first series of experiments with about 7,000 “dynamic” impacts of various kinds of balls and for 5 typical strokes, it was found that for a same ball type, the friction varies by 100% with the various table tops, and that for a same table top, the friction varies by 50% with the various ball types, which shows the importance of studies to be undertaken. As the experimental device used is far too complicated and expensive, a device will be developed for measuring friction and a standard ball may be defined for/before doing so.

Many tables just passed the tough ITTF quality and safety tests, but they do not look steady and strong. The Equipment Committee is reflecting about defining a category of “prime” equipment for the competitions of the highest level.

Many manufacturers try out new colours and finishes, but also new table top material, such as high-density fibreboard. Tables with a glass top have been used. The Equipment Committee is following this evolution, and may discuss the possibility of allowing material other than wood or derivatives; the properties of the table top should not be changed dramatically. The results of the friction and bounce measurements will be carefully analysed.

Nets

As it was announced, a full re-test of the currently approved nets has been undertaken. In a first set of results, 19 of the current nets failed the re-tests. Following the feedback received from our testing lab in Shanghai, improvements were made by all suppliers, and all of them passed the re-tests that were conducted after the Olympic Games in Rio.

Floorings

New applications and re-tests have continued during 2016, so that 17 brands are now approved in the ITTF list.

The Technical Leaflet was updated and approved by the BoD in Kuala Lumpur.

Racket Coverings

A few suppliers were found violating rules – such as: advertising sale of rubbers that were not fully authorised, selling multiple versions of rubbers, and using the ITTF logo on unauthorised rubbers. The offending companies have been warned or disciplined accordingly.

We have not forgotten the fight against boosters, and third parties have proposed more methods, but during detailed discussions a variety of unresolved practical issues have occurred which prevent an immediate use.

Racket Control

An audit on the usability of the Technical Leaflet T9 was done during the Men’s World Cup. In this, the recent extensions of the T9 proved a helpful guidance to Referees and Racket Testers, with minor further amendments to be finalised during 2017.

I would not like to finish this report (my last one) without highlighting the tremendous work that the ITTF staff helping with Equipment and most of the members of the Equipment Committee do every year. It is much more than many people may think. My acknowledgment to all of them, the current, the former and the future members, who I am sure that will work for the benefit of our beloved sport.

Federico Lineros
Chairman

2016 has been a fantastic and exciting table tennis year. It was a year with Olympic and Paralympic Games, World Championships, World Cups, the World Tour and much more.

It was a fantastic year for the table tennis community to remember, where various media records were broken.

The Media and Marketing office has done a marvelous job in bringing the promotion of table tennis to the next level. Our staff has implemented many new ideas on the ITTF website, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms, and integrated our work to get more media exposure and promotion.

Table Tennis X (TTX), a new form of table tennis, was launched in style on the eve of the start of Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Furthermore, a new website has been launched. It has been a huge task to transfer all the content from the old to the new website.

Perfect 2016 World Team Table Tennis Championships

The Perfect 2016 World Team Table Tennis Championships held in Kuala Lumpur achieved the highest-ever social and digital engagement, reaching over 48.5 million people across ITTF's social and digital platforms.

ITTF Facebook page (Facebook.com/ITTFWorld) achieved 19,756,881 total reach, and close to 34 million impressions on the ITTF Facebook page, doubling the feat recorded in Suzhou in 2015.

Event posts on the ITTF Twitter account (@ITTFWorld) left over 2 million twitter impressions, and reached over 5.4 million people on the ITTF Sina Weibo account (@ITTFWorld).

With 248 videos created for the 8 days of competition, viewers from 144 countries tuned in to the ITTF Youtube channel (YouTube.com/ITTFChannel), resulting in 3 million views on the platform.

ITTF.com/itTV, ITTF's free online streaming platform, which live streamed eight tables in Kuala Lumpur, saw 735,500 unique visitors watching the World Championships live and on demand.

Over the 8 days of the Championships, 351.44 million hits were recorded on ITTF.com, where 3,717,648 unique visitors accessed the ITTF page for results and updates about the World Championships.

Other than breakthroughs on the ITTF's social media platforms, which now has 1.7 million fans, the 2016 World Championships also broke TV ratings in China and Japan on the final day of competition. The 2016 World Championships proved that table tennis remains a massive sport in China, where a total of 190 million people tuned in to watch the event live on CCTV5.

In Japan, rights holder TV Tokyo received a record 15% market share for TV viewers in Japan for the Women's Team final. With the 500 accredited media personnel working on site to spread news about the World Championships to the rest of the world, over 15,000 articles were written on the event.

All the work behind these fantastic figures were done by the ITTF media crew supplemented by the 3 ITTF media interns chosen among 74 applicants: Neha Aggarwal (India), Amy Ding (China) and Robert Sticht (Germany).

Olympic Games

140 single matches and 32 team matches were contested over 12 days. The playing system was a pure knock-out system for both the singles and team events. In all other sports, team events are played in groups in the first stage.

The Team Format

In the Olympic Games, the team event format of play is:

A-X, B-Y, C and A or B versus Z and X or Y, A or B not playing doubles versus Z, C versus X or Y not playing doubles.

There is a freedom to put the players in any position A, B, C or X, Y, Z. The doubles pairing is decided after the second match.

Normally the best player will play two singles matches and the two others one singles match and a doubles together. In most of the matches, the best players in the two teams do not meet each other. After the doubles, normally the best player A or B will meet the third player on the other team and if there will be a final match, the third player C plays against number one on the other team X or Z. In almost all matches, the team, which is leading 2-1 after the doubles, will win the match because their best player will meet the third player from the other team.

In Beijing 2008, the teams played in four groups in the first stage. 64 matches were played, in London and Rio, the team events were pure knock out, with 32 matches in the team events. Only three times in 128 contests had a team won 3-2 after having been down 1-2 after the doubles. It happened once in Beijing when Nigeria won 3-2 against Russia and twice in Rio when England in the men's team event won 3-2 against France and when Singapore won 3-2 against Korea after having been down 1-2 in the women's team event. In 54 matches where the score was 2-1 after the doubles, the leading team won 51 times.

A working group under the ITTF Olympic commission has now got the task to review the playing system and to try to find a system where the best players from each team will meet each other, and to try to find a system where no break in the match is needed.

In the team event in Rio, the average duration was 2 hours and 17 minutes per contest. The longest contest was 3 hours and 54 minutes and the shortest 57 minutes, which also shows the difficulties in making a proper time schedule and difficulties in making team matches as a TV product.

With only 5 contests finishing at 3-2, it is surprising that 32 % of the games finished with only a two-point margin and 12% with 3-point margin. It shows that the change of the scoring system from 21 to 11 has been a very big success, which has made the game much interesting and exciting.

Individual Events

In the Olympic Singles tournament in table tennis, the best sixteen players enter the tournament in the third round and numbers 17-32 enter in the second round. The best players do not like to play their first match against players who already have played one or two matches. But for the spectators and the media, the system creates very good and interesting matches from the beginning of the tournament.

In Rio, there were good matches from Day One, with many surprises in the first rounds. Seven of the 16 top seeded Men's Singles players lost their first match. 13 NOCs from 4 continents were represented in the final 16 in Men's Singles.

In Men's Singles 36% of the games finished with only a 2-point margin and 15% with a 3-point margin, with an average of 18.80 points per set. 26% of the matches finished 4-0, 34% finished 4-1, 27% finished 4-2 and 13% finished 4-3. The longest match was 1 hour and 20 minutes, the shortest 14 minutes, with an average of 38 minutes. The longest game was 26 minutes, the shortest 2 minutes, with an average of 7 minutes. The longest rally 50, with an average of 5.

In Women's Singles, 31% of the games finished with a 2-point margin, and 14% with a 3-point margin, with an average of 18.25 points per game. The longest match was 1 hour and 10 minutes, the shortest 14 minutes, with an average of 40 minutes. The longest game was 13 minutes, the shortest game 2 minutes, with an average of 6 minutes. The longest rally was 102, with an average 6.

Olympic Games and Media

The Rio 2016 table tennis event reached more than 552 million viewers all over the world, despite the limited number of events. 471.4 hours were broadcasted and 13.5% of the international TV audiences watched table tennis.

Asia: 433.1 million, Europe: 67 million, North America: 24.9 million, Latin America: 23.1 million, Oceania: 4.1 million and Africa: 0.1 million viewers.

Social/Digital Media Statistics:

Facebook

255 Posts, 427,745 likes, 33,651 shares, 23,488 comments, 15,706,737 reached, 24,885,059 impressions, 321,274 new followers, total followers after OG: 321,274.

Twitter

656 Posts, 5,703,405 impressions, 32,143 likes, 26,158 retweets, 1,816 new followers, total followers after OG: 22,071

Instagram

163 Posts, 497,677 likes, 3,841 comments

Articles

45,726

Weibo

293 posts, 78,013 likes, 43,164 reposts, 21,123 comments, 23,345,245 impressions, 31,272 new followers, total after OG: 623,560

Furthermore, Ai Fukuhara, Liu Guoliang, Ma Long and Zhang Jike were among the top 8 searched athletes on Weibo. Zhang Jike alone took up 10% of all Olympic-related searches during the Rio 2016 period.

New ITTF.com

271,997 users; 467,039 sessions; 1,292,838 page views

ITTF Star Awards

The ITTF Star Awards was held for a fourth time to celebrate the achievements of our table tennis stars. In the Qatari capital of Doha, the table tennis stars were crowned in December, 2016 in the following categories:

Male and Female Star: Ma Long, China and Ding Ning, China

Male and Female Para Table Tennis Star: Laurens Devos, Belgium and Liu Jing, China

Star Point: Fan Zhendong, China

Fair Play Star: Rinad Fathy, Egypt

Table Tennis Star Coach: Liu Guoliang, China

Breakthrough star: Miu Hirano, Japan

The ITTF Star Awards is the most prestigious award given to recognize, honor and celebrate the STARS of table tennis, the athletes and coaches who have made table tennis their passion, career and life.

Since the inauguration of its first edition in Dubai in 2013, the ITTF Star Awards has been a year-ending finale that athletes, fans, and everyone in the table tennis community has been looking forward to during the year. Thanks to the Qatar Table Tennis Association for hosting another enjoyable and unforgettable Star Awards 2016.

Thanks to everybody who has contributed to break all social and digital media records and to make 2016 a fantastic table tennis year.

Arne Madsen

Chairman

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Chan Foong Keong)

Report to the AGM

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COMMITTEE MEETING

The Nominations Committee had one meeting during the 2016 WTTC in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia as follows:

Date & Time 28 February 2016, 1500 hours
In attendance: Cherif Hajem, Judit Farago, David Jackson,
 Andreas Geogiou, Ivam Passos Vinhas, Sirje Lubi,
 Sandra Deaton, Abdulla Al-Mulla, Wahid Oshodi,
 Khaled El-Salhy and Chan Foong Keong

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2016-2018

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| CHAN Foong Keong | Malaysia | Chair |
| Abdulla Al-MULLA | Qatar | Deputy Chair |
| Sandra DEATON | England | Full Member |
| David JACKSON | Canada | Full Member |
| Andreas GEORGIU | Cyprus | Full Member |
| Phil MALES | Australia | Full Member |
| Wahid Enitan OSHODI | Nigeria | Full Member |
| Ivam PASSOS VINHAS | Brazil | Full Member |
| Walter RONMARK | Sweden | Special Advisor |

APPRECIATION

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Cherif Hajem, ITTF staff and all members of the committee for their kind cooperation and assistance extended to me during the year 2016.

Chan Foong Keong
Chairman

PARA TABLE TENNIS (Dorte Darfelt)

Report to the AGM

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The most important event in Para TT in 2016 was, of course, the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

It was a fantastic event with a lot of exciting matches. The players did their best to win the matches and especially the Brazilian audience contributed to the moving atmosphere. Thanks to the Brazilians for the fine event and thanks to all our umpires, TD, volunteers – yes, all who contributed to make the event so fine and memorable.

At the event, we had 276 slots shared among 174 male players and 102 female players. It is a complicated puzzle to share the slots in between 5 continents and divided between 11 classes for men and 11 classes for women. We do our best to do this in the fairest way, but the back side of that is that the qualification system then is very complicated and, of course, it can be discussed and shall be discussed so we can improve or change if we find a better system,

Some of the important changes PTT has decided is our new World Championships system, Single's alone and Team's alone. This means that we will have a World Championship for Teams in 2017 and 2019, a Single's competition in 2018 and Paralympics in 2020. After many, many discussions we have started to organize a separate tournament for players Under 23-years-old.

In 2016 we had 13 events, with about 1,724 players (1,287 men - 437 women), in the first year of junior tournaments, we had 153 players (112 boys – 41 girls).

At this point I want to express special thanks to Nico Verspeelt and Georgios Seliniotakis who work nearly every day handling all the administrative jobs that come before the actual event and, of course, also after, and the special thing is that they are doing it as volunteers. But we must not forget all the other people who help with the competitions, e.g., umpires, classifiers, technical staff and all others.

The whole PTT division has met two times in 2016. In February 2016, we met in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at the World Championships and in September we met in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In February 2017, we will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark.

We have started a very fruitful cooperation with the Development department in the ITTF. Our regional representatives have the task to work together with the development officers to constantly improve the possibility to practise Para table tennis.

A new scope of development planning for the next 4 years is to increase the number of women participating in our competitions.

At last, I want to thank all our volunteers and all others who have contributed to Para Table Tennis all over the world.

Dorte Darfelt

Chairwoman

RULES COMMITTEE (Rudi Sporrer)

Report to the AGM

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During the 2016-2017 period, the main tasks of the ITTF Rules Committee were:

Inquiries/Interpretations on Rules

The Rules Committee had to deal with about 220 questions and inquiries about table tennis laws and regulations.

Most of these questions referred to basic rules, but there were also a considerable number of eligibility cases.

Propositions to the AGM and Board of Directors Meeting 2017

The Rules Committee will present some propositions to the AGM and Board of Directors in 2017 in order to improve ITTF laws and regulations. Moreover the Committee is continuously trying to correct inconsistencies of our rules by preparing editorial amendments.

As usual the Committee has prepared written explanations and comments on propositions and resolutions.

Review of the ITTF Handbook

The ITTF CEO Mrs. Judit Faragó and I met in October 2016 at the ITTF office in Schwechat for finalising the text of the 2017 ITTF Handbook. This work was completed in close co-operation with the Director of Operations & Olympic/Paralympic Games, Mr. Raul Calin.

ITTF Ranking Default Policy

As Chairman of the Rules Committee, I participated in the Ranking Default Policy (RDP) Panel dealing with default cases at all ITTF sanctioned events, including Continental Championships, based on reports of the responsible ITTF competition managers.

Meetings

As usual, two meetings of the Rules Committee took place during the 2016 Perfect World Table Tennis Championships in Kuala Lumpur.

The first meeting was focussed on the final discussion of propositions for the AGM and the BoD meeting. The second one was dealing with decisions taken at these meetings and with proposals for the final wording for these new rules.

All full Committee members participated in our meetings and we were pleased to welcome some distinguished guests as well.

Committee Structure

I am much obliged to all Rules Committee members for their valuable contributions. This time my particular thanks go to the long-standing Deputy Chairman, Mr. Phil Males, who has moved to the ITTF Nominations Committee. We will certainly miss his useful advice.

It was my pleasure to welcome the new Deputy Chairman, Mr. CHAN Cheong Ki, whose knowledge and competence are very much respected.

Let me also express my sincere thanks to the ITTF Executive Vice-President Mr. Cherif Hajem; to the ITTF CEO, Mrs. Judit Faragó; to the Director of Operations & Olympic and Paralympic Games, Mr. Raul Calin; as well as to my colleagues, the Chairpersons of the Athletes Commission, the Umpires and Referees Committee and the Equipment Committee for their support, which is highly appreciated.

Rudi Sporrer

Chairman

The ITTF's Sport Science and Medical Committee (SSMC) is proceeding with the work on the different fields of sports science, sports medicine and the anti-doping fight. Our primary responsibility at the present time is the cooperation with WADA and the IOC regarding the anti-doping fight, injury and illness prevention, as well as the next ITTF Sports Science Congress. After the WTTC in Kuala Lumpur, several activities have been underway among SSMC members.

We have accomplished some activities since March 2016, and we expect to accomplish others prior to the next WTTC in Düsseldorf, 2017:

1. After the WTTC in Kuala Lumpur, the Editorial Board of the 14th ITTF Sports Science Congress and 5th World Racket Sports Congress had an on-line meeting regarding a final look of the Proceedings of the Congress. By the deadline, we had received 144 papers (combined with other racket sports papers). All the papers have undergone the review process. The final document will be split into Proceedings (published by the ITTF) and Science and Racket Sports V (published by Suzhou Press). At the present time, we are waiting for their approval and final layout.
2. After the WTTC in Kuala Lumpur, Francoise Dagouret and I took part in the WADA Symposium.
3. With the *Journal of Human Kinetics*, we have made a deal to publish a special issue on Racketsports. 25 scientific papers have been sent to the journal editorial board. 16 of them have been accepted for the review process and all of them have been accepted for publication. According to our agreement, the special issue was published in January, 2017 (http://johk.pl/volume_55.html). We are very proud of this achievement since this is our first special issue in a scientific journal with a high impact factor.
4. The ITTF SSMC was active prior to the Rio Olympic Games, especially in terms of the "Russian doping affair." Together with ITTF President Thomas Weikert, Judit Farago and Raul Calin, we followed the requirements of the IOC. According to an EC request, we informed all the participants and ITTF members before the Rio Games of the development of the Zika disease.
5. During the Olympic Games in Rio, it was agreed to prepare a copy of videos stored at the ITTF headquarters. The video resources compiled will be used only for scientific purposes. At the present time, the matches have been sent to Prof. Kazuto Yoshida, who will start with a statistical evaluation of the Rio 2016 matches. During next year, other video files will be prepared for scientific analysis. We believe that data on the characteristics of the table tennis rally will be of interest not only to table tennis players, coaches, and researchers, but also to many laypersons as well.
6. In September I visited Halmstad. With the University of Halmstad, we will organize a scientific conference during the 2018 WTTC. Initial steps have already been done and at the present time we are preparing the layout of the conference. Herewith I thank Mr. Mikael Andersson for his idea and cooperation on this project.
7. At the end of September, 8 members of the ITTF SSMC took part in a jointly organized scientific meeting with the JTTA SSMC. The meeting was organized by Dr. Shiro Matsuo. Over 50 scientists took part and presented recent trends in sports science and medicine related to table tennis development. Eight members of the ITTF SSMC took part at this three-day meeting in Tokyo. We used this opportunity also to have our ITTF SSMC meeting where some new proposals for the future work were presented (see the Minutes of the meeting). We are expecting to have another meeting in September, 2017.
8. Irene Faber was successful in announcing the special issue of table tennis. This special issue will be published by the *Journal of Sports Science* (2015 impact factor 2,142;

ranking 22/81) and focuses on transparent innovative research stimulating table tennis global competitiveness. Consequently, many areas of interest are covered, e.g., performance / game analyses, talent identification and development, skill acquisition and training, equipment and performance, health-related aspects / health benefits, Paralympic sports, doping and social and economic aspects of table tennis. Dr. Irene Faber and Prof. Martin Lames (Technical University of Munich, German) are regarded as guest-editors. The submission deadline for papers was the 31st of March, 2017. The review process is estimated to take 6 months. The special issue will be launched in the English language. Options to make the special issue also available in Mandarin and Spanish will be explored. The authors are encouraged to also join the ITTF's Sports Science Congress in Düsseldorf to present their work.

9. In November, 20 students coming from 16 different countries worldwide enrolled in the University Degree Table Tennis Study programme in its first year, and classes within the first semester's courses started soon after. The ITTF SSCM has been playing an active role in the development of this global, university-level coach education project, which was initiated by the SSCM member Prof. Goran Munivrana and organised in cooperation with the ITTF Development & Education programs. The main aim of the project has been to provide an opportunity to both players and coaches within the table tennis community to acquire a university-level education while pursuing their professional careers. The consensus within the SSCM is to continue to provide organisational help and support for such a project that would benefit the whole table tennis community.
10. In the field of anti-doping, most of duties have been provided by Francoise Dagouret and our anti-doping chief Dr. Matsuo Shiro. Herewith I would like to thank especially Francoise for her dedicated work and the prompt information she provided to the EC during 2016.
11. Since January 1, 2015 WADA has intensively promoted its new anti-doping code. In October, the new Prohibited List was published and all NA's have been informed about this list. The 2017 Prohibited List comes into force on 1 January 2017! It is vital that all Players and their Support Personnel (coaches, physicians, team/club or personal doctors, etc.) take the necessary time to consult the List, as well as the related 2017 Summary of Major Modifications and Explanatory Notes.
12. We are still waiting for instructions on the new ITTF website. According to an agreement among all the SSCM members, we are proceeding to enlarge our database on scientific and anti-doping scientific papers, which are published in highly respected scientific journals, and can be found at: http://www.old.ittf.com/_front_page/ittf4.asp?category=science. For that database, we are following the Web of Science and spreading the information on publication of those papers on the ITTF website. Thanks to Mohamed Dawlatly for promptly publishing all the papers on our website.
13. In October, a pilot study was conducted in Otočec (Slovenia) during the final selection camp of the European Table Tennis Union (ETTU) as a part of the project "*Profiling elite youth table tennis players using a multidimensional approach*." The main aim of this pilot was to get more experience in assessing an international sample of table tennis youth players using a multidimensional assessment. Moreover, it was intended to make a first exploration of the results and the adequate analysis. The preparation and conduct of the pilot were carried out in cooperation between the ITTF SSCM members and other expert scientists, including Prof. Miran Kondric (Slovenia), Prof. Ernest Hung (Taiwan), Dr. Goran Munivrana (Croatia), Dr. Guillaume Martinet (France), Dr. Nicolae Ochiana (Romania), Michael Fuchs (Germany), Dr. Marije Elferink-Gemser (The Netherlands) and Dr. Irene Faber (The Netherlands). The ETTU, Mr. Ronald Kramer and Mr. Ivo-Goran Munivrana, supported the pilot study by providing overnight lodging, meals, transportation, and compensation for the assessors on the site. We thank the ETTU for their support.

14. In October, we sent out an announcement for the 15th ITTF Sports Science Congress, which will be held in Düsseldorf in 2017. Up to this writing we have received almost 100 abstracts.
15. In the Netherlands, our member Irene Faber last October successfully defended her PhD thesis "*Diamonds in the rough. Searching for high potential in youth table tennis players.*" We congratulate her for this great achievement and hope she will remain as active as she was until now. Her project: Profiling international elite youth table tennis players using a multidimensional approach is well under way. Irene was also accepted as a member of the executive advisory board of the Journal of Sports Sciences. Besides that, she also delivered a lecture for the ITTF development, education and training program together with Dejan Papić.
16. During the WTTC in Kuala Lumpur we provided three workshops which were well visited. The response of participants in Suzhou was very good, so we decided to continue on with this kind of educational topics for players and coaches.
17. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Judit Farago, Raul Calin and Thomas Weikert for their contribution to the work of the ITTF SSMC with regard to scientific topics and cooperation with WADA and the IOC. I also would like to thank Mr. Masahiro Maehara for his support of our activities in the field of sports science and medicine. Thanks also to all members of the ITTF SSMC who are dedicated to the work in sports science, the anti-doping fight and medicine.

Tasks to be fulfilled prior to May 2017:

- Searching for the tool to prepare a database for scientific papers and scientists in table tennis;
- Updating the database of scientific papers that have been published in different scientific journals;
- Preparing for the workshops that will be organized during the WTTC in Düsseldorf;
- Continuing activities on doping control and medical health proposals at the WTTC in Düsseldorf;
- Conducting activities for the 15th ITTF Sports Science Congress in Germany;
- In accordance with an invitation from the IOC, I will be attending the next IOC World Conference on Prevention and Illness in Sport in March, 2017;
- Helping NA's regarding anti-doping policy; and
- Carrying on other activities.

Prof. Miran Kondrič, PhD
Chairman

UMPIRES' AND REFEREES' COMMITTEE (Ronald Wee)

Report to the AGM

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1. **IR Conference 2017:** The URC has sent out the invitations for 2 IR Conferences: one in Beijing, China (October 2017) and a second in Larnaca, Cyprus (November 2017). More than 100 referees are expected to participate.
2. **Nomination of Referees for ITTF Events:** The ITTF URC is working closely with the ITTF office and organisers to confirm/facilitate nominations of referees for ITTF events to include new referees and referees from different continents.
3. **Referee Tool Box:** A toolbox with 16 documents is available for all referees. This is to provide guidelines and help standardise procedures in all tournaments.
4. **Referee Report:** The standardised written referee report (excel sheet) has been replaced by an electronic database. All assigned referees have access to the database. The database can be used for keeping records and analysis. This is also linked to other ITTF databases.
5. **Referee Report/Frequently Asked Questions/Case Studies Document:** The ITTF URC evaluated all referee reports and used the cases/recommendations of these reports for quality assurance and training. The cases were included in the FAQ and Case Study Document.
6. **Referee Training Video:** The URC, in collaboration with the Beijing Sport University, has successfully produced the Referee Training Video. This was used as a training tool for the IR Schools. It has been uploaded onto the URC website.
7. **Advanced Referee Project 2 (ARP2):** With the success of ARP1, we embarked on ARP2 with 9 candidates. The candidates are: Cyril Sen (MAS), Joseph Lau (SIN), Steven Lee (AUS), Mohamed Bassiouny (EGY), Isabelle Beumier (BEL), Tina Crotta (GRE), Silvia Garro (CRC), Thomas Wadsten (SWE) and Zhang Yingqiu (CHN). Unfortunately, for family and health reasons, Steven Lee has withdrawn from the project. We genuinely hope that he can return in the near future. They had a workshop in Kuala Lumpur from 4th to 6th November 2016 where they covered a wide variety of topics related to refereeing at the highest level.
8. **IU Exam:** There were a total of 673 new IUs (from 79 countries) out of more than 1,000 candidates. This is the most-ever number of passes. The oldest candidate is 77-years-old and the youngest is 17-years-old.
9. **AUT, ARE and Evaluations:** The URC conducted 7 AUT courses, 10 ARE and evaluations for 20 events (a total of 663 evaluations). There were 28 new Blue Badge umpires.
10. **ARE for Evaluators:** Following the implementation in Suzhou, the course conductors and evaluators continue to write the mandatory ARE. This will ensure our course conductors and evaluators themselves are up to date with the current rules and regulations.

11. **Hand Signals for Illegal Services:** The URC has implemented the hand signals for illegal services. This has been circulated to all associations and the hand signals with explanation note was uploaded onto the URC website.
12. **New Umpires Uniform:** We introduced the new umpire uniform as a trial at the Men's World Cup in Saarbrücken, GER and at the Women's World Cup in Philadelphia, USA. The feedback from the umpires and referees was very positive. The ITTF URC is working with the Marketing Department to look for a sponsor for the new uniform.
13. **Development Programme:** The ITTF URC updated the training programme and is working closely with Development to train and educate match officials worldwide. A close cooperation with Continental Associations has resulted in ITTF URC reaching out to Sri Lanka and Cambodia. For 2017 we will be conducting courses in Mongolia, Tunisia and Fiji.
14. **Acknowledgement:** I wish to thank fellow members of the Umpires' and Referees' Committee for their support and contributions as well as the Special Advisors for their guidance. I thank ITTF staff members Raul Calin and Emese Barsai for providing background information and their assistance in co-ordinating with the National Associations, Organisers and other agencies for the successful hosting of tournaments. Thank you also to Habiba Besic for the financial advice and prompt payment.

Ronald Wee

Chairman

VETERANS COMMITTEE (Reto Bazzi)

Report to the AGM

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1. Composition of the Committee (Period 2015 - 2017)

Members: Reto Bazzi (Switzerland / Europe), Chairperson; Galal Ezz (Egypt / Africa), Deputy Chairperson; Dean Johnson (USA / North America), Ina Jozepsone (Latvia / Europe), Paul Kyle (New Zealand / Oceania), Jamil Lotfollah-Nasabi (Iran / Asia); Diane Schöler (Germany / Europe), Swaythling Club International; and Hans Westling (Sweden / Europe), World Veterans Championships Committee.

2. Committee Meetings / Communication

The following officials attended the Committee meetings in February/March during the World Championships in Kuala Lumpur / MAS:

Reto Bazzi, Chair; Galal Ezz, Deputy Chair;

Dean Johnson, Ina Jozepsone, Paul Kyle;

Diane Schöler, Swaythling Club International (SCI); and

Hans Westling, World Veterans Championships (WVC) Committee.

During the year, the Chairperson communicated with the committee members through e-mail correspondence and/or sometimes by phone, especially with the Deputy Chairperson.

3. Committee's Activities

Following the purpose (mandate) according to the "Terms of Reference" the Committee concentrated its activities in the following areas:

3.1 Support SCI in organising World Veteran Championships

At the 18th World Veteran Championships in Alicante (ESP), the Committee was represented by its Chairperson. A report was distributed to all members after the Championships.

With 4,335 players (3,217 male and 1,118 female) from 80 associations, it was the biggest event in the history of the WVTTC. For the first time the age category over 90 was played with 10 male players. On 165 tables a total of 15,504 matches were played. 2,887 players registered for the special "SMS messaging service" (with information about the individual players' schedule and playing times). The organisers offered an "APP" with helpful information regarding the whole event. Video streaming iTV was used during the last two days with more than 70,000 hits and 23 articles were published on the ITTF website.

I also attended the SCI AGM and all meetings of the SCI Executive Committee and the WVC Committee in Kuala Lumpur.

3.2 Encourage continental and national federations to promote veterans' table tennis activities

There was a continuation of the dialogue and good co-operation, especially with the Chairpersons of the Asian and European Veterans Committees.

3.3 Support continental and national federations in preparing ranking lists for veteran players

During the World Championships in Kuala Lumpur the Committee decided to continue with the efforts to establish a ranking system for veteran players. As a further step, a simulation with the results of the World Veteran Championships was organised with the support of Paul Kyle from New Zealand. During the World Veteran Championships in Alicante, I had a meeting with the responsible person for the national rankings in Germany. As they already have most of the results of their veteran players in the system, a further co-operation was discussed. In the meantime, a separate access for the Chairperson is available.

3.4 Update veterans' activities on the ITTF Website, section SCI/WVC, in cooperation with the SCI

In co-operation with Ian Marshall and Hans Westling, a list with international veterans' events was prepared to be published along with respective articles on the website. There is still some improvement in communication possible to have more and regular publications of the veterans' activities.

The veterans' calendar was also regularly updated by Hans Westling and published on the website.

3.5 Establish working groups to address specific areas of work for a specified period of time

Since Suzhou, in principle, there are two working groups: one, the Veterans' Calendar and the other, Veterans' Ranking. As there are not so many members on the committee, it is normally possible to discuss the main topics with the whole committee.

4. Appreciation

I take the opportunity to express my thanks to the committee members for their contributions during the last year.

I also express my sincere thanks to the chairpersons of the continental veterans committees and the President and WVC Committee members of the SCI for the good co-operation.

Reto Bazzi

Chairman

Meetings

The Olympic and Paralympic Commission (OPC) met twice during the year: at the World Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and at the World Tour Grand Finals in Doha, Qatar. Additionally, the majority of the OPC members attended the Olympics and/or Paralympic Games in different capacities.

At the February OPC meeting, the final lists of International Technical Officials for the Rio Olympics and Paralympics were ratified, and a preliminary update of the first qualifiers for Rio (through the regional multisport games) was presented. The OPC meeting in February dealt with the Paralympic Games qualification process as well, and there was an update on the 2018 YOG in Buenos Aires.

The differences in the Continental Qualification events were evident, and the conclusion at the second OPC meeting in December was that the qualification system should be thoroughly revised for Tokyo 2020. As a consequence, a working group will be established once the final events to be included in Tokyo are known.

At the same meeting, it was decided that the team format of play will be reviewed as well, through another working group.

Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Two final inspections were held in 2016, including the validation of the results systems for Olympic and Paralympic Games (ORIS and PRIS respectively). The communication with Rio 2016 representatives intensified as Games time was approaching.

The equipment for Games time arrived according to the expected timelines, and everything worked well with customs clearance, etc. The venue set-up was finalized on time and practice started as soon as the Olympic Village was open.

Hiring of staff and recruitment of volunteers happened also timely although some cuts were made, for example, in what related to French-speaking announcers.

The warm-up, and particularly the practice hall, had some issues with the lighting, which were solved by Rio 2016 as best as they could under the guidance of the Sport Managers.

The integration of the ITTF staff with the Rio 2016 team, the contractors, and the volunteers was excellent, and was one of the keys to the success of our sport during the Games.

In Rio, everyone experienced an incredible atmosphere in our venue, which was certainly appreciated by the majority of the players. This happened in both the Olympics and the Paralympic Games.

Transport was the biggest problem overall, but the proximity of the Olympic Village minimized this impact at least for the players and coaches.

Our sincere congratulations and appreciation to Rio 2016 Sport Managers, Carlos Leon (Olympic Games) and Edimilson Pinheiro (Paralympic Games), as well as to their entire team and the volunteers. Last, but not least, our thanks to the CBTM and its President, Alaor Azevedo, and to the Rio 2016 management, particularly to Agberto Guimaraes and Rodrigo Garcia, for their cooperation during the entire Games preparation.

Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games Update

The first inspection was held in September, 2016 and a detailed floor plan for the table tennis venue was confirmed with BAYAGOC. Also the qualification system was approved, and the competition schedule was advanced.

Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games Update

The ITTF will pursue to include the full programme of events into the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. For that purpose, the ITTF has submitted to the IOC applications to include Mixed Doubles, Women's Doubles and Men's Doubles.

For the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, it was decided to try to get at least one more category in Women's and Men's Teams standing.

Sachiko Yokota has been appointed as the Sport Manager for the table tennis event at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and our first inspections will be held in 2017.

2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games

The ITTF was invited for an inspection at the three (remaining) candidates at the time of writing this report. The inspections were held in Los Angeles (September), Paris and Budapest (October) and a report was presented to the OPC in December in Doha. The venues offered by the three candidates cities are adequate for our sport and we are confident that whichever is the outcome at the IOC session in Lima, the ITTF will have a good cooperation with the organizers.

Respectfully submitted,

Raul Calin

Director of Operations & Olympic/Paralympic Games

Report of the independent auditor

with consolidated financial statements as of 31 December 2015 of

International Table Tennis Federation, Renens

To the Board of Directors of
International Table Tennis Federation, Renens

Lausanne, 27 September 2016
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Report of the independent auditor on the 2015 consolidated financial statements

As independent auditor and in accordance with your instructions, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of International Table Tennis Federation which comprise the balance sheet, income statement and notes for the year ended 31 December 2015.

Board of Directors' responsibility

The Board of Directors, represented by the Executive Committee, is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Swiss law and the federation's articles of association. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Board of Directors, represented by the Executive Committee, is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

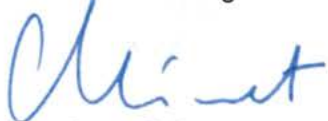
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 comply with Swiss law and the federation's articles of association.

Ernst & Young Ltd



Serge Clément
Licensed audit expert
(Auditor in charge)



Michael Ackermann
Licensed audit expert

Enclosure

- Consolidated financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes)

International Table Tennis Federation, Renens / Lausanne

Consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2015
(in USD)

| | Notes | USD December 31, 2015 | USD December 31, 2014 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 5 | 9 138 087 | 10 633 303 |
| Trade receivable, net | 6 | 521 178 | 887 975 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 290 781 | 63 623 |
| Total current assets | | 9 950 046 | 11 584 901 |
| Capital assets | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 7 | 4 103 650 | 3 612 066 |
| Total Capital assets | | 4 103 650 | 3 612 066 |
| | | 14 054 747 | 15 196 968 |
| Total assets | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Trade creditors | | 1 592 924 | 1 811 720 |
| Deferred revenues - Olympic funding | 8 | 2 700 000 | 4 028 800 |
| Deferred income and accrued expenses | 9 | 622 099 | 434 701 |
| Total current liabilities | | 4 915 023 | 6 275 221 |
| Equity | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 10 | 9 408 883 | 9 017 507 |
| Currency translation adjustment | 10 | (270 209) | (95 760) |
| Total Equity | | 9 138 674 | 8 921 747 |
| Total liabilities and funds | | 14 054 747 | 15 196 968 |

**Consolidated statement of income and expenditure for the year ended
December 31, 2015
(in USD)**

| | Notes | USD 2015 | USD 2014 |
|---|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Marketing income | 11 | 6'696'459 | 7'012'680 |
| Olympic solidarity | | 276'079 | 129'255 |
| Other Olympic Income | | 75'730 | 563'041 |
| International Umpires/Referees | | 3'902 | 46'253 |
| Equipment approval fees | | 1'252'562 | 1'184'500 |
| Subscriptions and membership | | 179'449 | 126'377 |
| Sales and advertising | | 7'288 | 32'441 |
| Other Income | | | |
| Paralympic TT division | | 270'618 | 231'950 |
| Miscellaneous | | 143'412 | 57'514 |
| Revenues ITTF Museum Shanghai | 12 | 400'000 | 400'000 |
| Butterfly Solidarity Fund Junior | | - | 74'750 |
| Government Grant | | (148) | 4'635 |
| Income before release from deferred revenues | | 1 339 840 | 2 222 200 |
| Release from deferred revenues regarding Olympic fund | 8 | 10'645'192 | 12'085'596 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Publications | 14 | (97'318) | (110'455) |
| Meetings and travel | 15 | (709'800) | (775'366) |
| Competitions | 16 | (5'316'629) | (5'917'474) |
| Development and Olympic Solidarity | 17 | (1'668'230) | (1'655'790) |
| Cost of Marketing - Singapore | | (14'025) | (13'464) |
| Paralympic TT Division | | (283'839) | (130'741) |
| Museum | | (1'804) | (96'429) |
| | | (8 091 647) | (8 699 720) |
| Administrative expenses | | | |
| Salaries and clerical assistance | | 912'873 | 828'413 |
| Depreciation and Bad debts | 19 | 241'378 | 234'409 |
| Administration | 13 | 443'942 | 656'580 |
| Other expenses | 18 | 818'829 | 1'019'206 |
| | | 2 417 022 | 2 738 608 |
| Financial Result | | | |
| | 20 | 254'851 | 1'128'301 |
| Net profit for the period | | | |
| | | 391 376 | 1 775 569 |

Notes to the consolidated financial statements 2015

1. Activity

International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), Lausanne, is operating as a not-for-profit organization incorporated under article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code. The Federation's office in Canada is incorporated under Part II of the Canada Corporation Act with federal letters patent dated August 19, 1997. The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Asia-Pacific office is on its side incorporated and domiciled in Singapore since 1 March 2011.

The objectives of the Federation are:

- a) to develop the spirit of friendship and mutual assistance among affiliated table tennis associations and players;
- b) to regulate relations between affiliated table tennis associations and between table tennis associations and other organizations;
- c) to seek continual improvement in the technical standard of table tennis and in the extent of participation in the sport throughout the world;
- d) to foster friendly sporting competition and to eliminate unfair and unsporting practices;
- e) to establish and maintain the Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for international Competitions;
- f) to publish the standard text of the Rules, consisting of the Constitution, the Laws and the Regulations;
- g) to encourage the publication of the Rules in other languages and to check the accuracy of such publications;
- h) to promote and to supervise World and Olympic title competitions; and
- i) to employ the funds of the ITTF as may be expedient in the interests of international table tennis.
- j) to endeavor to increase participation at all levels, to enhance the popularity of the sport, to develop new sources of revenue and to manage the sport through a systematic planning process.
- k) to encourage players, coaches and officials to present the sport positively in the best ways so as to enhance its image.
- l) to encourage and to support the promotion of women in sport at all levels and to ensure significant representation of women in ITTF Committees, Commissions and Working Groups.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements 2015

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

2.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements of ITTF are presented in accordance with the Swiss Code of Obligations. Title 32 of the Swiss Code of Obligations deals with the commercial accounting and financial reporting.

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the New Law on Accounting and Financial Reporting. Presentation adjustments were made to 2014 figures for comparison purpose.

For the first time, the consolidated financial statements are presented in USD. The impact of the change of presentation currency is disclosed in note 10.

2.2 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at acquisition cost. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost of the asset and the related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts. Any profit or loss on disposal of fixed assets is reflected in the statement of income for the period.

2.3 Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on the basis of the cost of the assets and on their estimated useful lives and is provided as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Furniture and equipment | 33.3% straight-line basis |
| Computers | 33.3% straight-line basis |
| Building | 4% straight-line basis |
| Vehicles | 30% straight-line basis |
| Museum Collection | not depreciated |

2.4 Deferred income

Any funds received for events to be held in the future, where reimbursement of these funds would be necessary in the case of event cancellation, are deferred in the balance sheet and not recognized as income until the event for which the funds were received has taken place.

2.5 Foreign currencies

The Federation's consolidated financial statements are presented in US dollars, which is the main currency used by the organization. For each entity the Federation determines the functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency.

i) Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by the Federation's entities at their respective functional currency at a fixed exchange rate adjusted on a yearly basis.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency spot rates of exchange at the reporting date.

Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognised in income statement.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions.

ii) Translation

On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into USD at the rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date and their income statement is translated at the yearly average rate. The exchange differences arising on translation for consolidation are recognised as equity.

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2.6 Revenue recognition - Olympic revenue

The Federation's policy is that enough Olympic revenue is recognized in each year of the quadrennial in order to eliminate any deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year or at least stabilize the statement of income and expenditure.

3. Financial instruments and currency exchange gains

The Federation's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The carrying values of these financial instruments approximate their fair value. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Federation is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

Most of the Federation's financial instruments (cash at bank and financial assets) are nominated in USD.

4. Related parties

TMS International

TMS International ("TMS") is an independent, non-profit Marketing Corporation that conducts marketing and commercial activities on behalf of the Federation and other entities.

Under an agreement between the Federation, as the principal client, and TMS, expired December 31, 2008 and extended for a six new year's period, TMS has the exclusive rights of selling Federation sponsorship, advertising, television and licensing rights over specified Federation events. Until 2013, TMS provided the Federation with yearly guaranteed revenue based on the greater of an annual budgeted amount approved at the Federation's Executive Committee:

The contract with TMS has been amended in September 2013 with regards to the financial year 2014. According to the new contract, there is no minimum amount committed by TMS but a profit sharing scheme is implemented (75% of the commercial income and TV rights for ITTF and 25% for TMS). A contract based on this model was also signed in July 2014 for the period 2015 to 2020. The amounts committed by TMS contractually and the amounts transferred each year by TMS and recorded by ITTF as marketing revenues are as follows:

| Financial Year | Contractual minimum revenues (former contract) | Contractual minimum revenues (amended contract) | TMS actual contribution |
|----------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| | in million USD | in million USD | in million USD |
| 2014 | 5.2 | none | 6.7 |
| 2015 | none | none | 6.6 |

In addition, the Federation charges TMS for administrative expenses incurred in the Asia-Pacific office. During the year these charges amounted to USD 142'496 (2014: USD 135'658).

5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cash | 3 352 206 | 5 941 832 |
| Call accounts | 5 607 881 | 4 512 189 |
| Money market and notes | 178 000 | 179 282 |
| | <u>9 138 087</u> | <u>10 633 303</u> |

The ITTF cash in excess resulting from the International Olympic Committee distribution after the 2008 Olympic Games was invested in short term money deposits and notes with first ranking banks. These financial assets are accounted for at market value.

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6. Trade receivables

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Accounts receivable third parties | 51 777 | 113 758 |
| Accounts receivable related parties | 481 401 | 786 304 |
| Accounts receivable | 533 178 | 900 062 |
| Bad debt allowance | (12 000) | (12 086) |
| Accounts receivable, net | 521 178 | 887 975 |

The changes in bad debt allowance and actual losses on receivables are recorded under the line depreciation and bad debts, refer to note 19.

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Land and building (Renens) | 3 517 870 | 3 081 209 |
| Furniture and equipment | 69 717 | 11 077 |
| Museum Collection | 516 064 | 519 780 |
| | 4 103 650 | 3 612 066 |

During the financial year 2015, ITTF invested about USD 680'000 in building improvements for its Renens office.

8. Deferred revenues - Olympic funding

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Olympic funding at the beginning of the year | 4 028 800 | 6 251 000 |
| Used in year | (1 339 840) | (2 222 200) |
| Foreign exchange impact | 11'040 | - |
| Olympic funding at the end of the year | 2 700 000 | 4 028 800 |

9. Deferred income and accrued expenses

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Accrued expenses | 135'833 | - |
| Deferred income & advance equipment approvals | 486'266 | 434'701 |
| | 622 099 | 434 701 |

Notes to the consolidated financial statements 2015

10. Equity

| | December 31, 2015 USD | Converted Financial Statements December 31, 2014 USD | Audited financial statements at December 31, 2014 CHF |
|---|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Unrestricted funds at the beginning of the year | 9'017'507 | 7'241'938 | 7'314'159 |
| Net profit for the period | 391'376 | 1'775'569 | 1'695'828 |
| Currency translation adjustment | (270'209) | (95'760) | (151'829) |
| Unrestricted funds at the end of the year | 9 138 674 | 8 921 747 | 8'858'158 |

The unrestricted funds were converted at the closing rate of: 1.111 USD/CHF for the income Statement and of 1.007 for the balance sheet.

11. Marketing income

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Transfer from TMS International (note 4) Lausanne | 6 557 065 | 6 686 300 |
| Transfer from TMS International (note 4) to ITTF Singapore | 142 496 | 135 658 |
| Sponsorship Marketing | 135 587 | 296 833 |
| Marketing direct cost | (138 689) | (106 111) |
| | 6 696 459 | 7 012 680 |

12. Revenues ITTF Museum Shanghai

A cooperation agreement was signed in August 2014 with the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission and the Chinese Table Tennis Association. According to this agreement, a new ITTF Museum opened in Shanghai and is run by the local authorities. ITTF relocated its collection to this new Museum and received a financial compensation amounting to USD 2 million split over a 5 years period (from 2014 to 2018). The amount received in 2015 and 2014 is of USD 400'000.

13. Administration

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Accountancy and bank charges | 15 603 | 21 919 |
| Audit and accounting | 28 558 | 26 618 |
| Office equipment and furniture | 51 840 | 99 782 |
| Office expenses and rent (Renens, Ottawa, Singapore, Vienna) | 48 184 | 85 231 |
| Telephone, fax, internet and postage | 70 220 | 113 690 |
| Taxes, VAT (Renens) | 5 890 | 6 282 |
| Insurances | 41 026 | 50 982 |
| Professional fees | 97 696 | 21 014 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 70 699 | 152 567 |
| Miscellaneous | 6 110 | 67 280 |
| Translation | 8 115 | 1 251 |
| TMS chargeback | - | 9 963 |
| | 443 942 | 656 580 |

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14. Publications

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TT Fascination | 35 779 | 39 016 |
| Rules booklet and other handbooks | 6 280 | 5 875 |
| Coaching manuals & other publications | 55 260 | 65 564 |
| | <u>97 318</u> | <u>110 455</u> |

15. Meetings and travel

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Executive Committee | 345 118 | 370 760 |
| Board of Directors | 4 101 | 9 426 |
| AGM | 13 751 | 15 463 |
| Committee Chairmen | 1 884 | 36 174 |
| Committee Expenses | 1 725 | 9 974 |
| President's Honorarium | 65 198 | 21 000 |
| Professionnal staff | 230 274 | 264 632 |
| Tangible fixed assets | 20 756 | 11 888 |
| Other meetings | 20 757 | 19 883 |
| Sport Accord | 6 236 | 9 232 |
| Other Travel Expenses | - | 6 934 |
| | <u>709 800</u> | <u>775 366</u> |

16. Competitions

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| World Championships | 1 307 160 | 1 589 318 |
| World Cup Men & Women | 217 503 | 391 315 |
| World Team Cup | 32 913 | 37 286 |
| ITTF World Tour | 3 204 438 | 2 965 478 |
| Global junior program | 239 046 | 593 180 |
| World Junior Championships | 153 834 | 125 206 |
| Other competitions | 143 040 | 193 004 |
| Olympic Games | 478 | 2 289 |
| Results & Statistics | 18 216 | 20 398 |
| | <u>5 316 629</u> | <u>5 917 474</u> |

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17. Development and Olympic Solidarity

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Continental Olympic Grants | 108 223 | 54 882 |
| Special projects | 20 041 | (4 800) |
| Equipment for Developing Associations | 57 996 | 139 688 |
| Coaching programs | 12 716 | 4 874 |
| Olympic Solidarity Courses | 136 347 | 167 142 |
| Referee and umpire scheme | 27 460 | 35 705 |
| Education & training program | 247 035 | 221 693 |
| Women development | 64 704 | 16 465 |
| Development program | 993 708 | 1 020 140 |
| | <u>1 668 230</u> | <u>1 655 790</u> |

18. Other expenses

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Continental Agreements & Events | 241 942 | 312 894 |
| Equipment testing | 138 006 | 235 267 |
| Anti-doping testing | 6 191 | 23 795 |
| Promotional items, gifts & advertising | 93 582 | 234 961 |
| Computer software | 215 | 2 604 |
| Membership to sport bodies | - | 7 272 |
| Purchase of publications | - | 5 144 |
| Donations | 400 | 5 269 |
| Media service | 84 459 | 71 087 |
| Ranking | 18 216 | 23 490 |
| Miscellaneous | 235 782 | 95 092 |
| Interest charges | 35 | 2 325 |
| | <u>818 829</u> | <u>1 019 206</u> |

Notes to the consolidated financial statements 2015

19. Depreciation and Bad debts

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Depreciation | 241 378 | 247 742 |
| Change in bad debt allowance | - | (13 333) |
| | <u>241 378</u> | <u>234 409</u> |

A bad debt allowance is recorded to adjust the accounts receivable to their net realizable value after performance of a specific analysis of accounts receivable overdue (note 6). The allowance corresponds to the overdue balances from various federations.

20. Financial result

| | December 31, 2015 USD | December 31, 2014 USD |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Investment income/loss | 4'151 | 3'717 |
| Currency exchange gain | 394'120 | 1'131'987 |
| Currency Exchange Loss | (143'419) | (7'403) |
| | <u>254 852</u> | <u>1 128 301</u> |

21. Guarantee / Pledged assets

As of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the land and buildings in Lausanne are pledged to the bank to the extent of CHF 2'000'000 in guarantee of the credit limit granted. As of December 31, 2015, the credit line is not used.

22. Other information required by law

In 2014 and 2015, the number of full time equivalent employees is less than 50.

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Report to the AGM

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Propositions to the AGM 2017

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2/3 majority required

Proposed by the ITTF Athletes Commission

To delete 1.12.8.1 and to renumber 1.12.8.2:

1.12.8 A person connected in any way with the manufacture, sale or endorsement of table tennis equipment or with consultation on such equipment:

~~1.12.8.1 shall not be eligible as a member of the Executive Committee;~~

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1.12.8.1 may serve on a Committee or otherwise represent an Association but shall withdraw from a meeting or abstain from voting on an issue if so requested by a majority of the meeting that he or she is attending.

Rationale: According to the current ITTF constitution wording, many active or retired players are not eligible to be full members of the ITTF Executive Committee. By deleting clause 1.12.8.1 an opportunity will be given to these players, many of whom live and breathe table tennis, and whose incredible experience acquired during many years could be used for the needs of our sport.

At the same time, the original clause 1.12.8.2 will ensure that any conflicts of interest are avoided.

Propositions to the AGM 2017

3/4 majority required

Proposed by Hong Kong Table Tennis Association and Korean Table Tennis Association

To amend 2.4.2:

2.4.2 ~~At least 85% of the blade by thickness shall be of natural wood; an adhesive layer within the blade may be reinforced with fibrous material such as carbon fibre, glass fibre or compressed paper, but shall not be thicker than 7.5% of the total thickness or 0.35mm, whichever is the smaller.~~

The blade shall be made of one or more layers of natural wood or other solid materials, without cavities and not compressible.

Rationale:

1. Racket blade is currently not a piece of authorized equipment.
2. There is no guideline or mechanism to detect or monitor the current rule at a competition.
3. The current rule on percentage of the blade being natural wood is arbitrary.
4. Allowing the blade to be made of other materials other than wood allow innovative ideas from developers and manufacturers to look for new materials that may be less costly or longer lasting.
5. During the past year, there has been concern from some about rigidity of the blade, therefore wordings to reinforce the requirement of rigidity of a racket blade, without cavities and non-compressible or deformable are added in Rule 2.4.2.
6. ITTF could always amend/add rules on racket blades if future development has any adverse impact on the sport.
7. All other rules in connection with the blade (shape, size, weight, covering, and continuity) would remain unchanged.

Brief account of materials of rackets for other racket sports

Badminton: Previously, rackets must be made of wood. Currently, there is no restriction on materials. Rackets are generally made of carbon fibre composite or graphite reinforced plastic or reinforced by a variety of materials

Tennis: Previously, rackets must be made of wood. Currently, there is no restriction on materials.

Rackets are generally made of composites of carbon graphite, ceramics, and lighter metals such as titanium

Squash: Previously, rackets were made with laminated wood, ash or aluminium graphite. Currently, there is no restriction on materials. Rackets are generally made of composite materials or metals (graphite, Kevlar, titanium or boron which is an organic mineral)

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| 3 | <p>Proposed by the ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee</p> <p>To delete 2.6.5:</p> <p>2.6.5 — As soon as the ball has been projected, the server's free arm and hand shall be removed from the space between the ball and the net.</p> <p>The space between the ball and the net is defined by the ball, the net and its indefinite upward extension.</p> <p><i>Rationale: To remove the requirement that the server's free arm and hand shall be removed from the space between the ball and the net. Rule 2.6.4 includes the phrase "the ball... shall not be hidden from the receiver..." so 2.6.5 is not necessary. This rule currently causes confusion, and has resulted in players incorrectly being faulted by umpires for not moving the free arm as soon as the ball has been projected when, in fact, the ball is always visible to the receiver and the free arm and hand is never in the space between the ball and the net.</i></p> |
| 4 | <p>Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee</p> <p>To amend 2.8.3 and to add new 2.10.1.16:</p> <p>2.8.3 In doubles, when at least one player of a pair is in a wheelchair due to a physical disability, the server shall first make a service, the receiver shall then make a return but thereafter either player of the disabled pair may make returns. However, no part of a player's wheelchair nor a foot of a standing player of this pair shall protrude beyond the imaginary extension of the centre line of the table. If it does, the umpire shall award the point to the opposing pair.</p> <p>2.10.1 Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point</p> <p>...</p> <p>2.10.1.16 if, where an opposing doubles pair includes at least one player in a wheelchair, any part of the wheelchair or a foot of a standing player crosses an imaginary extension of the centre line.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> <i>The second and third sentences of 2.8.3 are out of place in this section, which refers to the order of play. They define another reason for which a point may be scored and should be part of section 2.10, "A Point". The proposition is to transfer them to the latter section, with no change of principle.</i></p> |

Resolutions to the AGM 2017

Simple majority required

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| A | <p>Proposed by the Congo Brazzaville and Cote d'Ivoire Table Tennis Associations</p> <p>That the number of associations at each WCTT must be decided by the AGM when an association present its candidature to host it.</p> <p><i>Rationale: This means that the board in the future will decide about the system, the format, the schema, etc., according to the number of participant associations decided by the AGM</i></p> |
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Resolutions to the AGM 2017 (continued)

Simple majority required

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| <p>B</p> | <p>Proposed by the Royal Spanish Table Tennis Association</p> <p>The ITTF should develop a draft, to be discussed and adopted at the 2018 General Assembly, containing, at least:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A clear statement of the ITTF vision, mission and a four years strategic plan. 2 The amendment to the ITTF Constitution to make it full compliant to the basic principles of good governance. Special consideration to be given to the establishment of transparent and enhanced dispute resolution mechanisms and adequate procedures to avoid conflicts of interests. 3 The ITTF should establish a system of internal audit and budget control and a clear and adequate risk management process. <p><i>Rationale:</i> <i>The International Olympic Committee unanimously agreed at the 127th IOC Session held in Monaco on 8 and 9 December 2014, 40 recommendations as the strategic roadmap for the future of the Olympic Movement in the so-called Agenda 2020. The recommendation number 27 reads as follows:</i></p> <p><i>"All organisations belonging to the Olympic Movement to accept and comply with the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement" (PGG).</i></p> |
| <p>C</p> | <p>Proposed by the Royal Spanish Table Tennis Association</p> <p>To create a new Committee: SPORT FOR ALL COMMITTEE</p> <p>ROLE OF THE NEW COMMITTEE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to advise the ITTF on Sport for all issues. • to co-ordinate efforts to increase global participation in table tennis events. • to develop new ideas and initiatives to promote table tennis on all continents and on a Sport for all/grassroots level. <p>Till the next election of the Committee in 2019 the Executive Committee will nominate the President of the Committee and each Continent will propose one representative to be member of this new Committee.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> <i>The term "Sport for All" was established by the Council of Europe in 1966 and since the 1970s hundreds of countries and the IOC itself (in 1983) have strongly support the Sport for All concept. There is no doubt that table tennis is the paradigm of sports for all. The ITTF should be part of the Sport for All movement in order to promote new open competition with mass participation and promote new ideas to extend table tennis around the world through Sport for All initiatives.</i></p> |
| <p>D</p> | <p>Proposed by Hong Kong Table Tennis Association and Korean Table Tennis Association</p> <p><i>If proposition No.2 does not pass</i></p> <p>ITTF needs to study and review the rule on materials of a racket blade, with an ultimate goal that blades may be made of materials other than wood.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To allow tests or experiments to be carried out on racket blades made of materials other than wood. 2. To enable equipment developers and manufacturers to explore new ideas on different materials for the racket blade. |



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Friday 02 June 2017 at 09h00

Meeting room 802, Hall 8b of the Congress Centre Dusseldorf South, Dusseldorf, Germany.

AGENDA

1. President: Welcome and Opening Address
2. Roll call and welcome of new members
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the BoD meeting held on 3 March 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
4. Annual reports from the athletes and the commissioners:
 - 4.1 Athletes' Commission (document G1)
 - 4.2 Junior Commissioner (document G2)
 - 4.3 Technical Commissioner (document G3)
 - 4.4 Women in Sport Commissioner (document G4)
5. Appointment of committee chairs
6. Propositions and resolutions (document H)
7. Code of Ethics update
8. Updates of Technical Leaflet 4 (document I)
9. Updates of Terms of Reference (document J)
10. World Junior Championships
 - 10.1 2017 World Junior Championships (Italy)
 - 10.2 2018 and 2019 World Junior Championships bids
11. World Cups and World Tour update
12. Global Junior Programme
 - 12.1 Update on 2016 World Cadet Challenge, World Junior Circuit and WJC Finals
 - 12.2 2018 and 2019 World Cadet Challenge bids
13. Ratification of the work done by the committees, commissions and commissioners
14. Next meeting: to be held in Halmstad in May 2018
15. Any other business
16. Adjournment

ATHLETES' COMMISSION (Vladimir Samsonov)

Report to the BoD

Document G1

Olympic and Paralympic Games

Good playing conditions during both events. Great job by all ITTF staff. Walking distance from the Olympic Village, great environment, stadium and crowd. Congratulations to Mr. Ryu Seung Min, who became a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission.

Para Players Committee

We would like to propose to change the system at the Paralympic Games so that instead of a match for 3rd place, two bronze medals get awarded instead. Also, it is important to broaden the Paralympics by adding additional women, men doubles or mixed double events. In addition, we are asking all ITTF stakeholders to support our hopes for having prize money at events.

IOC Outreach Program

At the end of May, 2016, Zoran Primorac and Vladimir Samsonov took part in the IOC ACP (Athlete Career Program) Outreach course in Lausanne. The IOC created its Outreach Program in 2007 providing hands-on workshops to elite athletes around the world. The next step is to present the program to other table tennis athletes. The aim is to have at least 2 IOC ACP Outreach Courses in 2017.

ABS Balls

During 2016, new ITTF approved DHS balls made of ABS type of plastic were received and distributed amongst players for testing. Comparing with the DHS ball that is used now – the new balls are harder; have a higher bounce; and overall are closer to Nittaku Premium, Butterfly G40, Xu Shaofa. This is important because players will have less trouble adjusting to other balls. Because of less spin, it may be more difficult for the defenders to play. The results of the survey showed that the majority of the players that voted agree to start using the new ball.

Working Groups

The Athletes' Commission is thankful and pleased to be included in the ITTF Working Groups, such as "Service," "Future Events," and "Olympic Qualification and Team Format." The AC continue to emphasize the importance of having as much inclusion and involvement as possible in order to represent the Athletes' point of view in all key decisions.

World Tour

Lots of changes are planned to the World Tour in 2017. We welcome a substantial increase of prize money, additional players' services and improvements to the players' lounges. We want to

express our gratitude to those who have made these improvements possible and eagerly await the results.

Eligibility

During the AGM in Kuala Lumpur, the Chair of the Athletes' Commission was ratified as a full member of the EC. However, according to the ITTF Constitution, Vladimir Samsonov may not be eligible. If it is the wish of the ITTF stakeholders to give the opportunity to many active or retired top players to be full members of the ITTF Executive Committee, regulations have to be adjusted.

Continental AC's

After the formation of the African, European, and Oceania AC's, there is an interest from the respective Continental Associations in creation of the Asian and Latin American AC's.

The African AC proposes to organize team matches or events between continents. It may be similar to the Asia against Europe match and is endorsed by the African TT Federation.

In addition, more good news from North America. Recently, Whitney Ping of table tennis was re-elected to the USOC's Board, and Han Xiao was elected the Chair of the US Olympic Committee's Athlete's Advisory Council.

Vladimir Samsonov

Chairman

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER (Heike Ahlert)

Report to the BoD

Document G2

After the ITTF Junior Commissioner Dennis Davis stepped down from the position, the ITTF EC decided in August, 2016 that I should be the Acting Junior Commissioner until the AGM in May, 2017. So, first of all, I thank Dennis Davis for the work he did as the ITTF's Junior Commissioner.

World Junior Championships

The South African Table Tennis Board (SATTB) hosted the Sun International 2016 World Junior Championships in Cape Town, South Africa, from the 30th of November to the 6th of December, 2016. The Sun West Complex in Cape Town was a very good venue for the competition. The SATTB, as the official organizing committee, presented a well-prepared event with exciting matches and Japan, for the first time, was the winner of both team events. Congratulations to all medalists in the team and single events.

World Junior Circuit

In 2016, 29 World Junior Circuit events took place (Africa: 4, Asia: 8, Europe: 14, Latin America: 2 and Oceania:1). Within the 29 events were 4 golden series; 9 premium and 16 regular events. 95 associations sent participants to the competitions (92 sent boys, 76 sent girls).

World Cadet Challenge

The Chinese Table Tennis Association hosted the World Cadet Challenge in the city of Shanghai. The traditional ITTF training camp was being held prior to the tournament, this time under the guidance of Mr. Chen Bin (CHN), the coach of the Female World and Olympic Champion Ding Ning. For the players who have no previous WCC experience, it was quite challenging mentally since it requires the understanding of the whole idea (which is based among others, on solidarity values, and thus has not so much to do with a typical preparation before a big tournament).

The event quality was very high and well organized and the hospitality was also very good.

Patrick Gillmann hosted a meeting with all the Continental Team Managers and other interested parties to ask for their feedback regarding the WCC as well as other items. It was an important meeting that provides opinions from those "closest to the action."

Junior Circuit Finals

The Junior Circuit Finals for 2016 successfully took place in Indore, India. There is a challenge in finding hosts for this event and more will be done to increase the number of bids for the premier event of the World Junior Circuit.

Junior Commissioners Meeting

The meeting took place in Cape Town during the WJTTC 2016. The Junior Commissioners made several proposals to the EC to reduce the costs for the ITTF Junior Events and to make the events more attractive for participants and host associations. The EC agreed to submit these proposals for BoD consideration.

The most important proposals are:

- Proposal to the BoD to reduce the number of teams in the WJTTC from 20 to 16 teams, and the participants for the individual competitions from 96 to 80;
- To have in the future WCC 32 mixed pairs instead of 16;
- To reduce the costs for the WJTTC, WCC and WJC; and
- To remove the Junior Commissioners meeting and give the responsibility to the DJCC with the Continental Presidents or their representatives at DJCC.

Finally, I would like to thank the continental junior commissioners and Patrick Gillmann as well as, in particular, Raul Calin and Mohamed Dawlatly for their contribution to the ITTF Global Junior Programme.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heike Ahlert

TECHNICAL COMMISSIONER (Graeme Ireland)

Report to the BoD

Document G3

The mandate of the Technical Commissioner includes:

- Liaise with the Competition Program and advise the BoD on the organisation of World Title competitions and to make recommendations of the system of play;
- Assist the Competition Program and referee with the World Championships draw;
- Advise on the playing schedule for the World Championships and World Cups, if necessary;
- Serve as a member of the Ranking Default Commission;
- Act as the chair of the jury at World Championships;
- Provide technical assistance for Multi-sport Games;
- Work closely with the Competition Program to achieve the above objectives; and
- Provide technical expertise and guidance to the Equipment, Rules, Umpires and Referees Committees, PTT Division and professional staff.

These responsibilities are handled in close co-operation with the Competition Program.

In 2016, my main role was to assist the ITTF and the Competition Department on playing format, schedules, and general enquiries relating to technical rules for all major events. These included Olympic Games, Olympic Games qualifying events, World Cups, World Championships, World Junior Championships and World Junior Circuit Finals. As part of my role I acted as Technical Delegate at the Olympic Games and two of the Olympic qualifying events. I have also provided expertise and assistance as required to other Committees, mainly to the URC, and ITTF staff whenever requested. I am also available to liaise with the continental representatives on technical issues related to continental events to align them more closely with ITTF's events.

Graeme Ireland

WOMEN IN SPORT COMMISSIONER (Hajera Kajee)

Report to the BoD

Document G4

My report will cover the period from January to December, 2016

1. ITTF WORKSHOP

A successful Development and Education Workshop was held on 2 March 2016 during the 2016 World Team Championships, Kuala Lumpur; the workshop discussed programs for the quadrennial 2017-2020, with a special emphasis on women's programs.

2. WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT COURSES

| Continent | Country | Month/Year | Course | Expert |
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| Africa | Cote D'Ivoire | December 2016 | ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education and Training Camp | Sarah Hanffou Cameroon |
| Asia | Cambodia | November 2016 | URC | Cindy Leung Hong Kong |
| Latin America | Ecuador | September 2016 | ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education and Training Camp | Luisana Perez Venezuela |
| North America | Canada | August 2016 | NATTU Junior Girls Training Camp | Pradeepban Peter-Paul Maxime Surprenant |
| Oceania | American Samoa | October 2016 | Training and Promotion | Nicolas Guigon France |

3. INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION – WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM

The first International Federation Women in Leadership Forum, was Jointly organised by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne, Switzerland from Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th March.

A total of 60 female delegates from 25 national and international federations, together with experts in promoting gender equality, explored ways to bring more women into leadership positions at all levels of sport.

Yelena Druzhkova (Kazakhstan Table Tennis Federation) and Sue Stevenson (Table Tennis Australia) represented the International Table Tennis Federation at this inaugural event.

4. ATTENDANCE AT COURSES AND PROGRAMS (AS OF 5 DEC 2016)

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| All Continents | Women | 1,756 | 36% |
| | Men | 3,117 | 64% |

Comparison for the past three (3) years

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| 2013 - 34.19% | 2014 - 38% | 2015 - 40.06% |
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5. 2016 ITTF Events Participation

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| a. World Team Table Tennis Championships | | | | |
| Women | 80 Teams | 47% | 309 Players | 46% |
| Men | 89 Teams | 53% | 360 Players | 54% |
| b. World Junior Table Tennis Championships | | | | |
| Boys | 20 Teams | 50% | 96 Players | 50% |
| Girls | 20 Teams | 50% | 96 Players | 50% |

6. ITTF DEVELOPMENT CONTINENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING (DCC)

I attended the DCC meeting in Doha (10 December 2016) to engage with the Continental Presidents on programs for the advancement of women and girls for the quadrennial 2017 - 2020.

7. CONCLUSION

My appreciation and thanks to the President Mr. Thomas Weikert and Mrs. Petra Sorling, Executive Member, for your support during this period.

I also want to thank Mrs. Judit Farago, Chief Executive Officer; Mr Glenn Tepper, Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Development and Education & Training Programs; and Ms. Vicky Eleftheriade, for the continued support of the on-going development programs for Women and Girls in Sport.

Hajera Kajee

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| 5 | <p>Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 3.2.5.1 and 3.2.5.1.1 and to delete 3.2.5.12:</i></p> <p>3.2.5 Advertisements and Markings</p> <p>3.2.5.1 Inside the playing area, advertisements shall be displayed only on equipment or fittings listed in 3.2.3.2 or on players and umpires clothing or on players numbers and there shall be no special additional displays.</p> <p>3.2.5.1.1 Advertisements or markings in or next to the playing area, on playing clothing or numbers and on umpires clothing, shall not be for tobacco goods, alcoholic drinks, harmful drugs or illegal products and they shall be without negative discrimination or connotation on the grounds of race, xenophobia, gender, religion, disabilities or other forms of discrimination.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">⋮</p> <p>3.2.5.12 There shall be no advertisements on players' clothing or numbers for tobacco goods, alcoholic drinks or harmful drugs.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> <i>The elimination of advertisements for tobacco goods, alcoholic drinks, harmful drugs, illegal products and negative discrimination from equipment as well as from players and umpires clothing should be unified.</i></p> |
| 6 | <p>Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee and the Rules Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 3.2.5.5</i></p> <p>3.2.5.5 There may be up to 4 advertisements on the floor of the playing area; such markings</p> <p>3.2.2.5.1 may be placed at each end of the table, each contained within an area of 5m², and at each side of the table, each contained within an area of 2.5m²;</p> <p>3.2.5.5.2 shall not be less than 1m from the surrounds and those at the ends shall not be more than 2m from the surrounds;</p> <p>3.2.5.5.3 shall be of the same uniform colour different from the colour of the ball in use, unless other colours have been agreed in advance with the ITTF;</p> <p>3.2.5.5.4 shall not alter significantly the surface friction of the flooring;</p> <p>3.2.5.5.5 shall only consist of a logo, wordmark or other icons, and shall not include any backgrounds.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> <i>In order to enhance the presentation of the event on TV, addition of some rules is proposed, supplementing the current rule of 3.2.5.5 which indicates the quantity and size of the floor advertisements.</i></p> |
| 7 | <p>Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 3.2.5.6 and to introduce new sub-paragraphs 3.2.5.6.1, 3.2.5.6.2, 3.2.5.6.3, 3.2.5.6.4 and 3.2.5.6.5.</i></p> <p>3.2.5.6 There may be 1 permanent advertisement of the manufacturer's or supplier's name or logo and 1 temporary advertisement on each half of each side of the tabletop and 1 on each end, and each contained within a total length of 60cm. The temporary advertisements shall be</p> |

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| | <p>clearly separated from any permanent advertisements; they shall not be for other table tennis equipment suppliers and there shall be no advertisement, logo, name of table or name of the manufacturer or supplier of the table on the undercarriage, except if the table manufacturer or supplier is the title sponsor of the tournament.</p> <p>3.2.5.6</p> <p>3.2.5.6.1 There may be 1 permanent advertisement of the manufacturer's or supplier's name or logo on each half of each side of the table top and on each end.</p> <p>3.2.5.6.2 There may be 1 temporary advertisement, <i>which may be of the manufacturer's or supplier's name or logo</i>, on each half of each side of the table top and on each end.</p> <p>3.2.5.6.3 Each permanent and temporary advertisement shall be contained within a total length of 60cm</p> <p>3.2.5.6.4 Temporary advertisements shall be clearly separated from any permanent advertisements.</p> <p>3.2.5.6.5 Temporary advertisements shall not be for other table tennis equipment suppliers and there shall be no advertisement, name of table, name or logo of the manufacturer or supplier of the table on the undercarriage, except if the table manufacturer or supplier is the title sponsor of the tournament.</p> <p><i>Rationale: Restructuring of 3.2.5.6 should eliminate occasional confusion and differing interpretations of competition managers, tournament directors and referees as has happened with the present wording of 3.2.5.6. Also to clarify the situation when the manufacturer or supplier has the temporary advertisement right.</i></p> |
| 8 | <p>Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 3.5.2.1</i></p> <p>3.5.2.1 Players and coaches or other advisers shall refrain from behaviour that may unfairly affect an opponent, offend spectators or bring the sport into disrepute, such as abusive language, deliberately delaying play, deliberately breaking the ball or hitting it out of the playing area, kicking the table or surrounds and disrespect of match officials.</p> <p><i>Rationale: This would make clear that deliberately delaying play, whether to seek advice or for any other reason, is an offence which is subject to the disciplinary regulations. There is no change of existing principle.</i></p> |
| 9 | <p>Proposed by the ITTF Sports Science and Medical Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 4.1.2.2.4, 4.1.2.2.8 and 4.2.2.2.5:</i></p> <p>4.1.2.2 Organisers shall provide accommodation and meals from the evening before the Championships begin until the morning after the Championships end for:</p> <p>4.1.2.2.4 up to 3 members of the Doping Control Supervisors Panel appointed by the Sports Science and Medical Committee;</p> <p>4.1.2.2.8 up to 7 members of the ITTF staff including 1 assisting the Doping Control Panel Supervisors.</p> <p>4.2.2.2.5 up to 2 members of the Doping Control Panel Supervisors appointed by the Sports Science Committee;</p> |

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| | <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To fit with the wording in the Committee's ToR (point 2.5) and to avoid confusion with the same definition of PANEL, what is used for the recently set-up Doping Hearing Panel. |
| 10 | <p>Proposed by the Chinese Table Tennis Association</p> <p>To amend 4.1.9.6</p> <p>4.1.9.6 "... The maximum entry for each association is 2 men's doubles, 2 women's doubles and 2 mixed doubles; all players may be different. In case Player A entered in singles event pairs with a player from another association in the doubles event, such a mixed pair will not be counted as 1 doubles entry of Player A's association; However, each association can only enter a maximum of 2 such mixed pairs per event".</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> <p>At present each association can enter a maximum of 2 pairs per doubles event in the World Championships, which equals 4 players per event. Yet mixed pairs are counted as 1 unit of doubles entry, which means when an association enters 2 mixed pairs, instead of 4 players, it will only have 2 players competing in the events.</p> <p>Back in 2014 when CTTA proposed to lift the restriction on mixed pairs entry in the World Championships, the intention was to encourage the formation of such pairs, as it can bring the following benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To give incentives to associations to further develop table tennis: mixed pairs will give associations chances to get better competition results, even gold medals, in the doubles events, which can be a great boost for them. Associations will then feel encouraged to invest more in further developing the sport, as well as to attend and hold table tennis tournaments. 2. To make doubles competition more appealing for spectators: the entry of mixed pairs will reduce the odds of two pairs from one association confronting each other in the finals, as well as in the previous rounds, which will make doubles competition more exciting and appealing for the audience, attract the attention of the media, and generate more revenue for OCs. 3. To upgrade the overall performance of doubles events: as players are no longer confined to select partners within their own association, they can now search their most suitable partner that complements his/her style in a much larger pool. Such improvement can not only guarantee players the best choice available, but facilitate the exchanges of playing techniques between players from various associations. This can bring closer the capacities of players from different associations, and achieve the overall improvement of doubles competition. 4. To accelerate the global promotion of table tennis: players of mixed pairs are able to learn directly from each other by playing side by side. Players from more developed associations can then introduce their advanced techniques, tactics, and training methods to their fellow players. Such first-hand information will help to narrow the gap of technical standards among players, and promote the development of table tennis worldwide. <p>Yet the current policy of counting entries will make associations less encouraged to form mixed pairs, instead of motivating them to do so, as forming such pairs means reducing the total number of players an association can enter in the World Championships. Consequently, the benefits mentioned above will be undermined.</p> <p>To encourage entry of mixed pairs, this proposal is put forward. There is a precondition that only when Player A already entered in singles pairs with Player B from another association in the doubles, will the mixed pair not be counted as 1 entry of Player A's association. If Player B of the mixed pair does not play in the singles, it shall be counted as 1 entry of Player B's association, but not Player A's. This can ensure the total number of players in the World Championships will not be increased, which adds no extra organizational pressure to the OC.</p> |
| 11 | <p>Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 4.2.9.2</p> <p>4.2.9.2 The system of play and the system of qualification in the team and individual events, shall be decided by the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Junior Commission Technical Commissioner and the Competition Program, and shall be notified to all Associations not later than 6 calendar months before the start of the Championships</p> |

*Rationale:
To be in line with the WTTC regulation (4.1.9.3), and as a consequence that there is no Junior Commission.*

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee

LIEBHERR 2018 World Championships Qualification System

ITTF Handbook

4.1.9.3 The system of play in team and individual events, the system of qualification in the team event and their implementation dates shall be decided by the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Technical Commissioner and the Competition Program.

2016 ITTF Board of Directors decision

4-BOD-03-2016

Based on the Swedish organisers' update report, the Board decided to have a maximum 72 men's and 72 women's teams at the 2018 World Championships, and gave the mandate to the Working Group to propose further changes within this limit if their conclusion on future ITTF events is different and if the implementation of the changes is realistic.

At its meeting during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the ITTF Future Event Working Group agreed and proposed to the Executive Committee to have the 72-teams system at the LIEBHERR 2018 World Team Championships in Halmstad (SWE). This is the same what the BoD decided in 2016, but it was left open, pending the Working Group's recommendation.

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After the number of teams was confirmed (72 men and 72 women), the ITTF Executive Committee discussed the subject on 1st October 2016 and resolved to submit the following proposal to the ITTF Board of Directors in 2017:

1. To follow the same principle and system of qualification as in 2016, proportionally reducing the number of teams.
2. Participation is guaranteed for the top 2 finishers of the 4th Division in 2016 (teams finishing on 73rd–74th places).
3. Latin America and North America are considered as Panam, because the 2017 Panam Championships will serve as the qualification tournament for them.

The list of the ITTF-Continental Championships identified for the qualification criteria:

2016 ITTF-Oceania Championships, Bendigo (AUS) – 20-24 March 2016

2016 ITTF-African Championships, Agadir (MAR) – 24-30 October 2016

2017 ITTF-Asian Championships, Wuxi (CHN) – 9-16 April 2017

2017 ITTF-Panam Championships, Cartagena de Indias (COL) – 11-17 September 2017

2017 ITTF-European Team Championships, Luxembourg (LUX) – 13-17 September 2017

| | 2016 | 2018 |
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| Previous WTTC result | 48 | 36 |
| Continental Qualification | | |
| Africa | 7 | 5 |
| Asia | 12 | 9 |
| Europe | 12 | 9 |
| Latin America | 7 | |
| North America | 1 | |
| Pan America | | 6 |
| Oceania | 3 | 2 |
| Host Association | 1 | 1 |
| World Team Ranking | 5 | 4 |
| | 96 | 72 |

Notes:

- Previous WTTC result quota includes top 2 of 3rd and 4th Divisions (top 32 finishers + 49th-50th and 73rd-74th places)
- Continental qualification quota is fixed and in addition to the previous WTTC result quota
- Any unused qualification quotas by deadline will revert to World Team Ranking
- Only an Association which has taken part with at least one player or team in its preceding Continental Championships, including qualification tournaments, or Continental Games, shall be eligible to enter teams or individual players in the Championships.

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee and the ITTF Technical Commissioner

2019 World TT Championships Playing System

1. STRUCTURE

- There will be 5 individual events – Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- The first round proper of Men's Singles and Women's Singles will have 128 places and the first round proper of Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles will have 64 places.
- Singles events will have 64 seeded players and 64 qualifiers. Doubles events will have 32 seeded pairs and 32 qualifiers.
- Qualification for singles will comprise groups of 3 or 4. If there are more than 64 groups a knockout round will be played to determine qualifiers. If there are less than 64 groups all group winners and some second placed players will qualify for the main draw. The method for determining which second placed players qualify will be decided once final entries and number of groups are known and will be advised no later than 2 weeks after the closing date for entries.
- Qualification for doubles will be by knockout.
- All singles matches will be best of 7 games. Doubles matches will be best of 5 games in qualification matches and best of 7 games in the main draw.

2. DRAWS

2.1 Singles

- Singles groups will comprise 3 (or 4) players with each group winner proceeding to a qualification knockout draw (if more than

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| | <p>64 groups) or first round proper. The draw for the groups will use a snake system.</p> <p>2.1.2 The draw for the first round proper will have 2 stages with the first stage split. The initial first stage draw will take place on XXX and draw the players seeded 17 – 32 and 33 – 64 into appropriate positions at random. The final first stage draw will occur on XXX (but separately from the initial first stage draw) when seeds 1 – 16 will be drawn. Seeds 9 – 16 will be drawn first, followed by seeds 5 – 8, then seeds 3 – 4 and finally seeds 1 and 2.</p> <p>2.1.3 The second stage draws of qualifiers will be drawn following the completion of the qualification rounds and be drawn at random into the remaining 64 positions, subject to clause 2.3.</p> <p>2.2 <u>Doubles</u></p> <p>2.2.1 The initial draw for the first round proper will take place on XXX when the seeded players will be drawn into appropriate positions.</p> <p>2.2.2 The second stage draws of qualifiers will be drawn following the completion of the qualification rounds and be drawn at random into the remaining 32 positions, subject to clause 2.3.</p> <p>2.3 Players of the same Association shall be separated according to 3.6.3.1, 3.6.3.3, 3.6.3.4 and 3.6.3.5 only in preliminary rounds and groups and in the first round of the draw but not in further rounds.</p> <p>The World Ranking list which will be used for seeding and for the draws shall be the WR to be published in XXX 2019 (No.X).</p> |
| 14 | <p>Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee and Junior Commissioner</p> <p>To return the World Junior Championships Teams to 16 men's and 16 women's teams, consisting of Africa-2, Asia-3, Europe-3, Pan America-3 (2+1), Oceania-1, Host-1, World Ranking-3, with maximum 5 teams per continent (excluding the host). All qualified teams must have participated in their continental junior championships. Men's and Women's Singles would then have a corresponding decrease in numbers from 96 to 80, being 16 teams x 4 players + 16 World Ranking.</p> <p><i>Rationale: The move from 16 to 20 teams was a trial in expanding the competition. After several years it was agreed that any advantages of the 20 team system was outweighed by the disadvantages in terms of scheduling, tables needed, promotion and planning. Multiples of 4 are always an ideal number from an organizational perspective and easy for the media to understand. There is also potential for more organizers to host due to reduced costs. This proposal was fully supported by all but one of the Junior Commissioner and Continental Junior Commissioners.</i></p> |
| 15 | <p>Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend in Chapter 5:</p> <p>Scope – Definition of IL Athletes</p> <p>...The first 8 Men and Women in each Class following Athletes in the Para Table Tennis rating, available on http://www.ipttc.org/rating/;</p> |

| | Men | Women |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Class 1-5 (Sitting) | Top 80 | Top 30 |
| Class 6-10 (Standing) | Top 90 | Top 30 |
| Class 11 (Mentally impaired) | Top 15 | Top 10 |

Rationale:

Adjustment of the table is needed defining "International-Level Athletes" in PTT as per the World Anti-Doping Code, as it does not make sense and not practical to have such high numbers. Even sometime more players should have been considered as IL Athletes than the total number of ranked athletes.

Therefore, and in order to simplify operations and coordination with our stakeholders, especially, NFs, NPCs, NADOs, WADA and of course players themselves, a reasonable definition would be as above.

Proposed by the ITTF Equipment Committee

To amend Technical Leaflet:

- T4 for Racket Coverings (update)

Rationale for Changes in T4, 2017

- Throughout the document:
 - Link changes due to the new ITTF web site.
 - References to "the ITTF web site" are changed to "ITTF.com".
 - Fixes to typographical errors.
- Page 5: The unit for measuring gloss was shown as %, but this was technically incorrect; the correct unit is "gloss units". From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glossmeter>:

"The measurement results of a glossmeter are related to the amount of reflected light from a black glass standard with a defined refractive index. The ratio of reflected to incident light for the specimen, compared to the ratio for the gloss standard, is recorded as gloss units (GU)."
- Page 7: A slight clarification in the text about packaging of assembled rackets.
- Page 7: There was a lot of temporary text here, dealing with the transition to require country of origin statements on the rubber packaging. We are no longer in the transition period so the temporary text is no longer needed.
- Page 10: What we call the "simplified" procedure is actually more complex than the normal procedure, so we should not call it "simplified". It is more accurate to call it "expedited" as it allows the supplier to accelerate the process.

This became especially obvious when a couple companies broke some rules and were punished by not being permitted to use the simplified procedure. It looked inappropriate to punish a company and tell them they may not use a simple process; implying they must use a complicated process. The reality was that they were not permitted to use a faster process.
- Page 11: Companies that sell boosters should not be permitted to have ITTF authorized equipment.

Boosting is an illegal practice, and companies that sell the boosters are enabling and encouraging players to do this. At the same time, those companies are able to use the fact that they produce boosters for a special marketing advantage that can make their products seem more appealing. For example (these are not actual statements they have made):

 - "Our rubbers are specially formulated to be used with our boosters."
 - "If you like our boosters, you can buy our rubbers that are pre-boosted to save you the trouble of boosting."
 - "If you like our rubbers but want something slightly different, just buy our booster and use it on a different rubber."

Furthermore, as a general principle, the ITTF should avoid association with companies that encourage practices that violate ITTF rules.

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Resolutions to the Board of Directors 2017

Simple majority required

Proposed by the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association

ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee to work towards a plan to increase the honorarium of Technical Officials (Referees and Umpires) invited to major international tournaments.

Rationale:

At present, ITTF's "Directives for Match Officials at World Title Competitions and Sanctioned Events" stipulates the qualifications and requirements for appointed match officials as well as the hospitality and allowance paid to the officials. Apart from accommodation, often with doubled occupancy, meals and local transportation, an allowance of US\$30 is paid for each day of the competition for World Title competition and US\$25 for other sanctioned events. Umpires are required to pay for their own airfare which in most cases far exceed the allowance received. The level of honorarium has not been adjusted for some time.

It is proposed that ITTF reviews this practice and recognize the services provided by the Technical Officials appropriately. To increase the honorarium would encourage more people to be umpires. It will also improve the selection procedure with more competent umpires willing to be selected. In turn, events would be run in a more professional manner.

At present, URC maintains a list of elite umpires (Blue Badge) qualified to officiate at top level events. By increasing the allowance significantly for World Title events, match officials at these events would then be expected to be elite umpires. In the longer term, match officials will then be expected to be professionals like many other professional sports.

Introduction

Most table tennis equipment is provided by club or competition organisers, and over the years it has remained fundamentally unchanged. Although the racket is the player's choice, it too remained unchanged during the ITTF's first decades. However it then appeared that a modification to the characteristics of the racket could mean the difference between victory and defeat. The subsequent decades have accordingly seen continual development.

A system of ITTF authorisation of racket coverings has been introduced in order to ensure that any future changes are to the benefit and not the detriment of the sport. Hence important changes have been made to the Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions.

This leaflet sets out the current Laws and Regulations, defines some of the terms used and lists some additional criteria for ITTF authorisation of racket coverings and thereafter entering the List of Authorised Racket Coverings (**LARC**).

Laws

The racket must comply with paragraphs 2.4 and 3.2.1.3 in *The Laws of Table Tennis* and the *Regulations for International Competitions*, respectively.

Definitions

"4.0 mm" maximum thickness of sandwich **rubber** ([Law 2.4.3](#)), and **"2.0 mm"** maximum thickness of pimped **rubber** ([Laws 2.4.3](#) and [2.4.3.2](#)) will be interpreted statistically to mean 4.0 and 2.0 mm respectively; implying that these limits are absolute values, and on no part of the playing surface on a racket covering should these limits be extended. These thicknesses refer to the total of the racket covering including any reinforcement in the rubber (for instance textile) and any adhesive used to attach it to the blade.

"Supplier" and **"Brand"** ([Regulation 3.2.1.3](#)) refers to the supplier name and brand name, respectively, as they appear in the rubber mould and the LARC.

"Bright red" ([Law 2.4.6](#)) is defined on the Munsell system by three co-ordinates:

| | |
|---------|-------------|
| Hue: | 4.0 - 6.5 R |
| Value: | min. 3.1 |
| Chroma: | min. 7.5 |

Colours for red top sheets are measured on a white background, as complete racket coverings, i.e. with all colours of sponges the racket covering will be sold with. Red top sheets alone will be measured only upon the supplier's request; ref. Konica no.1864-721 (CM-A101W).

"Cellular rubber" ([Law 2.4.3.2](#)) is also known as sponge.

"Continuity" ([Law 2.4.5](#)) implies that each layer shall be continuous; for instance, a blade consisting of one type of plywood in the centre and another type at the edge would not be considered to be continuous. It is accepted that the veneers of plywood are normally made by edge-gluing pieces together to make a continuous sheet; the resulting joints may appear in the blade, but joints in more than one direction are not permitted, and neither are joints that extend from one face through to the other.

"ITTF logo" ([Regulation 3.2.1.3](#)) is to be used on all authorised racket coverings, and within a frame for new and changed racket coverings. Ref. C. and D.4. below.

"ITTF number" ([Regulation 3.2.1.3](#)) is the unique identification for new racket coverings.

"List" ([Regulation 3.2.1.3](#)) is the List of Authorised Racket Coverings (**LARC**). It has a validity period specified in the header.

"Matt" ([Law 2.4.6](#)) implies that the rubber will be considered to be unacceptable if the gloss of "pimples-in" rubber or of either the base of "pimples-out" rubber or the tops of the pimples are so high as to permit the contours of a light-source to be distinguished in its reflection. See B.1.4.

"Natural wood" ([Law 2.4.2](#)) implies **continuity** throughout the blade; this permits plywood but not, for example, particle-board, flake-board and other composites.

"Ordinary pimped rubber" ([Law 2.4.3.1](#)) and **"Sandwich rubber"** ([Law 2.4.3.2](#)) can both be referred to as **"Racket coverings"**; the rubber, with or without a sponge underneath, used to strike a ball. The sheet of pimped rubber when used over a sheet of sponge is referred to as a **"Top sheet"**.

"Rigid" ([Law 2.4.1](#)) is intended to apply to the blade and the handle taken as a whole. Flexibility is not permitted in a racket except in the racket covering.

"Rubber" ([Laws 2.4.3.1](#) and [2.4.3.2](#)) implies any material that can be stretched at room temperature to twice its original length, and that, after being held in the stretched state for one minute, retracts within one further minute to less than 1.5 times its original length.

A. Qualitative Criteria

1. General Appearance

The racket consists of blade, adhesive, and racket covering(s) with or without sponge.

2. Blade

A very thin layer of lacquer is permitted on the blade, only for the purpose of anchoring wood fibres, thereby facilitating replacement of the racket covering. Anything more than this will be deemed to constitute a layer of plastic, and will not be permitted. This layer may be no more than 0.1 mm thick, and should not hide the wood from sight or touch. It is considered to be part of the blade, rather than part of the thickness of the racket covering.

A thin layer of paint or plastic laminate is permitted on an uncovered non-striking side of the blade, for the purpose of having a proper red or black side.

3. Adhesive

The use of a thick layer of adhesive is NOT permitted either within the blade ([Law 2.4.2](#)), or between the blade and the racket covering.

The manufacturers should be aware that the practice of "re-gluing", i.e. removing the racket covering, adding adhesive and re-applying the racket covering immediately before a match, might cause rubber / sponge to expand. When the resulting thickness is measured by an umpire it may be found to be illegal.

3.1. Solvents

Manufacturers should expose rackets or sandwich rubber combinations to air before packing them to remove volatile solvents which they utilise during their processes. Players should similarly air their rackets - for up to 72 hours - in order to remove the solvents left over from the production process or their own gluing. Refer to our Technical Leaflet T9 for Racket Control, to be applied at ITTF events.

3.2. PSA (Pressure-Sensitive Adhesive sheets)

Apart from adhesives, a PSA may be used for fixing the rubber to the blade. Some of these are water-based systems.

PSA may not be more than 0.1 mm thick and may not be cellular. It may consist of two layers of adhesive supported on the two sides of a plastic film or a cellulosic paper, or may be one solid layer of film. The packaging should carry the trade name and instructions for use.

4. Sponge

The use of sponge (i.e. cellular rubber) is governed by [Law 2.4.3](#).

5. The racket covering

The rubber surface of the racket coverings should be uniform and without coating.

The appearance of the racket covering on the blade must be uniform in colour; it is not permitted for markings on the sponge or the blade to show through.

In addition to the requirements of [Law 2.4.3.1](#);

5.1. Pimples

All pimples should be equal. Each pimple must have a circular symmetry, with its axis perpendicular to the plane of the base layer. At any height above the base it shall be no wider than at any point closer to the base. This permits cylinders, cones (but not inverted cones) and combinations thereof.

Pimples must be evenly spaced along three sets of parallel lines at 60 degrees to each other.

The surface of the pimple top must be parallel to the base of the sheet, but may be smooth or roughened (see quantitative criteria below), though not to an extent that would constitute hollowness in the pimple. Hollow pimples are not acceptable.

For pimples-in racket coverings some deviation from an ideal shape is acceptable, like irregularities on the side of the pimple, or a "hat shape" on the pimple tops – when this is not a general trend, but is found on individual pimples. For ~~the~~ pimples-out racket coverings, deviation from an ideal shape is not acceptable.

5.2. Ordinary pimples rubber

"Ordinary pimples rubber" may carry pimples on one side only; the other side must be smooth, although it may be bonded to a thin layer of fabric, which should not be visible on the playing side and should not add to the total thickness.

5.3. Sandwich rubber

More than one layer of cellular rubber (sponge) is not permitted, even if the layers are of the same composition.

B. Quantitative Criteria

1. The racket covering

It should be noted in particular that:

Authorisation is given to the top sheet plus the top sheet / sponge combination. Red and black top sheets with the same ITTF number or supplier and brand name must have the same geometry, properties, and branding area (wording and numbering). The surface colours must be uniform. Red and black top sheets of the same brand do not require separate authorisation fees.

2. Pimple dimensions

In LARC the racket coverings are categorised in four types:

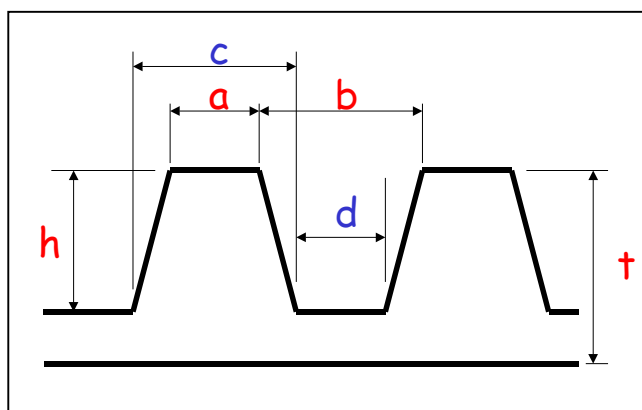
In = pimples-in (branding area on the smooth side),

Anti = pimples-in (this term may be applied on supplier demand),

Out = pimples-out (branding area on the pimples side),

Long = pimples-out (when the aspect ratio – see below – is > 0.89).

| Covering type | Pimple diameter on top = a | Distance between pimple tops = b | Pimple height = h |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| In and Anti | min. 1.0 mm | min. 0.5 mm | min. 0.5 mm |
| Out and Long | 1.0 – 2.2 mm | 1.0 – 2.0 mm | min. 1.0 mm |



3. Rubber thickness

The Laws specify a maximum rubber thickness (dimension "t") of 2.0mm. For authorisation purposes, a maximum of 2.00mm will be permitted.

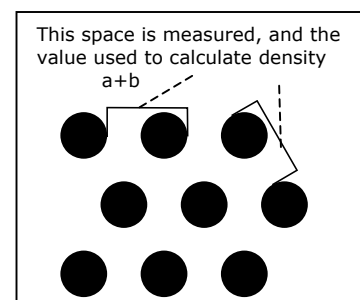
4. Aspect ratio

Aspect ratio, i.e. pimple height (h) / pimple diameter (a), shall not be > 1.10 .

5. Pimple density

The minimum and maximum pimple densities per cm^2 are 10 and 30 respectively, as specified in [Law 2.4.3](#). These are regarded as statistical measures of density, not counts of discrete pimples within a specific area.

Because pimples must be evenly spaced and the pimple layout is symmetric, the density is found by measuring the linear pimple spacing (dimensions "a" + "b") and calculating the resulting pimple density as: $[1 / (\text{spacing} * \text{spacing} * \cos 30)]$.

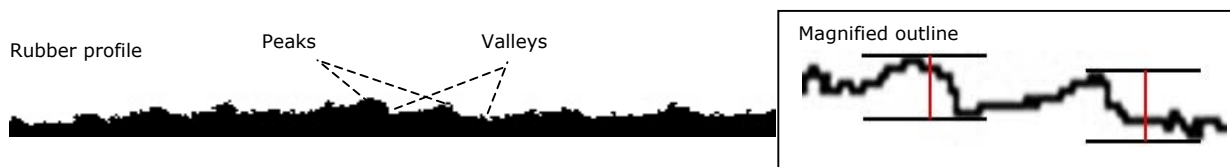


6. Gloss (*shininess*)

An acceptable surface is one whose measurement of 60° specular gloss using ASTM procedure D523 does not exceed 24% gloss units.

7. Smoothness/*Roughness*

"Roughness" refers to unevenness in the plane of a surface, occurring across the entire surface but measured at localized areas. "Smoothness" is the opposite of roughness, and both terms are used to describe the same property. Roughness is measured by peak-to-valley height in millimetres.



The maximum peak-to-valley roughness of individual pimples is 0.10mm.

Except for the moulded branding area, the smooth side of pimples-in rubber shall appear smooth and flat to the naked eye.

8. Friction for *pimples-out*

The coefficient of kinetic friction between the rubber and a table tennis ball must be at least 0.50. In the test laboratory, a normal force of 50mN is applied.

9. VOC (*Volatile Organic Compounds*)

All racket coverings must meet the latest VOC limits given by the ITTF Executive Committee, at the time of authorisation, as well as during any subsequent inspection of retail samples.

10. *Player's responsibilities*

It is the player's responsibility to use racket coverings that comply with the rules. For example, a red racket covering may become too dark when affixed to a dark sponge or blade. A thick glue layer may cause the racket covering to exceed the maximum thickness regulation of 4.0mm including top sheet, sponge, and adhesive; or 2.0mm for rubber and adhesive without sponge. Players are advised to air a brand-new rubber before use, even though the manufacturer is expected to aerate the rubber before packaging. Use of post-factory treatments is not permitted and may cause the racket covering to exceed the permitted thickness, friction, pimple density, etc.

C. Rubber identification

The ITTF number or the combination of supplier name / brand name is the identification of the racket covering. Hence it must be unique and should not create confusion in relation with other racket coverings. It will found in the rubber mould as well as in the LARC.

The ITTF will make its best effort to ensure that the trademark or brand name does not infringe on the already existing racket coverings brands. The ITTF is not responsible for any illegal use of registered trademarks. Verifying the correct and legal use of trademarks is not part of the ITTF authorisation procedure.

New racket coverings submitted for authorisation, and existing rubbers that undergo changes in text design, must have the ITTF logo, an ITTF number, a supplier and a brand name (in Roman/ Latin letters) within a 25mm branding area in the rubber mould, in accordance with the guidelines shown below:

RUBBER

Recommended:

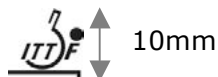
LOGO 4

(Line Art Version: Black On White Background)



The ITTF logo on rubbers shall:

- have a minimum of 10 mm height
- be the same colour as the rubber
- not have text or shapes overlapping it, although the safety area is not mandatory for embossing on rubbers



The ITTF number, consisting of 5 or 6 digits:

- The 2 or 3 first digits are the supplier number - to be supplied by ITTF - followed by a dash.
- The next 3 digits are a brand number, unique for each authorised brand of racket covering from this supplier, preferably in regular succession.

The ITTF number shall:

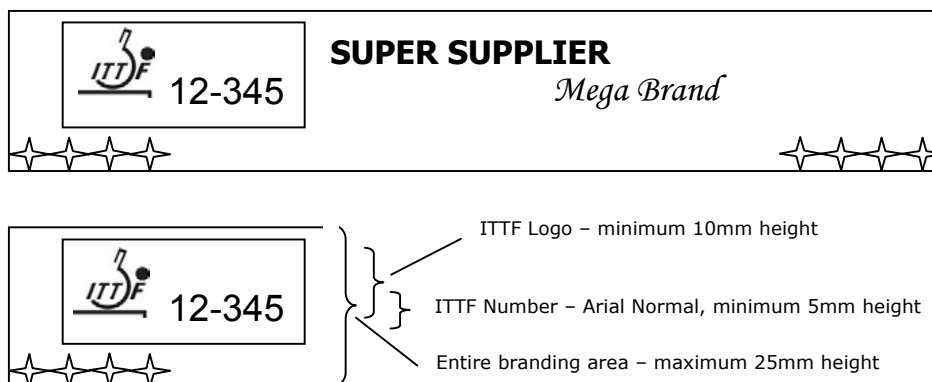
- be in font Arial Normal
- have a minimum of 5mm height
- be placed at least 0.2 mm above the rubber base
- be adjacent to the ITTF logo, (over, under, or on one side)
- not overlap the ITTF Logo.



The ITTF logo and ITTF number shall be enclosed by a single frame of any shape, with nothing else inside.

All letters, logos, ornaments, etc. must be placed in the branding area which may have a maximum height of 25mm.

Example:



It is possible to equip the covering with two branding areas, positioned at 90 degrees to each other, but when mounted on the blade, only the one close to the handle is accepted.

It is possible to have two pictures of the branding area at any time for one brand on the ITTF web site ITTF.com.

The Equipment Committee will give advice on the layout of any branding area when submitted.

The supplier and brand names and the frame - with the ITTF logo and ITTF number (when applied) - must be visible on the racket covering when it is mounted on the blade ([Regulation 3.2.1.3](#)).

When an ITTF number is withdrawn, it cannot be used again for 10 years.

D. Rubber Packaging

1. Country of origin statement

The racket covering's retail packaging must state its country or countries of origin. The simple unqualified statement "**Made in <Country>**" is preferred; however a more complex statement is also permitted if the preferred option is not applicable. The statement must be in English and visible from the outside of the packaging.

Some examples of country of origin statements:

- **Made in <Country>** - this is preferred
- **Topsheet Made in <Country 1>, Sponge Made in <Country 2>**
- **Assembled in <Country 1> using materials from <Country 2>**

The country of origin statement for each authorised racket covering will be stored by the ITTF and may be displayed on ITTF.com. Substantive changes to a racket covering's country of origin are not permitted. For example, the country of origin statement may not change from "Made in Canada" to "Made in USA". However minor changes to wording are permitted, after the change has been recorded in the ITTF database. A change which only reflects a change in sponge is also permitted.

For racket coverings which are sold with multiple versions of sponge, a different country of origin statement may be used for each version, in order to specify sponges from different countries.

The ITTF does not require ~~packaging of assembled rackets is not required~~ to have a country of origin statements, however the country of origin for the racket coverings on those rackets must still be provided to the ITTF as part of the authorisation process. Please note that many countries' trade rules require a country of origin statement.

~~The country of origin statement is a new requirement for 2015 and will be phased in according to the following schedule:~~


~~**2015** For **new racket coverings** authorised in **October 2015**, suppliers must provide a country of origin statement to the ITTF (on Form R-A). Suppliers must also provide a country of origin statement for each **previously authorised racket covering**, via e-mail to the ITTF by **December 31, 2015**.~~

~~**2016** Each newly authorised racket covering (authorised from April 2016 on) must have a country of origin statement on its packaging.~~

~~**2017** All racket coverings produced (authorised before or after October 2015) must include a country of origin statement on their packaging. Old stock that was previously produced and distributed is exempt from this requirement. In case the packaging was already produced in bulk, a sticker can be used to indicate the country of origin.~~

2. Use of the ITTF logo

The ITTF logo may be used on the packaging of authorised rubber.


| RUBBER PACKAGING | |
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| <p>Recommended: LOGO 1 (3D Logo: Green On White Background)</p>  | <p>The ITTF Logo can be printed on the packaging, but should adhere to the guidelines stated in the "External Branding Guidelines" document</p> |

For more information, please refer to the ITTF Branding Guidelines v2.0 ~~here: on ITTF.com.~~
<http://www.ittf.com/stories/pictures/2013-ITTF-Branding-Guidelines-v2-0.pdf>

All versions of the ITTF logo, can be found here: <http://tiny.cc/ittflogos>

3. The use of the ITTF logo on assembled rackets.

This logo is the property of the ITTF. Hence, the suppliers may use the ITTF logo only on equipment that is properly authorised, i.e. here only the racket covering itself. It is considered illegal to use the main ITTF logo in connection with an assembled product like an assembled racket etc.

| ASSEMBLED RACKET PACKAGING | |
|---|--|
| <p>Recommended: (Authorised Racket Covering Logo)</p>  | <p>When an authorised racket covering is used on an assembled racket, the logo on the left may be used on the packaging.</p> |

E. Administrative Procedure

1. Submitting racket coverings for testing

Prospective new suppliers of racket coverings should first contact the ITTF Equipment Coordinator in charge of racket coverings, at the address given on ~~the ITTF web site:~~ [ITTF.com.](http://www.ittf.com)

[www.ittf.com / Home Page / Main Page / Equipment / Racket Covering / Contact person](http://www.ittf.com/Home-Page/Main-Page/Equipment/Racket-Covering/Contact-person)

A new supplier will be provided with an ITTF number and, if required, be given step by step procedures to follow to secure a racket covering authorisation and be included in the LARC.

The supplier should - in summary (more details below):

1. Submit the Supplier Info form.
2. Submit Form R-A together with an image file of the branding area with dimensions.
3. Submit racket covering samples for testing.
4. Pay the appropriate testing fee to ITTF.

The results will be given to the supplier as soon as the results from the laboratories are available, subject to the testing fees having been received.

The received samples will be stored for future reference.

The use of another table tennis supplier name as part of a brand name requires a written statement from the supplier in question to be submitted to ITTF when applying for authorisation.

Any supplier / manufacturer wishing to have racket coverings measured may send them to the contact person given above, with the testing fee to be paid when invoiced.

2. The detailed procedure of obtaining authorisation

A racket covering which is listed in the LARC is authorised for the period given in the header.

2.1. General

The time the entire procedure may take is uncertain. A laboratory test normally takes about 6 – 8 weeks. In addition the time for transport, Customs and administration is normally a further 2 weeks. However, under special circumstances it may take longer. In general, the procedure runs smoothly, but the ITTF declines all responsibility if there are delays and other unforeseen complications.

Under the Normal procedure, racket coverings that have been tested and found acceptable 2 weeks before publication of the LARC will be included in the LARC.

The samples that are submitted to the ITTF for testing are taken to be representative of the normal production, and our decisions are based on that.

2.2. Normal procedure (Recommended)

1. A new supplier (or an existing supplier using a new supplier name) should submit the Supplier Information form, found on the second tab of Form R-A on ~~the ITTF web site~~ ITTF.com. The ITTF will then issue a supplier number to the new supplier.
2. The supplier should submit Form R-A for each racket covering. An image with dimensions (in JPG format) of the branding area of the new racket covering should accompany each Form R-A, for ITTF verification prior to mould fabrication. A black and white version is recommended. Please follow the guidelines in section C above.
3. The supplier should submit the following to the address given under "Contact Person" on ~~the ITTF web site~~ ITTF.com:
 - One top sheet sample of each colour – without sponge.
 - One red racket covering for each available sponge colour, with the thickest available sponge, in plastic retail packaging.
 - One black racket covering with the thickest available sponge in any colour, in plastic retail packaging.
 - For pimples-out, one additional sample without sponge in red. Pimples-out racket coverings are subject to a friction test which may take additional time and will be invoiced additionally. This extra sample is intended to save time.
 - If a special version will be sold without sponge and equipped with a textile or other reinforcement, a sample of this should also be submitted.

These will be our reference samples for all tests. Please ensure that all charges are paid before shipment.

4. Ship the samples, free of any charge and declared as "sample for inspection, no commercial value". If a value must be stated, do not set it to more than \$20, or less than \$1 on the paperwork which follows. If any additional costs must be paid, which is rare, the supplier will be charged.
5. After the samples have been received, unless agreed otherwise, they will be sent to a laboratory for testing. The supplier will be informed and given a reference number.

6. A testing fee invoice carrying the reference number will be sent from the ITTF to the supplier. Each new required test will generate a new fee invoice.
7. The supplier will be informed about the result when the test results are available, provided the test fee has been paid.
8. After the racket covering has passed all tests and the testing fees are paid, the racket covering will be included in the next issue of the LARC. A fee per year will be invoiced from the ITTF.
9. When submitting racket coverings for repeated tests or the ten year re-test, paragraphs 1 and 2 above are not required.

2.3. *Simplified-Expedited procedure*

This procedure may help when time is short. However, it can only be used with prior approval from the ITTF. Suppliers which have been on the LARC for less than three years must use the normal procedure above.

1. Submit according to paragraph 2 in the Normal procedure to the address given under "Contact Person" on ~~ITTF web site~~ ITTF.com.
2. Attach a message with a promise not to do any sale or distribution of this brand before the ITTF has notified the supplier that the racket covering has passed all necessary tests.
3. The brand will be included in the next LARC, and the fee will be invoiced.
4. A complete sample set equipped with text in the rubber mould should be submitted by the supplier as soon as possible. If not, the brand will be omitted from the following LARC at the discretion of the ITTF Equipment Committee.
5. Paragraphs 5 – 7 in the Normal procedure to be followed.
6. Once the ITTF has provided notification that the racket covering has passed all tests, it will be officially authorised and the supplier will be notified that they may proceed with the sale and distribution of the racket covering.

3. The List of Authorised Racket Coverings (LARC)

LARC is published only twice per year. The publication dates are normally April 1st and October 1st. New racket coverings in LARC – marked as **bold** – are authorised from that day. The other racket coverings are authorised half a year from July 1st and January 1st, respectively.

The authorised racket coverings at any time are those in the current version of the LARC, for the period specified in the header. The Internet version may be corrected for errors during the season. Information will be given on the ~~ITTF web site~~ ITTF.com. It is not permitted to use racket covering outside the valid periods given in the LARC.

It is recommended that new samples for testing should be submitted at least two months ahead of the publication date in order to be included in the coming season's LARC. The ITTF will not be held responsible for any delays occurring at customs, during transport or in the laboratory.

New racket coverings should not be sold or distributed to any customers before all tests have been passed, the authorisation has been completed and the racket covering appears on the published LARC. If a racket covering is sold before it has passed all tests and appears on LARC, the authorisation will be void immediately. However, marketing activities such as promotion, advertisement etc. are allowed provided that the exact validity date is clearly indicated.

4. Fees

There is a **testing** fee, which must be paid before the results of any actual tests are published. The testing fees are subject to changes year by year. The ITTF Equipment Coordinator may be contacted for information about testing fees. This is also the case for any extra tests made for suppliers and for the retesting of racket coverings after a period of ten years. If more frequent testing is considered necessary by the Equipment Committee, the supplier will have to pay the fee. The fees will be invoiced from the ITTF.

An **authorisation** fee is paid for being included in the LARC (on the paper version and on Internet, including the image files). Lack of payment will mean withdrawal from the next LARC.

The authorisation fees are paid for LARC, which are published in April. In October only new racket coverings entering LARC for the first time are subject to the additional fee / racket covering.

When a new supplier is entering LARC in October for the first time, it is subject to the authorisation fee, half the amount for the first racket covering and full amount for each additional racket covering, according to the list of fees, and will be invoiced again in April next year.

If a racket covering is removed from the LARC for technical or financial reasons, there will be no refund.

If it is desired to re-authorise a known racket covering that has been removed from the LARC for whatever reason, it will be treated as a new brand with new test and authorisation fees.

5. Changes in racket coverings

The ITTF authorisation applies to a racket covering as originally submitted and tested; its subsequent alteration, by a supplier, a player or anyone else, is not permitted ([Law 2.4.7](#)).

Changes from the original design will normally not be permitted. However, changes to the branding area only may be allowed, and must be confirmed with samples and image files submitted.

6. Supplier's responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the suppliers to keep their brands on the LARC by paying the fees and maintaining the original properties of the racket covering as authorised, without alterations.

Suppliers that produce, market, sell, or are otherwise associated with illegal substances and treatments may not apply for authorisation of any racket covering. Their equipment will not be permitted to appear on the LARC, and may not use the ITTF logo.

7. Withdrawal of authorisation of racket coverings

It should be noted:

1. that the Equipment Committee has been instructed to deny authorisation to any racket covering that it deems detrimental to the sport,
2. that the Executive Committee can suspend the authorisation at any time and the authorisation may subsequently be withdrawn by the Board of Directors (BoD)-([Regulation 3.2.1.1](#)),
3. that not paying the yearly fee or requested test fees will result in a deletion from the LARC and a notice on ~~the ITTF web site~~ ITTF.com if required.

Only red and black racket coverings are permitted in ITTF events and have the right to carry the ITTF logo. All other racket coverings of any other colour are illegal.

8. Re-testing of racket coverings

Racket coverings will be re-tested approximately every ten years after having been included on the LARC. The suppliers will be notified to submit samples, and there is no additional information required. The test fee will be invoiced from the ITTF.

When comparing two rubbers of the same brand at different times – for instance when making the 10-year test - the rubbers must be recognizably similar: for example in translucency, thickness, and pimple shape, spacing and dimensions. Rubbers which do not match will not be authorized as the same brand.

In addition, retail samples of racket coverings may be inspected at any time to verify continued compliance with these specifications.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Composition of the Committee: the Committee shall be composed of:

- 1.1. Eight (8) full members and six (6) corresponding members appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM), from nominations received from national associations (NA), on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee in odd numbered years, one of whom shall be appointed chairperson by the Board of Directors.
- 1.2. A staff member as secretary to the committee, who shall have speaking rights but no voting rights;
- 1.3. An Executive Vice-President appointed by the Executive Committee;
- 1.4. The President and Chief Executive Officer ex officio.

2. Purpose (mandate): to advise the Executive Committee and, where relevant, the URC, on matters regarding equipment specifications, approvals, testing and racket control devices. In order to achieve this, the Committee shall:

- 2.1. Develop and update Technical Leaflets and Directives, for approval by the BoD and Executive Committee respectively;
- 2.2. Supervise test of equipment submitted for approval or authorisation and monitor unauthorised use of the ITTF logo on equipment;
- 2.3. Develop and improve methods to control equipment, and monitor, with the cooperation of competition managers and referees, unauthorised changes and use of equipment;
- 2.4. Approve and authorise equipment on behalf of the BoD;
- 2.5. Maintain, in cooperation with the ITTF equipment staff, lists of equipment which are approved and authorised;
- 2.6. Contact, in cooperation with the ITTF equipment staff, suppliers or manufacturers in case of irregularities or wrong claims found on equipment, already approved or authorised, to restore conformity or legality;
- 2.7. Propose to the BoD and the Executive Committee, in cooperation with the ITTF equipment staff, to fine suppliers or manufacturers in case of infringement of instructions about specifications and procedures;
- 2.8. Recommend to the Executive Committee specifications for playing conditions;



- 2.9. Cooperate with the Executive Committee on matters concerning equipment for World Championships, Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- 2.10. Monitor the annual budget for equipment approvals, tests and other projects relating to equipment;
- 2.11. Establish working groups to address specific areas of work, for a specified period of time, when required;
- 2.12. Maintain good working relationships with suppliers, manufacturers and their organisation (FIT), laboratories and others working within this field;
- 2.13. Undertake research;
- 2.14. Propose laboratories to test equipment.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

MEDIA COMMITTEE

1. Composition of the Committee: the Committee shall be composed of:

- 1.1. Eight (8) full members and six (6) corresponding members, appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) from nominations received from national associations on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee in odd numbered years; one of whom shall be appointed chairperson by the Board of Directors.
- 1.2. A staff member as secretary to the Committee who shall have speaking rights but no voting rights;
- 1.3. An Executive Vice-President appointed by the Executive Committee;
- 1.4. The President and Chief Executive Officer ex officio.

2. Purpose (mandate): to ensure table tennis develops and maintains a high profile in the media and appears as a modern, engaging and dynamic sport. In order to achieve this, the Committee shall:

- 2.1. Advise the Executive Committee and the BoD in all media matters, including promotion and marketing, that have an influence on the coverage of table tennis across the full media spectrum;
- 2.2. Develop clear media and promotional strategies for all ITTF activity;
- 2.3. Advise, supervise and support all organisations of ITTF activity in media matters;
- 2.4. Organise and conduct seminars and courses to up-skill and increase the quality and frequency of media exposure;
- 2.5. Advise and support associations in development and implementation of media, marketing and promotion strategies;
- 2.6. Increase awareness within associations and federations of having a media and marketing presence.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

RULES COMMITTEE

1. Composition of the Committee: the Committee shall be composed of:

- 1.1. Six (6) full members and six (6) corresponding members, including legal expertise, appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) from nominations received from national associations on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee in odd numbered years; one of whom shall be appointed chairperson by the Board of Directors.
- 1.2. A staff member as secretary to the Committee who shall have speaking rights but no voting rights;
- 1.3. An Executive Vice-President appointed by the Executive Committee;
- 1.4. The President and Chief Executive Officer ex officio.

The Committee may also invite persons to its meetings based on their expertise.

2. Purpose (mandate): the purpose of the Committee is to draft the rules and Laws of Table Tennis, to clarify and improve the wording of the Constitution, Laws and other rules. In order to achieve this, the Committee shall:

- 2.1. Prepare propositions for the AGM and BoD meetings;
- 2.2. Arrange and explain the final version of propositions and resolutions to the AGM and BoD meeting;
- 2.3. Advise on questions of interpretation of the Laws and regulations
- 2.4. Consult other relevant committees, particularly the URC and Equipment Committee;
- 2.5. Establish working groups to address specific areas of work for a specified period of time;
- 2.6. Review and, where appropriate, improve the wording of Laws and regulations and amendments thereto, in accordance with principles approved by the AGM, the BoD or the Executive Committee and make consequential amendments for inclusion in the Handbook.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

SPORT SCIENCE AND MEDICAL COMMITTEE

1. Composition of the Committee: the Committee shall be composed of:

- 1.1. Six (6) full members and four (4) corresponding members appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) from nominations received from national associations on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee in odd numbered years of whom:
 - 1.1.1. One (1) shall be appointed chairperson by the Board of Directors;
 - 1.1.2. Five (5) members shall have expertise in sport science;
 - 1.1.3. Three (3) members shall have expertise in sports medicine;
 - 1.1.4. Two (2) members shall have expertise in anti-doping;
- 1.2. An Anti-Doping chief appointed by the Executive Committee
- 1.3. A staff member (the Anti-doping Manager) as secretary to the Committee who shall have speaking rights but no voting rights;
- 1.4. An Executive Vice-President appointed by the Executive Committee;
- 1.5. The President and Chief Executive Officer ex officio.

2. Purpose (mandate): the purpose of the Committee is to promote sports science and medicine, research, the bi-annual congress, anti-doping health and safety. In order to achieve this, the Committee shall:

- 2.1. Collect and analyse data dealing with table tennis sciences;
- 2.2. Propose projects of scientific research in relation to the development of Table Tennis, the improvement of the game and/or of the equipment used, and/or the increase in the physical, mental and technical level of the players;
- 2.3. Take part in the organisation of a scientific congress at least every two (2) years prior to or during the World Individual Championships;
- 2.4. Issue health and safety recommendations and guidelines mainly for players and coaches;
- 2.5. Supervise the medical and anti-doping service during all the ITTF World Championships;
- 2.6. Administrate and coordinates the ITTF anti-doping activity through the ITTF Anti-Doping Manager;



- 2.7. Establish working groups to address specific areas of work for a specified period of time including sports science, anti-doping and sports medicine;
- 2.8. Provide surveillance in terms of player's health and prevention



TERMS OF REFERENCE

UMPIRES' AND REFEREES' COMMITTEE

1. Composition of the Committee: the Committee shall be composed of:

- 1.1. Eight (8) full members and six (6) corresponding members appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) from nominations received from national associations on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee in odd numbered years; one of whom shall be appointed chairperson, two of whom shall be appointed as deputy chairpersons by the Board of Directors.
- 1.2. From the two deputy chairs, one shall be responsible for Umpires and one for Referees;
- 1.3. Adviser/s with specific expertise, including education;
- 1.4. A staff member as secretary to the Committee who shall have speaking rights but no voting rights;
- 1.5. An Executive Vice-President appointed by the Executive Committee;
- 1.6. The President and Chief Executive Officer ex officio.

2. Purpose (mandate): to oversee the training, certification, appointment and performance of umpires and referees. In order to achieve this, the Committee shall:

- 2.1. Develop and review the training system for umpires and referees including developing up-to-date course materials (learning and teaching);
- 2.2. Appointing competent course conductors and evaluators, liaising with organisers for evaluations and courses to be offered during events;
- 2.3. Liaising with Development and Education Programmes to conduct courses requested by associations;
- 2.4. Issuing certificates for umpires and referees who have achieved the required level of competence;
- 2.5. Raise the standard and consistency of officiating;
- 2.6. Select match officials for World title events, in consultation with organisers and the Competition Programme;
- 2.7. Maintain an up to date database of referees and umpires;
- 2.8. Recommend to the Olympic and Paralympic Commission the appointment of referee teams and umpires for the Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- 2.9. Appoint referee teams for ITTF sanctioned events, in consultation with the organisers;



- 2.10. Monitor the performance of umpires and referees and to take corrective action as necessary;
- 2.11. Liaise with the Rules Committee in drafting changes and additions to the laws;
- 2.12. Liaise with the Equipment Committee about the technical specifications for equipment and oversee the application of the specifications during events;
- 2.13. Liaise with the athletes commission, rules and equipment committees on rules interpretation and implementation;
- 2.14. Develop guidelines and update the Handbooks for Match Officials and Tournament Referees;
- 2.15. Develop directives and proposals for approval by the Executive Committee;
- 2.16. Develop and manage an annual budget including payments received for courses;
- 2.17. Establish working groups to address specific areas of work for a specified period of time;
- 2.18. Manage the URC section of the website and keep essential documents and information up-to-date.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

VETERANS' COMMITTEE

1. Composition of the Committee: the Committee shall be composed of:

- 1.1. Six (6) full members appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) from nominations received from national associations on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee in odd numbered years; of whom:
 - 1.1.1 one shall be appointed chairperson by the Board of Directors;
 - 1.1.2 one shall be the president of the Swaythling Club International (SCI) or nominee (full member);
- 1.2. The chairperson of the World Veterans Championships (WVC) Committee or nominee (co-opted member);
- 1.3. A staff member as secretary to the Committee who shall have speaking but no voting rights;
- 1.4. An Executive Vice-President appointed by the Executive Committee;
- 1.5. The President and Chief Executive Officer ex officio.

The Committee may also invite persons to its meetings based on their expertise.

2. Purpose (mandate): to promote table tennis for veterans. In order to achieve this, the Committee shall:

- 2.1. Support SCI in organising the WVC;
 - 2.1.1. Be represented by its Chairperson or nominee, on invitation, at WVC Committee meetings, with the right to speak but not to vote;
 - 2.1.2. Assist in the evaluation for the host of the WVC through the presence of its Chairperson or nominee during the relevant presentations at World Individual Championships;
- 2.2. Encourage continental and national federations to promote veterans' table tennis activities and organise tournaments for veterans;
- 2.3. Support continental and national federations in preparing ranking lists for veteran players;
- 2.4. Sanction international veterans tournaments and issue the calendar;
- 2.5. Work closely with ITTF Competition Department to monitor veterans' events;



- 2.6. Update veterans' activities on the veteran section of the ITTF website, in co-operation with the SCI;
- 2.7. Establish working groups to address specific areas of work for a specified period of time;
- 2.8. Liaise with other committees about issues of common interest.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

PARA TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE

1. Composition of the Committee: the Committee shall be composed of:

- 1.1. Six (6) full members and six (6) corresponding appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) from nominations received from national associations on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee in odd numbered years; of whom:
 - 1.1.1. One (1) shall be appointed chairperson by the Board of Directors;
 - 1.1.2. One (1) member shall have expertise in the medical area and will be appointed as medical officer;
- 1.2. One (1) member nominated by the Athletes Commission, who shall be the athlete representative
- 1.3. Up to two advisors co-opted by the Committee as required;
- 1.4. A staff member as secretary to the Committee who shall have speaking rights but no voting rights;
- 1.5. The Director of Operations & Olympic/Paralympic Games and the Director of Development;
- 1.6. An Executive Vice-President appointed by the Executive Committee;
- 1.7. The President and Chief Executive Officer ex officio;

2. Purpose (mandate): advise the Executive Committee and, where relevant, the staff, on matters regarding development of Para Table Tennis worldwide. In order to achieve this, the Committee shall:

- 2.1. Collect feedback from the different associations and provide input to ITTF;
- 2.2. Assist the competition and operation programmes on issues relating to integration;
- 2.3. Coordinate with the competition programme the management of the selection process for players for the PTT World Championships and Paralympic Games;
- 2.4. Advise the ITTF BoD, EC and Competition Programme on the selection of candidates to host major PTT events;
- 2.5. Liaise with relevant committees and staff to integrate issues relating to players with disabilities into daily operations;
- 2.6. Advise on the establishment of working groups to address specific areas of work for a specific period of time.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER

1. Appointment: the Executive Committee shall appoint:

- 1.1. A Junior Commissioner for a period of four (4) years, coinciding with the Executive Committee (EC) term of office;
- 1.2. One (1) correspondent junior commissioner from each continent on the recommendation of the Continental Federation for a period of four (4) years, coinciding with the Executive Committee's term of office.

2. Purpose (mandate): the Junior Commissioner shall:

- 2.1. Advise the EC and Board of Directors (BoD) on technical and education programs for juniors;
- 2.2. Make recommendations to the Development, Junior and Continental Council (DJCC), EC and BoD and to any other relevant bodies related to junior activities;
- 2.3. Review and provide feedback to competition, development and education & training programs within the scope of the Global Junior Programme (GJP);
- 2.4. Oversee the evolution of the GJP in consultation with the correspondent continental junior commissioners;
- 2.5. Study any matters relating to the GJP as requested by the EC.

3. Liaison: the Junior Commissioner shall liaise closely with the GJP Manager, the Directors of Competitions, Development and Education & Training and the Executive Vice President (EVP) in charge of the GJP.

4. Communication and meeting

- 4.1. The Junior Commissioner attends the DJCC meeting once a year, and is invited to attend the World Junior Championships;
- 4.2. In between the annual DJCC meeting, the correspondent continental junior commissioners conduct their business by electronic correspondence, and being represented by the Continental Presidents or their appointee at the DJCC meeting.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

TECHNICAL COMMISSIONER

1. Appointment: the Executive Committee shall appoint:

- 1.1. A Technical Commissioner for a period of four (4) years, coinciding with the Executive Committee (EC) term of office;
- 1.2. One (1) technical correspondent from each continent on the recommendation of the Continental Federation for a period of four (4) years, coinciding with the Executive Committee's term of office.

2. Purpose (mandate): the Technical Commissioner shall:

- 2.1. Liaise with the Competition Programme and advise the BoD on the organisation of World Title competitions and make recommendations of the system of play;
- 2.2. Assist the Competition Program and referee with the World Championships draw;
- 2.3. Advise on the playing schedule for the World Championships if necessary;
- 2.4. Assist with the schedule and playing format for the Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- 2.5. Act as the chair of the jury at World Championships;
- 2.6. Work closely with the Competition Programme to achieve the above objectives;
- 2.7. Provide technical expertise and guidance to the Equipment and Rules Committees, URC, PTT committee and professional staff;
- 2.8. Liaise with the technical correspondent from each continent on technical issues related to continental events to align them to the ITTF's events.

3. Liaison: the Technical Commissioner shall liaise closely with the CEO and the Directors of Operations and Competitions



TERMS OF REFERENCE

WOMEN IN SPORT COMMISSIONER

- 1. Appointment:** the Executive Committee (EC) shall appoint a Women in Sport Commissioner for a period of four (4) years coinciding with the EC's term of office.

- 2. Purpose (mandate):** the Women in Sport Commissioner shall:
 - 2.1. Liaise with the Development Programme, Education and Training Programme and Development and Continental Council;
 - 2.2. Advise the Executive Committee on policy and progress relating to gender equity;
 - 2.3. Monitor gender equity in the ITTF;
 - 2.4. Provide technical expertise and guidance to all committees and professional staff.

- 3. Liaison:** the Women in Sport Commissioner shall liaise closely with the Deputy CEO