



15th WAE CONGRESS
Nottingham (GBR), 22 May 2016

MINUTES

1) Opening of the Congress

The President Mario Scarzella opens the 15th Congress at 9,15 and welcomes all the attending Delegates. He informs them that we have the honour to have the presence of the WA President, Prof.Dr. Ugur Erdener and of the WA Secretary General, Mr Tom Dielen.

2) Report of Registration

The Secretary General, Marinella Piscioti, after the roll call, announces that 43 Member Associations are present and all the MAs in attendance, or represented, are in good standing.

The simply majority is 22 at that moment.

Member Associations in attendance are:

AUT; AZE; BEL; BUL; CRO; CYP; CZE; DEN; ESP; EST; FRA; GBR; GEO; GER; GRE; IRL; ISL; ISR; ITA; LUX; MDA; NED; POL; ROU; RUS; SRB; SLO; SVK; SWE; TUR; UKR;

Proxies are:

ALB to ESP; ARM to GEO; FRO to SWE; FIN to ISL; HUN to SLO; KOS to BUL; LAT to EST; LIT to RUS; MLT to ITA; NOR to DEN; SMR to ROU; SUI to FRA

The President gives the floor to Prof. Erdener who affirms to be very glad to be in WAE Congress Session taking place in the historic Archery city. He underlines that World Archery Europe is WA biggest Continental organization whose contribute is very valuable. For our sport growth, he stresses on the importance for the national federations to have strategic

plans, because the future must be planned to be successful. Actually, there are more and more of the National Federations having built strategic plans in place for the next 4 years. The President encourages all the MAs who haven't a plan yet, to build ones.

Furthermore, he informs that keeping Sport clean is one of his main missions in the IOC for what concerns anti-doping, he adds that Clean Sport education is critical.

He recommends the good governance and right procedures at all levels in all the Member Federations, that means proper auditing, clear and transparent processes for elections, making sure that there is no corruptions.

Finally, the President informs the delegates very proudly about the World Archery Excellence Centre in Lausanne, whose construction is going well and will be completed on time. He invites all WA Member Associations to the Grand Opening that will be organized in the first days of December in the Olympic Capital.

President Erdener closes by thanking WAE President and his board for their commitment and he congratulates them with the success of the 1st European Games edition. He wishes a successful Championships and a productive Congress.

The President Scarzella gives to the World Archery President a plaque for his great work carried out in those last years for the development of archery and for having brought our sport to the highest international levels.

3) Nominations of scrutineers / Voting procedure

The Congress appoints the following scrutineers: Mr Jorg Brokamp (GER), Mrs Trudy Medwed (AUT) and Mrs Alessandra Colasante (ITA).

The Secretary General informs that elections will be run using the electronic voting system, while for the other matters the voting procedure is cast by raising of hands.

4) Confirmation of the minutes of 2014 Congress in Echmiadzin (ARM)

There are not any questions nor comments arising from the minutes. The minutes are approved unanimously by raising of hands.

5) Report by the President

A written President's report is hand out inside the folder of the Congress documents.

The President Mario Scarzella thanks the President of the Archery Great Britain, for the warm hospitality they have reserved to all of us.

He affirms that the European Outdoor Championships starting tomorrow has got an even greater value since it is valid as the very last Continental Quota Tournament for the Olympic Games in Rio.

The President Scarzella invites Alessandra Colasante to go on reading the President report:

"I wish to inform you shortly about some of our main activities:

European Games

Last year we had the first edition of the European Games held in Baku, Azerbaijan. The European Games are a multi-sport event for athletes from all the National Olympic Committees in Europe and it is scheduled every four years. The Games are managed and regulated by the European Olympic Committees (EOC).

The 2015 European Games involved around 6000 competitors from 49 Olympic Nations of Europe with 20 sports.

The competition format was the same as in the Olympic Games: 64 men and 64 women competing in the Recurve Division, in Individual, Team and Mixed Team events.

After that first edition, we made a proposal to the EOC President, Patrick Hickey, to change the format of the Games by including Compound archers too, beyond Recurve archers.

We asked for the following changes of the rules, anyhow without changing the total number of participating archers, which is 64 men and 64 women:

- *The number of Recurve archers would become 48 men and 48 women, getting medals for individuals, teams and mixed teams events.*
- *The mixed Team event for Recurve would be valid as CQT for Tokyo Olympics.*
- *We should include Compound archers in the European Games with 16 men and 16 women getting medals for individuals and mixed teams, but not for teams events*

Moreover, we are working so that Archery becomes one of 10 permanent sports of the European Games, in order to be part of that event in every edition.

I wish to inform you that for our participation to the European Games, we received from the EOC the grant of Euro 95.000,00 which we must spend for the development of Archery in your countries and for making more visible and professional our tournaments.

Andorra

As you know, the Archery Federation of Andorra applied to World Archery membership and has just become a temporary member of World Archery, and by consequence, they are new members of World Archery Europe too as of 30 April 2016. Their final membership will be submitted to a vote during the 2017 World Archery Congress. Together with the Archery Federation of Andorra, World Archery Europe reached the number of 51 members, a noteworthy growth which makes us very satisfied.

Grand Prix

Now, I wish to spend few words about the European Grand Prix. We made some changes in the rules and the Grand Prix legs are not considered anymore as a Circuit, but they will be different tournaments. In order to develop and increase the number of participants, World Archery Europe decided to support the Grand Prix tournaments by giving money prizes to the first three winners of each competition (Recurve and Compound).

Furthermore, individual entries are allowed to the GP tournaments. It means that not only National team archers can enter the Grand Prix, but also Club archers.

Media relationships and social networks

I wish to underline that we must work so that every National Federation might increase more and more the contacts with the local media and the attendance on press release, in order to get a greater visibility live or recorder tv coverage is necessary. This is the only way the LOC has for getting new sponsorships and the consequent improvement of economic incomes.

It will be appropriate that each Federation might use their own websites for promoting their events, and above all it is recommended to give news on the social networks and upload the videos of the events to Youtube.

We have improved our website: www.archeryeurope.org so that everybody can easily find all the info on our sport, such as news, rules, records, calendar, reports and also a rich photo gallery.

What is more, thanks to our webmaster Gabriele Giovine, WAE is also on the main social networks: the Facebook community is growing fast, now we have 5281 followers, while in 2014 they were 1900.

On Twitter we have 2.121 followers and 3.342 tweets posted. It must be noted that during the Final matches, on Twitter, thanks to Ianseo team, the Live Tweeting Results is available for getting live results.

On Youtube we have 685 subscribers and 45.854 views, while in 2014 they were 1700. A really impressive growth.

On WAE website we have registered more than 100.000 users connected from July 2014 until today, and more than 200.000 interaction with the website.

Finally, I kindly ask you to send us news, info, programs about your Federations so to be published on our website.

European Club Teams Cup

The European Club Teams Cup is an event reserved to the national Archery Club, and I am glad to say that it achieved resounding success in some countries, even though it is quite ignored by many others. With the aim of promoting in those countries such an event, WAE Executive Board has nominated Mr Olivier Grillat as responsible of the promotion of the European Club Teams Cup among our Member Associations. He will have direct contacts with our Mas about that event.

Anyhow, I ask for your cooperation for a greater development of that competition. The National Associations must promote the tournament among the local Clubs, which often ignore it.

Coaches Trainer Course

I wish to congratulate on the success of the WAE Coaches Trainer Course, 1st and 2nd level, held in Athens from 19th to 28th October 2015 and in Marathon from 18th to 24th April 2016, both very well organized by the Greek Archery Federation, supported by the Olympic Solidarity and in cooperation with the Greek National Olympic Committee and World Archery.

The aim of those Courses is to teach as many European Archery Coaches as possible to let them train other archery coaches in their country and abroad.

The Experts of those courses were Mr Pascal Colmaire, World Archery Development & Education Director, and Mr Andreas Achilleos, a Coaches Trainer from Cyprus.

I take the occasion to thank the Greek Archery Federation for the hospitality and organization, and Mrs Evelyn Papadopoulou, WAE DTAC Chairwoman, for her great work and cooperation to the success of the Courses.

Continental Judge Seminar

I want to congratulate also on the success of the WAE Continental Judge Seminar, held in Sallanches (FRA) from 23rd to 25th October 2015. It was managed by WAE Judge Committee, Mr Pol Ney, Mr Jean Martens and Mr Henk Wagemakers.

23 candidates were in attendance, coming from 14 different European Member Associations. 20 candidates passed the exams and got the status of WAE Continental Judge.

As far as the Judges are concerned, I wish to underline that the professional level and skills of our Judges is growing deeply thanks to the successful work of our Judge Committee.

Para Archery

Regarding Para Archery, let me underline the remarkable results concerning Olympic qualifications achieved by the European athletes during the World Para Archery Championships held in Germany and during the European Para Archery Championships held in France. My best wishes to those archers who will fight for the very last Olympic qualification in Nove Mesto.

The innovation of the last World Para Archery Championships was the introduction of the Visually Impaired category, a discipline that needs to be developed further. WAE will give a financial support to the VI Archers with official VI classification session at the Open International Indoor Tournament in Nantes - Saint Herblain (FRA) on 27-28 February 2017.

Furthermore, WAE will support the organization of a Seminar in Serbia in spring 2017 in order to develop and increase the level of Para Archery in the countries of the Balkan zone.

Youth archers

Regarding the juniors, I wish to underline that the European Youth Cup is increasing more and more the number of entries. Year by year, we register a higher number of participants, so the Youth Cup can now be considered one of the most valid test of a competition at the maximum level of European Youth Archery for our young athletes. It was confirmed during the Youth Cup held in Heviz, the first week of May, where more than 280 archers were in attendance, coming from 27 countries.

Now we have to guarantee to the Youth competitions the same level, visibility and importance of the Senior competitions.

In the last part of my report, I wish to thank the members of WAE Executive Board and WAE Committees. In particular, I wish to thank Thierry Zintz, Trudy Medwed and Philippe Bouclet, who have decided to leave our Executive Board.

With their worthy work and positive cooperation, they have contributed to our growth and to the several goals we aimed.

I wish to thank also the Technical Delegates and the Judges, who so far contribute to the best technical and competitive outcome of our tournaments.

Let me address a special thank to Christian Laforest for his excellent cooperation, and to Alessandra Colasante for her important office activity in WAE Secretariat. Finally, my very special thanks is addressed to WAE Secretary General, Marinella Piscioti, for her great work, her huge availability and very precious experience put at disposal of the whole organization.

And finally, a huge thanks to all of you!"

The floor is given to WA Secretary General Tom Dielen, who congratulates with WAE for being the greatest Continental Association, who represents the whole Europe counting 51 Member Association. The Secretary General shows and explains a power point presentation. He informs about the successful growth in Archery by mentioning several figures.

He asks to the Member Associations their vision for the future by thinking about what must be improved most inside each belonging Federation. A clear strategic plan should be defined for what the partnerships, promotion, and development are concerned, focusing on the two main topics of good governance and clean sport.

The Secretary General stresses that one of the future mission of World Archery is to empower the MAs to make Archery a leading sport in nations around the world, that means Archery must be recognized as an important Olympic sport within every country.

The Secretary Dielen recommends that all WA and WAE events must increase their quality and turn from simple competition to great events.

Finally, he touches upon the sustainability of WA Excellence Centre, the solar panels installed on the roof, and the future use of the Centre as a central tool for Archery development.

The Secretary General Marinella Piscioti invites Mr Neil Armitage, CEO Archery GB, to take the floor. He welcomes all delegates to the city of Nottingham:

"Good morning Presidents, delegates, ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of Archery Great Britain I welcome you all to Nottingham for the World Archery Europe Congress.

I would like to thank Prof Dr Erdener for attending during his busy schedule and a special thank you to all the volunteers who make this event possible. Archery GB is privileged and honored to host this congress and the European Championships. Not only do we have more than 40 countries represented we also welcome almost 400 of Europe's finest archers here in Nottingham. Nottingham is an iconic centre of archery within the UK - here we have Sherwood Forest home of the legendary Robin Hood. Robin Hood is a hero of British folklore dating back to 1584. An important aspect of the Robin Hood legend represents great similarity with archery. Robin Hood was renowned for taking from the rich to give to the poor, he held a strong principle and fought for greater equality. Equality exists throughout our sport. Archery is one of the few sports which anyone can do. It does not matter if you are old or young, male or female, able-bodied or disabled. Archery cuts across age, gender, physical ability and social divides. Archery demonstrates equality in sport and truly is a sport for all. I wish you a successful congress and your athletes a great and competitive tournament as we develop our common aim of growing our sport for the good of everyone. Thank you"

6) Finances

The Chairperson of the Finance Board, Christian Laforest reports on the financial situation for the year 2014 and 2015. There are no questions arising from the Finance and Audit Board reports.

7) Approval of the reports in item 6

The accounts and the Auditors Reports for 2014 and 2015 are approved by Congress by a raise of hands.

8) Permanent Committees Reports

- DTAC Committee

The Chairwoman Mrs Evelyn Papadopoulou reads the Report of the Committee. No comments arising by the Congress delegates.

- 3D & Field Committee

Mr Cenneth Alhund, member of the 3D and Field Committee, reads the Report of the Committee. No comments arising by the Congress delegates.

- Judges Committee

Mr Jean Martens, member of the Judges Committee, reads the Report of the Committee.

No comments arising by the Congress delegates.

- Youth Committee

The Chairwoman, Mrs Irena Rosa, reads the Report of the Youth Committee.

No comments arising by the Congress delegates.

Liaisons Officers Reports

- Medical Liaison

Dr Stefano Osele reads his Report

No comments arising by the Congress delegates

- Para Archery Liaison

Mr Dominique Ohlmann reads his Report

No comment arising by the Congress delegates

9) Elections

For the first Round is requested the simple majority of the valid votes of the registered Member Associations. The simple majority is: 22

Second Round: for the remaining positions afterward the 1st Round, the candidates, who receive the highest number of votes. will be elected independently if they obtain the simple majority.

The Secretary General invites Mr Ardingo Scarzella to explain how the voting system procedure works.

Election of the Vice President

Participants : 43 Requested majority: 22
2 candidates

Vladimir Esheev (RUS)	40 votes
Viktor Sidorouk Junior (UKR)	3 votes

Mr. Vladimir Esheev is elected as Vice President for the term 2016-2020

Elections of 3 Executive Board Members

Before the election starts, Mr Cenneth Ahlund (SWE) takes the floor to announce the decision to withdraw his candidature for the Executive Board.

Participants : 43 Requested majority: 22
7 candidates

Hilda Gibson (GBR)	35 votes
Rolf Lind (DEN)	35 votes
Dominique Ohlmann (FRA)	28 votes
Vicente Martinez-Orga (ESP)	23 votes
Irena Rosa (SLO)	20 votes
Nune Vasilyan (ARM)	5 votes
Agnes Vissers (NED)	1 vote

Mrs Hilda Gibson (GBR), Rolf Lind (DEN) and Dominique Ohlmann (FRA) are elected as Executive Board Members for the term 2016-2020. Mr Vicente Martinez-Orga (ESP) is elected as Executive Board Member for the term 2016-2018.

Mrs Irena Rosa (SLO) is the first substitute.

Election of the Development and Technical Committee: 3 positions

Participants : 43 Requested majority: 22
3 candidates

Evelyn Papadopoulou (GRE)	41 votes
Bettina Kratzmueller (AUT)	36 votes
Patrick Lebeau (FRA)	35 votes

They are elected Development and Technical Committee members for the term 2016-2020

Election of the Judges Committee 3 positions

Participants : 43 Requested majority: 22
11 candidates

Jean Martens (BEL)	27 votes
Klaus Lykkebaek (DEN)	22 votes

Since no other candidate has received the simple majority, it is necessary to organize the second round. The candidate, who will receive the highest number of votes, will be elected.

Luca Stucchi (ITA)	20 votes
Henk Wagemakers (NED)	8 votes
Friedrich Karle (GER)	5 votes
Macide Borzoglu Erdener (TUR)	4 votes
Katerina Plakouda (GRE)	3 votes
Petrou Petros (CYP)	2 votes
Cristophe Pezet (FRA)	1 vote
Kristina Anna Reitmeier (CZE)	1 vote
Susan Jean Richards (GBR)	1 vote

Mr Jean Martens, Mr Klaus Lykkebaek and Mr Luca Stucchi are elected for a term 2016-2020.

Election of the Youth Development Committee: 3 positions

Participants : 43 Requested majority: 22
7 candidates

Irena Rosa (SLO)	40 votes
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Since no other candidate has received the simple majority, it is necessary to organize the second round. The candidates who will receive the highest number of votes, will be elected.

Paola Bertone (ITA)	30votes
Gullimar Akerlund (SWE)	21 votes
Maria Kyrillopoulou (GRE)	12 votes
Yuri Yogev (ISR)	9 votes
Agnes Vissers (NED)	6 votes
Johann Uschounig (AUT)	1 vote

Mrs Irena Rosa (SLO), Mrs Paola Bertone (ITA) and Mr Gullimar Akerlund (SWE) are elected for a term 2016-2020.

Election of the 3D&Field Committee: 3 positions

Before the election starts, Mr Cenneth Ahlund (SWE) takes the floor to announce the decision to withdraw his candidature for the 3D& Field Committee.

Participants : 43 Requested majority: 22
4 candidates

Stefano Tombesi (ITA)	34 votes
Hannu Kari (FIN)	29 votes
Helmut Poell (AUT)	28 votes
Michel Daumas (FRA)	25 votes

Mr Stefano Tombesi (ITA), Mr Hannu Kari (FIN) and Mr Helmut Poell (AUT) are elected for a term 2016-2020.

The President congratulates the newly elected officers and thanks all the retiring officers for their valuable contributions to World Archery Europe.

10) European Archery Events

a) European Archery Championships

The Secretary General informs the Congress delegates that during the prior Executive Board meeting, the following European Championships were allocated:

- European Field Championships 2017 to the Archery Federation of Slovenia. The Championships will be held in Mokrice Catez on 5-9 September.
- European Outdoor Championships 2018 to the Polish Archery Federation. The competition will be held in Legnica on 28 August-1 September.
- European 3D Championships 2018 to the Swedish Archery Association . The competition will be held in Gothenbourg on 18-22 September.
- European Youth Championships 2018 to Hellenic Archery Federation. The competition will be held in Marathon on 26-30 June.
- European Para Championships 2018 to the Czech Archery Association. The competition will be held in Pilsen on 6-16 August.

Mrs Irena Rosa (SLO) takes the floor to show a brief video-slide presentation about the 2017 European Field Championships.

Afterwards, Mr Cenneth Ahlund (SWE) gives some information regarding the European 3D Championships to be organized in 2018.

b) European Club Team Cup

Mr Olivier Grillat, appointed by WAE Executive Board as responsible of the promotion of the Club Team Cup among the MAs, was not able to attend the Congress. He sent a message to the delegates, which is read by the WA Secretary General, Mr Tom Dielen.

Olivier Grillat underlines the necessity to involve the National Federations in the further development of the European Club Team Cup competition. The main issue is that WAE cannot reach directly all the European MAs local clubs, unless through the widespread promotion of the National Federations. Mr Grillat feels confident that the European Club Team Cup has the capacity to become quickly an exceptional tool for Archery promotion in Europe, as it already exists for many other sports successfully.

11) Awards

The President gives the floor to Mrs Trudy Medwed, Mr Philippe Bouclet and Mr Thierry Zintz, who decided to leave WAE Executive Board. They are awarded with a plaque for their worthy work and positive cooperation, they contributed to our growth and to the several goals we aimed.

The President Scarzella invites also the WA Secretary General, Mr Tom Dielen, to take the floor for being awarded with a plaque for the excellent cooperation between WA and WAE.

12) Closing of the Congress

The President Mr Mario Scarzella thanks all the delegates for their participation and contribution, the scrutineers, the Executive Board members and the WAE Committee members for their efforts for enhancing our sport, and declares the 15th WAE Congress closed at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday 22 May 2016.