



United World Wrestling – European Council General Assembly

On the 16th of April 2023, at 10:00am, at the Hotel Westin in Zagreb, Croatia, took place the United World Wrestling – Europe General Assembly with the following:

Agenda

1. Opening of the Annual Session of the General Assembly:
 - President of UWW-Europe.
 - President of the Croatian Wrestling Federation.
 - President of UWW.
2. Documents and the working commissions:
 - Agenda.
 - Selection of the editors for the minutes (English/French).
 - Commission for verification of power of attorneys of the delegates, establishment of the quorum.
3. Minutes from the General Assembly of UWW- Europe in Budapest, Hungary (March 2022).
4. Report by the President of UWW-Europe.
5. Annual report of UWW Europe's finances in 2022.
6. Program of UWW-Europe for the period 2023-2024.
7. Budget for UWW-Europe in 2023.
8. Calendar of UWW and UWW-Europe for 2023-2026:
 - Presentation by national federations
9. Miscellaneous.

In attendance:

United World Wrestling - President

- Mr. Nenad Lalovic – IOC EB Member

United World Wrestling – Europe Council:

- Mr. Karl-Martin Dittmann – UWW-Europe President and UWW Bureau Member
- Mr. Razvan Pircalabu – Vice President
- Mrs. Csilla Ali – Secretary General
- Mr. Betim Vrenezi – Member
- Mr. Pertti Vehvilainen – Member
- Mr. Zeljko Trajkovic – Member
- Mr. Onder Yaksi – Coopted Member



United World Wrestling Bureau:

- Mr. Carlos Roy – Secretary General
- Mr. Arsen Julfalakyan – Member
- Mr. Pedro Silva – Member

United World Wrestling and UWW Europe Staff:

- Mrs. Deqa Niamkey – UWW Development Department Director
- Mrs. Liang Lei – UWW Development Department
- Mrs. Petra Eigenbrodt – UWW Europe President Assistant

Country Delegates, according with the accreditation done by Mrs. Petra Eigenbrodt, from:

1. Albania
2. Armenia
3. Austria
4. Azerbaijan
5. Croatia
6. Czechia
7. Spain
8. Estonia
9. Finland
10. France
11. Great Britain
12. Georgia
13. Germany
14. Hungaria
15. Israel
16. Italy
17. Kosovo
18. Moldova
19. North Macedonia
20. Netherlands
21. Poland
22. Portugal
23. Romania
24. Russia
25. Slovenia
26. Serbia
27. Switzerland
28. Turkey
29. Ukraine



Opening the conference, Mr. Dittmann, greeted the audience, welcoming the delegates as well as the President and Bureau Members from UWW and UWW-EC. The President highlights the current situation regarding the hard conditions that Europe faces and praises the Croatian Wrestling Federation for their organisation.

He then gives the floor to Mr. Bregovic, President of the Wrestling Federation of Croatia presents greetings and highlights the importance of hosting this event to wrestling in Zagreb and all the efforts of the organizing committee in creating an atmosphere to ensure all the participants have the best possible conditions. Mr. Bregovic welcomes everyone to Zagreb and salutes the ones who celebrate on this day the Orthodox Easter.

Mr. Dittmann thanks the warm welcoming of the Croatian federation and then gives the floor to the President of United World Wrestling, Mr. Nenad Lalovic, United World Wrestling President, and International Olympic Committee Board Member.

Mr. Lalovic addresses the recommendations of the IOC Executive Board regarding the participation of athletes and officials from Russia and Belarus in sport events. This has been a political and diplomatic question that has a high impact on the sports world. Being wise in such a situation is very difficult. We cannot apply double standards. We must be solidary for those in need and be focused on our activities and on sport. It was the decision of UWW's Bureau to follow the recommendations of the IOC and the provisions of the Olympic Charter. Therefore, we, at UWW, are putting in place the conditions and the means to eventually allow the participation of neutral athletes from Russia and Belarus in line with the latest recommendations of the IOC and the provisions of the Olympic Charter.

Mr. Dittmann thanks the words of Mr. Nenad Lalovic, United World Wrestling President, and International Olympic Committee Board Member.

Concerning the election of the writer of the minutes, in English and French, of the present conference, the UWW Bureau Member and President of the Federation of Portugal, Mr. Pedro Silva was unanimously approved.

The minutes of the conference in Budapest were unanimously approved.

Regarding the point 4 of the agenda, the President Mr. Dittmann made a detailed oral presentation of the report that was previously and in due time made available to everyone.

Mr. Dittmann gives the floor to the Vice President, Mr. Pircalabu, to address the financial report and the budget, as per point 5 of the agenda.

Mr. Pircalabu, then, highlights the main revenues and expenses mentioned both in the financial report and in the budget. He finishes his address proposing that the report be approved.



On the point 6 of the agenda, program of UWW- Europe for 2023-2024, Mrs. Ali, Mr. Dittmann and Mr. Trajkovic presented the plan in detail. Mr. Dittmann then opened the floor for debate and questioning.

Following the discussion, all the documents related to points 4, 5 and 6 are unanimously approved.

Concerning point 7 of the agenda, budget for UWW-Europe in 2023, Mr. Dittmann gives the floor to the Vice President, Mr. Pircalabu, to present the document. Mr. Dittmann then opened the floor for debate and questioning.

Following the discussion, the budget for UWW-Europe in 2023 was unanimously approved.

On the 8th point on the agenda, calendar of UWW/UWW-Europe for 2023-2026, Mr. Dittmann presented all the European hosts for the period, and the following made a presentation:

- Spain, Santiago de Compostela – 2023 U20 European Championship.
- Romania – 2024 Senior European Championship.
- Estonia – 2024 Kristjan Palusalu Memorial Tournament.
- France – 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

Mr. Lalovic took the floor to address wrestling in Paris 2024, namely regarding the situation with the “Wrestling House” and the ticketing. Mr. Lalovic also informed that the allocation of hosts for the qualifying events will be done shortly. Finally, he thanked the efforts put in place by the French Federation, regarding the hosting the teams in the final stage of preparation for the Olympic Games.

Regarding point 9 on the agenda, miscellaneous, Mr. Dittmann introduces the President of the Athletes Commission and UWW Bureau member, Mr. Arsen Julfalakyan, that takes the floor to present the main activities undertaken by the Athletes Commission in cooperation with other UWW Departments, since last General Assembly. Mr. Julfalakyan also addresses the impact that the wars in Europe have in the athletes and the importance that sport and the Olympic Charter can and should have in promoting peace and non-discrimination.

Mr. Kopytko, President of the Wrestling Federation of Ukraine takes the floor to address the situation that his country is facing with the war within their borders. He addresses the serious constraints and concerns that the recommendation of the IOC Executive Board to allow neutral athletes from Russia and Belarus puts on his country and on his federation and athletes, wishing that this procedure is clear and fair.

Mr. Lalovic takes the floor to address the concerns and remarks made by Mr. Kopytko and assures that the procedures will be fair and just to everybody and will consider the spirit of the Olympic Charter and the principles of individual responsibility.



Mr. Dittmann reminds everyone that there's a workshop starting straight after the coffee-break with the Development Department of UWW.

Mr. Dittmann expresses his gratitude to everybody by the flawless way the assembly took place. The General Assembly is officially closed by 11:30am.

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