

Summary of the decisions made by the FIG Executive Committee members in St Petersburg (RUS), March 9 - 11, 2008.

- The Executive unanimously approved the 2007 accounts, the 2008 budget and that for the upcoming 2009 - 2012 cycle; it hailed the healthy and stable **financial situation** the Federation presently enjoys.
- A project geared toward creating a **license** to allow for more efficient management of the administrative files of delegation members, gymnasts and their surrounding personnel will be proposed to Council members.
- The **Youth Olympic Games (YOG)**, recently introduced by the IOC, will be added to the list of official FIG competitions in the Technical Regulations. The Executive approved the new YOG regulations.
- Criteria for **qualification to the Olympic Games** are under revision. Concrete proposals will be submitted to Council members for approval.
- The Executive examined the basic principles of the **Codes of Points**, which will come into effect as of January 1, 2009. The codes will be approved at a later meeting. The President emphasised his intent to favour execution over difficulty in order to decrease the number of accidents and to render gymnastics more accessible to the public and media alike.
- Changes in **nationality**: Valentina Solguren, Rhythmic gymnast, from VEN to AUS; Achmad Jaser, MAG judge, from SYR to CYP; Katya Bou Aram, Artistic gymnast, from GER to LIB.
- **2009 Council**: organisation of the meeting falls to a European Union member federation. One bid has been made to date: Norway.
- A single candidate for organisation of the first edition of the **Gym for Life Challenge** has been received: Dornbirn (AUT). The event will be held in July 2009.
- The date for the 2007 - 2008 World Cup Final in Rhythmic Gymnastics has been **changed** to October 3 - 5, 2008 in Benidorm (ESP).
- British Gymnastics and the city of **Glasgow** will host the 21st Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships on October 12 - 19, 2008.



The FIG Executive will be meeting May 22 - 23, 2008 prior to the **8th Council in Cape Town** (RSA).

The IOC has demonstrated its confidence in FIG President **Prof. Bruno Grandi** yet again by confirming his mandate within the Sport for All commission, and the Congress 2009 commission.



FIG President, Prof. Bruno Grandi, has made public his projects, objectives and proposals on the **Virtual Olympic Congress** website. Members of the Olympic family are invited to contribute to the virtual Olympic Congress using an Extranet programme designed to gather as much input and as many comments as possible from Olympic family members. FIG authorities and members are invited to contribute at <http://www.2009congress.olympic.org>, where they may set up a personal account.

In Ulm (GER -Aerobic Worlds), after the Chinese group's final score was given, an inquiry was lodged by the group's coach. The Superior Jury ruled in favour of the group, after having analysed the routine using the **IRCOS* by FIG** control system. The group once again claimed the world champion title. The incident underpins the FIG's decision, and that of its President, Prof. Bruno Grandi, to launch the development of a video control system that would provide for the viewing and analysing of all gymnastic competitions, a project that was undertaken as early as 2004.

The Secretary General reminds members that they have until **May 16 at midnight** to submit their bids. The list of candidates will appear in the FIG Bulletin, official publication of the Federation, in the *World of Gymnastics* magazine and on the FIG website.

The FIG has taken note of the decision made by the City of **Lausanne's** Local Council, which accepted the sale of the *Rue de la Gare 12* property and adjoining parcel of land. In January of this year, the FIG decided to transfer its head office to the Olympic capital.



At a recent public appearance, President Grandi reaffirmed that gymnastics needs to recover its rightful place in international sport: "Gymnastics is practised by every athlete in the world. It is our responsibility **to educate** and inform coaches and directors of every international sport federation of the benefits of motor activity, as well as the dangers of its excess. This is the mission of the FIG, and it is our responsibility to pursue it!"

The FIG, together with its partner **Eurotramp**, offers two Trampolines free of charge (ex. Eurotramp factory in Weilheim GER) to the FIG affiliated Federations fulfilling certain criteria.

The Presidential Commission, following a proposal by the **Disciplinary Commission**, has unanimously ruled as to sanctions taken against Ms Irina Deriugina, member of the FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics Technical Committee, including suspension from *her function as a member of the RG TC and any other official function within the FIG immediately and until the end of the current cycle (31.12.2008) and to suspend her from any future official function within the FIG until the end of the 2013-2016 cycle.*

With the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate, on March 17, President George W. Bush appointed **William J. Hybl** to the position of Chairman of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. Hybl is Chairman and CEO of Colorado Springs-based El Pomar Foundation and President of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) Foundation Council.



The 14th **Land de Basse Saxe** Gymnastics Celebration in Braunschweig (GER) enjoyed incredible success: 20'000 participants and 300'000 visitors! A record!



At the recent Aerobic Gymnastics World Championships in Ulm (GER), the FIG welcomed 46 media representatives. A new record for the discipline. Other interesting statistics: First entry for **Algeria and the Islamic Rep. of Iran!**



ELECTIONS: KSA: Dr Ali Abdullah Al-Jafri, President; Mr Nasser Hamad Al Sebeiy, Dty President; Mr Khalid Abdullah Al-Boussi, Secretary General;



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At its meeting in Bangkok (THA) on April 28, the Executive Committee of the **AGU (Asian Gymnastics Union)** made the following decisions:



- the 4th Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships to be held in Doha (QAT) in November 2008;
- the 1st Asian Aerobic Gymnastics Championships to be held in Thailand in December 2008;
- the 4th Asian Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships to be held in Uzbekistan in April 2009;
- the Asian Trampoline and Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships to be held in Kazakstan in February 2010. This event will qualify for the 1st Youth Olympic Games 2010 in Singapore.

The AGU EC members welcomed **Janssen and Fritsen** as Official Partner of the Union. Next meeting of the Committee in Iran in April 2009.



On October 17 - 19, 2008, the 77th FIG Congress will take place in Helsinki (FIN). The Finnish Federations SVOLI launched a website for participants and visitors. For full details, visit <http://www.figcongress2008.com/>

8th World Games, Kaohsiung (TPE) 2009 - QUALIFICATIONS

Provisional list of federations qualified for the 2009 World Games in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei, in the discipline of Aerobic Gymnastics.

	MIND	WIND	MXP	TRIOS	GROUPS
1	ESP	BRA	ROU	ROU	CHN
2	CHN	NZL	BRA	CHN	FRA
3	ROU	ROU	RUS	FRA	ROU
4	FRA	FRA	FRA	BRA	RUS
5	RUS	BUL	BUL	ITA	ITA
6	HUN	CHN	CHN	VIE	KOR
7	ITA	ITA	ESP	BUL	ESP
8 WC	RSA Continent LEVY Matthew	Ranking ESP	TPE Host Fed HSU Shu-Mao TUNG Chun- Kuei	TPE Host Fed HSU Shu-Mao PENG Chia- Yu TSAI Hui- Tyng	Ranking JPN

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MEDIA OPERATIONS

Res 1	KOR	RUS	POR	RUS	HUN
Res 2	POR	ARG	VIE	HUN	GRE
	Reserve Continent : none		Reserve host : none	Reserve host : none	

WC = Wild Card / Res = Reserve

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