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CONGRESS CENTRE

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Congress opening

General remarks:

The Congress starts at 10.05 a.m. local time.

President VIZER welcomes the IJF honorable guests and congress participants. He invites the delegates to come over to the stage and collect documents related to the IJF Statutes and new rules printed in the IJF Official languages

The IJF General Secretary, Dr. Hédi DHOUIB, invites the congress participants to take their seats, then he checks the translation channels (English: Channel 3; French: Channel 4; Spanish: Channel 5; Russian: Channel 6; Arabic: Channel 7 and Japanese: Channel 8) and makes the customary recommendations to ensure the good and smooth running of the Congress. He asks the speakers to

- State their name, the National Federation they belong to, and the language they would use when they take the floor
- Be brief when intervening
- Seek the chairman's permission before taking the floor
- Not use their mobile phones during process in the Congress Room

2. Roll Call

The IJF GS informs that after the Control of Nations, the IJF Credential Committee held a meeting to check the number of participating countries and concluded that the **countries officially registered and entitled to participate to the congress are as follows:**

The IJF GS gives the number of Countries:

- Africa: : = 16
- Asia: = 22
- Europe: = 44
- Oceania: = 05
- Pan America: = 21

TOTAL: 108 countries participate to Congress

The IJF GS reminds the congress delegates that according to Article 8.15 of the IJF Statutes “The chair person of the congress shall declare the official opening of the congress when at least half of the Member Federations are present or represented and when at least 3 different Continental Unions representatives are present”. Thus, according to the IJF Statutes the quorum is reached since

- **The Simple Majority is : 54 + 1= 55**
- **Absolute 2/3 Majority is : 72**

Congress opening

The quorum being reached, the IJF GS invites the IJF President to declare the Congress open.

President Marius VIZER declares that the IJF 2009 Ordinary Congress is open. Then he announces that an official post mortem gold medal has been awarded to Mr. Michael Mac EVILLY IJF Financial adviser and auditor in recognition of his activity and his contribution to world Judo, and asks the congressmen to observe a minute-silence in his memory. The medal is handed to Mrs. Ursula Mac EVILLY.

3. Approval of the Rotterdam 2009 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda:

The IJF GS informs that the Ordinary Congress draft agenda sent 3 months ago to the IJF NFs has been slightly modified not in its content but in the chronological order of its points. He explains that because the validity of the IJF EC decision regarding the Pan American Judo Confederation as the representative body of Pan America is still being considered by CAS which has forbidden the Congress to approve the IJF EC decision to officially recognize this Confederation, and because the IJF EC has decided in its Rotterdam IJF August 21, 2009 EC meeting to act in accordance with the provisional judgment of CAS, Item 4 that is “vote on the approval of the Pan American Confederation” has been withdrawn from the Rotterdam 2009 agenda.

Decision: The Rotterdam 2009 IJF Ordinary Agenda is approved

4. Approvals

4.1. Appointment of Mr. Gerard BENONE as EC Member:

The IJF GS informs that the IJF EC has decided to appoint Mr. Gerard BENONE as IJF EC member and that according to the IJF Statutes such a cooptation must be approved by the Congress. Mr. Gerard BENONE's appointment as IJF EC member is then voted for **by a show of hands.**

Decision: Appointment approved

4.2. Approval of the Minutes of the Rio 2007 IJF Ordinary Congress:

The IJF GS recalled that the draft minutes of the Rio 2007 IJF Ordinary Congress minutes were sent to all IJF National Federations and that until the dead line set for May 15, 2009 no corrections or amendments were sent from the IJF Judo Federations to the IJF GS's office. He asks if there is any comment to make about the minutes as presented, adding that if no comments are made and no questions are raised the minutes of the Rio Congress will be considered as approved. After one minor correction is made here in Rotterdam, the Rio 2007 Congress minutes are **approved.**

4.3. Approval of the Minutes of the Bangkok 2008 IJF Extraordinary Congress:

The IJF GS also recalls that the draft minutes of the Rio 2007 IJF Ordinary Congress minutes were sent to all IJF National Federations and that until the dead line set for May 15, 2009 no corrections or amendments were sent from the IJF Judo Federations to the IJF GS's office. He asks if there is any comment to make about the minutes as presented, adding that if no comments are made and no questions raised the minutes of the Bangkok 2008 Congress will be considered as approved. After one minor correction is made here in Rotterdam (page 15 of the minutes it will be specified that Mr. VANEGAS did not attend the Congress as an observer, but as a full-fledged participant), the Bangkok 2008 Extraordinary Congress minutes are now **approved**

5. Election of 5 scrutinizers and a steward

The IJF GS explains that as usual, each Continent was asked to nominate one gentleman or a lady who does not come from a country where she/he has candidates for an IJF position to act as a steward or a scrutinizer at the congress. The IJF Vice Presidents and Presidents of the Continental Judo Unions recommended the following persons for this Congress:

The Scrutinizers recommended by their union are:

1. Mr. El Hadj DIA, from Senegal for Africa
2. Mr. Norman SAHER, from Yemen for Asia
3. Mr. Daniel LASCAUI, from Romania for Europe
4. Mr. Peter HERRMANN from Australia for Oceania
5. Mr. Ron TRIPP from USA for Pan America

The scrutinizers agree to nominate Mr. Daniel LASCAU as Steward

Then the IJF GS moved on to point 6 of the agenda.

6. Statutes amendments proposals:

- The proposal related to the IJF official languages

The IJF GS informs the Congress that after considering the sensitive, delicate, emotional, financial, administrative and practical aspects of the question related to the use of the IJF official languages for communication within the IJF and between the IJF and its Member National Federations, **the IJF EC has unanimously decided and approved that as has so far been the case, all three IJF official languages (English, French, and Spanish) will be used in Congress. Consequently, as no changes have been brought to the use of the IJF official languages at the Congress,** the proposal related to changes of the official languages of the IJF has been withdrawn from the Congress agenda

- The proposals made by the Tunisian Judo Federation (No limitation of the NFs judo members' mandate, and Status of the Judo NFs must be in conformity with the IJF Statutes and the Statutes of their Continental Union) have also been withdrawn.

- Amendment proposals by the French Judo Federation:

The IJF GS shows on screen the amendments the French Judo Federation proposes to the current Congress: Proxies (item 6.1.1), membership fees (Item 6.1.2, candidacy (item 6.1.3), Continental Union (item 6.1.4), and Arbitral Tribunal Court (item 6.1.5) articles.

He goes on to suggest that due to the large number of amendments that are to be considered and in order to save time, voting for Item 6.2 of the Rotterdam 2009 Congress agenda which is related to a change of structure of the IJF (transfer IJF Head Office from Ireland to Switzerland) and voting for items 6.1.1 through 6.1.5 should **take place at the same time, but for each item separately as they appear on the same voting ballots.**

He also informs that

- The Senegalese Judo Federation proposes to amend amendment 6.1.1 (i.e. decrease the quorum from one-half to one-third of the members) if this amendment accepted
- The Tunisian Judo Federation proposes to amend item 6.1.4 (criteria for recognizing a structure as a Continental Union and assess its capability) if this amendment accepted

Then, the IJF Lawyer shows samples of voting ballots on screen and explains the voting procedure and processes.

Before asking congressmen to start a secret vote, President VIZER gives the major reasons for changing the IJF Head Office from Ireland to Switzerland: Many other International Sports Federations are in Lausanne, Switzerland; IJF Office will be closer to the IOC Head Quarters, which will reinforce the relationship and facilitate communication between the two Associations. This transfer will also facilitate communication between the IJF and

other International Sports Federations. The proposal of transfer reported below is shown on screen:

“The Congress decides to transfer the head office of the International Judo Federation from Ireland to Switzerland according to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The Congress approves the founding of an Association governed by Swiss law, whose head office shall be in Lausanne with the name “International Judo Federation”, as well as the transfer of the widest powers to the Executive Committee of the current International Judo Federation so that it may proceed with all useful formalities in order to ensure the establishment of the said Association that will be the successor of the current International Judo Federation.*
- 2. The Congress decides to transfer all the assets and rights of any and all type from the Irish IJF to the Association governed by Swiss law.*
- 3. The Congress decides to preserve the rights and actions against Mr. CLAURE and Mr. Park vested in the Irish IJF in order to recover the amounts that have not been returned by Mr. CLAURE.”*

- A letter attesting the readiness of the Swiss Government to welcome the incorporation of the new International Judo Federation is also shown on screen.
- President VIZER informs that the votes will be secret then he gives the floor to Dr. François CARRARD, attorney at law in Switzerland and who will assist the International Judo Federation to migrate its official registration to Lausanne. Dr. CARRARD gives and explains the legal procedure allowing the vote for approving a resolution shown on the screen namely that of accepting **the principle of transferring IJF from Ireland to Switzerland**. He goes on to explain that If the congressmen vote in favor of the principle, at that stage, based on their approval, the IJF President will suspend this Congress and they will be asked to remain seated on the site here in Rotterdam and the Congress activity will be carried on, which is legal constitution wise. This will be a short act and all federations will be asked to use the declaration of membership form included in the documents distributed at the beginning of the Congress. Then there will be a short constitutive assembly of Swiss International Judo Federation; that Assembly will be closed and the Congress will be resumed, which means that the congressmen will for a while be members of both the Irish and the New Swiss Judo Federation until the Irish one is later on liquidated.
He also informs that if the congress accepts this principle, some minor changes will need to be made in the current IJF Statutes so that they become compatible with Swiss Law, and that Article 4.1 and 11.1 will be amended as follows:

Article 4.1 Application for membership

- **Only one Federation per Country may become a member of the IJF.**

- **To apply for membership in the IJF, a National Federation must be recognized by its National Olympic Committee (NOC), which itself is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC),**

Article 11.1: Powers:

The EC shall determine the orientation for IJF activities and shall ensure implementation thereof within the limits of the aims of the IJF and subject to the powers expressly attributed to the Congress under these Statutes.

- **The EC shall handle all issues related to the proper operation of the IJF and shall settle business it is involved in by way of decisions.**
- **The EC shall carry out all audits and verifications it deems necessary.**
- **Each year, the EC shall set the amounts above which contracts or hiring of staff or layoffs suggested by the President must be approved by the EC.**
- **The EC shall validate urgent decisions under its authority made by the President or the Bureau.**
- **The EC has the power to decide on all issues that have not been placed under the authority of another IJF governing body pursuant to these Statutes.**
- **IN ADDITION: THE EC SHALL DECIDE ON THE ADMISSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.**

6.1. The IJF GS takes a few minutes to organize and explain the voting process showing samples of the voting ballots in the IJF official languages, then, he asks the congressmen of each continent to head for the voting boots.

- 6.1.1. Voting results for the Creation of a new International Judo Structure with a new Head Office and transfer of the assets to the new structure are:

For: 102; Against: 04

Decision: The Principle is approved. From a legal stand point, the New International Judo Association is now established under the Swiss Law.

Judo NFs that have accepted to deal with the New Association have deposited their membership declaration with the General Secretary;

Dr. CARRARD goes through the minutes of the New Association founders' meeting held on August 23, 2009 at 12.15 p.m., Chaired by Mr. Marius VIZER and having Dr Hédi DHOUIB as secretary:

- The founders of the Association attending or represented and who brought their membership declaration duly signed to the GS are designated in the list of the Founding National Federation which is attached to these minutes to be part of it.
- NFs of the old Company not present at the Rotterdam 2009 IJF Congress may, if accepted, join the new company at any time and enjoy all the rights and prerogatives as those of the NFs present today. However, technically they are not founders.

- The Statutes of the International Judo Federation as amended during the previous Congress a short while ago are Adopted now as being those of the new Association. A copy of the Statutes, signed by the President and the GS is attached to these Minutes to be part of them
- The elections held during the Congress which took place on September 11, 2007 in Rio de Janeiro and a nomination (that of Mr. BENONE) are confirmed
- The election of Ernst and Young decided in Rio as Statutory Auditor until the end of the business year is confirmed
- Claims against the Associated still exist and will not be liquidated before all matters are set.
- All decisions made during previous Congresses are confirmed. The Association is committed to executing these decisions.
- The composition of the Executive Committee, management of the Association, is attached to the Minutes

6.2. **Voting results regarding the French Judo Federation Proposals:**

6.2.1. Modification to Articles 8.16 and 8.17 (**Proxies and proxies form**)

- Voting results: **99 For; 12 against**

Decision: Approved. Voting by proxy is not allowed. Article 8.17 is deleted

6.2.2. Modification to Article 22.2 (**Membership fees**)

Voting result: For: 96; against: 09; invalid: 01

Decision: Approved: The Members of the IJF are liable for the payment of membership fees directly to the IJF. The amount of the membership fees shall be proposed by the IJF EC and submitted to the Congress for approval.

In the event a member of the IJF has not paid its membership fees within the required time limit, the IJF reserves the right to deduct this amount from payments it makes to the Continental Union of the member which has not paid the fees.

6.1.3 Modification to articles 19.2 through Article 19.5 (**Candidacy**)

Voting results: **For: 100; against: 06**

Decision: Approved:

New Article 19.2:

After reading the IJF current Article 19.2 related to member National Federations candidacies, which stipulates that “all member National Federations shall have the right to apply as a candidate to organize an IJF event, other than the Olympic Games, in accordance with the IJF Rules. National Federations which are candidates must apply to the General Secretariat as defined in the relevant Regulations”, the IJF GS also reads the amendment of

this Article as proposed by the French Judo Federation and discussed and revised by the IJF EC:

“All Member National Federations shall have the right to apply as a candidate to organize an IJF event, except the Olympic Games. National Federations which are candidates must apply to the General Secretariat as defined in the relevant Regulations.

The IJF EC, not the Congress, shall designate the organizer for all IJF events.

Decision: Approved unanimously

New Article 19.4 - Application procedure to organize the Senior World Championship or the IJF Ordinary Congress

Member National Federations must submit an application to organize the Senior World Championship and/or the IJF Ordinary Congress one hundred and eighty (180) clear days prior to the relevant Congress to the General Secretary who shall forward the applications to all EC Members. The application must contain a file giving a detailed description to support the candidacy. After examining the quality of the applications, the EC shall submit those application files which comply with the specifications to the Congress.

New Article 19.5: Application procedure to organize all IJF events other than the Olympic Games, the Senior World Championship and the IJF Ordinary Congress

Member National Federations must submit an application to organize an IJF event within the time limit set by the EC to organize an IJF event other than the Senior World Championship, the IJF Ordinary Congress and the Olympic Games.

The EC shall provide applicant Federations with an answer within the time limits it has set in the Regulations organizing the application procedure.

For each event, the EC shall inform all Member Federations via the IJF Web Site of the specifications for the event, as well as the regulations organizing the application procedure containing the time limit to file applications and to receive an answer from the EC on the application.

6.1.4 Modification to Article 1.4 (Continental Union)

Voting results: For: 96; against: 09; Invalid: 01;

Decision: Approved. New Article 1.4: Continental Union:

The term "Continental Union" shall refer to the Union of National Federations of a single continent which are Members of the IJF.

Membership shall be granted to and withdrawn from each Continental Union per Decision of the EC.

Each Continental Union is made up of National Federations in the relevant continent, except in the case of exceptional derogations authorized by the EC.

Continental Unions are in charge of implementing the policies of the IJF and the IOC.

The liability of Continental Unions as members is limited.

All Continental Unions undertake to contribute to the assets of the IJF.

In the event the company is wound up, all Continental Unions which are members at that time and for one (1) year afterwards, agree to pay the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they cease to be members, as well as the costs, charges and expenses of winding up. For the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required must not exceed ten Euros (10 €)."

6.1.5. Modification to Article 29 (IJF Arbitral Tribunal Court)

Voting results: For: 103; against: 03

Decision: Approved: Articles 29.1 to 29.4: unchanged.

Creation of a new Article 29.5: Transitional provision:

As long as the IJF Arbitral Tribunal has not been established and the rules of this Tribunal have not been defined, all disputes or conflicts referred to in Article 29.1 shall be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne.

6.1.6. Votes regarding the Amendments of the accepted amendments proposed by the French Judo:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY THE SENEGALESE JUDO FEDERATION:

The Senegalese Judo Federation President, in light of the proposal submitted by the French Federation to eliminate proxies, reports that the Senegalese Judo Federation is of the opinion that in this case it will be difficult to meet the quorum of one-half of the members as provided for in Article 8.15.

Voting results: For: 83, against: 23; Null: 02

Decision: Approved. Under these conditions, this Article is amended in order to decrease the quorum from one-half to one-third of the members and to consequently replace in Article 8.15 the words "one-half of the Member National Federations" by "one-third of the Member National Federations".

PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY THE TUNISIAN JUDO FEDERATION:

The Tunisian Judo Federation President reports that the Tunisian Judo Federation proposes that decisions of the EC to recognize a structure as a Continental Union or to withdraw from a structure its capacity of Continental Union be made based on the capability of this structure to ensure the function of a Continental Union in the interest of the sport of judo.

And that the main criteria used to assess the capability of the structure to act in the interest of judo shall be the number of judokas in the National Federations which are members of the structure claiming to have the capacity of Continental Union.

Voting results: For: 86; against: 18; Abstention: 02

Decision: Approved

The President of the Chadian Judo Federation expresses his satisfaction about these amendments and congratulates the IJF for having worked them out, adding that all of the African Judo Federations support these amendments because they all support democracy and transparency. He also kindly requests the IJF President to assist African athletes and officials in obtaining visas so that they may participate to the IJF tournaments.

As many athletes and officials could not for specific valid reasons obtain visa of entry in the Netherlands to attend the IJF WCC and Congress in Rotterdam, the IJF President will have serious discussions with IJF event-organizers to prevent such problems from happening again in the future.

7. Activities of the IJF EC Members:

The IJF President thanks the congressmen for their patience and interest in the amendments of the IJF Statutes and invites the IJF EC members to report on their activities. **Congress votes for the approval of these reports occur one at a time at the end of all of the presentations**

7.1. President's report (Power Point presentation):

The IJF President informs that, because of time constraints, he will mainly focus on his major past and future activities:

High Performance:

As far as High Performance is concerned, he reminds that he and the IJF EC promised to start a new structure of the IJF. Consequently, the IJF has already started

Grand Slam:

Three Grand Slams with 150,000 USD each have already taken place, one in Paris, one in Moscow and one in Rio de Janeiro. The next one will be in Tokyo. The IJF President expresses his satisfaction about the Paris and Rio Grand Slams which were top level competitions. He hopes that the Moscow one will be better next year. He thanks the IJF family members for their involvement and interest in these projects. A-fifty thousand USD-Prize money has been granted to each Grand Slam as a first rewarding step. To have more partners and sponsors, the IJF needs to better the quality of its competitions, the quality of judo and the quality of marketing,

Grand Prix Circuit:

This circuit also involves 500,000 USD Prize Money (100,000USD for each organizing country). The IJF President wants to take this opportunity to thank the Tunisian Judo Federation, the Tunisian Olympic Committee and the Tunisian government for the successful organization of this event and that of the Training Camp that followed it in Tunis.

Grand Prix competitions will take place in China, in Abu Dhabi and in Germany next November and in the Netherlands next year. To motivate judokas and increase the quality of Judo, a 200,000 Prize Money will be granted to judokas who win by Ippon.

World Judo Master:

It will take place in Korea next year. The best 16 Judoka in the world ranking list will be invited to compete for **\$200,000 Prize Money**

Yearly Competitions:

18 judo competitions are organized every year:

- 4 Grand Slams
 - Paris
 - Moscow
 - Rio
 - Tokyo
- 5 Grand Prix
 - Hamburg
 - Tunis
 - Abu Dhabi
 - Beijing
 - Rotterdam
- 1 World Judo Masters
- 8 World Championships
 - Senior
 - Junior
 - Cadet
 - Kata
 - Team
 - Open
 - Veterans
 - Small States

Total Prize Money :

Every year, **over \$1,500,000 Prize Money** are allotted to judo High performance events: Grand Slam: \$700,000. Grand Prix: \$500,000 and World Masters \$200,000. The IJF President hopes that this amount of money will be increased after the London 2012 Olympics.

World Ranking List:

The IJF President reminds that the World ranking list is used for Olympic Qualification, for seeding at top competitions and for attending the World Masters at the end of each year. It is updated after every competition at www.ijf.org. He wants to take this opportunity to thank the IJF EC members and the organizers of the judo high level events for their involvement, commitment and seriousness to ensure the success of these events. He believes that the IJF is now composed of a good, solid team strongly dedicated to the development of judo.

Rule changes:

The IJF president informs that some new judo rules will be used on experiment basis during the Junior WCC and that the IJF Technical staff will then make decisions regarding their

application. In the meantime, Judo family's proposals regarding such rules will be welcomed.

Ippon Judo:

The IJF President reminds that the objective of the International Judo Federation is to follow the way of **IPPON JUDO**

IJF Financial Information:

The International Judo Federation currently has \$8,500,000 in its bank. Thus, now, contrary to what happened in the past, the IJF knows and informs about the interests its account has generated: so far it has generated **\$140,076.38, and the** total interest which will be received on 14 July 2010 is **\$372, 180, 55.**

Marketing Dividend Distribution:

The IJF President informs that the good news is that the IJF will begin to distribute from the Marketing Dividend, **\$ 1,000,000** directly to National Federation according to the results obtained and projects undertaking by the NFs and CU. The needs and the degree of seriousness and involvement as well as the way the NFs answer the IJF requests for the development of judo will also be taken into account for that dividend distribution

Equipment donation:

During the 2008-2009 period the following countries benefitted from over \$800,000 from the IJF: Macedonia, Kyrgyz Republic, Armenia, Albania, DPR Korea, Iraq, Burundi, Cameroon, South Africa, Zambia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Mongolia, Palestine, Mauritius, Hungary, Sierra Leone Mali, Moldova, Haiti, Turkmenistan, Cuba

Coaching Program

The IJF President reminds that the IJF EC decided to start a judo coaching program. The program was delayed because the best coaches have been in charge of the NF programs. However, the IJF has tried to identify good coaches who are not involved in NF programs and sent them to Olympic Centers and to NFs such as the Sierra Leone, Morocco, the Bahamas, Armenia, Macau and Mauritius ones which are willing to work with the IJF.

Judo Information System

The IJF President informs that the IJF is working out an information system comprising a Judo Central Database to facilitate communication between and within the IJF Family members, allow Online Competition Registration, show all Statistics related to Judo and Judo Management. He also informs that the IJF web sites are updated with current information and report on exclusive judo stories, and that the IJF owns IPPON.ORG and a Judo magazine. The IJF President recommends that the IJF magazine be better illustrated. He believes that some very good Judo Unions activities are not well reflected in it. Consequently, in order to give a positive image of their respective Unions and promote their athletes, instead of sending only pictures, Judo Unions Presidents are kindly asked to send the Magazine's editor more information about their judo activities and realizations.

Small Countries WCC:

The IJF President informs that the IJF has a list of 48 “small countries” (Europe: 10; Oceania: 16; Pan America: 16; Asia: 1, and Africa: 5) that will eventually organize such WCC. The IJF Technical Team will send them letters to find out if they are interested in organizing such WCC every two years

Training Courses:

These courses have been given to athletes, coaches, management people, referees during refereeing seminars. The IJF is also planning to have strong training courses for coaches and universities.

IJF Judo Centers:

President VIZER reminds that IJF wanted to launch Judo Center for Olympic Games and that thanks to the Italian Coach, the Olympic Training Center set up in Morocco was very successful since it helped Africa to win 3 Olympic medals in Beijing. He believes that such Training Centers should also be set up in all Continental Judo Unions to ensure success and high judo quality. Africa has somehow solved the problem because the Algerian government agreed to support the 2010 Olympic Center financially (Six thousand USD every year). The IJF President hopes to have training Centers in every Continent or at least one Center for athletes from different countries from the 3 (or even 4) continents.

Participation Assistance:

The IJF will provide assistance (Air ticket, Accommodation and Board, Participation Fee) to small judo NF seriously involved in judo and its development in their country.

Sponsorship/TV Marketing:

So far, the IJF President explains marketing TV rights have been sold to different companies and intermediaries. Even the Japanese Judo Federation, one of the best judo Federations in the world has sold these rights to Japanese companies so much so that the Japanese and Korean companies made money rather mainly for themselves. In other words, the marketing money was used more for “personnal” business than for the development, promotion and image of judo. The Japanese TV never worked with Eurosports for example, which is a real disaster when one knows that Eurosports broadcast Sports events all day long and even in evenings. The IJF is going to put an end to such contracts and dealings and from next year on, the IJF will have all TV rights. The IJF President wants to thank EJU and its President, Mr. Sergei SOLOVEYCHIK for helping the IJF finalize strong sponsorship from the Rosneft, one of the largest Oil Company in Russia, VTB one of the largest banks in Russia and Otpbank a partner from EJU

Highlights:

The IJF President informs that after each IJF important event 26-minute highlights are produced and distributed free of charge to TV stations around the world that are willing to promote judo.

The IJF President reminds that a questionnaire had been circulated asking Judo Federations to send the IJF information about their TV partners, the best TV, the best magazine or paper that promote sports in their country, the best journalist that also promotes judo. He much regrets that very little information has been sent to the IJF about all of these. Consequently, **he again urges** all people involved in judo to answer the questionnaire.

News:

The IJF President would like the Judo family to know that in order to promote judo around the world, at the end of each IJF Competition day, news is downloadable for all TV Stations and distributed to all news networks, and that Judo TV will be broadcast live from all IJF events.

Media Work:

The IJF has now a Media Director, Ms. Manuela PENNA from Brazil, who is in charge of a strong media program. Judo news is thus published in the most important newspapers, websites and TVs, such as Sportcall, Around The Rings, AGFIS Website, L'Equipe, Gazeta dello Sport, and others. Thanks to Media relations, IJF Circuit was Covered Live by about 400 journalists, 250 media groups, about 20 TV channels. 35 Press release have been sent in six months covering Sport, education, refereeing and judo for Peace.

Judo ID Card:

It is a program in partnership with a Slovenian-American company that offers standard ID cards with a lot of information and a data base and will be used for competition on line registration. Negotiation with Master Card and the Lloyd Insurance which is involved in many top level sports is underway to obtain insurance for all judo athletes and issue Master Cards for them in different countries. If the project succeeds, partner banks that will support the Judo Federation will be activated in different countries thanks to Master Cards coordination. The IJF will then earn money from master Card cost and ask for a sponsor fee. The program will not only be a good source of income for the Judo NFs and for the IJF but also provide judo athletes with many facilities

Judo Insurance Card:

The IJF is negotiating the best possible plan to obtain benefits insurance for the Judo Family at the most competitive rates with the top global insurance providers for the NFs and the IJF

Judo for Peace:

The IJF president informs that the IJF has been the pioneer in setting up this type of program in society. In 2008 the IJF was seen as the best International Federation. Mr. Jan Eirik SCHIOTZ, Director of Judo for Peace IJF Commission and members of his Team from Continental Judo Unions have been working hard and very seriously to implement such programs especially in Africa.

Veteran Judo:

The first Veteran Judo WCC took place in Germany. As this was the first Veteran event some misfortunes like injuries could not be avoided. Despite of all, the IJF President wants to thank the German Judo Federation for the successful organization of these Games and informs that investigations will be carried on regarding the age of the athletes and ways to avoid health incidents even among athletes who have a medical license.

Social projects:

Judo Social projects have been implemented involving athletes like Mr. Chochishvili Shota, Olympic Champion from Georgia who needed health financial support. North Korea Republic, Cuba, Sierra Leone and Kosovo have also been provided with financial assistance, even if the later which has high level judo athletes has not yet been recognized by the UN and is not a full-fledged member of the IJF. Kosovo athletes will take part in the Rotterdam Congress and compete at the Rotterdam WCC as IJF guests under the IJF flag.

World Judo Family:

The IJF President stresses the necessity for the Judo Family to be united, to be committed to judo and its development. He requests commitment, seriousness and collaboration between all judo technical directors, all judo family members to ensure judo events success and improve judo quality

The IJF President ends his report by showing a judo video clip and informs that to open the market, the IJF will cover expenses related to its broadcasting by various TV Channels before next year when the IJF starts negotiating the possibility to have judo shown on the biggest TV channels of the World, especially the new channels. Before giving the floor to the IJF GS, the IJF President thanks the Netherlands Judo Federation for the organization of the Congress and wishes good luck to all Judo athletes.

7.2. General Secretary's report (Power Point presentation):

The IJF GS thanks the IJF President for giving him the floor and says that as it will be difficult to speak after the Congress Chairman and especially after such a brilliant report, he will simply make some comments on administrative matters.

He then informs that in his capacity as IJF GS, his main job includes:

- Elaboration of the minutes of the IJF EC meetings
- Elaboration of the minutes of the IJF Congress
- Establishment and sending of the judo WCs documents,
- Contribution and participation to the Olympic Games organization
- Correspondence and follow up of information with National Judo Federations

Then he goes on to talk about the minutes that have been elaborated for the following IJF events:

The IJF EC Meetings:

- Rio de Janeiro , Brazil IJF EC meeting held on
September 08, 2007
- Abu-Dhabi IJF EC meeting held on
6-7 March 2008
- Bangkok IJF EC meeting held on
October 19, 2008.
- Bangkok IJF Extraordinary Congress held on
October 21, 2008.
- Paris Grand Slam IJF EC meeting held on
February 6, 2009

The IJF Congress:

- The minutes of the Rio IJF Ordinary Congress held on September 11, 2007 were initially drafted in English and French, and when they were adopted by the IJF EC, They were translated into Spanish then, in accordance with Article 8.27 of the IJF Statutes they were sent to National Federations
- Still in accordance with Article 8.27 of the IJF Statutes, the Bangkok IJF Extraordinary Congress minutes were also elaborated in IJF Official languages and sent to National Federations

Elaboration of World Championships Documents:

The GS also collaborated to the elaboration of the documents for the following events:

- 14th Junior Judo WCC held in Bangkok, Thailand on October 23-26 , 2008
- 26th WCC of Rotterdam, held in the Netherlands on 26-30 August, 2009.
- 1st Cadets Judo WCC, held in Budapest, Hungary , 6-9 August , 2009
- 15th Junior Judo WCC, held in Paris, France in 2009

Collaboration in the organization of the Beijing Olympic Games:

The IJF GS has greatly contributed to the organization of these Games especially in terms of accreditation formalities

The IJF GS remarks that these are the main activities of his office during the past two years, adding that his activities are nonetheless multifaceted and require a day-to-day attention and contribution to various undertakings.

He says that he is happy to have been able to answer most of the questions related to judo and that he did his best to ensure the success and the development of judo and judo issues by sending requests that he could not process to his IJF EC colleagues specialized in specific subject matters.

He ended his report by thanking them all for their precious collaboration.

The IJF President thanks the IJF GS for his report and gives the floor to the IJF GT.

7.3. General Treasurer's report (Power Point presentation):

The IJF GT informs begins by informing the audience that

- a) Thanks to the support and cooperation of the President and other IJF EC members, he has been able to bring about several changes and to introduce measures to streamline and control all accounting details.
- b) The IJF has appointed world –renowned auditors, Ernst & Young to audit its reports

Then he expresses his heartfelt thanks to all of the sponsors and partners especially ASBL Judo International, VTB Bank, Rosneft, OTP Bank, SFJAM Norris and Geemat for having given IJF great financial support,

Then he goes on to show the differences and figures between the 2007 and 2008 incomes, especially, as reported below, in terms of sponsorship:

Sept 2007 to Dec 2007 Income (All Values in USD):-

Sponsorship Fees - Hyundai Sports International Co	699,987
Other Income (membership, supplier fees etc)	74,434
TOTAL	774,422

2008 Income (All Values in USD):-

IOC Dividend for 4 Years	8,045,000
Sponsorship Fees:-	
ASBL Judo International	1,000,000
Hakuhodo DY Media Partners	1,400,000
OTP Bank	500,000
Levallois Sports Club	290,386
Total Sponsorship Fees	3,190,386
Other Income (supplier, membership, inscription, etc)	359,914
TOTAL	11,595,300

(incl. IOC Div for 4 years)

In 2009 the sponsorship increased in such a way that it yielded an important income:

Half Year 2009 Income (All Values in USD):-

VTB Bank	2,000,000
Roseneft (For 3 years)	1,355,919
Hakuhodo DY Media Partners	700,000
OTP Bank	350,000
GS (Moscow, Paris & Rio), GP (Hamburg & Tunisia) License Fees	400,000
Total Sponsorship & License Fees	4,805,919
Other Income (Supplier & M/ship Fees, Interest & TV rights Income etc)	233,734
TOTAL	5,039,653

The IJF GT hopes that in the future the income will be increased by 20 to 30%.

He then focuses on the Highlights of IJF donations:

IJF Donations for National Federations and Others	2007	2008
Aid (Tatami) for National Federations		391,468
Aid (Judogi) for National Federations		68,515

Aid for Training Centre		150,000
Cash Donation to National Federations for developing infrastructure, coaching and purchase of vehicles		
Payroll for Coaches		68,000
Total		677,983

The IJF GT ends his report by saying that he believes that the IJF financial situation is very good despite the World crisis economy, and by thanking the audience for their attention.

The IJF President asks the IJF auditors to give their report.

7.3.1. Official Auditor's report:

The IJF auditor reports that Ernst & Young have audited the IJF financial statement for the year 2008 which includes the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the IJF for the year 2008. He goes on to say that it is the responsibility of the management to prepare the financial statement in accordance with the International Reporting Standards and Ernst and Young's responsibility is to express an opinion on those financial statements based on their audit. Having performed standard procedures, they believe that they can give their opinion here: the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Federation as of 31 December 2008 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The auditor ends his report by thanking the audience for their attention.

The IJF President takes the floor to inform the Congress that the IJF is facing a serious problem as all documents and a certain amount of money related to the January 2007- Rio 2007 Congress period disappeared. The IJF lawyer is taking care of this issue and will finalize the IJF financial statements before closing the company in Ireland. The IJF President remains confident saying that the money will be brought back into the IJF bank account, then he gives the floor to the Mr. BARTA IJF Head Sports Director and Mr. BESSON Sports Director.

7.4. Head Sports Director's and Sports Director's report (Power Point presentation):

7.4.1 Head Sports Director's report:

The IJF Head Sports Director informs that he will report on rules changes and accomplishments in judo since the Bangkok Congress and WCC:

Junior World Championships 2008:

494 athletes from **80 countries** took part in the 2008 Bangkok World Junior Championships, and the new system of a **quarter final repêchâge** and new **seeding** based on results of Continental Junior Championships was applied for the first time.

Athletes from 4 continents won medals.

The 2009 Cadets WCC in Budapest were also very successful, and so were the Rio 2007 Rio WCC and the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games he says.

World Ranking List (WRL):

On the 1st of January 2009 the IJF had started a development program focusing mainly on the sports sphere, and one of the most important novelties in the Judo Sports is the Ranking list. The IJF introduced the WRL in order to identify the leading athletes in each Olympic weight category. The WRL will serve two main objectives:

- Seeding of top athletes in all IJF events and
- Selecting athletes for Olympic Games based on a unified, worldwide performance confrontation. Only the best ten results during a determined 24 months period will be taken into account.

The points for each individual tournament and the total of ranking points for each player Are shown on screen and explained briefly.

New events:

The senior and Junior Judo World Championships will be held **each year**, except the Olympic year. The IJF has also started a new World Championships for **Cadets** and **Veterans** which will be organized every year as well.

The newly designed IJF system of events includes **World Cups, Grand Prix, Grand Slam** and **Masters**. All these competitions combined with Continental and World Championships compose the **World Ranking Circuit**. Today the circuit is spreading over all five continents and the IJF Head SD would like to thank Brazil, Tunisia, the Emirates, Mongolia and Samoa for organizing these new events and mainly for offering new opportunities to their athletes.

These important events schedule is shown on screen

New Olympic Qualification / OQ:

The new OQ will ensure that more than **120 countries** (including 20 invitations) **will represent the IJF at the London 2012 Olympics**. This is also a historical opportunity for many “small” National Federations to have their athletes qualified for Olympic Games.

The WRL will help to identify top athletes as well as a representative selection of NFs of each continent.

On the one hand, the called **continental quota** (100) will guarantee that each continental Union would be represented by at least half of its affiliated Federations. On the other hand only the best athletes will obtain direct qualification from the WRL (252) and they cannot be replaced by a less successful colleague from the same federation.

The IJF Head SD reports that he and the IJF President and the IJF Development and Projects Head Director went to Lausanne to discuss the Olympic Qualification System. The dead line for submitting the Olympic Qualification System is November 2009, but the IJF one has already been accepted.

Competition Systems

The IJF has now two new competition systems that have been implemented in all of the IJF events: the **quarter final /last 8/ repêchâge** system for all the World Championships and World Cups, and the **KO system without repêchâge** for all prize money competitions such as Grand Prix, Grand Slam and Masters. But bronze medals are also awarded to 2 defeated semifinalists.

Team Event in Olympic Games

The IJF has applied for a new judo event in the program of the Olympic Games – the **Team Competition**. The IJF proposes sending 8 teams of men and 8 teams of women, each composed of 5 athletes already qualified for Olympic Games, which means that the IJF is not asking for an increase of the quota of judo athletes for the Olympics, but only for one additional competition day during the Olympics for Team Competition. Unfortunately, the IOC has not accepted the IJF proposal to organize a Team judo event during the Olympic Games, but the IJF will keep on trying and trying again to convince the IOC of its interest in such an event and the benefits Judo may get from it.

The IJF head SD ends his report by thanking the audience for their attention.

The IJF President says that he strongly shares the IJF Head SD's determination to have a Judo Team Event at the Olympics, and remains confident that this will happen at the 2016 Olympic Games. Then he gives the floor to Mr. BESSON, IJF SD

7.4.2. Mr. BESSON, IJF SD's report

Mr. BESSON reports that in addition to attending IJF meetings and being the IJF representative at the GAISF, the IOC Symposium and other various IJF judo events, he has also been involved in the Sport/technical preparation of the 2007 WC and the 2008 Olympic Games, the updating the 2009 IJF Anti Doping Rules according to the WADA Standards. He has succeeded in getting the WADA compliance agreement for the IJF Anti Doping Rules.

Mr. BESSON reports that the Rio 2007 World Championships were very successful with 743 participants (294 females and 449 males) from 138 different countries. Athletes from 24 countries won medals and competitors from 37 countries ranked among the Top 8.

He also believes that the Beijing Olympic Games were a fantastic event in all aspects. The quota granted to the IJF was entirely used; the facilities provided, the qualities of the installations, personal ITOs and NTOs and judo quality were all perfectly well provided. 92 countries participated to the Games, 25 won medals and 40 athletes ranked among the Top 8.

Mr. BESSON wants to take this opportunity to warmly thank the IJF EC members and colleagues as well as the IJF Commissions and especially the IJF Sports Commission for their constant support when he was Head IJF SD. He says he is delighted to continue to serve the IJF within his new responsibilities and to contribute to the development of judo, and ends his report by thanking the audience.

The IJF President thanks Mr. BESSON and congratulates him for the wonderful work he did in the past and the one he is doing now then he gives the floor to the IJF Head Referee Director

7.5. Head Referee Director's report (Power Point presentation):

The IJF Head Referee Director expresses his appreciation of the work done by the IJF president and IJF EC, the IJF Sports Commission, Education and Coaching Commission, and Refereeing Commission for having made it possible to work together and conjugate their efforts to promote Judo during the last couple of years.

He then reports on

The Beijing 2007 Seminar

It involved he says a new program, a Pre-Olympic Test event, Video special situations, Refereeing OG program and CARE & earphones system. The goal of the seminar was meant to help (and not replace) Judo referees better assess athletes' performance and avoid making mistakes.

Women's 2008 Seminar:

Thanks to the support of Olympic Solidarity and IJF a women's seminar takes place every year to develop women's refereeing. The 2008 one took place in Merida, Spain, in May. 16 referees took part in it.

Beijing Olympic Games:

The IJF Head RD reports that the IOC President told the IJF President that in those Games, judo was noticeable in terms of presentation, principles, respect, and fair play

He goes on to inform that when organizing judo seminars, the IJF Refereeing Commission has always tried to abide by the principles of judo so that judo remains different from wrestling (and must not be confused with it).

New Judo rules have been tested in Bangkok 2008 seminar. For example, in scoring koka was taken out and the new rules are as follows:

Scoring: Yuko, Waza-ari and Ippon.

Osaekomi: 15'' Yuko - 20'' Wazari - 25'' Ippon.

Penalties: 1st Shido: Free warning!!

Golden Score: reduced to 3 minutes (Junior & Seniors)

Border Line-Rules: All actions are valid and may continue (No Mate) as long as a contestant keeps touching the contest area.

Coach Position:

The IJF Head RD reminds that because of some coaches' unacceptable behavior during the contests and even elsewhere, the IJF EC decided to forbid coaches to sit near the mat. However, after long discussions between the IJF EC and coaches and players, the IJF EC agreed to let the coaches resume their previous position near the mat but only under the following specific conditions:

Coaches must not:

- Make any comments on or criticism of the referees' verdicts.
- Demand correction of the referees' decisions
- use any abusive gestures toward referees, officials, or public.
- Touch, hit, kick, etc. the advertising panels or any equipment
- Adopt any kind of behavior that would show disrespect to the opponent, referees, officials, opponent's coach, his own athlete, the public, etc.

Judo Mats

The IJF Head RD shows pictures contrasting the complexity of the former mats and mats settings with the simplicity of the present ones. The present mats and mats setting facilitate refereeing.

Seminars and Multimedia

The IJF Refereeing Commission prepares a lot of videos to be used in seminars, World Championships, Continental Championships so that refereeing rules may be standardized and National Federation learn more about fair judo assessment.

The “Care Concept”:

Like most sports, the IJF has tried to use modern technology means like Laptop, HD Video camera, MPEG digital Decoder, and PVR specific Software for each tatami to help referees better assess athletes' performance particularly in difficult and doubtful situations. The final Care Concept test will be done at the upcoming Paris Junior WC.

The IJF Head RD ends his report by thanking his colleagues and the audience for their attention

7.6. Education and Coaching Director's report:**Areas of Activities and Development:**

The IJF ECD informs that his report covers the 2007-2009 periods during which 3 different programs have been implemented: a technical program for coaches, Olympic scholarships for coaches and a national structure development.

1. Coaches training:

Objective and accomplishment: provide basic training for coaches by an expert provided by the IJF and the ECC. 6 activities have been achieved in 2007, 11 ones in 2009.

2. Olympic scholarships for coaches:

Aim and achievement: program meant to give coaches an opportunity to further their training, enhance their judo experiences and knowledge. 17 coaches from different countries benefitted from the program in well known universities recognized by Olympic solidarity such as the Budapest University, the Canadian Center, the Barcelona Center in Spain, the Lausanne Center in Switzerland and the International Delaware Training Center in the US.

3. National Structure Development:

The aim of the third program which is a new program is to establish coherent plans. It lasts 3 to 6 months. 7 activities have been carried on.

A table shown on screen gives the 29 activities related to the first program for coaches during the 2007-2009 periods, the distribution by continent of the I7 scholarships that have been granted to coaches from different countries, and the 7 projects implemented in the 3rd program, as well as the budget allocated to the 3 programs.

The IJF ECD informs that the IJF ECC developed a new statistics soft-wear to obtain live data that will be available for stakeholders and the media. Statistics will be collected in real time and used in these WC.

Judogi Control:

The IJF ECC controlled judogis at the Rio 2007 WC, the Bangkok one and the Budapest 2009 Cadets WC. It will control them at the Rotterdam WC as well

Kata WC: All continents participated. 154 athletes and 31 referees. Very successful event thanks to the IJF Development and Project Department Director's and to Mr. CAPPELLETI's collaboration. IJF ECC members did their best to prevent some coaches from misbehaving. During the Rotterdam 2009 WC draw, coaches will be reminded that they must behave properly in the dojo and elsewhere and the IJF ECC members will make sure that they do.

IJF Athletes' Commission:

The IJF ECD reminds that this Commission is composed of 5 athletes (one per continent) + 4 athletes nominated by the IJF EC for 4 years. The aim of the Commission is to establish a link between active Judokas and the IJF EC; its role is to make recommendations to the IJF EC, to be involved in WCs, and to help increase women participation in judo.

The current list the ECD has in hand today comprises 3 athletes appointed by EJU, 5 by JUA, 5 by AJU and one by PJU..

A second list of athletes' candidature for the Athletes Commission is available; deadline for submitting Athletes' names: August 24, 2009 at 12.00.

Election of the Athletes' Commission members will take place on August 26 here in Rotterdam

The IJF ECD ends his report by thanking the audience for their attention.

The IJF President congratulates the IJF ECD for having accomplished great judo education activities and asks the congressmen interested in benefitting from education and coaching programs to contact him as soon as possible to find out which strategies the IJF and the IJF EC Commission are working out in collaboration with the Olympic Scholarships to develop and promote judo.

7.7. African Judo Union Report

The IJF President informs that health problems have prevented the AJU President from attending the Rotterdam IJF 2009 Congress, and that the AJU report is therefore to be given by Mr. Habib SISSOKO, IJF EC member, AJU Vice President and President of the Mali National Olympic Committee.

Mr. SISSOKO took the floor on behalf of the AJU President to report on AJU's activities during the 2008-2009 period. Africa, Mr. SISSOKO says is a young and large continent, it is diverse and has a promising future. It is united, and its judo NFs stick together and show solidarity.

This has been a very active year, he says, a year in which AJU has taken part in IJF and Continental Championships, trainings for administrative cadres, coaches and referees.

The 2008-2009 activities do reveal that Africa, that huge continent has a brilliant judo future. During that period Africa's participation to the IJF judo events has been high and so has its participation to continental and international judo events, seminars, coaches' training and refereeing.

In 2008 AJU supervision of international tournaments was efficient in Tunis, in Algeria, African Senior Championships in Agadir, Morocco, African Junior Championships in Niamey, World Police Championships in Tripoli and others;

In 2009, 12 African referees took the IJF A refereeing exam in May in Mauritius

Education and coaching: AJU has established an outline to answer the coaches' needs in terms of technical training and recycling following competitions.

Junior World Championships in Bangkok: 5 African countries participated. Africa did not show very high judo level at these Championships, but it is determined to keep on working hard in order to improve its athletes' level so that they rank among the best and most competitive judokas. 11 women and 17 men took part in these championships. Africa won one 5th place, two 7th places, particularly thanks to female judokas

African Judo Championships in Mauritius: President VIZER honoured the tournament by his presence at the opening and closing ceremony. 177 judokas participated (100 men and 77 women), 20 countries participated and 13 won medals, which means that the medals were widely shared

Tunis 2009 Grand Prix: It was the first in Africa, very successful in terms of organization and participation: 31 countries took part in it. Africa won 2 silver and 2 bronze medals and a gold medal won by the Tunisian athlete Anis Chadly,

The 9th Junior African championship was organized in Morocco at Oujda when AJU was also having its Assembly and adopting the new AJU Status
53 male and 42 female judokas from 13 countries participated in these championships and 8 received medals

The first Cadet WC: Africa was under represented since only 20 male and 17 female judokas from 4 countries (Algeria, Botswana, Mauritius, South Africa took part in these Championships

Africa's objectives: Restructuring of the African Judo Union, enhancing communication between African NFs and developing judo among African juniors and seniors and youths.

Mr. SISSOKO wants to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2008 Beijing Olympics African judo medal winners.

He concludes his report by thanking the audience and saying that Africa is strongly supporting Judo and that it sincerely thanks President VIZER for the support he has constantly brought to its small countries in particular.

The IJF President thanks Mr. SISSOKO for his report and gives the floor to Mr. AL ANZI JUA President

7.8. Asian Judo Union's report:

The JUA president expresses his pleasure to report on JUA activities since Rio 2007 IJF Congress. He also seizes this opportunity to thank President VIZER for taking active interest in judo and doing his best to raise it to greater heights around the globe.

He then reports that:

- 18 Out of the 39 JUA countries took part in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, a successful rate of 44%. he says. 5 countries won 23 out of the 56 medals at stake,
- JUA had 5 major continental judo events: Youth and Junior Judo Championships in Hyderabad, India, and in Sana', Yemen; Senior Judo Championships in Jeju, Korea and Taipei in Chinese Taipei. Last month, JUA had its first Martial Arts Games including judo in Bangkok, Thailand.
- JUA also had 4 major World Judo events: World Team Judo Championships in Beijing, China, and in Tokyo, Japan. Olympics in Beijing and Junior WC in Bangkok.
- The Asian Youth and Junior Judo championships took place in Hyderabad, India in November 2007.
- 7 Continental Judo events were held in 2007 after the Rio 2007 Judo WC.
- The Asian Senior Judo Championships were held in 2008 in Jeju, Korea in April 2008. President VIZER's presence honoured the event
- The Asian Youth & Junior Championships took place in Sana'a, Yemen in July 2008 and the event was also honoured by President VIZER's presence
- The 15 Continental events that took place in 2008 are shown on screen
- This year, JUA has had its biennial Congress in Taipei, China in May
- The Asian Senior Championships were held during the Taipei event in May 2009
- This year, all in all 8 Continental judo events have taken place
- JUA Sports and Organisation Seminars, Coaching and Education Seminars and Referee Seminars took place in 3 different countries
- IJF Continental Referee Examinations were taken in 3 different countries. 68 referees obtained IJF Continental Certification
- 20 JUA referees successfully passed IJF International Referee Examination held in 6 different countries.
- A list of JUA National Federations that obtained Grants and subsidies from JUA is shown on screen.

JUA President closed his report by thanking President VIZER for paying special attention to the development of Judo in National Federations and helping them materially and financially.

President VIZER thanks Mr. AL ANZI for his report and gives the floor to Mr Sergei, SOLOVEYCHIK President of the European Judo Union.

7.9. European Judo Union's report:

After greeting the audience the EJU President informs them of the following:

- **New Structure of EJU Directing Committee:**

EJU has now a new structure including a Marketing Vice president position in order to help EJU have important financial dividend. Mr. Otto KNEITINGER was elected for the position.

- **Cooperation with Finance Partners and Official Suppliers**

Such a cooperation has given EJU the possibility to support NFs financially and materially, to improve administrative collaboration, grant Prize Money at European Championships (individual championship in 2008 and 2009, Team in 2008, Club in 2008), support Olympic athletes and referees, launch new projects such as Judo Community, Live TV, Internet Shop, and Small Countries projects.

- **Political Cooperation:**

In 2008, EJU was invited to the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) meeting. This organization develops sports policy strategies in European Unions and sets appropriate standards, reflecting the importance of sport in modern society, and facilitating cooperation and communication between concerned parties

- **Sports Events:**

The EJU sports calendar shows that EJU has had 99 sport events in 2008 and 96 in 2009, too many to be given here. The major ones are: the 7 European Judo Championships by age categories; 1 European Kata Judo Championships, 1 Kata competition, 1 European individual Veteran Judo Championship, 1 European Team Veteran Judo Championship, 3 Super Cups, 14 World Cups, 14 B Senior Tournaments, 13 EJU Junior, 11 EJU Cadets, 9 EJU Training Camps, 12 EJU Cadets Training Camps, EJU Computer Team and EJU Doctors, various EJU NFs' administrative and organization presentations.

- **Haifa Judo Festival for Peace:**

In 2008, EJU organized the 1st Judo for Peace Festival in Haifa in Israel. This festival included a gala dinner party sponsored by EJU. 12 countries including Jordan and Palestine participated to the Event

- **Judo for Peace in Georgia:**

It took place during the EJU Championships in Tbilisi GEO. The Organizers were provided with materials and administrative resources by EJU. The EJU President thanks the Georgian Judo Federation for having had the courage to organize this important event despite the difficult political situation of their country at that time. He also thanks the Judo Federations that attended the event for the same reason.

- **Special Need and Veterans:**

In 2008 EJU organized a special Needs Training Camp and competition in Amsterdam. This was a very successful competition with more than 300 judokas on the tatami. The

tournament was followed by a Training Camp. Top judoka taught the participants and in the evening the participants enjoyed an event topped up by a great atmosphere in the evening

In August 2008, EJU organized the European Masters Games Meeting in Malmö, in November, the European Veteran Championships in Prague, CZECH and in December the Special Needs Meeting in Amsterdam. The EJU President hopes that these programs will be developed even more.

- **Marketing:**

EJU created a new logo of the European Judo Union. A “Judo Community” program and a new website have been developed. They include TV program, information resources, and internet shop and give the members of the EJU Judo Family more opportunities to communicate, get and exchange information about their respective activities and interests. Last year, EJU started having direct contact with TV for broadcasting high level judo events in Europe and Africa. The EJU President hopes that all of these undertakings will bring EJU dividends and success.

He ends his report by thanking the IJF President for his constant support and encouragement and the audience for their attention.

President VIZER thanks Mr. Mr Sergei, SOLOVEYCHIK for his report and gives the floor to the President of Oceania Judo Union.

7.10. Oceania Judo Union’s Report:

The OJU President reports that:

Since November 2007 OJU athletes have participated in

A wide range of events including top level IJF events, World Championships and Olympic Games:

November 2007:	Olympic Test Event Beijing Junior World Championships
August 2008:	Olympic Games Beijing
October 2008:	World Team Championship Tokyo Junior World Championship Bangkok
August 2009:	Senior World Championship Rotterdam

Regional events beyond OJU area where OJU athletes won medals:

November 2007:	Qingdao International Tournament
December 2007:	Korea Cup International Tournament Jigoro Kano Cup International Tournament
January 2008:	Commonwealth Championships Mauritius
November 2008:	Qingdao International Tournament
December 2008:	Jigoro Kano Cup Grand Prix Tokyo
August 2009:	Pacific Rim Championship Taipei

In regional Events:

OJU has had its own usual range of events. The OJU President says she has not included all of them in the list because some of them are repeated each year:

November 2007: Second OJU World Cup, Perth
 March 2008: Oceania Judo Union Championship Christchurch
 August 2008: Kata Seminar Sydney
 February 2009: A C T Open Championship Canberra
 April 2009: Queensland Open Championship Brisbane
 May 2009: Auckland Open Championship Auckland
 September 2009: New South Wales Open Championship Sydney
 October 2009: Victoria Open Championship Melbourne

The particular innovation in OJU is the Kata Seminar held in Sydney, Australia in August last year. This was an excellent event. OJU asked the assistance of Kodokan and brought in 3 of the top level instructors. Over 90 people participated to the event.

OJU Continuing Projects:

OJU continuing major projects from this point onwards include

- OJU Elite Athlete Scholarships
- OJU Olympic Training Centre in Samoa
- OJU World Cup
- OSEP Coach Certification
- National Judo Development Officers

OJU World Cup is part of the IJF Ranking List. OJU intends to take extensive advantage of the Oceania Sport Education Program which has developed a range of courses and seminars for different areas of sport development. It also intends to develop in the region ways of assisting and supporting national Judo Development Officers in each country wherever this is possible

As to the elite's scholarship plan, with the focus of the IJF movement towards the World Ranking List and with the change of the structure of a quarter of athletes for Oceania for the Olympics, OJU aims to assist the best athletes to do their best to obtain automatic representation by Union to the Top 22 places or foreign places. OJU will assist them materially in their training in competition programs as well

OJU Olympic Training Centre:

The Olympic Training Centre is a project Centre that takes the place of an OJU ambition for over 20 years. It is a regional Training Centre whose immediate aims are:

- to assist Pacific athletes to gain a level of skill and experience that will allow them to be selected to represent their countries at the Olympic Games **on merit** rather than by invitation
- To assist the Oceania athletes to achieve placing in the World Ranking List
- To raise the standards technically throughout the whole region
- To provide an avenue for improving technical and administrative skills across the region
- To develop coaches who will teach judo full time on return to their own federations
- To provide a focus for regional activity and competition, and to promote friendship and cooperation among member countries.

OSEP Coach Certification:

It is an Oceania Sport Education Program developed by ONOC, OSFO and ASC.

They have developed a very comprehensive Training and certification in coaching, and sport administration for club and federation

OJU will provide certification recognized throughout the Pacific and hopes to be able to use this program in cooperation with the Olympic Training Centre

The OJU President explains that with the isolation of many countries in the Pacific, it is extremely difficult to sustain enthusiasm and motivation at the technical level because if you have a small Judo Organization and you have one or two enthusiastic individuals she says, once they retire it becomes very hard to keep the program running. OJU hopes again that working in conjunction with the Regional Training Centre will help to develop young people who can continue and maintain the basis of strong judo within their own federations

The OJU President shows the OJU EC members' photographs on the screen and regretfully informs that Mr. Craig MONAGHAN, former OJU RD retired for work reasons. She believes that Mr. Carlo KNOESTER the new OJU RD will do a good job and she remains confident saying that the OJU EC Team will enthusiastically work with him into the future

She concludes her report by thanking the OJU National Federations, The OJU EC and the Congressmen, wishing good luck to everybody and expressing her desire and intention to work strongly to develop judo at all levels.

President VIZER thanks Mrs. HARGRAVE for her report and gives the floor to Mr. CASANOVA, PJU President

7.11. Pan American Judo Union's report:

The PJU President thanks the IJF President, greets the audience and informs that he dedicates his brief report on PJU activities to Mr. Frank FULLERTON, former PJU SD who served judo for many years and passed away recently.

Rio de Janeiro World Championship: The first and second competition days PJU obtained excellent results and the 3rd day, two 66 weight category PJU judokas showed their high level judo during the Finals

2007 South American Junior Championships: 11 and 12 years old and 13 and 14 years old judokas took part in the event in Chilli.

October 2008 USA Championships in Georgia and the 17th National Independence Judo Tournament in Barbados

PJU had its meeting of the steering Committee in Santo Domingo and then the classification events for the Olympics in area 2 in Venezuela in March 2008

In 2008: Central America Championships in Nicaragua and classification for the Olympics in area 2 (Argentina, Buenos Aires), in April, and the junior PJU Championships also in Buenos Aires in 2008

International Tournament Rodriguez in Cuba in April 2008, the Senior PJU Championships in May in Florida, Classification tournament for the summer Olympics in Area 1 Cup in Miami along with PJU Senior championships and on that occasion, as shown on the screen, PJU also had a meeting in which the achievements of outstanding PJU athletes were highlighted.

The classification for the Olympics in area 1 took place in Miami and at that time Mr Serge PIQUETTE became the new GS

The International Circuit in Nicaragua, Managua, in the Pan American judo circuit Cup in San Salvador in June 2008, and the Pan American Circuit of Judo in June 2008 in Santo Domingo.

The Pan American Judo Circuit the 4th Championship of the Caribbean at the Convention Centre and for the first time PJU athletes travelled to Port Au Prince to compete

The Games for Friendship and Peace organized in Haiti in July and the Pan American Circuit for Youth and Junior in August 2008 in Venezuela

Beijing Olympic Games: 77 athletes qualified for these Games and 2 obtained an invitation card. Silver medal won by a Cuban athlete, 4 bronze medals won by female athletes from Argentina, Cuba, Brazil, and USA; 3 Brazilian Male athletes also won bronze medals.

The Junior Judo championships organized in Nicaragua, Managua and the first course in exam in the Pan American region for Kata judges organized in USA

PJU Web page: PJU celebrated its 10th anniversary

Junior Championship in Bangkok, Thailand in October 2008: 3 gold medals.

Pan American Championships and Masters in Santo Domingo in November 2008,

PJU Ordinary Congress: October 17, 2008 in Santo Domingo and election of PJU President, SD and RD

Pan American Championships for Children with a special training course for judo trainers.

The PJU President attended the IJF EC meeting in Paris in France, in February 2009, and the PJU Juvenile Championships in April 2009.

The PJU President ends his report by thanking the IJF President and the audience for their attention.

President VIZER thanks Mr. CASANOVA for his report and gives the floor to the Congress delegates

PJU's report is followed by a Pleading that takes place between Mr. CASANOVA, IJF Vice President and President of PJU and delegates from USA, Uruguay, Chilli, Venezuela, Salvador and Argentina. **It is reported here verbatim as recorded and translated by the translators:**

Mr. TRIPP, USA delegate:

“I have a request regarding the report of Mr. CASANOVA regarding the participation of the Juvenile April 2009 Championships. I would like to ask Mr. Jaime Casanova if he could show us what countries participated in the event you reported. Could you show us which countries participated in that event? “

Mr. CASANOVA:

“Well, Mr. Chairman, I don’t have that information at hand. I was requested to render a report (Mr. Tripp says thank you). I’ll have to check. I don’t have the information at hand right now”.

Mr. TRIPP, USA delegate:

“Could you tell us if USA participated?”

Mr. CASANOVA:

“Several countries participated. I’ll have to check my computer to see exactly which countries participated”.

Mr. TRIPP, USA delegate:

“OK. If your PJU Webb Site does not work and had posted USA athletes winning medals and participating to the event, would that be correct?”

Mr. CASANOVA:

“Well, it would be accurate”

Mr. TRIPP, USA delegate:

“USA Judo is an authorized governing body to approve international competitions by athletes and officials. I’d like you to know for the record that the USA Judo did not approve nor send any athletes or officials to the PJU Championships in April 2009. So, my question to Mr. CASANOVA would be: If the USA did not authorize or approve or send a team to the PJU Championships, I’d be interested to know how Americans participated, as posted in the Webb Site”.

Mr. CASANOVA:

“I don’t have any information at hand here. I would have to check it in my report”

Mr. TRIPP USA delegate:

“So you have Americans that were not authorized to participate in that event and you are not aware how they got there? “

[Long silence]

“Mr. CASANOVA, do you hear me?”

Mr. CASANOVA:

“Yes”

Mr. TRIPP USA delegate:

“So you had athletes who were not authorized in participating in your event, how do you know Mr. President how they got there?”

Mr. CASANOVA:

“Mr. TRIPP, you must remember, perhaps you are forgetting that the USA renounced the PJU and at that point the National Judo Federation had the PJU as an affiliate and we had the possibility of accepting athletes from other Federations in the US or are you forgetting that you have 3 National Federations?”

Mr. TRIPP USA delegate:

“I’m glad you brought this up Mr. CASANOVA, because the other Federations that you refer to are junior members of USA Judo and they are not equal members? They are subordinate to USA Judo. USA Judo is the only governing body approved to communicate internationally on any matters for Judo. So I guess that my question is: did you communicate with the members of USA Judo about a junior member with that article of USA Judo?”

Mr. CASANOVA:

“It seems that you are forgetting that in January this year, you signed, or your Federation does it, signed a document renouncing, withdrawing from the PJU”

Mr. TRIPP USA delegate:

“You Sir, did you in fact as you are represented here as a member of the IJF, did you circumvent the IJF protocol, the protocol of the USA Olympic Committee and the position of USA Judo and invite non-approved athletes to the event? I think that the answer is very simple. Is it ‘Yes’ or ‘No’?”

MR. CASANOVA:

“I’d like to remind you once again that you renounced or your Federation renounced its participation and if you did that we have no reason to ask you for permission”

Mr. TRIPP, USA delegate

“ Well Sir, I’d like to remind you that you are making a report to the IJF and as continental governing body, you have the possibility to follow the mandate of the IOC and the IJF and you have circumvented the Americans that you reported, the USA Olympic Committee, the National Governing Body of USA Judo. Is that Correct?”

Mr. CASANOVA:

“By no means... You had renounced the PJU and we did not have this contact with the International Judo Federation of Judo”.

Mr. TRIPP, USA delegate:

“So you are going to tell me that the IJF supports any kind of Union circumventing the National Governing Body designated as the official international representation to the Olympic Committee and the IJF?. I have my answer. Thank you”.

Mr. CASANOVA:

“No, no! I’m going to answer you Mr. TRIPP. It is just like the Dominicans that you did not allow participating in recent past in Miami to the tournament they had there at the beginning of August despite sending a letter saying that there was an official delegation, so it’s exactly the same thing or even worse”.

Mr. LARRANGA President of the Mexican Judo FEDERATION:

“I’ll speak Spanish. I’d just like to ask the gentleman how many countries your Organization has.”

Mr. CASANOVA:

“Mr. LARRANGA and other members here, I came here to render a report and it’s exactly what I’ve done, and simply, I have nothing more to add”.

Mr. LARRANGA:

“What I would like to hear, among the countries that are represented here on behalf of America, how many really belong to your Organization because we see here that you are rendering a report here and referring to all the medals that had been obtained at the Olympics. They are of the countries that are affiliated to other organization. So I’d like to

hear how many countries are parts of your Organization to know exactly how strong your Organization is”

Mr. CASANOVA:

“Mr. LARRANGA, I’ll tell you once again I came here to render a report and the report was presented. So, I believe that what you think is not a PJU Organization is a little Organization”

THE PRESIDENT OF CHILI JUDO FEDERATION:

“Mr. Chairman, I’m the President of the Chili Judo Federation, the only recognized Organization by the Olympic Committee in Chili. I’d like to inform the Conference that on the Webb Site page of PJU, we see that Chili has taken part in the event but Chili has not participated and was not given permission for participating, which means that the athletes that had been invited did not officially represent Chili and Judo. In the Championships in April, it is said that the Juveniles is an official event. Thank you, Mr. Chairman”

Mr. LOUIS CHAVEZ, Salvador Delegate:

“I am Louis CHAVEZ, representing the Salvador Judo Organization. I’ll speak in Spanish. Mr. Chairman, when you made your presentation, you referred to the fact that is quite a lot of money that disappeared. Let me call it that way and this is causing a lot of uncertainty, a lot of concern and a lot of regrets. We are also pleased to hear in your presentation when you said that you were going to do your utmost and anything else to recover this money. This is a situation that coincides with what has occurred in our region in the Americas. Now, I’d like to take this opportunity to ask Mr. CASANOVA he may not answer me, but I do feel more obliged to ask this question that we’ve been informed here of the amount of money the Organization have, the Organization you are representing that has the money. In which bank is the money? Where is the money because it seems to me that there is quite a lot of coincidence here. It is important in view of our treasury, international treasury, and also the Americas treasury which has always been in uncertainty. What’s going on with money? Who has the money? Why isn’t the money going to the countries that should keep the money in order to develop our sport?”

Mr. CASANOVA.

“The Ordinary Congress of PJU was realized last seventeenth of October, which is where the countries where the present were informed of the economic report at that point. I did not come here nobody has asked me to bring a financial economic report which is why I don’t have this information at hand.

Mr. LOUIS CHAVEZ

Should you require such information, should you be a member of PJU, and you can request this information and I would be happy to provide you with this information. It is surprising how you as President of the Organization that you are representing you are rather honest but you cannot answer many of the questions you’ve been asked. I hope I’ll talk to

someone who is representing such an Organization who should have a clear idea of what is going on, how much money there is and where it is going. That's clear. Well, the questions are not answered. So, it's up to us to interpret what's happened and what's going to happen".

Mr. CASANOVA

"Well. You should do whatever you think. I know what the situation is. I know that I was to give a report here before this congress"

Mr. CASINIERI, President of Argentina Judo Federation:

"I am CASINIERI, President of Argentina Judo Federation and I'll speak in Spanish. Recently I listened to the Vice President of the African Judo Union report and in his statement he said that Africa is united, shows solidarity and is pro-active. Well, what about the PJU situation? You may judge for yourselves. Many questions have been asked by Presidents of Federations and several countries from Pan American countries. I'd like to refer to 20 or 9 mainly because you ladies and gentlemen, members of this conference you may not know that there are 2 entities in Pan American Judo. One is the PJU which is lead by Jaime CASANOVA and the other one, the Pan American Judo confederation which was recently set up in Mexico and is lead by the President of the Brazilian Judo Federation, Professor Paolo WANDERLY. I'd like to point out to the Congress that 42 Countries in the Pan American region affiliated to the IJF, 24 of them belong to the new Pan American Judo Confederation and the rest the other 18 are at this point members of the Pan American Union. But I'd also like to highlight that these 18 countries, out of these 18 countries, 3 belong to the continent: Bolivia; Nicaragua and Panama. Well of course there is this controversial situation and the remainder is Caribbean Islands. The activities realized in 2009 by the Panama Judo Federation and the Pan American Union are here. We realized the Pan American Senior Championships in Santo Domingo were 6 countries participated and 37 athletes. The Pan American Judo Confederation organized the Pan American Championships, senior in Buenos Aires in my country and 19 countries participated and 118 athletes took part in those championships. The second event, the American Championships for Junior in Santo Domingo, 9 countries participated and 41 athletes took part. In the Pan American Junior Championships in San Salvador we had 20 countries participating and 135 athletes and this championship out of the 9 countries, Brazil, Chili, Venezuela and the USA they are associations that are affiliated to the International Judo Federation. They did not send teams that were approved to participate in this event on behalf of the national Federations that were not authorized by the Olympic Committee and so, Mr. President, I believe that each and every organization should present his report. That's OK. It's democracy that allows us, allows the International Federation and the Pan American Judo to do so. I came here to speak the truth. I am not part of any conspiracy whatsoever, I am only asking you. We know that there is a pan American Judo Confederation that wants how to develop the destiny of Pan American sport and of course have to submit ourselves to the judgment of the Arbitration Court, but Mr. President, the report, the report refers only to the Olympic medals and the World Championships, they all belong to the countries that are, that belong to this new Confederation of Pan America and so I'm wondering which entity should govern the destiny of judo in our countries, and to the Vice President of Africa, 'Sir, Pan America is not United'. Ladies and gentlemen, this is the outcome of actions that is why we should ask the countries why they left PJU, but this

is not the place nor is it the time to carry on this debate because we would be here for hours and I don't think the IJF and you want that. I think that you have more important issues to deal with than pan American problems that we have. This is reality. This is the truth that the world should know about. The world of Judo should know about. 42 countries and I shall repeat myself, 42 countries. 24 out of them renounced. And the medals won in the Olympics belong to the Confederation and so the question is, in which Organization, where would we find most judokas of the affiliated countries, in the Pan American Judo Union or the Pan American Judo Confederation? How many Championships does each organization have? And so I can only hope that the Arbitration Court take the right decision because I'm not here to attack anybody, and of course nor do I wish to attack Mr. Jaime CASANOVA. I am not here for that reason. I am here for the continent. I am to defend the interests of the Pan American Continent which regrettably, regrettably is experiencing this situation and we can only hope that we will come to the end of August 31, when you and anybody who has to go to court would take the right decision and set things straight? Thank you very much".

Mr. VANEGAS, President of the Panama Judo Federation:

"I'm Mr. VANEGAS, President of the Panama Judo Federation. Once again, it is evident that Mr. VIZER and the stirring Committee of the IJF and the EC cannot avoid, given the report presented by the President of the PJU, question such a report. It's an initiative I don't think it's a good thing. That not what we are here for at this congress, I only request the floor in order to say to all the people present here today that there is a controversy about the acknowledgement of the Pan American judo Confederation. The Pan American Union has exercised the legitimate right to appeal the decision of the executive Committee, of the IJF. This is a right, an option that PJU has and this appeal has been admitted and the parties have responded. I'd hope that the hearing that is to be held on Monday 31 august, that we get the result. The outcome and we should respect the outcome. I just only want to ascertain that there is indeed a controversy and that this controversy is going to be resolved in the Sports Arbitration Committee Court rather than the IOC. I think that the authorities of the IJF and the PJU, it does no really matter. They will have to rethink things. So, I call on you that we wait for the outcome of CAS and that hopefully, after we get the result, the outcome, pan America will be able to proceed to resolve these issues with the IJF and carry any other controversy that may exist. Thank you".

8. Approval of the Activities of the IJF EC Members:

President VIZER:

"We are now going to approve the activities of the IJF EC members and to not have any confusion or misunderstanding I will suggest voting for every report, one by one to not have any misunderstanding. Please Mr. Jos Hell".

Mr. Jos HELL, President of the Netherlands Judo Federation:

“Thank you Mr. President. Dear President, dear delegates, I’d like to thank you the Executive Committee for all the work done during the last 2 years and I propose to approve as the IJF President said, one by one the reports.

I ask you first to approve the report of the President.

- Who is against? (None)
- Any abstention? (None)
- Is it approved? **(Applause)**

OK. Thank you very much.

The same for the report of the General Secretary:

- Who is against? (None)
- Any abstention? (None)
- Is it approved? **(Applause)**

OK. Thank you very much.

Also, the official auditor’s report, Can you approve it?

(Applause)

Thank you very much.

Then, the report of the Referee Director:

- Who is against? (None)
- Any abstention? (None)
- Can you approve it? Yes? **(Applause)**

Thank you very much.

Then the report of the President of Africa:

- Who is against? (None)
- Any abstention? (None)
- Can you approve it? Yes? **(Applause)**

Thank you very much.

Then the report of the Asian Union:

- Who is against? (1)
- Any abstention? (None)
- OK that is the majority **(Applause)**

Thank you very much.

Then the report of the European Union:

- Who is against? (None)
- Any abstention? (None)
- Can you approve it? Yes? OK **(Applause)**

Thank you very much

Then the report of the Oceania Judo Union:

- Who is against? (None)
- Any abstention? (None)
- Can you approve it? Yes? OK **(Applause)**

Thank you very much.

Then the report of the Pan American Union:

- Any abstention? Yes? OK. Let's see the white cards. We have to count it. Mr. Secretary you have to count it. Please hold it up. **34 abstentions.** Thank you very much.
- Who is against? Yes. . Let's see the red card. We have to count it. Please hold it up. **50 against.** Thank you very much.
 - Who wants to approve the report from the Pan American? Yes? Will you count it please? 2? 3? **OK, 3** (Applause)

Thank you very much

Decision: "So we can approve all the reports from the EC except the report from Pan America."

Oh! There is the report of the General Treasurer too:

- Who is against? (None)
- Any abstention? (None)
- Can you approve it? Yes? (Applause)

Thank you very much.

So, the report from Pan America is not accepted.

PS: The IJF Congress resumes its activities after a 15-minute break.

Mr. Jos HELL, President of the Netherlands Judo Bond Federation asks the Congress to approve the IJF Head SD and the IJF SD report.

Mr. Jos HELL

There is the report of the IJF Head SD too. It is on point 7.4 of the Congress Agenda.

- Who is against? (None)
- Any abstention? (One)
- OK that is the majority
- Can you approve it? Yes? (**Applause**)

Thank you very much.

There is the report of the IJF SD. It is on point 7.4 of the Congress Agenda too:

- Who is against? (None)
- Any abstention? (None)
- Can you approve it? Yes? (**Applause**)

Thank you very much.

So these 2 reports are also accepted

President VIZER gives the floor to the Congress delegates so that they may ask questions or make comments.

The President of the Venezuela Judo National Federation contests the Ranking List system. He thinks that it favors rich and powerful countries and continents and is unfair to small and poor countries that cannot send many athletes to enough events. It is an exclusive not an inclusive System he says adding that Venezuela and many other countries in Pan America do not have the financial or economic power and the means European or Asian countries have to travel to other continents or countries or to organize many judo events. Consequently, he requests that the IJF reflect upon the WRL for the Olympics to protect less powerful countries when it comes to electing judokas

The IJF President explains that seen from an administrative point of view, the qualifying system is transparent and fair to all judo Unions. Pan American countries should not blame the IJF if the Pan America Union does not have many events to qualify the athletes through the continental events, and the IJF can neither oblige the American continent to organize judo events nor organize events there either.

The IJF Head SD says that he does not share the Venezuela Judo NF President's view about the WRL system. He believes that the IJF has Social and Peace projects implement in small countries and that when seen from a technical perspective, the system gives athletes opportunities to gain points, to better their judo level, to be more competitive and to win Olympic qualification by merit.

The IJF President shares the IJF Head SD's opinion and states that when CAS solves the Pan America issue, the IJF will help the official representative body of the American Judo Union so that it develops its projects and increases its athletes' participation in judo events.

9. Rules Changes: Information

9.1. Sports Rules:

First, NFs are reminded to send the IJF Head SD the information he needs to establish a coach data base so that coaches may be informed of rule changes.

9.1.1. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR TEAMS:

The IJF Head SD informs that during the meeting he had with an IOC representative and proposed that aTeam Judo Event be included in the London 2012 Olympics. Although the IOC was provided with complete information and documents about Judo Team events in Continental WCs and in countries to support this proposal, Judo Team event will not be included in the 2012 Olympics program. So, to convince the IOC of the seriousness of the IJF proposal and the fact that the IJF Team Event is well developed at the world level and deserves to be included in the Olympic program, the IJF Head SD informs that the Rotterdam 2009 IJF EC approved the IJF Sports Commission proposal to use the same format and provide a half-day men and women team WCs with 5 athletes (men/women) per weight category after individual WCs organized by different countries in different continents and thus open the door to many WC participating countries to also take part in TeamWCs. In this respect, the French Judo Federation has already agreed to include an IJF Team competition in the IJF 2011 WC program

Thus, starting from the Paris 2011 WC The five (5) men / women-teams format will be in accordance with and in support of the IJF proposal to the IOC to include a Judo Team Event in the 2016 Olympic Games program

9.1.2. WORLD RANKING LIST:

- **Athletes will be awarded Two (2) points** for participation in the continental championships

9.1.3. MODIFICATION OF THE COMPETITION RULES

The IJF Head SD informs that the IJF EC accepted that “All grips below the judo belt be forbidden” and that this rule be used on a trial basis at the upcoming IJF Junior WC next October.

NEW BACK NUMBERS:

- The IJF Head SD informs that from January 1st, 2010, all Judo athletes’ back Judogi will bear the same standardized IJF back identification in terms of color, style, and design and will be compulsory in all IJF events
- Upper part of back of judogi jacket: is fixed and bears athletes’ name and country. It will not change
- Lower part of back of judogi jacket: Variable. Various options: May bear name of 1 or 2 Sponsors, larger space may be given to a specific sponsor, may be used to promote one’s own championships or the IJF’s (left to the discretion of the organizer).
- The back identification of athletes being standardized and ready for use, athletes will no longer have to hand them in to organizers before the competitions, and the organizers will not only no longer need many ladies to spend hours sewing bibs on the back of the jackets of the Judogis but also save a lot of money.

President Vizer thanks the IJF Head SD and gives the floor to the IJF Head RD

9.2. Refereeing Rules change:

the IJF Head RD informs that the Rotterdam 2009 IJF EC approved the IJF Referee Commission following proposal **On experimental basis during Junior WCC:**

- Due to the fact that every year the IJF organizes many more judo events than in the past, it is difficult to have all IJF referees referee in all of the IJF competitions all the time. Consequently, **there will be only one high quality referee per mat.** Such refereeing will be aided by modern technology, i.e. by the IJF Care System (2 HD cameras per mat and laptops on the main referee table) to allow more objective assessment of athletes’ fights and scores particularly in difficult situations.
- **2 cameras per mat**
- **Direct Attack** with one or two hands **below the belt is not allowed.** First penalty: Shido; 2nd time: Hansoku Make
- **Direct Attack:** Guruma is not allowed

Clear detailed written (and eventually a DVD) will soon be sent to all athletes and Judo People to help them know the rules and the aims of the IJF

The President of the Portuguese Judo Federation agrees that measures must be taken to protect the purity of judo, but he thinks that the IJF referee commission should reconsider its proposal about the Guruma technique which he says belongs to Nage No Kata that cannot be done like the Morote Gari, and he asks whether Sukui Nage is possible.

The IJF Head RD explains that it is true that with this technique judo loses some classical techniques but this is not uncommon in sport. In the past judo lost some good techniques but gained new good ones as well. Of course there are some good kata Guruma techniques he says but there are also many bad ones. In any case, judo techniques need to be modernized and distinguished from wrestling techniques. Furthermore, kata Guruma may be allowed in combination and, since the proposed new rule is going to be applied only on a trial basis during the upcoming Junior WC, a final decision will be made about it later on when the IJF Referee Commission collects Judo people's comments, statistics etc. about it

10. Proposals from the Unions and National Federations:

10.1. Proposal of the Netherlands Judo Bond Federation:

This Federation suggests that the IJF reconsider the decision to keep coaches away from the borders of the tatami during the contest:

Decision: The proposal is withdrawn because a) the IJF President found it sad to see Judo coaches sitting in the tribune away from their athletes and being unable to provide them with useful feedback and encouragement during the contest. As a judoka and a former coach he says he could understand the coaches' frustration; b) for practical reasons: enforcement of the IJF EC decision to have judo event organizers reserve a specific area for coaches in the venue, though right, proved to be difficult to apply; c) because after the meeting the IJF had with the coaches during the Tunis Grand Prix tournament, a coach-behavior Code (see section 7.5 above) has been enacted, clarifying coaches' behavior. **If judo coaches do not abide by the IJF Code of Behavior they will again be asked to sit away from the contest area of their fighters.**

10.2. German Judo Federation (PowerPoint presentation):

**10.2.1. Competition System: double repêchage for Junior and cadet:
WCC:**

The German Judo Federation delegate reads and shows on screen references to

- a) Article 7 related to the System of competition in the IJF Sports and Organization rules
- b) Applications of the German Judo Federation for the organization of the Cadets and the Junior World Championships,
- c) Coaches' places in the competition area,

Then, as reported below, he informs that the German Judo Federation **believes that**

- a) **“In these younger age groups the turnover of athletes is very high and often good athletes are coming up very quickly and sometimes some athletes became successful very abrupt. So, good athletes cannot qualify through a ranking list”.**
- b) **“This competition system ensures more fights for more young athletes“(and this is want we want).**
- c) **“Let the coaches besides the tatami and let them wear a sport dress. Coaches have not to be neutral, they have to suffer and to be happy with their athletes“.**

Stating that in some situations some judo people often tend to react emotionally, the IJF President informs that he met the President of the German Judo Federation in Germany and that the later proposed to organize those Championships in Germany and asked him to send him a letter about his proposal. The IJF President explains that in his capacity as IJF president he is bound to abide by the IJF rules and Code of Ethics, and since the Federation has not answered the IJF letter he could not send a personal answer to the German Judo Federation. The IJF President goes on to explain that although he understands the desire of the German Federation to organize Championships in one of its beautiful cities, he nevertheless wonders what their desire underlies, adding that one of the most difficult problems judo has been confronted to precisely relates to the repêchage issue. The IJF, President VIZER says, has accepted repêchage to not lose medals at the Olympics and World championships. Many contradictory and controversial views have often been given about repêchage and junior competitions among the judo family members who have often considered, analyzed this issue and even gone through it with a fine-tooth-comb, and because of repêchage, many people in other sports have often criticized judo and accused it of being a “church” sport.

In any case, President VIZER states, right from the very start, examples must be set and respected for the sake of credibility of the principles of judo. Young judokas must know and understand that chance does not always have a hand in success; judo quality, determination, motivation and good fights do have one. Consequently, to instill the spirit of judo in judokas’ mind and mould their competitive spirit, it is deemed necessary to on the one hand begin doing so as early as possible that is during the Cadet and junior training and competitions, and on the other hand ensure a certain continuity of judo principles, rules and beliefs. After all, these young judokas will be senior ones one day, so setting different judo rules for different age categories is not recommended as it is certainly difficult to change 21 year old judoka’s mentalities and habits.

Furthermore, a lot of judo events are organized by the IJF, by EJU, by other continents for judokas of all age groups. Consequently, if a Judo Federation wishes to have more competitions for its athletes, it should offer those more training and more opportunities to attend as many judo events as possible because “Chancy” fights do not always pay, good judo quality does!

11. World Championships reviews:

11.1. 2011 IJF WWC: France:

The President of the French Judo Federation informs that these WCC will take place in Paris, France during the last Weekend of August. He confirms that the French Judo

Federation will include a free day in the program of those Championships so that it can propose to one person from each participating delegations a trip to London by high speed train to visit the 2012 Olympic facilities one year ahead.

He also informs that to better prepare the Paris 2011 WC, two members of the Paris 2011 IJF WCC Organizing Committee are in Rotterdam to observe the progress of the Congress.

11.2. 2010 Junior WCC: Morocco (Power Point presentation):

The President of the Moroccan Royal Judo Federation expresses gratitude on his own behalf and on behalf all the members of the Moroccan Royal Judo Federation to the IJF President and IJF EC for their support and for the confidence they have placed on them for organizing the 2010 Junior WCC in Agadir in October 2010.

Morocco is proud, he says, to host this WCC. Everything that needs to be done will be properly: transport, logistics, security, facilities, hotels etc. Morocco has experience in sports events organization as it has organized many of them a number of times. It has organized Pan African, Mediterranean championships in Casablanca; So Agadir is ready to welcome the Judo family.

The President of the Moroccan Royal federation wants to take this opportunity to also express his warmest thanks to the President of the IJF for having always helped the Moroccan Judo Federation. Then he invites Mr. Larabi EL JAMALI to do a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. EL JAMALI explains that on the occasion of the IJF inspection by some IJF members, the Moroccan Judo Federation prepared a brief report on the Championship: Agadir, he informs, is in the South of Morocco, it is a beautiful tourist city; it offers many possibilities for all sorts of pleasant activities. It is on the Atlantic coast and is at about 500 km to the South of Casablanca and about 235 km to the West of Marrakech. Visits of the whole region can be organized from there. There are more than 300 days of sunshine and people enjoy the sun and the beach the whole year. The airport is an international Airport where Royal Morocco Airline is based and has many regular services operating from there. Many other Airlines also operate in and from Agadir, so participants will find it easy to get there.

Security: in cooperation with the Ministry of Security and local authorities, the police and private agencies will ensure the security of the participants to the event. The support of the local security and Governor has already been confirmed during the organizing Committee's visits to Agadir and the IJF SD's and GS's technical inspection in July.

Competition facilities: the competition Hall capacity is around 5000 seats; the venue is close to hotels, (about a five-minute walk) some of which are even on the same street side.

Prestigious hotels, high quality hotel like the Sofitel ones that offer spa, rooms with view on the sea, others that have a Moroccan touch etc. are all shown on screen and will be booked for the occasion. Mr. EL JAMALI ends his presentation by warmly inviting participants to come to Agadir.

The IJF President thanks the President of the Moroccan Royal Judo Federation and Mr. EL JAMALI for their presentation and then gives the floor to the 2010 Tokyo WCC Organizers

11.3. 2010 WCC Tokyo: Re-evaluation and Re-attribution:

Information provided by video.

Speaker's voice: The Tokyo 2010 Judo WCC will take place from the 9th to the 10th of September 2010. Provisional schedule of the event: the event will start with the heavy

weight category. Open category planned on the last day. The competitions will be in the National Stadium. The arena is 4000 - square meters; capacity: 13.000 people; It is possible to have 4 to 5 mats in the fighting area which has been used for many international sports; the second stadium is for training. It is 1300m² and is just next to the competition area. In recent years, Tokyo had the Jigoro Cup judo tournament and one IJF Judo Team championship. Many Japanese are very excited about the event and Japan has a great experience in running Judo competitions.

High quality hotels and rooms are shown: (Hilton Hotel and others). Several meeting rooms will be available.

There are 2 international Airports in Tokyo. Transportation from Airport to hotels: It usually takes about 60 minutes from Narita Airport and 30 minutes from Haneda Airport to the hotels by bus. The Organizers will be ready to welcome you and facilitate accreditations processing and sewing judogi back identification. You will certainly feel the Japanese culture while in Tokyo. The organizers will be well prepared for the event and provide full support for the participants and delegations

The IJF President reminds that point 11.3 of the Congress agenda mentions a potential re-evaluation and re-attribution of the 2010 Judo WCC, and explains that, despite the respect and friendship that has always characterized the IJF and AJFF, the IJF had to think about a potential re-evaluation and re-distribution of the 2010 Judo WCC because the IJF has not signed a marketing contract yet as the marketing partner is Mr. PARK's marketing partner and the IJF is compelled to continue dealing with him until the end of the partnership. Consequently, if IJF does not sign a contract with the Japanese Judo federation or with any of their marketing partners soon, the IJF EC will re-evaluate and re-distribute the right to organize the event. London is already candidate for holding the event. Mr. UEMURA is a good friend and a member of the IJF EC but the IJF EC must first and foremost consider the interests of IJF, of NFs and of Judo.

Decision: Approved

12. Miscellaneous:

12.1. London (British Judo Association) bids for holding the 2013 Judo WCC:

The Representative of the British Judo Association gives arguments to convince the audience of the British Judo Association desire to win the bid. He begins by stating that hosting of a good event a great event enables great players to do great things so the British Association has put together a whole package to hold a truly special event which will give everybody the opportunity to have once in a life time experience in London in 2013 he says and goes on providing information about the British Judo Association:

The British Judo Association has been around for about 60 years; part of its strong strategy vision is to hold class events. It has hosted events in the past: 1999 Worlds, 1995 Europeans, GB World Cups every year that have allowed for great rationale for why GB wants to host the event. It evolves around Legacy for London and GB Judo, Mega-event boost for GB judo, ambition to move the event to a new level following from Olympic Games and providing something special.

The event as can be seen in the slide is athlete focused and if athletes realize that they are focused on they will be in a position to deliver what they have to give. As the event will eventually follow the London Olympic Games, the same Cutting edge IT & media technologies will be in place.

The arena: it is in the Olympic village in a perfect sporting environment. The speaker makes a vow to the IJF Congress that the London World will be an affordable World Highly developed, that ticketing strategies will be developed to ensure full arena every day. Logistics, ease of movement will make the London experience something special for everyone! People love London because it is a perfect host, a cosmopolitan city, multinational, multicultural with 300 languages represented. It is not only a big city but also a city with a small town feel, a great place to visit. About 27M tourists visit it every year. World Heritage sites, Museums, Galleries, Theatres attract visitors. BJA is already working out on a possibly engagement, a proactive strategy so that everybody may enjoy the London experience. The 2012 Olympic Games will create the regeneration of the East of London. It will be a fantastic Olympic Village and Sporting facilities will be all around. One of the 4 permanent facilities that will remain in the village is where BJA intends to hold this WC and there will also be a wonderful dedicated village transport in place which will bring people from all parts of London to the village. The event will benefit from a fantastic Volunteer network. London 2013 will give the public an appetite for more!

The venue will be the Olympic Handball Centre, a multi-purpose 12,000 indoor arena that will have the state of the art technology, TV & media production, dedicated media centre are all ready. The warm-up facilities will be in venue and additional training areas within the park will also be available and so will a fantastic sports science support Centre.

Event success requires people – events Team & Competition Manager, experience facility, partners, resources, experienced Officials, ambition to deliver the best. London 2013 will offer all of these as BJA has a 4 experienced-team events of organizers who will be running the event from day one on.

Transport: There are 5 Airports in London (Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton, & City. All carriers offer full service & low-cost. There is a fantastic underground, rail & bus system, and local transport will be biffed up for the Olympic Games. The Javelin line will be able to take people from the city center of London to the Olympic village in 7 minutes and carry 25.000 people an hour; transport pass support will be arranged so that everybody can make advantage of the city.

Hotels: Everybody will be logged in a 4* luxury hotel in the city centre. BJA has commitment from its partners to have targeted financial support for delegations on the ground for daily expenses. There will be many options and all hotels will be in a few minutes from the venue

BJA has serious key partners who will also contribute to the success of the event.

The speaker ends his presentation hoping to get the support they somehow expect down the road for winning the bid.

President VIZER thanks the BJA representative for his presentation and gives the floor to Mr. WANDERLY.

12.2. Rio de Janeiro bids for holding the 2013 Judo WCC:

Mr. WANDERLY announces on behalf of the Brazilian Judo Federation that Rio de Janeiro, Brazil bids for hosting the IJF 2013 Judo WCC. Official presentation of the bid will be done in Tokyo next year during the Tokyo WCC.

President VIZER thanks the BJA representative for his presentation and gives the floor to Mr. HELL, JBN President

12.3. Mr. Jos Hell's welcome-speech

Before giving his welcome-speech (reported below), Mr. Jos. HELL, President of Judo Bond Nederland invites the Congress to a drink in the hall before leaving the De Doelen Hotel Congress Center at the end of the congress.

“Dear Mr. President, dear delegates, dear honorable guests,

On behalf of the Board of Judo Bond Nederland and on behalf of the City of Rotterdam, I would like to give you a warm welcome.

In Cairo 2005 this Congress gave the Judo Bond Nederland confidence to organize the 26th World Championships. Since then, we have been working hard and now we are ready for this Congress and for the Judo competition.

These days over 660 judokas from more than one hundred countries will participate. We expect more than 25.000 guests and the interest of the media is enormous.

The Judo Bond Nederland, the City of Rotterdam and our International Judo Federation did their work and their preparation as well as possible.

Now it is up to us, it is up to you and especially it is up to the athletes our judokas to make this World Championships unforgettable. Together, I am sure we will succeed.

I wish you and your judoka with all my heart a pleasant and successful stay in Rotterdam. Let's enjoy ourselves with our fantastic judo. I wish you a good congress and after the Congress the Judo bond Nederland offers you a drink in the foyer.

Have a good time

Thank you for your attention!

Mr. President, thank you!”

President VIZER thanks President HELL and gives the floor to Mr. D .WHITE, EJU SD and also in Charge of coaching in that Union

12.4. Concept on coaching:

Mr. D. White informs that he is working on a concept with Mr. MERIDJA IJF ECD for on line coach education. He believes that this concept will be very useful especially for some poor countries around the world and those that have limited resources. Various techniques that can be used as a lesson plan or a grading scale, training means and methods, foot work and ways the feet should be moving and hands should be working are all shown on screen. As it is not always possible to learn how to coach from the internet, the EJU SD says, coaches are also invited to come to London for 4 weeks, and if the budgets allow, it will be free for the people participating. There may also be some Olympic Solidarity scholarships. A sponsor is already ready to pay scholarships for 3 Commonwealth-coaches per year. This is just the beginning, but forms and annotation analysis, sports psychology, and many applications are possible and can be put in the syllabus, the EJU SD says.

President VIZER thanks Mr. WHITE for his endeavor in working on such a useful and important judo coaching program and gives the floor to Dr. Aleš Bulc and Mr. Matjaž Kozmus, members of the team of the company that signed partnership with IJF for a Sport Card

12.5. IJF Sports Card (IJF SC):

Dr. Aleš Bulc, member of the team explains that basically, the Sport Card is a WHAT – WHY – HOW information should be put. It is put in a framework of the IJF with various steps. A sample card is also shown on screen.

Dr. Aleš Bulc informs that the IJF EC passed a motion to start issuing the IJF SC as of August 1st, 2009. Mandatory use of IJF SC starts with the World Championship in Rotterdam. It is designed specifically for all judo members starting at club levels

The framework is also for the Information System which is developed in a worldwide information system adapted for local use. It is a WEB-based data collection system, On-line event registration, and Card ordering, Competition management etc...

It is a reliable member data for all judoka (date of birth, medical exams, doping controls, competition results and statistics, and others as needed for present and future applications...). The Central Data Base (CDB) keeps all data in one place which is secured. In other words it is one database with many applications

With this entire framework, basically this is a management system which consists of

- IJFSC as proof of membership, entry to benefits
- IJF information system
- CDB - member information bank
- Special purpose applications developed for judo needs at all organizational levels, local and international
- System specifically designed for local and international use worldwide
- Membership management and analysis
- Large membership which means larger sponsor interest

Mr. Matjaž Kozmus takes the floor over to inform that the basic idea behind the system is to promote judo. A picture of the central data base, which is an information bank and the services around it is shown on screen.

This system is put together the speaker says to provide a unified information system, so basically it is a

- Database of members from each club up
- Unified data structure for use in different countries (i.e. Cyrillic, Asian characters, ...)
- International verification of national and club memberships
- Judo purpose built applications to facilitate organization of national cups, school competitions, track results, achievements

So it is a reliable and secure system where

- Each member is tracked by unique ID number
- Replacement card issued without change of data if lost or stolen
- Suited for biometric verification of competitors
- Flexible information system to be used for the benefit of judoka
- Membership management, attract sponsors

Mr. Matjaž Kozmus goes on to inform that the IJF

- has 199 national associations for Judo vs. 207 for football and 197 for swimming

- has a numerous and popular sport, stronger with verifiable membership database
- Has estimated 25 million judokas worldwide but presently can not all be reached
- Has large membership base for sponsorship reach
- Has a group of judo members that would be proud to have proof of membership of the judo community

The whole system is easy to use as it

- Has one card for a 4 year olympic cycle
- Has one card for membership, competition registration, accreditation verification, alternative ID document
- It provides a unified platform for member benefits
- It provides unified platform for sponsor message
- Personal development from club level, to national, continental and international, i.e. IJF referee
- Is a Vehicle to recognize personal achievements through veteran, VIP, ambassador status, ..

Card Ordering and Issuing:

There is an On-line system to input member data and order cards. It has been used for the Rotterdam event as a data base system. National administrators were first invited to access the system. They have possibility to grant access to additional administrators intended for clubs. It is reminded that National Associations are responsible to input and verify data as first entered. National association orders, pays, receives personalized cards and distribute cards to members

Right now there are about 100 countries in the system. They all have e-mails, telephone numbers to contact them. The IJF EC has received their Card.

Mr.Matjaž Kozmus strongly recommends that information to be inputted in the system be accurate and ends his presentation by thanking the audience and wishing good luck to the competitors

President VIZER thanks Dr. Aleš Bulc and Mr.Matjaž Kozmus for the presentation, the cooperation, the partnership and friendly reminds them to not forget to send the IJF its share of the Card's financial benefits. Then he gives the floor to the delegate from Mongolia

12.6. Advertizing for sports in Mongolia:

The speaker informs that Mongolia is organizing its first World Cup and that it won Olympic gold medal, has support of its government, of Olympic private companies, and the National Olympic Committee. It also has good hotels, a national wrestling arena with a 3000-people capacity. It has support for Air tickets (25% discount for Mongolia Airline flights). Prize Money will be awarded to medalists. A training camp will be organized after the competitions and so will a trip to a 13th Century village. He thanks the audience for their attention and kindly invites them to attend Mongolia event and share its pleasant culture. He ends his report by showing a video about Mongolia.

President VIZER thanks the speaker for his presentation and gives the floor to Mr. SCHIOTZ, President of the Norwegian Judo federation and Director of the IJF Judo for Peace Program

12.7. Judo for Peace:

Mr. SCHIOTZ thanks the IJF President for the sustained support he has given him and expresses joy and satisfaction in announcing that President VIZER is the first person to have been awarded a Prize for such a well deserved support of and commitment to Judo for Peace projects.

Then he goes on to inform that Judo for Peace concerns 4 elements: Programs, special projects, Solidarity Programs and activities. Furthermore, Judo for Peace activities are not limited to judo tournaments. In fact the goal of Judo for Peace is not only to promote judo but also to make substantial contribution to the reconciliation work that must be carried out after war activities or other conflicts or violence situations have been brought to an end.

A special program has been implemented in Africa where people learnt how to use Olympic Solidarity Programs that support their projects. The program has been on in Burundi for many years and the Africans have learnt so much from the programs that the experience has been extended to Ivory Coast, Zambia, Ruanda, Congo etc.

Judo for Peace Program will continue extending its experience to other countries that have problems in the region, and coordinate its efforts with the Education and Training Commission ones to obtain more Olympic Solidarity support.

Judo for Peace judo instructor course will start in October. The IJF President will attend the opening. The course is not meant to teach judo but to teach the fundamentals of Judo for Peace and ways to participate in the program. The program is supported by local governments. Many People from the region will be invited because Mr. SCHIOTZ wants to give the program an international dimension.

An Anti Violence program will be implemented in South Africa especially in schools where unfortunately there are huge problems. A pilot project has been developed in conjunction with the National Olympic Committee in the South Eastern part of South Africa in 5 universities and 50 primary schools to show that judo is also an educational program. This program will start in March then it will be extend to the whole country. Hopefully, benefits will be obtained from the 2010 football World Championships down there.

The main 2009 Judo for Peace tournament will take place in Ireland. It is more than a tournament, as all primary schools are prepared for it. It will also be an occasion to celebrate the reconciliation of Northern and Southern Ireland NFs which will participate to the program conjunctly. A whole process was used to allow such a program and reconciliation.

The next major step of Judo for Peace program is to have an agreement with a High Commissioner for refugees in the United Nations that will help Judo for Peace extend its projects and activities tremendously and help it get great support throughout the World.

Thus, to ensure implementation and success of such programs **and projects Judo for Peace instructors are awfully needed. Mr. SCHIOTZ urges all Judo NFs to sensitize**

people to the program and send him information about all of those who would be willing to participate in it. The program will have courses that certify people as Judo for Peace instructors. Instructors can attend a one- month or up to a whole year in refugee's camp. The Refugees Commission will lend support to the program and instructors will learn how to handle refugee's camp situations and certainly appreciate what they can do and give.

President VIZER thanks Mr. SCHIOTZ for the wonderful and humane job he has been doing and urges the Judo NFs to cooperate with him so that more of some such important social and humane projects may be implemented in more regions around the world.

13. Award ceremony:

Golden Back Numbers made by EJU and their Marketing Department are awarded to the following Gold Medalists of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games:

Women:

- Romania – Dumitru
- China - Xian
- Italy – Quintavalle
- Japan - Tanimoto
- Japan – Ueno
- China - Yang
- China - Tong

Men:

- Korea – Choi
- Japan – Uchishiba
- Azerbaijan – Mammadli
- Germany – Bischof
- Georgia – Tsirekidze
- Mongolia – Naidan
- Japan - Ishii

President VIZER informs that

a) The electronic voting system will be used at next Congress not only because it is an efficient and reliable system but also because it helps to save time. According to the Swiss Law, using voting cards and show of hand are also legal for voting for specific matters such as amendments of the Statutes an may therefore be maintained.

b) Due to the lack of communication and the unacceptable offer in terms of logistics, Hotel choice and prices, and progress of the preparation of the 2009 Junior WCC by the Hellenic Judo Federation and despite the IJF efforts to find a compromise with that Federation, the IJF EC may have to re-allocate the organization of the 2009 Junior WCC to another country.

14. Closing the Congress:

Before closing the Congress, President VIZER thanks his colleagues and all the participants for their collaboration and wishes them all successful WCC and a pleasant stay in Rotterdam.