



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES LUTTES ASSOCIEES  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATED WRESTLING STYLES

## FILA CONGRESS IN BEIJING (10 August 2008) Hotel Landmark Beijing

### Nations represented at the Congress (Total: 84):

#### **African Continent** (Total: 13)

1. Algeria
2. Congo
3. Congo R.D.
4. Egypt
5. Guinea-Bissau
6. Guinea
7. Morocco
8. Nigeria
9. Uganda
10. Senegal
11. Sierra-Leone
12. South Africa
13. Tunisia

#### **American Continent** (Total: 10)

14. Brazil
15. Canada
16. Colombia
17. Cuba
18. Dominican Republic
19. Mexico
20. Nicaragua
21. Peru
22. United States
23. Uruguay

#### **Asian Continent** (Total: 17)

24. Chinese Taipei
25. India
26. Iran
27. Iraq
28. Japan
29. Kazakhstan
30. Kirghizstan
31. Korea
32. Korea D.P.R.
33. Lao
34. Mongolia
35. Pakistan
36. Qatar
37. Saoudi Arabia
38. Thailand
39. United Arab Emirates
40. Uzbekistan

#### **European Continent** (Total: 38)

41. Albania
42. Armenia
43. Austria
44. Azerbaijan
45. Belarus
46. Belgium
47. Bosnia-Herzegovina
48. Bulgaria
49. Croatia
50. Cyprus
51. Czech Republic
52. Danmark
53. Estonia
54. Finland
55. France
56. Georgia
57. Germany
58. Great-Britain
59. Greece
60. Hungary
61. Italy
62. Latvia
63. Lithuania
64. Macedonia
65. Moldova
66. Montenegro
67. Norway
68. Poland
69. Romania
70. Russia
71. Serbia
72. Slovakia
73. Slovenia
74. Spain
75. Sweden
76. Switzerland
77. Turkey
78. Ukraine

#### **Oceania Continent** (Total: 6)

79. Australia
80. Guam
81. Marshall Island
82. Micronesia
83. Palau
84. Samoa



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**Bureau members present** (Total: 20):

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|-----|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 85. | Raphaël Martinetti, President     | 95.  | Gustavo Rolle Fernandez |
| 86. | Michel Dusson, Secretary General  | 96.  | Nenad Lalovic           |
| 87. | Tomiaki Fukuda, Vice-president    | 97.  | Daulet Turlykhanov      |
| 88. | Matteo Pellicone, Vice-president  | 98.  | Mohammed Tavakol        |
| 89. | Mario Saletnig, Vice-president    | 99.  | Tzeno Tzenov            |
| 90. | Theodoros Hamakos, Vice-president | 100. | Natalia Yariguina       |
| 91. | Ahmet Ayik                        | 101. | Chang Kew Kim           |
| 92. | Stan Dziedzic                     | 102. | Francisco Lee Lopez     |
| 93. | Csaba Hegedüs                     | 103. | Mohammed Ibnou Zahir    |
| 94. | Mikhail Mamiashvili               | 104. | Ik-Jong Kim             |

**Excused** (Total: 1):

Mrs. Nikola Hartmann Dünser

Mr. Tarkong, Bureau member and President of the Palau National Federation will only have one vote according to the FILA Constitution and the Procedure Rules for the Congress (article 6).

**1. OPENING OF THE CONGRESS AND WELCOME SPEECH**

The 2008 Congress is opened by President Raphaël Martinetti who thanks for their presence all the Congress delegates and presents his greetings to all the representatives of the National Federations, the FILA Bureau members, the representatives of the press, television and media, and to the Beijing political and sporting authorities.

The 2006-2008 term was rich in spectacular events linked to the modernization of our sport that led to important changes that everyone and especially the press could notice.

**2. WELCOME SPEECH BY THE CONGRESS ORGANIZER, MR. CUI DALIN**

Mr. Cui Dalin, President of the Chinese Wrestling Association welcomes all participants and underlines that every step was taken to make these Games an exceptional event, but also that China worked hard so that all participants and the entire world would be able to enjoy these Games.

**3. INFORMATION ON THE ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM**

The explanations given by the person in charge of the voting system were not well understood by he participants and the President requires a second explanation at the time of voting.

**4. REPORT FROM THE VERIFIERS OF POWERS**

The Secretary General, Mr. Michel Dusson, announces that the quorum is reached and that the absolute majority is 53. The Congress can therefore have a valid vote. No objection or complaint being made, the report is unanimously adopted.



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## **5. SETTING UP OF THE WORKING GROUPS FOR THE CONGRESS**

In accordance with the FILA Constitution and Regulations the following working bodies are defined:

Congress minutes secretary:	Mr. Michel Dusson, FILA Secretary General
Congress minutes verifiers:	Mr. M. Ibnou Zahir, CALA President for the French text Mr. Mario Saletnig, FILA Vice-president for the English text
Scrutineers:	Mr. Matteo Pellicone, FILA Vice-president Mr. Ik-Jong Kim, FILA Bureau member Mr. Stan Dziedzic, FILA Bureau member Mr. John Tarkong Jr., Oceania Committee President Mr. Filkret Bulutçu, Secretary General of the Turkish Federation

These five scrutineers will be also members of the election Commission and will function under the direction of Mr. Matteo Pellicone, President of the voting office.

## **6. PROCEDURE RULES FOR THE CONGRESS**

No remark or observation being formulated, the Procedure Rules of the Congress are unanimously approved.

## **7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2006 FILA CONGRESS IN GUANGZHOU**

The minutes were sent to all the National Federations within the prescribed times and are included in the brochure of the working documents sent by FILA.

No amendment, correction or addition being required, the minutes of the 2006 FILA Congress in Guangzhou are unanimously adopted.

## **8. APPROVAL OF THE FILA ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEETS 2006-2007**

The accounts are kept by the fiduciary company De Miéville, official body approved by the authorities of the Canton Vaud in Switzerland. The FILA accounts are revised by the the fiduciary company OFISA and in particular by the chartered accountants, Mr. A. Cottier and Mr. J-M. Chaubert.

No objection being made, the accounts and balance sheets 2006-2007 are unanimously approved.

## **9. PROJECTED BUDGET 2009**

The 2009 Budget was established according to the information available at the time of its compilation. The receipts from the Olympic Games will be in US dollars and might affect the budgeted expenses. The expenses might also be slightly modified according to the opening of the training centres on the different continents. The FILA Presidents suggests that Congress gives power to the Executive Committee to revise the budget when all elements are known. The Congress unanimously approves the President's suggestion.



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#### **10. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 2008-2010**

In accordance with the FILA Constitution, the FILA Bureau suggests that the fiduciary company OFISA be re-appointed as verifier of accounts for the period 2008-2010. This company is based in Lausanne (Switzerland) and is approved by the Swiss authorities. The Congress gives its unanimous approval.

#### **11. SITUATION OF WRESTLING ON THE PROGRAMME OF THE 2010 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**

IOC decided to implement a new competition called "Youth Olympic Games". The first edition of this competition will take place in Singapore in July 2010. The programme and the number of participants depend on IOC and the entries will be managed by the various NOCs.

As a rule, all the sports on the senior Olympic programme will be represented, but with fewer participants. Regarding wrestling, the number of categories was set to 14 and the number of participants to 112, which is the highest number of all combat sports. FILA obtained IOC's approval for the following categories:

- Freestyle: 46kg, 54kg, 63kg, 76kg, 100kg
- Greco-Roman: 42kg, 50kg, 58kg, 69kg, 85kg
- Female wrestling: 46kg, 52kg, 60kg, 70kg

That is 14 categories x 8 wrestlers = 112 participants. All participants will also be able to participate in the Beach Wrestling competition, but the medals will be given by FILA, because IOC does not want to increase its number of medals. The age category will be the same as the cadet category (maximum 18). The qualification system will be decided in consent with IOC in July or August 2008. In addition, the quota of officials will be identical as the one in force for the senior Olympic Games. In order to keep the "youth" aspect of the Games, IOC requires that the referees be aged under 30.

#### **12. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE FILA ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 2006-2008**

The President reads his report on the FILA activities, as well as those of the Departments and Continental Committees. No question or observation being formulated, the reports are unanimously adopted.

#### **13. READING OF THE PRESIDENT'S MOTIVE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, Mr. MICHEL DUSSON**

Mr. Dussan reads the various motives supporting the re-election of Mr. Martinetti as FILA President.

#### **14. ELECTION OF THE FILA PRESIDENT**

Following the reading of the FILA Bureau's motives, the Congress approves the re-election of Mr. Martinetti as FILA President by acclamation.



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## **15. FILA WORKING PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 2008-2010**

The FILA President reads the working programme for the period 2008-2010 by insisting on the following points:

### **Assessment of the situation of Olympic wrestling throughout the world**

After the Olympic Games, we must carry out an extensive survey of all the people involved in our sport to have a comprehensive view of the situation of wrestling worldwide. This analysis should demonstrate, with figures to prove it, the result of the changes to the rules regarding their attractiveness, their impact on the audience, the media, etc. If some changes to the Rules are necessary, they will be made after a period of democratic consultation and once advice taken from the FILA Bureau and approval received from the Congress.

### **Regrouping the wrestling styles**

Work is in progress on this issue, but FILA must continue to gather all the new and already existing styles under its authority. The World Wrestling Games are an excellent means of promotion for all these wrestling styles which represent the past and the future of FILA. By grouping all of these styles under the authority of the National Federations, FILA intends to increase the number of people wrestling and thereby increase authority of the National Federations.

### **Contacts with television companies**

It is imperative to bring a new dynamism to our search for television contracts and to our contacts with television channels by hiring the full-time services of a person in charge of canvassing and co-ordinating television issues and who will deal with the new media, Internet, WebTV, etc.

### **Contacts with the press**

In this field also we must take into account the limits of non-professional management. It is thus advisable to hire a person in charge of co-ordinating all the information to be given to the various agencies and newspapers. This work must be done in collaboration with the National Federations who are the basis of all information and also with the co-operation of the Organising Committees in order to structure the press during major events.

### **Marketing**

For some years, eight to ten projects and marketing plans have been prepared but none of them has ever succeeded. The FILA is responsible for marketing our sport but unfortunately it cannot make any progress with this matter. In this field as well, only the hiring of a professional can bring the income expected by FILA.

### **Technical Assistance**

For the period 2008-2012, the IOC has agreed to FILA proposal of gathering together all the scholarship holders in FILA Training Centres. The objective is to implement at least one Training Centre per continent, in order to help the National Federations that do not have sufficient national structures. Provision of equipment to developing countries, in the current forms, will be also intensified in order to fill the gap between rich and poor countries.



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### **Education of coaches**

The training and further training of coaches on the world level with the Advanced Schools for Coaches proved its efficiency; these courses will be maintained and improved. A similar system will be implemented on each continent on a continental level in order to guarantee progressive and high quality training.

### **Education of referees**

A new system of referee classification must be set up in order to guarantee irreproachable officiating at FILA major events.

Following the reading of this working programme, no questions or remarks are formulated and the programme is unanimously adopted.

## **16. INTRODUCTION OF THE CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED AS FILA BUREAU MEMBERS**

The President introduces the candidates who put forward their candidacy, within the deadline stipulated in the FILA Constitution and Regulations, to the Congress delegates. Elections shall be held on the basis of an absolute majority on the first ballot. If necessary, on the second ballot, the candidates shall be elected by relative majority depending on the number of votes cast. In case of a tie on the second ballot, the person who is an outgoing Bureau member or the oldest candidate will be elected.

### **Re-eligible candidates** (by alphabetical order):

Mr. Tomiaki Fukuda (JPN)  
Mr. Theodoros Hamakos (GRE)  
Mr. Csaba Hegedus (HUN)  
Mr. Mikhail Mamiashvili (RUS)  
Mr. Tzeno Tzenov (BUL)

### **New candidates** (by alphabetical order):

Mr. Allan Bo Jakobsen (DEN)  
Mr. Valentin Jordanov (BUL)  
Mr. Akhroldjan Ruziev (UZB)  
Mr. Elbrus Tedeyev (UKR)  
Mr. Jinqiang Zhou (Chine)

## **17. ELECTION OF THE FILA BUREAU MEMBERS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> round:**

Registered voters:	104
Eligible for voting:	104
Valid ballot papers:	104
Absolute majority at the 1st round:	53





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Have obtained:

Mr. Tomiaki Fukuda	75 votes	elected
Mr. Csaba Hegedus	74 votes	elected
Mr. Mikhail Mamiashvili	72 votes	elected
Mr. Tzeno Tzenov	51 votes	
Mr. Akhroldjan Ruziev	51 votes	
Mr. Theodoros Hamakos	47 votes	
Mr. Jinqiang Zhou	40 votes	
Mr. Valentin Jordanov	24 votes	
Mr. Allan Bo Jakobsen	17 votes	
Mr. Elbrus Tedeyev	12 votes	

2<sup>nd</sup> round:

Registered votes:	104
Eligible for voting:	102
Void ballot papers:	2
Majority:	52

Have obtained:

Mr. Akhroldjan Ruziev	45 votes	elected
Mr. Tzeno Tzenov	38 votes	elected

Non-elected:

Mr. Theodoros Hamakos	36 votes
Mr. Jinqiang Zhou	31 votes
Mr. Valentin Jordanov	8 votes
Mr. Allan Bo Jakobsen	7 votes
Mr. Elbrus Tedeyev	2 votes

The President congratulates the five elected Bureau members and thanks those who have agreed to place their names at the disposal of wrestling but were not elected. He hopes they will nevertheless have pleasure continuing to serve wrestling.

## **18. SITUATION AND RELATIONS BETWEEN FILA AND ITS ASSOCIATED DISCIPLINES**

The President reminds that the FILA Constitution provides in Article 2 that FILA should "encourage the development of all wrestling styles: Greco-Roman, freestyle, female wrestling, traditional wrestling and all other forms of wrestling". In order to manage all these wrestling styles, FILA implemented a system that allows each National Federation to decide which position it adopts towards these disciplines.

The main rule is that the National Federations are also the managing bodies of all wrestling styles in their country and are responsible for their development. In the event that the National Federations, for one reason or another, do not wish to develop one or more of these new disciplines, they can authorize the creation of National Committees that will be recognized by FILA as associated members (with no right of vote) for the management of the style(s) in question.

FILA pays a great attention to the development of these disciplines and supports the actions of the various World Committees. Each year, the non-Olympic wrestling styles are invited to participate in the World Wrestling Games and an international calendar is being set for each style.



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The disciplines that are now an integral part of FILA are as follows: grappling, beach wrestling, African wrestling, Celtic wrestling, Pangration Athlima, and belt wrestling Alysh. In addition, FILA is studying a way to recognize a form of Mixed Martial Arts that knows a great development in the United States, Japan, and in numerous European and South American countries. FILA wishes to adopt a codified version of the discipline in order to allow all of its licence holders to participate in this sport.

### **19. 2009 AND 2010 CALENDARS**

After the Olympic Games that brought together only 4 female categories, the Female World Championship will be organised in Tokyo (JPN). This Championship will allow the wrestlers who could not participate in the Olympic Games to have a world-class Championship in 2008 nevertheless.

The President goes over the 2009 and 2010 competitions and the organisers are provisionally appointed until the inspection visits are conducted. A technical meeting for all organisers will be held at the FILA headquarters in Corsier-sur-Vevey on 4 and 5 October 2008. The attendance of all organisers is mandatory.

### **20. PROPOSALS FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND FILA BUREAU**

The Romanian Wrestling Federation proposed to limit the referees', instructors', and Bureau members' age. The FILA Bureau thinks that this proposal goes against the person's rights and that the Congress should be free to choose a candidate according to his/her capacity rather than his/her age.

The Congress approves the FILA Bureau's position and rejects the proposal.

### **21. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The following countries requested to be affiliated to FILA and provided all necessary documents within the deadline:

- ✓ America: Barbados (BAR)
- ✓ America: Cayman Islands (CAY)
- ✓ Africa: Seychelles (SEY)
- ✓ Africa: Rwanda (RWD)
- ✓ Asia: Hong Kong – China (HKG)
- ✓ Asia: Singapore (SIN)
- ✓ Europe: Monaco (MON)
- ✓ Europe: Montenegro (MNE)

These new affiliations are unanimously accepted by the Congress. The President welcomes these new members who joined the FILA family.





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## **22. INFORMATION ON THE HALL OF FAME CEREMONY AND THE FILA BANQUET**

The FILA President explains that the Hall of Fame ceremony will take place on 22 August before the closing banquet dedicated to the Olympic Champions. The 2008 Hall of Fame inductees are:

Freestyle wrestling:

- Mr. Lee Kemp, United States
- Mr. Hideaki Tomiyama, Japan

Greco-Roman wrestling:

- Mr. Michail Mamiashvili, Russia
- Mr. Boyan Radev, Bulgaria

Female wrestling:

- Mrs. Xiue Zhong, China
- Mrs. Dong Feng, China

Referee:

- Mr. Mehdi Khaledi, Iran

## **23. LIST OF THE FORBIDDEN SUBSTANCES AND PROCEDURE TO BE GRANTED THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION**

The President insists on the procedure to be followed by the athletes who are on a therapeutic treatment that requires a therapeutic use exemption. The request must reach FILA 21 days before their participation in a competition. The list of the forbidden substances that appears in the Congress document is revised every year. The National Federations, coaches, doctors and athletes can consult that list on the FILA and WADA websites.

## **24. CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS**

No more question being placed on the agenda and nobody asking to speak, the FILA Congress is closed.

Michel Dusson  
FILA Secretary General

Raphaël Martinetti  
FILA President

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 8 October 2008/ap