Activity Reports – Period between the Congress in Tashkent (2014) and the Congress of Mâcon (2016)

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Sports Department
2014-2016 Activity Report

Please let me first present you all the sectors that the Sports Department is in charge.

This Department takes care of the management of:

- The relations with the National Wrestling Federations (management of the emails, support to the National Wrestling Federations)

- The calendar of the competitions

- The assignments (Inspectors - Technical Delegates - Instructors - Supervisors - Neutral Referees)

- The competitions
  - Follow-up the candidacies
  - Follow-up the inspections’ visits
  - Preparation of the contracts
  - Schedule and specific information
  - Putting the information online
  - Management of the entries
  - Management of the logistical matters (transport, meals, accreditations)
  - Relation, support to the organizers
  - Presentation of the Sport
  - Follow-up of the competitions’ reports

- All the different Games
  - Follow-up (contact person) for all the Games where Wrestling is in the Program
  - Preparation and revision of all the documents prepared for the organization of the Games
  - Forward the questions and requests to the concerned Departments

- The refereeing
  - Calendar of the courses
  - Updating the International referees’ list
  - Management of the promotions and downgrades
  - Management of the licenses (mailing the cards and the accessories)
  - Support of the Refereeing Commission for the organization of their meetings

- The mats
  - Relation with the manufacturers and the Laboratory (LNE)
  - Follow-up of the homologations
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- The Wrestling Rules, Regulations and the Requirements
  - Follow-up of the Wrestling rules’ modifications in collaboration with the Technical Commission
  - Adjustments of the different Regulations and Requirements

- The Beach Wrestling
  - Follow-up of the development of the style
  - Support of the Beach Wrestling Commission (competition format, refereeing, results)
• The Associated Styles
  o Collaboration with the different World Committees
  o Link between United World Wrestling and all these styles
  o Updating the calendar of these styles (information, results)
  o Follow-up of the procedure for the Association of Federations to United World Wrestling

• The relations with the other entities
  o IOC, Sport Accord, AOSIF, FISU, CISM, Commonwealth Federation, Francophonie Federation
    and all the organizing committees of the Games
  o Participation in the meetings organized with these entities

• Some meetings
  o Refereeing Commission
  o Technical Commission
  o Beach Wrestling Commission
  o Preparation of documents for some Bureau and Executive Committee meetings

As you can already see it, this Department manages many areas and the follow-up of all these matters already takes big time.

From the Senior World Championships in Tashkent (UZB) and following the election of the new International Federation President, it was clear that many things have to be reviewed and improved.

Mr. Lalovic correctly push us to travel to the different places where wrestling competitions are organized in order to be able to meet the organizers and see where we can clearly improve our events.

Following these travels, it was easier to define the needs and the fields that have to be reinforced. Moreover, the appointment of a new collaborator in the Sports’ Department (Tristan Morard) helped me to find some time to be focused on the changes that need to be done.

Two areas were mainly improved - the Technology (with the development of Athena/Arena (new accreditations’ system, entries’ system, management of the competition)) and the Presentation of the Sport (done by the Communication Department).

ATHENA - ARENA (Technology)

The Athena System will significantly improve the management of the competition for the organizer but it will also serve the delegations who will be able to directly manage their entries by themselves. As this system is brand new, it takes us a lot of work (answers to the questions sent by email, entries to add to the system, documents to validate, accreditations…). Moreover, it will have to be updated in order to add all the comments received and be more efficient.

This new system provided to the National Wrestling Federations requires a constant follow-up from our side but when the National Wrestling Federations will get to use of it, it will reduce a lot of administrative work and we will be able to be focused on other aspects of the competition that have to be improved.

I would also like to underline that the Regional Development Officers (one person per Continent linked to the Development Department) are a great help for us regarding the registrations for the International Competitions. They are more close to the National Wrestling Federations of their respected Continent and provide us a big support.

SPORT PRESENTATION

These two last years were very intense because of developing all these new tools. With the creation of a Department that doesn’t exist in the past (Communication and Marketing), big improvements were done in the Sport Presentation. A close collaboration is going on between the Communication Department and the Sports’
Department in order that the Sport Presentation (visual and sonic identity) respects a minimum standard in all our major competitions.

We still have many specific points in the Sport Presentation that need to be improved in the future. I will get back on this topic in the plan of the Department at the end of this presentation.

REFEREERING

During these two last years, we also worked closely with the Development Department regarding the education and the training of the referees.

David Lopez (Pan-American Development Officer), in collaboration with the Refereeing Commission and most particularly Zach Errett (USA), created a system of video analysis for the referees. This tool gives you the possibility to instantly note the work of the referees. The referees will be therefore able to receive all the comments regarding their work the same day in order to be able to improve their performance the next day.

This system is currently tested and we will certainly have it ready in a short delay.

Beside that we actively collaborated with the Refereeing Commission and we tried to give them all the necessary tools for their function.

At first, with Athena, the Instructors will be able (soon) to have their own access to the system. In this way they will register all their competition reports and referees’ courses reports directly in the system.

It was urgent to collect all the data with the comments about the promotions and downgrades in the same tool. Athena will satisfy this lack. The UWW Technology Team is working on the final version of this system.

HOST CITIES

It was also decided to involve more actively the host cities in order to give all the possible means at the disposal of the National Wrestling Federations who would like to organize an International Competition.

After improving the Sport Presentation in order to have a more attractive sport for the potential candidate cities, many meetings were organized with TSE Consulting. They share their network in order to get in touch with a maximum of cities.

Therefore, we revised and updated our requirements to be in line with our actual standards and to correctly inform the future candidates cities about our demands.

During the 2015 Senior World Championships in Las Vegas (USA), we organized 2 days of meetings with 10 host cities. All of them were impressed with the organization of the Championships and we are maintaining the contact with them if they would like to organize such event in their cities.

We also participated in some workshops organized for the Host Cities in order to inform them about our events and the advantages that they can have if they organize a Wrestling event.

We still continue our collaboration with TSE Consulting and they keep informing their network about all our opened candidacies for our events.

WORLD ACADEMY OF SPORT

Since one year a collaboration with the World Academy of Sport was started by the Development Department. The link between the Sports Department and them is that they will give us an expertise about the preparation of a competition and the documents that should be used.
We wanted to provide to the organizers more structured requirements and the Academy is working on a new manual for the organizers of United World Wrestling Championships. This document will be certainly available in the following months.

It appeared also very important to organize meetings with the potential organizers in order to inform them about the obligations and duties required by United World Wrestling when a competition is allocated. World Academy of Sports managed the first Observers’ Program that was held in Los Angeles before the Freestyle World Cup.

With the support of my colleagues and the participation of people fully dedicated in the organization of wrestling events, 7 presentations were organized for the participants. We also had Round tables and group work.

For this first edition, 8 National Wrestling Federations took part to this program and their feedback was very positive. This project is extremely useful because everybody can exchange their own experiences and in this way the organization of the next events can be even better.

OLYMPIC GAMES - MULTISPORTS GAMES

The Olympic Games and the other Games are getting more complex and specialized from an organization standpoint. Since the appointment of my colleague Tristan Morard most of the time released by his arrival was mostly dedicated to the Olympic Games.

In the past we didn’t have such permanent contact with the IOC and it was one of the reasons why we had these problems in 2013.

These two last years were also dedicated to create a better collaboration with the IOC and to show them that we can be professional, efficient and reach their expectations.

Following the Agenda 2020 of the IOC which stipulate that they want the International Federations more integrated in the organization of the Games, the work for this main event will be even bigger.

2016-2018 main objectives

ATHLETES

Following all these changes that happened these two last years it was difficult to be focused on the improvements that have to be done for the athletes.

The next years will be also dedicated to give all the necessary practical tools to the organizers (guides, help) in order to put the athletes in the center of the attentions. Meaning that the transports and meals will have to respect a certain standard.

Moreover, the facilities dedicated to the athletes will have to be optimal (training venue, warm-up area, saunas...).

A close collaboration will be built with the Development Department and the Athletes’ Commission.

SPORT PRESENTATION

As mentioned above the sonic and visual identity is currently good implemented in the organizers’ obligations.

One of the main goal in the next years for the Sports Department is to continue to improve this aspect by establishing specific guidelines to the different important areas of the competition (Call Room for the athletes - access to the Field of Play - Ceremonies...).
Only the people who have a function in the Field of Play can have access to it. We remarked in most of the competitions that many people are on this zone without any particular role. The accreditation system still has to be improved in order to have a clean Field of Play.

**ATHENA - ARENA**

It is clear that this accreditations’ system is really important for the main events. At the moment the system works but it also has to be improved. A lot of accreditations are still printed on site but they should be finalized a long time before the competition.

Our Department will continue to work with the IT Department in order to reduce these last minutes’ problems.

As stipulated above an account for each instructor will be created soon. In this way they will be able to add all their comments regarding the work of the referees during a competition and/or a course. At the meantime they will have an easier work and we will reduce all the paperwork.

**TECHNICAL COMMISSION**

In the past it was clearly difficult to work with the Technical Commission as they had a lot of Members part of it. Many important topics had to be submitted to the Bureau without a concrete analysis of the Commission and this process only postponed the final decisions.

After the Olympic Games in Rio this Commission was reduced to 7 people. It will be therefore easier to speak about technical matters with this small group.

These two next years the Sports’ Department will actively collaborate with this Commission. We will be able to review the Wrestling Rules for the next Olympic Cycle, the competition format, the calendar and many other technical questions about our sport.

**BEACH WRESTLING COMMISSION**

As we were able to see it during the last World Championships, this style is growing day after day and the people show interest to Beach Wrestling. With the Commission we will put all our efforts for the promotion of this style and we will try to structure it as good as we can in order to have more athletes from all around the world competing in our events.

**CONCLUSION**

You can see that this Department is in the center of all the other International Federation areas. It is therefore really important to have a good collaboration with my colleague. Everyone has a lot to do but I would like to underline that relationship between the Departments is excellent and all of us want to push forward our sport because we still have some many things to do!

Jean-Daniel Rey  
Sports’ Director  
United World Wrestling
Executive Summary
This report serves as an update of the progress of the key programs of the Development Department from 2014-2016.

The primary work of the Development Department focuses on delivery of the global goals of the World Wrestling Plan which was adopted by the United World Wrestling Bureau.

Overall, the Development programs of United World Wrestling have made a very positive impact on the IOC, Olympic Solidarity and those national federations who have directly benefited. The provision of professional staff on each continent has allowed for a more effective working relationship with our national federations and led to direct increase in access to resources, programs and funding.

Additionally, some programs are now being used as examples of best practice with ASOIF and other Ifs – this represents a significant change in the perception of the sport of wrestling and United World Wrestling.

World Wrestling Plan
- TSE Developed the World Wrestling Plan for 2013 – 2016 which was approved by the Bureau
- Working across Departments, the UWW Development Department has cooperated in several areas for Phase 1 and 2 of the plan

Development Plan
- Underneath the World Wrestling Plan, a development plan was produced at the last Development Commission meeting
- The spending on development projects has brought additional resources to the sport of wrestling – both financial, human and partners.
- As a direct result of investment in Development, an estimated 480,000 USD has been generated in funding for national federations via programs and support in 2015. A similar amount is expected in 2016.
- Significant strides have been made in strengthening key relationships as part of the Olympic movement – especially with ASOIF, Olympic Solidarity and the IOC
- A newly professional approach has been adopted in all programs with proper policy and procedure in effect in all aspects of the working of the Development Department.
National Federations

- National Federation Workshops were organized in Europe (Baku), Oceania (New Zealand), Americas (Chile/USA) and Asia (Thailand) to explain the current development programs, how to apply and other important information from UWW
- National Federation Assessment Tool has been used to better understand the current situation in a national federation and how best to assist.
- Both the workshop and the NFAT act as the first point of entry to any development programs of UWW

Women’s Wrestling

- Women’s Development Plan designed, developed and approved by UWW Women and Sport Commission
- Creation of the UWW Women and Sport Award for the first time which was won by Isabelle Sambou (Senegal)
- Super 8 Campaign
  ✓ Exhibit was so popular at the Olympic Museum that it was extended by 3 months from January until June
  ✓ Ground-breaking research on social mobility in women’s wrestling by Amanda Stanec and Jennifer Bhalla
  ✓ National Wrestling Hall of Fame presentation in St. Louis NCAA finals. Amanda Stanec won award based on her contribution to research in the area. UWW took part in public forum on women’s wrestling
  ✓ Super 8 findings presented at Women’s World Cup
    ○ Sydney Scoreboard – UWW improved score from 9% to 20% in 2015
- First ever women’s only coaching course in LA in June 2016 will be repeated in 2017 in Germany

Technical Assistance - Mats

- In the period 2014-2016 over 40 mats have been distributed around the world. The process has been formalized with an application and approval procedure directly linked to delivery of coaching courses and/or competitions.

Beat the Streets

- Pilot programs are beginning in Senegal, Canada, Uruguay, Colombia, Brazil and Austria to deliver sport for all program
- A grant of 10,000 USD and/or wrestling mats were provided
UWW Academy/World Academy of Sport

- The World Academy of Sport was contracted to develop educational resources for UWW. The WAoS is recognised as the leader in education in the international sporting world providing expertise on curriculum development and especially teaching methodology.
- Dramatic improvement of the quality of UWW coaching courses by strictly following the International Council for Coaching Excellence Framework has secured additional OS funding
- A pre-requisite to all Level 1 Coaching Courses was added – Ready to Wrestle. This free online program is available in English, French, Spanish and Russian

Coach Education

- 51 Coach Educators were trained by UWW Academy to deliver all UWW Coaching Courses as part of the new Coach Education Pathway at courses
- Advanced Coaching Courses were held in France (GR), Brazil (FS Men and Women), Japan (FS Women and Men, GR)
- Following re-design of the Advanced School, the course now includes Referees Presentation, unification of FS for men and women, in depth statistical analysis using Dartfish and a completely new learning environment. The courses received support from Olympic Solidarity for the first time in 2014.
- Women’s Coaching Course was launched in USA in 2016 with 15 females qualified as Level 1 in a specially designed course
- **44 Level 1 courses worldwide with 798 coaches qualified to date (112 female)**

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Athletes

- Olympic Solidarity Scholarships total an investment of approximately 1,344,000 in athlete training and support each year. **Almost 1 in every 2 scholarship holders qualified for Rio.**

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Technical Assistance – World Championships

- 30 Athletes selected for 2014, 2015 World Championships
- Selection of athletes has been greatly improved by using video analysis at continental championships, as well as selection criteria with RDOs and Continental Presidents. In Tashkent, several world medalists were supported with Technical Assistance

More than Medals

- Talent ID program that promotes development of cadet wrestlers, their coaches and their NFs, as well as competitions of UWW
- Delivered in New Zealand, Thailand, Peru, Algeria, Sweden and Georgia in 2016
- Direct link to the Youth Olympic Games make the program unique
Medical and Anti-doping

I. Meetings

In 2015, the Medical & Anti-doping Commission members gathered during the World Championship in Las Vegas (USA). Topics such as injuries, injury prevention, anti-doping were discussed. On this latter topic, the commission agreed to the necessity to reinforce the anti-doping program by increasing the number of tests, in particular out-of-competition tests. Education was to coaches and team doctors was also identified as a major toll to combat doping in Wrestling. Therapeutic Use Exemptions was also reviewed by the commission which concluded that the number of TUE application was decreasing in comparison to the 3 precedent years.

The commission also appointed a sub-committee for the monitoring of viruses and infectious diseases. This committee proved itself necessary with the zika virus crisis in 2016 in the lead-up to the Rio Olympic Games. This committee monitored the evolution of the virus on a monthly basis as from January 2016 and the potential risks for delegations in Rio.

UWW has attended the early symposiums on anti-doping for Anti-doping Organizations convened by WADA. In 2016, UWW also successfully participated in WADA's Partnership to Quality project aiming at identifying possible improvements in the anti-doping program.

II. Rules

In 2016, the Medical Rules have been revised and completed. The responsibilities of all stakeholders (athletes, referees, organizers) have been clarified.

In January 2015, the UWW approved the increase of the fine against national federations for doping cases occurring during UWW competitions to 20,000 Swiss Francs, thereby recognizing the responsibility of the federations in this matter and their duty to control their athletes and educate their coaches.

III. Competitions medical reports

The commission members have all been assigned to UWW major competitions in all age categories in 2014, 2015 and 2016 to supervise the medical matters of all our competitions in accordance with the UWW rules. Efforts have been made by most competitions' organizers to provide medical services and cares to the UWW standards. Improvement, however, is expected from organizers in this area, in particular in the setup of properly separated medical areas in the venues.

IV. Anti-doping

The number of test have increased through the years: 60 out-of-competition tests in 2013, 110 in 2014, 228 in 2015 and 240 in 2016 (figure on 15 August 2016). In UWW competitions, the number of tests is significant compared to other sports (729 in 2014, 799 in 2015 and 700 in 2016 - figure on 15 August 2016). The distribution of these tests during competitions has been modified with the objective of testing wrestlers in lower competition ranks (fifth places and beyond).

These figures do not comprise all other tests performed by National Anti-doping Organizations on the national level (in-competition and out-of-competition) and by the World Anti-doping Agency (out-of-competition).

The number of adverse analytical findings in Wrestling (overall figures, comprise national and international level wrestlers) has increased from 2014: 41 positive tests were reported by WADA accredited laboratories in 2014, 67 in 2015 and 60 in 2016 (this figure does not comprise 70 meldonium cases which did not lead to a suspensions following WADA’s notices on meldonium this year).

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General Affairs Director
Activity report of the IT Department

Presentation of the IT Department

Sébastien Guenat / April 2010 / Department head (Department management, project management)

Emmanuel Veyrat / Decembre 2013 / Project Manager (Project management, Development)

Florian Bakour / April 2013 / Multimedia Manager (Media management, Video and photo editing)

Research and technology development
- Analysis of technological needs and solutions
- Technology for Olympic sports during World Championships, Continental Championships, World Cups, Golden Grand Prix and multisport Events
- Technology for non-Olympic sports

Projects
- Management of the department's portfolio
- Management of projects outside of United World Wrestling (ASOIF – IOC)
- Analysis of offers and selections of partners in case of outsourcing
- Development of working tools for UWW employees (ATHENA / ARENA)
- Web development (websites)

Championships
- Installation on site and management of UWW competitions worldwide
- Development of wrestling specific tools (weighing device)
- Development of the "système de replat" and video production
- Interfacing with the technologies of external companies (SwissTiming – MSL - ATOS)

Material & Network
- Purchases of hardware
- Management of email servers (office365 / infomaniak)
- Implementation of the backup system
- Installation and maintenance
- Management of external parties

Media & Analysis
- Management of the YouTube channel (public)
- Management of Dartfish TV (referees, athletes, coaches)
- Management and storage of multimedia material (photos/videos)
- Streaming on competition
- Tagging and detailed analysis of finales during important competitions
- Statistics and graphics
- Photo/Video editing (big moves / recaps etc)
- Basic graphic creations + printer follow-up (business cards, greeting cards, certificate of affiliation)
Support & Training

- User support (Intern & National Federations)
- Training of employees for new tools
- External working team formation (video team)
- Training of IT managers of countries hosting competitions
- Writing of documents with the help of UWW tools

Activity report for the period between 2014 and 2016

Introduction

United World Wrestling has developed a lot these last years, and along with these changes there were considerable technological advances. Particularly the creation of a new tool for managing licences, QR codes, Athena, Arena in its final version, streaming for most of the big championships, and a lot of content for the fans (photo/video) and so on.

Athena

The biggest technological revolution between 2014 and 2016 has been the change from our old athletes/licence/referees/federations managing tools to Athena. It is the managing tool for UWW. The change has been made easily, with no problems for the employees except for the natural phase of adaptation, which did not cause any problem to UWW or the NFs.

The implementation of this new tool offers a wide range of possibilities, some of which are operational and others are being developed:

- Possibility for UWW and the NFs to enter pre-registrations for the competitions
- Possibility for UWW and the NFs to enter definitive registrations
- Possibility for UWW and the NFs to manage licences (purchase, deletion, etc)
- Possibility for UWW and the NFs to manage an athlete's documents (passport/medical certificate)
- Possibility for UWW to manage suspensions
- Possibility for UWW to manage nationality changes
- Possibility for UWW and the NFs to manage referees (creation, promotion, relegation, course inscriptions)
- Possibility for UWW and the NFs to manage commitment fees
- Possibility for UWW to manage doctors and medical reports online
- Possibility for UWW and the NFs to register delegations (flights, etc)
- Possibility for UWW and the Organisers (NF or not) to manage accreditations for competitions

The IT Department realizes that the implementation of Athena has had an important impact on the Sports Department. This Department has been of a great help to the federations, helping them understand the working of the system and the importance of deadlines. After one year of use and after a difficult start, the outcome is really positive. The amount of work is lighter, and the national federations are becoming more and more independent and competent.
Before the end of 2016, the IT Department will work to improve user experience and to make Athena simpler. The Department relies on the national federations to offer translations in their native languages, which we will easily integrate in the Athena system.

More than 4000 orders (with 1 or more licences and commitment fees) have been made via Athena since the middle of the year 2015. Licences have not been sold directly during competitions, which is a huge success.

We also introduced the licence with QR code (athletes and referees), which allows a follow-up on the wrestlers, to know if they have been suspended but also to which competition they took part, etc.

**Arena**

Arena is almost ready, except for a few problems that will be handled very soon. The program is working well and close to 40 national federations are already using it (250 downloads), which is a good sign. The program has been translated in 10 languages so far.

**Multimedia**

With the increase of multimedia content, the numbers of fans on social medias has literally exploded, with 350'000 followers on Facebook - we had 180'000 before. The creation of Big Moves, Recaps and Match of the day have been very important. The Department now focuses on new technologies to offer new experiences to the fans, the 360 degrees view for instance, or the 4k (very high definition). It should soon be ready.

Streaming has also developed a lot and is not the standard. The quality depends on the internet connection, and we suffered from the lack of regards of some organisers regarding this crucial issue. We would like to draw your attention to this issue: the internet connection is now at the heart of the competition. Without it, outside of the competition area, the event simply does not exist, and even worse, the image of UWW and of the national federation is deeply affected.

**Conclusion**

The IT Department is very flexible and successful, and has up to now addressed the needs of the different departments and is capable of reacting quickly in case of an emergency.

However, the amount and diversity of the workload is sometimes too great for its resources, the competition calendar forcing the Department to move each week from one country to another, while making sure there is someone at the headquarters. This is virtually impossible to manage for 3 people (of which only 2 are IT specialists).

Technological needs have significantly increased these last 2 years (more competitions, more matches, more streaming, more video and photo editing, more employees, more hardware, etc). However, the size of the department has not changed and we hope that with the expansion plan of UWW, the IT Department will be provided with more resources soon.
Activity Report
of the UWW-Africa during the period between 2014 and 2016

In this report we are keen to mention the most relevant activities of the UWW-Africa during the period between 2014 and 2016, as follows:

- **Signing a strategic partnership between the UWW-Africa and the Iranian Wrestling Federation.**

On the occasion of the 2014 GR World Cup, a strategic partnership was signed under the supervision of the UWW President “Mr. Nenad LALOVIC” between the UWW-Africa and the Iranian Wrestling Federation. And it was agreed to organize an annual Iranian-African Friendship Cup between the Iranian Wrestling team and the United African team of the African gold medalists of the last Senior African Championship.

The 1st edition of the Iran-Africa Cup was organized in 2014 in Tehran, the capital of the Islamic Republic of Iran. This Friendship Cup is a leading, distinctive and unique experience that will be a supporting step to help the African continent for developing the wrestling sport.

- **African Championships organized between 2014 & 2016.**

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- **The International Wrestling Center of El-Jadida has been officially approved as a UWW Continental Center of Africa**

The 2nd part of the center has been already finished. And the center is going to be ready for use within two months from today. The second building contains hotel, restaurant, sauna, swimming pool, Gym, and other high level facilities. The General Secretary of the United World Wrestling “Mr. Michel Dusson” sent recently a confirmation letter that The International Wrestling Center of El-Jadida has been officially approved as a UWW Continental Center of Africa. The UWW has approved also the assignment of the expert Mr. Juan Luis Maren Delis officially to work for the UWW Continental Center of El-Jadida after the Olympics. And it is expected that the Center will host programs of the Olympic Solidarity as one of the UWW centers. The center is also ready to host the 2nd edition of the African Week of Wrestling, whose 1st edition was successful in 2014 with the participation of 27 African countries, as well as 8 members of the UWW Bureau.

Mr. Ibrahima Sarr, the General Director of the UWW center of Thies – Senegal has visited the UWW-Africa headquarters in El Jadida MAR between 10 to 15 February 2016. He was greeted by a special reception. He expresses his appreciation and admiration for the achievements he touched.
33 wrestlers from Africa have been qualified to Rio Olympic Games 2016.

Through the different Qualifying phases 33 wrestlers from the African continent {10 GR + 10 FS + 13 FW} have been qualified to Rio Olympic Games 2016. Two wrestlers have been qualified through the 2015 Senior World Championship in Las Vegas. Algeria (ALG) Tarek Aziz BENAÏSSA, Fifth Place at the GR 66 kg & Nigeria (NGR) via Odunayo Folasade ADEKUOROYE, World Championship, Bronze at the FW 53 kg. The other 31 wrestlers have been qualified through the Africa/Oceania Qualifying tournament organized in Algeria.

Plan of development of the African Continent

Just after his appointment as a continental development officer for Africa, Mr. Vincent AKA was invited by the UWW-Africa President at the beginning of 2015 to visit the new headquarters of the UWW-Africa in Morocco to discuss the future development strategy of the UWW-Africa. During this visit a development plan for the African continent has been approved.

Set up a development project for the referees in the African Continent.

By the beginning of 2016 the UWW and its Refereeing Commission have approved to increase the number of the I-S category referees of the African continent to be 06 Referees. It is the first time in the history of Africa to have such number of referees at the highest category of the UWW.

Following to a development project presented by the UWW-Africa to promote the referees in the African Continent and to increase their numbers, the UWW has also approved adopting a continuing training program to support and educate the African referees through different training courses in different regions of Africa.

An initiative from the UWW-Africa to ensure a fair, neutral and impartial refereeing during the Continental Rio Games Qualifying Tournament in Algeria

The UWW and its Refereeing Commission accepted the proposal of the UWW-Africa assigning six competent referees bearing the characteristics of neutrality and professionalism, to officiate during the Africa/Oceania Continental Rio Games Qualifying Tournament in Algeria. The « UWW-Africa » covered their flight tickets, as well as their accommodation and lodging in Algeria.

Obviously the expected goal of this initiative was to ensure the smooth running of the competitions by an impartial arbitration and to ensure equal opportunities for all African participants for the qualification to the Olympic Games which are the dream for all African athletes.

Encouraging the African Countries for participation at the 2016 African Championship and the Qualifying tournament

Through an unprecedented initiative by the UWW-Africa President, most of African countries having difficulties in preparing their wrestlers have been invited to prepare their wrestlers in Morocco before the 2016 Senior African Championship and the Africa/Oceania Qualifying Tournament. Some African Countries accepted the invitation sending their wrestlers to train in Morocco for more than two months. Some countries such as Namibia and through its NOC sent their wrestlers in the framework of the Olympic Solidarity. The UWW-Africa hosted all the wrestlers free of charge during the period of their stay in the training camp in Morocco.
Ø The efforts of the UWW-Africa President to promote and develop Wrestling in the Kingdom of Bahrain

Mr. Fouad MESKOUT, the member of the executive board of the UWW and the President of the UWW-Africa, was welcomed at the royal palace of Bahrain by His Highness Sheikh Khalid Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council of Youth and Sport. On behalf of the UWW, Mr. MESKOUT decorates His Highness Sheikh Khalid the gold necklace of the United World Wrestling.

His Highness Sheikh Khalid Bin Hamad Al Khalifa expressed his gratitude to the President and the members of the UWW, and especially to Mr. Fouad MESKOUT for this prestigious distinction. During this meeting, His Highness also raised many areas of cooperation and collaboration in order to promote the sport of Wrestling in Bahrain and to encourage its presence at the Arab and World levels to serve the aspirations of Bahrain to reach more sports achievements through “Wrestling”.

As a fruit of this initiative, Bahrain this year and for the first time in the history achieved 2 medals at the 2016 Senior Asian Championship (1 Gold + 1 Bronze). Bahrain also has a qualified wrestler to Rio Olympic Games through its gold medalist at the Asian Qualifying tournament.

Ø Field visits of the UWW-Africa President to encourage and assist the African Countries in their development.

The UWW-Africa President “Mr. Fouad MESKOUT” was very keen to make field visits to some African countries such as Niger and Cameroon to encourage and assist them in their development. Mr. Meskout has attended the International traditional wrestling tournament, which took place during two days in Niger. That event was attended by seven presidents of African National Wrestling Federations, and it was a good opportunity to meet and work together charting a development program for both traditional and Olympic wrestling. In Cameroon Mr. Meskout visited the National Olympic Committee, and he was greeted by a warm reception by its president “Mr. Hamad Kalkaba Malboum”.

The UWW-Africa also encouraged and assisted some African National Wrestling Federation to attend the United World Wrestling Forum on the Associated Wrestling Styles, which was held in Istanbul.

Ø New website of the UWW-Africa

The UWW-Africa has now a new website. And it is now available in both languages English and French

www.unitedworldwrestlingafrica.org

That was a concise report of the activities of the UWW-Africa during the period between 2014 and 2016. At the end of the activity report we would like to thank the UWW for its kind support and help to enhance the level of Wrestling in the African Continent.

El Jadida on Friday: 01 July 2016.

General Secretary of the UWW-Africa
CHEBBAH Rabah

President of the UWW-Africa
MESKOUT Fouad

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Technical-Administrative Activities

Permanent communication with International Sport Bodies:

- United World Wrestling
- Panamerican Sports Organization
- Panamerican Sport Confederations Association
TECHNICAL-ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

• NOCs (National Olympic Committees)
• Organizing Committees of Multi-Sport Games.
• Permanent Communication with all the National Federations.

PASO AND ACODEPA MEETING, TORONTO, CANADA,
7-8 OF JULY 2015.

Re-elected Secretary General of the Association of Pan American Sports Confederations (ACODEPA) for the period 2015-2019
UWW BUREAU & COMMISSIONS MEETINGS

- Lausanne, Switzerland, 15 January 2015
- Las Vegas, USA, 06 September 2015
- Istanbul, Turkia, 09 May 2016

UNITED WORLD WRESTLING’S DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Las Vegas, USA, 08 September 2015
UWWA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- Miami, Florida, USA, January 24th, 2015
- Santiago, Chile, April 21th, 2015
- Frisco, Texas, USA, February 24th, 2016
I TECHNICAL SEMINARY FOR NFS
SANTIAGO, CHILE
APRIL 22ND 2015

- Participants: 40 persons of 24 countries,
- 18 Presidents of National Federations,
- 8 Themes addressed

II TECHNICAL SEMINARY FOR NFS
FRISCO, TEXAS, USA
FEBRUARY 24ND 2016

- Attendance 29 delegates of 18 countries,
- 09 Presidents of National Federations,
- 4 Themes addressed.
UWWA CONGRESS 2015

Santiago, Chile, 23rd April 2015

Attendance: delegates of 25 countries and 5 members of UWW Bureau

UWWA CONGRESS 2016

Frisco, Texas, USA, 25 February, 2016

Attendance: delegates of 20 countries and 3 members of UWW Bureau
### Continental Championships 2004-2016

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### XVII Panamerican Games, Toronto, Canada

14 - 18 July, 2015
148 athletes from 22 countries took part
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN AMERICAS:

Las Vegas, USA, 07 - 13 September
824 athletes participants from 95 countries

Salvador B, Brazil, 11 - 16 August
461 athletes from 53 countries took part

1ST SOUTH AMERICAN SCHOOLBOY CHAMPIONSHIP
LIMA, PERU, 25–28 SEPTEMBER 2015
13th SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP SENIOR
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA 13-15 NOVEMBER 2015

1st PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP BEACH WRESTLING,
CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA, 11th OCTOBER 2015
3RD PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP OF TRADITIONAL WRESTLING, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, 14-15 NOVEMBER 2015

- All medal winners received cash prizes.
- All the Champions will participate in the World Championship of Alysh style Wrestling, to be realized in Kyrgyzstan, with all expenses paid.

COURSES FOR UWWA COACHES

In 2015 they were delivered in Americas region 4 Level 1 courses, having graduated 78 Coaches from 8 countries.
UWWA REFEREERING COURSES

COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATIONAL FEDERATION OF IRAN AND UWWA

Las Vegas, USA, 6th September 2015
PARTICIPATION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN TEAM IN THE FREESTYLE WRESTLING CLUB WORLD CUP
(MAZANDARAN, IRÁN, 26-27 NOVEMBER 2015)

SPONSORS

73 destinos en 30 países

Copa Airlines
UWWA WEBSITE AND TWITTER ACCOUNT
WWW.UNITEDWORLDWRESTLINGAMERICAS.ORG
UWW Asia Council

Report of Asia Council Activities between the year of 2014~2016

- **Asian Games 2014**
  - The 2014 Asian Games were held in Incheon, Korea (September 26\textsuperscript{th} ~ Oct 1\textsuperscript{st}).
  - A total of 26 nations participated in Wrestling during the 2014 Asian Games.

- **Asia Beach Games 2014**
  - Phuket, THA (November 15~18\textsuperscript{th})

- **Asia Championships**

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- **Other Major International Competitions**
  - 2016 Rio Olympic Qualification Tournament Asia: Astana, KAZ (March 18~20\textsuperscript{th})
  - World Qualification Tournament: Ulanbatar, MGL (April 22~24\textsuperscript{th})

- **Meetings**
  - AAWC Annual conference
    - 2014: Astana, KAZ (April 22\textsuperscript{nd}), 17 nations participate
    - 2015: Doha, QAT (May 5\textsuperscript{th}), 24 nations participate
      (Bahrein attended the 2015 AAWC Annual Conference for the first time, as a new member in Asia Council)
    - 2016: Bangkok, THA (February 16\textsuperscript{th}), 21 nations participate
AAWC executive meetings were held during the championships.

- The educational workshop sponsored by UWW was held at Bangkok on February 15th for developing and promoting wrestling during the championships.
- During the AAWC Annual conference, report of activities of past year and programs for the upcoming year and financial report were discussed and confirmed.

Activities of President

- UWW Bureau meetings
  - 2014: Dubrovnik, Croatia (June 12~14th)
  - 2015: Lausanne, Swiss (January 14~15th)
  - 2016: Istanbul, Turkey (June 5~6th)
- World Championship in Las Vegas (September 7~12th, 2015)
- European Games in Baku, AZE (June 13~18th, 2015)
- All Asian championships, regional tournaments, and several inspection visits were made in Asian region during the year of 2014~2016.

Chang Kew Kim
UWW- Asia Council
President
Report

for

The activities of the European Council of UWW in the period between UWW’s Congresses in Tashkent (2014) and Mâcon (2016)

I. European championships and cups held, as follow:

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II. Preparations/ trainings at the European, training centre of UWW in Sofia

Total: 857 wrestlers

2014

- 247 participants/ 187 days/ 24 countries

  Freestyle wrestling- 108
  Greco-Roman style- 51
  Female wrestling- 88

2015

- 300 participants/ 249 days/ 28 countries

  Freestyle wrestling- 150
  Greco-Roman style- 59
  Female wrestling- 91
2016 (Until 01.07.2016)

- 310 participants/ 189 days/ 24 countries
  - Freestyle wrestling- 184
  - Greco-Roman style- 33
  - Female wrestling- 93

III. Administered International Transfers of wrestlers - 595

2014- 269 wrestlers from 28 countries/ transferred in 5 countries
2015- 303 wrestlers from 31 countries/ transferred in 6 countries
2016- 23 wrestlers from 8 countries/ transferred in 1 country

IV. Organisation of the activities of UWW-Europe

- Annual Conferences of UWW-Europe- Total: 2
  1) 2015- Azerbaijan (Baku)
  2) 2016- Latvia (Riga)

- Meetings of the Executive Committee of UWW-Europe- Total: 6
  1) Russia (Moscow)- 2014, 2015
  2) Azerbaijan (Baku)-2015
  3) Serbia(Subotica)-2015
  4) Latvia (Riga)-2016
  5) Bulgaria (Ruse)-2016

Sofia, 01.07.2016
Tzeno Tzenov
President of UWW- Europe
Introduction
It gives me great pleasure to present this report on activities for year 2014-2016. Some of the highlights include the following:

Year 2014

- **Oceania Championships & YOG Qualifier** – This competition was held in Pago Pago, American Samoa. There were about 100 athletes that competed during the Championships. American Samoa hosted the Cadets, Junior and Seniors categories in the Freestyle, Greco Roman and Beach Wrestling styles. Special thanks goes out to UWW for providing the technical experts to assist with the competition and promoting our sport live on national television. A referee clinic was also held for new candidates and those referees seeking to be upgraded. There were 7 countries that competed in the YOG event with athletes qualifying for this event. Special thanks to UWW for donating a wrestling mat to American Samoa.

- **OCAWS General Assembly** – In attendance were 11 delegates from their respective federations. Tarkong read his report covering all aspects of activities by the Oceania Council in 2013. The members were provided with a statement of bank account activities at the meeting. Members recognized the technical assistance provided by UWW. UWW provided a $20,000 subvention to OCAWS in order to assist with activities. The Oceania Council Members provided an update and report on all activities undertaken in their home countries. While some countries were able to make real progress in their development programs, other countries continue to struggle.

- **Coaching Course** - UWW hosted a Level 1 Coaching Course held in conjunction with our AGM and Oceania Championships. UWW sponsored 1 participant from each country to attend the course. There were a total of 11 coaches that completed the course.

- **2014 Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC) / Organisation of Sports Federation of Oceania (OSFO) Assemblies and Joint workshops** - With funding assistance from UWW, I was able to attend this event held at the Leo Palace Resort in Agana, Guam. There were approximately 150 delegates, 17 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of the ONOC, 15 international sports federations (IFs), about six non-Olympic Countries and members of the International Olympic Committee. This event allowed us to talk about sports, IOC funding within our region and development of our athletes.

- **Micronesian Games** - The Micronesian Games were one of the most exciting events for our region being held in Pohnpei, FSM. The gym was packed with countless spectators of at least 500 people to watch their teams compete. For us Pacific Islanders in the North, these games are equivalent to having our own Olympic Games. There were a total of 7 teams that competed during this 3 day event in Greco Roman Style, Freestyle Mens and Womens Style and Beach Wrestling.

- **Commonwealth Games** - Australia and New Zealand participated in the games in Glasgow. Congratulations to both Tayla Ford and Sam Belkin of New Zealand for winning the bronze medals in their respective weight divisions.

- **Youth Olympic Games** - Out of the 112 wrestlers that competed in Nanjing, China at the YOG, 12 athletes were from the Oceania continent. Among the countries that competed from the Oceania Continent were American Samoa, Australia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Palau and New Zealand.

- **Senior World Championships** - Thanks to UWW, 3 member countries (American Samoa – 2 athletes, Guam-1 athlete and Palau-1 athlete) were able to compete at the WC held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. All of the athletes had a rough time at the competition. More focus and emphasis in the future should be on training preparations before sending our athletes to compete at high level competitions such as the WC.

- **Tokelau & French Polynesia** – The Congress approved both Tokelau and French Polynesia as our newest members of UWW. Altogether, we now have 17 Oceania members.
• **Oceania Regional Development Officer** – UWW appointed Ethan Lake of American Samoa as the new Oceania Regional Development Officer and would begin work on January 2015.

• **Olympic Scholarships** - Only two countries applied for the IOC scholarships. The Marshall Islands received a scholarship for their female athlete in the latter part of the year while Palau received confirmation in January 2015 for 2 male athletes.

**Year 2015**

- **The 2015 Oceania Wrestling Championships (FS, GR, FW, BW – Cadets, Junior & Seniors)** - There were 10 countries with approximately 50 athletes that competed during the Championships. The Oceania Championships was well organized and Marshall Islands Wrestling Federation was commended for a job well done.

- **The OCAWS General Assembly** – The AGM was held in Majuro, Marshall Islands. In attendance were 14 delegates from their respective federations. The meeting was very informative. Members discussed a number of issues and recognized the technical assistance provided by UWW to include a $20,000 USD subvention to OCAWS. The Marshall Islands National Olympic Committee (MINOC) was recognized for their invaluable contribution and support to wrestling to include applying for an Olympic Solidarity Grant to assist in hosting the Regional Coaching Course and their willingness to assist with our strategic plan. Mr. Ethan Lake, Oceania RDO, explained the UWW vision, goals and the importance of taking advantage of the IOC Solidarity programs, explaining the different programs and encouraging all the NFs to apply through their NOCs. Other issues that were discussed included our strategic plan and a sub-committee being formed to review the plan, an update on the constitutional changes to include the UWW name change for Oceania, Olympic Qualification updates and the new bid requirements for hosting the Oceania Championships. The members provided a brief update and report on all activities undertaken in their home countries. Wrestling New Zealand won the bid to host the 2016 Oceania Championships.

- **UWW level 1 coaching course** – UWW hosted a Level 1 Coaching Educators Course held in conjunction with our AGM and Oceania Championships. The course was conducted by Mr. Ethan Lake, Oceania-Regional Development Officer. The participants ranged from beginners to the more experienced level coaches. The course was condensed into 3 days. The course was competency based and it covered theoretical and practical courses that focused on HOW TO COACH. There were a total of 36 participants that successfully completed the UWW Level 1 Coaches Course and have shown to be competent after taking both the practical and theoretical exams. The coaching course was an overall success. A referee clinic was also held for new candidates and those referees seeking to be upgraded.

- **2015 Junior World Championships** - Two athletes from Oceania competed in the Junior World Championships held in Salvador, Brazil from August 11-16, 2015. Ilonia Alison of the Marshall Islands competed in the FW 67kg division. Ilonia wrestled Elis Manalova of Azerbaijan and wrestled well during her match, but Azerbaijan was able to score and win the match by technical points. Ilonia ranked 14 out of 16 wrestlers. Jarvis Tarkong competed in the Mens FS 66kg weight division against Carlos Romero Millaqueo of Chili and won the match by fall for the win. Jarvis went on to advance and wrestle Antony Montero of Venezuela but lost by technical superiority. Out of 26 wrestlers Jarvis ranked 9th in the Junior WC. It should be noted that both athletes, Ilonia and Jarvis, were both on the IOC Scholarship.

- **2015 Senior World Championships** - Thanks to UWW, six athletes to include American Samoa, Guam, Palau, Marshall Islands, Nauru and New Zealand were able to receive technical assistance for 1 athlete to compete at the this event. A total of 7 Oceania Countries competed at the 2015 World Wrestling Championships held in Las Vegas, USA. The countries included athletes from American Samoa, Australia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Palau, Nauru and New Zealand. Among the Oceania Countries, one of the best performances ever was from Tayla Ford who competed in the 60kg freestyle female category. Ford eventually ranked 9 out of 15. In the mens Freestyle competition, the only other wrestler who would score was Florian Skilang Temengil of Palau who competed in the Mens 125kg weight division. Temengil ranked 17 out of 32 wrestlers.

- **ONOC & OSFO General Assembly & Conference** - Mr. John Saul, Oceania VP and Mr. Ethan Lake, Oceania RDO, were able to attend the ONOC / OSFO Assembly and Joint workshops held in Suva, Fiji. This important forum had several workshops that were beneficial to us and allowed us to talk about sports, development within our region and the type of support available to our NOC’s and Sports Federations. The Sports Marketplace provided a great opportunity for sports federations to showcase their particular sport. This gathering allowed our members to meet with several NOC’s and to hear from a number of successful programs happening in our region.
Year 2016

- **2016 Oceania Championships - Cadets, Junior, Senior (FS/FW/GR/BW)** – The Championships was held in Hamilton, New Zealand. There were 10 countries that participated in these championships with a total of 174 athletes that competed in each of their respective Olympic weight classes.

- **Oceania AGM & Development Planning Forum** - The AGM was held on March 9th at the Kingsgate Hotel in Hamilton, New Zealand. There were 11 members that attended the meeting. Also in attendance was Mr. Lucas O’Ceallachain, UWW Sports Development Manager. Members discussed a range of issues to include discussion on whether to increase our membership fees, UWW Constitutional changes to include our name and logo, future hosting of the Oceania Championships, the Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, funding and policy on spending, the new UWW Bidding process, rules and dress and the upcoming ONOC Conference and ONOC funding requirements. Oceania recognized the technical assistance provided by UWW to include a $20,000 USD subvention to OCAWS. French Polynesia did a presentation on their 2017 Oceania bid and American Samoa for year 2018. Special thanks goes out to Wrestling New Zealand for hosting the More than Medals Camp and Oceania Championships. The members provided a brief update and report on all activities undertaken in their home countries.

- **More Than Medals (MTM) Cadet Camp** – The MTM was held in New Zealand prior to the Oceania Championships. The initial concept of the camp was for UWW to bring in a top level International Cadet Coach to run the MTM as the Head coach and to have 2-3 Oceania federation coaches assist as volunteers. There were 7 countries and 19 participants that took part in the course. The camp was a success with 5 cadet wrestlers being selected to participate in the upcoming Cadet World Championships and MTM Camp.

- **NF Workshop and Development Planning Forum** – Member federations were able to take part in a National Federation workshop conducted by Mr. Lucas O’ceallachain, Development Director. The NF Workshop covered a number of topics to include the UWW Development Plan and updates of the progress of key programs and development; UWW and Olympic Solidarity Programs and types of technical assistance to include coaching courses, other programs and funding towards tournaments. Members had the opportunity to discuss and address a number of issues that were of concern with Mr. O’ceallachain. Members were provided with UWW Technical Assistance forms and applications and were asked to fill in the applications forms (e.g. wrestling mat). We were able to review and fill in the NF Scorecard and Planning Tool. The final session held on the last day included discussions with our members on types of assistance and how we can best move forward to promote and develop our plans and programs within Oceania. The topics of discussion included the current programs, hosting of the Oceania Championships, Pacific Games and other Games in the region, Olympic Qualifier, Coaching Courses and other types of technical assistance. Members discussed strategies on how to strengthen our level of performance and participation at Oceania and how we could regain our status in hosting the Oceania Championships as an Olympic Qualifying event in year 2020. We discussed wrestling in the Pacific Games and how we were struggling to get wrestling back into the Pacific Games. Our focus and priority needs to be on the Pacific Games and having the games become a Continental Games and possibly an Olympic Qualifier. Oceania would like to thank UWW for allowing Mr. O’ceallachain the opportunity to travel and meet Oceania and our members. This face to face meeting was important to us as we struggle to develop our sport in our region.

- **Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC) & Olympic Sports Federation of Oceania (OSFO) General Assembly Meeting and Conference** – This event was held in Port Villa, Vanuatu. Mr. Ethan Lake, Oceania RDO, was able to attend this event which included a number of workshops / forums to include the Pacific Sports Partnership Program that discussed their Australian based programs; the Olympic Solidarity and Oceania Sports Education Program; Discussion by the Pacific Games Council on the future of the Pacific Games; and the fourth workshop was on the Strategic Planning for Regional Sports Federation and OSFO. The Sports Marketplace was an opportunity to discuss and answer questions for those that were interested in the different sports. There were meetings and networking with the NOC’s, IF’s and National Federations that were quite positive. There were a number of presentations at the general assembly conference for OSFO and ONOC that covered issues on a number of projects and programs for the NOC’s.
Africa-Oceania Olympic Qualifier – Oceania had 6 countries that competed in Algiers, Africa. Australia was the only country to qualify with 4 athletes to include the following: Sahit Prizreni (2nd Place-FS 65kg); Talgat Ilyasov (2nd place - FS 74kg); Australia - Vinod Kumar (2nd place – GR 66kg); and Ivan Popov (2nd place – GR 130kg). Other athletes that won medals but did not qualify included Stevie Kelly (Aus) FW 63kg bronze; Tayla Ford (NZL) FW 63kg bronze; Nathanial Tuamoheloa (ASA) FS 86kg – bronze; and Florian Temengil (PLW) FS 125kg – bronze. It should be noted that the Oceania Continent did not have a representative from our Continent representing our interest and concerns while in Africa and this was addressed to President Lalovic. Oceania hopes that UWW will recognize the Oceania Continent as having its own Olympic Qualifier in our continent for year 2020.

1st World Olympic Qualifier (Mongolia) – Oceania was represented by 3 member countries to include Guam - 3 athletes, Australia – 1 athlete and New Zealand – 1 athlete. It was very tough tournament. None qualified at this event.

Final Olympic Qualification Tournament – 4 countries to include American Samoa (1 FS athlete), Australia (1 FW athlete), New Zealand (1 FW athletes) and Palau (2 FS athletes) competed at the final Olympic Qualification Tournament held in Istanbul, Turkey. Unfortunately, none of the athletes were able to qualify.

Universality Place – Upon completion of the Wrestling events, 4 Universality places were awarded by the Olympic Games Tripartite Commission of the IOC for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Florian Temengil of Palau was one of the recipients.

UWW Educators Course, Las Vegas – UWW sponsored 2 coaches from New Zealand and Tokelau to take part in the UWW Educator Course. Congratulations to Mark Grayling (NZL) and Ilai Elekana Manu (TKL).

Conclusion
There are many challenges that we face in our large and undeveloped region. In order for Oceania to develop our sport we need to have one unified strategy and focus over the next 4 years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank UWW for their support and technical assistance for developing the programs that are desperately needed to bring out change in our region. Although funding is a challenge in our region, we realize that much more needs to be done so that we can develop and implement programs in our region.

Oceania Wrestling would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of our Oceania members of the 17 federations. Wrestling is fortunate to have our members and volunteers of valuable people working to strengthen our sport. We look forward to further achievements in the near future.

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