

SportAccord Convention, London, UK, 4th to 8th of April, 2011

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Report on present issues

Background

The International Sports family gatherers once every year to the SportAccord Convention, where all major International Sport organisations have their AGM's. At the same time the SportAccord is a meeting place for the Sports Industry with the exhibitions and the convention. The following report covers the meetings IFF participated in and the different items that were discussed.

1. *Meetings*

a) International Master Games Association (IMGA)

- The IMGA held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) during which the upcoming World and European Master Games were discussed.
- IFF was among three other sports approved as an associate member, which opens possibilities for Floorball to participate in the World Master Games in 2015.

b) Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations (ARISF)

- The ARISF General Assembly discussed the different ways the recognised federations would have a possibility to better show their sports.
- There are at the moment 32 recognised sports.
- The ARISF GA decided to set-up an ARISF Convention, in order to spread the knowledge and set up a virtual circle to analyse and discuss the issues of the ARISF's federations. The aim is to start this Convention in 2012.

c) IOC General information

- The IOC Sports Director Mr. Christophe Dubi gave a long lecturer during the ARISF GA, concerning the procedure for inclusion of new sports in the Olympic Games 2020.
- The Sport Programme consists of a maximum of 28 sports. There will for 2020 be a total of 25 core sports plus Golf and Rugby which are on the programme for 2016 and 2020. The IOC will additionally choose one new sport from a short list in 2012.
- The IOC EB will decide which sports are to be on the Short list before the IOC Session in Durban, which means that Floorball is not eligible to run for 2020. Our next possibility will be for the 2024 or 2028 Olympic Games.
- There will be a new instruction for the recognised federation's rights to use the Olympic rings in their web-page and official publications later this year.
- The Youth Olympic Games will run in 2014 and 2018 with only the Olympic programme sports, but there will be possibilities for other "side" activities for the recognised federations.

d) WADA information

- WADA Director General made a presentation in which he stressed the following issues.
- The IF's have shown their commitment to the cause and the IF's represent a total of 15 per cent of all the doping tests made yearly. The rest come from governments.
- WADA is looking to bring forward an economical model of best practises to solve the growing issue with growing expenses.
- WADA is looking for quality in the testing programmes and wants' them to be cost efficient. WADA will try to work with the laboratories to have justified prices.
- There are discussions whether there needs to be any B-samples in the future and the discussion of moving to more blood-testing will be discussed in the future.
- It is possible to make out-of-competition testing just before the major events to increase efficiency.

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e) Canton du Vaud/Maison Du Sport

- During the meeting the different aspects related to a possible move to Lausanne was discussed. According to the Canton, it is only possible to receive all benefits of moving to Lausanne, if the Head Office is moving, with the secretary general.
- Additional questions discussed, including the question related to whether IFF would be forced to pay VAT, the procedure of Carnetata for shipment of IFF Material for development and championships and the needed social security issues.
- The Canton Du Vaud will look at different possibilities and come with additional information later in the year.
- The Canton du Vaud would need a decision of a possible move at least six months in advance.

f) Peace and Sport

- The organisation based in Monaco – Peace and sport has been seeking a possibility to start a co-operation with the IFF. The organisation runs a number of field projects in Burundi, Congo, the Ivory Coast, Palestine, East Timor, Haiti and Columbia.
- The idea is to test in one project during 2011, in order to spread the development into a number of resources and taking advantage of other organisations. Peace and Sport will come with a proposal for a field project.
- It was discussed that Peace and Sport would have the possibility to promote its activity during the WFC 2011 and the Presidents and secretary generals meeting.
- We will bring a proposal for signing a Memorandum of Understanding to the CB meeting in May

g) IOC Sports Department

- In the yearly meeting with the IOC Sports Department, Mr. Jean-Laurent Bourquin and Mr. Christian Wassermann expressed their congratulations for the achievements made in order to fulfil the requirements for receiving the full recognition.
- IFF has clearly performed well in spreading the sport outside Europe. The introduction of the Licence system for 2012 is well appreciated by the IOC and the IFF Development Programme has proven to be very efficient.
- The IOC felt that the coverage from the WFC 2010 was really good and actually much better than of some of the Olympic programme sports. We reprieved the advice to talk to EuroSport and for example the Curling federation in order to start looking at the possibilities to invest in our own production platform.
- Concerning the Youth Olympic Games, the situation is clear, the only way of entering at the moment is through the cultural programme.
- The Sport Department has given its positive recommendation to the IOC EB, concerning the IFF full recognition, which the EB decided to put forward to the IOC Session in Durban.
- The IFF possibilities of looking for inclusion in multi-sport events were discussed. The Sport Department will discuss with the IWGA and IFF must actively seek participation at the World Games, the Universiade, SEA-Games and as a new opening the European Youth Olympic Festival.
- The IOC Sport Department commented that it would be good to have a DVD presenting the whole package of Floorball from the WFC, also going behind the scenes, including coaching corners, seminars, other activities (Youth corner), Say No to doping, etc, not only the game itself.
- Mr. Wassermann introduced the objectives of the IOC Entourage Committee.

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h) International Working Group on Women and Sport - IWG

- We meet with the IWG's Co –chair Mrs. Raija Mattila, who participated in the IFF General Assembly. Now the IWG proposed that IFF's Equality function should look at the Montreal Kit and look over the possibility sign the Brighton declaration. The issue needs to be discussed by the CB.
- Also discussions of the possibility to co-ordinate some joint activities in connection to the IWG Congress in Helsinki in 2014.

i) SportAccord General Assembly

- The political situation with-in the SportAccord could clearly be seen during the SportAccord General Assembly. There has not been a secretary general and the organisation is growing. The meeting itself was a real mess, with mainly the martial art federations stopping the renewal of the SportAccord statutes.
 - IFF supported the proposals of the SportAccord council and will together with the ARISF President start some preparations for a possibility to arrange street games in the aegis of SportAccord, giving IFF a possibility to enter a multi-sport event.
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Upcoming meetings and issues

- IFF to contact IMGA in June, concerning participation in Master Games 2015 (JL)
 - IFF to give input to the ARISF Convention working group by end August (JL)
 - IFF to continue the discussions with Canton du Vaud (TE)
 - IFF to follow-up on the use of the Olympic symbols on our web-page and materials (JL)
 - IFF to contact IWGA in August, concerning the participation in the World Games (JL)
 - IFF to contact the Singapore association, concerning the SEA-games (TE)
 - IFF to contact the Curling federation, concerning own TV production (JL)
 - IFF to contact the EYOF in August, concerning possible participation (JL)
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Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- The IFF CB needs to discuss the effect of the IOC decision concerning the Sport programmes of the 2020 Olympics, on the set IFF Strategy (CB)
 - Await the confirmation of the IOC Session in Durban 6th to 9th of July, for IFF's full recognition.
 - The IFF CB needs to decide upon the signature of a MOU with Sport and Peace in May (CB)
 - The IFF CB needs to decide upon entering into a pilot project together with Peace and Sport, based on their proposal in October (CB)
 - The IFF CB needs to discuss the possibility of signing the IWG Brighton declaration, as a part of our Equality actions (KS)
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New ideas, etc...

- Produce a 2-3 minute DVD from the WFC, giving a broader picture of the Sport, than just a lot of goals.
- Investigate the possibility to make a number of out-of-competition tests in connection to the WFC 2011 in St.Gallen (MB)
- To look at the IWG Montreal Kit to help with the work for the Equality function (KS)
- Work with the ARISF/SportAccord on the project of Street Games (JL)