



International Ski  
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Barcelona, 20th June 2009

## MINUTES

### International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF)

### Plenary Assembly

Place: Bratislava, Hotel Falkensteiner  
Beginning: 10h20

Attendance list (see attached assistants list with names and signatures and proxy votes):

FAM_ Andorra (proxy vote)	FISI_Italy
FASA_ Argentina (proxy vote)	JMA_Japan
ASKIMO_Austria	PZA_Poland
CHS_Czech Republic (proxy vote)	RMF_Russia
ASBL-VZW_Belgium	FEDME_Spain
DB_Denmark	SAC_Switzerland
FFME_France	SSA Slovakia
DAV_Germany	KAF_Korea
EOOA_Greece	CMA_China (proxy vote)
IRIMF_Iran	NCF_Norway

Lluís López, president  
Pierre Dollo, vice-president  
Yves Veya, treasurer  
Josep Castellet, general secretary  
André Dugit, technical director

Invited guest: Mr. Akinici (ZP, Turkey)

1. Approval of the minutes of the ISMF plenary assembly held in Teheran (IRI) on 16.10.2008.

**The minutes are unanimously approved without comments.**

2. Report of the President.

**The President made his report (Annex 1).**

3. Sports Report :

a. Season 2008-2009.

**The Technical Director makes his report (Annex 2).** [applause]

- i. Mr. Saso (JMA) asks how many licenses were issued this season. Mr Castellet answers that 313 were issued.



- ii. Mr. Maeder (SAC) asks about the goal of the ISMF Forum. Mr. Dugit answers that the forum's goals are to provide organizers, manufacturers, judges, and ISMF officers a place and time to discuss changes for the coming season, permit communication and exchange, and develop ideas about the future of our sport.
  - iii. Mr. Verzele (ASBL-VZW) asks if the number of competitions held by a continent should be decided by its Continental Council. Mr. Dugit points out that his report is ONLY about the World Cup calendar. He observes that Continental Cups are obviously the responsibility of the Continental Councils.
  - iv. Mr. Dufter (DAV) asks why there will be no Cadet World Cup in future. The question is postponed to point 4 of the agenda – Regulations and Amendments.
  - v. Mrs. Belicova (SSA) describes an interesting experience with youth athletes at the KAF races.
  - vi. Mr. Conci (FISI) asks why a kind of “sub-license” can't be developed, so that all racers who take part in homologated races will belong to the ISMF. Mr. Castellet explains that this is being worked on. Mrs. Belicova (SSA) suggests that such a sub-license should require a medical certificate and a national license. Mr. Verzele (ASBL-VZW) asks that care be taken with the wording of such a policy. For instance the Belgian Federation does not directly issue licenses.
  - vii. Mr. Posch (ASKIMO) asks to concentrate ISMF meetings in central cities and work for fewer and more productive meetings.
  - viii. Mr. Lugger (ASKIMO) asks if the Korean race will count in the season rankings championships. Mr. Dugit replies that it will be a compulsory event, part of the related World Cup calendar.
- b. Sports Project: Changes for 2009-2010.  
**The Technical Director makes his report (Annex 3). [applause]**
- c. Calendar 2009-2010.  
**The Technical Director presents the 2010 ISMF Calendar (Annex 4).**

4. Proposed Regulations and Rules Amendments.

**Mr. Dugit summarizes the main changes that will be implemented in ISMF Regulations.** He explains the goal of the new Registration Rules, which are to make it easier for organizers to apply for a race.

- a. Motion 1 (CAS): the motion is discussed and CAS slightly amends the text to be voted upon. The revised voting options are:
  - i. YES: Reopen and discuss the subject for decision at the next Plenary Assembly, following analysis of the first season



- ii. NO: Leave the new categories as they stand in the proposed rules (Cadet: 15-16/17 years, Junior: 18-19-20 years).

**VOTE: 9 Yes, 10 No, 1 Abstention**

The motion is not approved. The Executive Board will return an analysis of the results of the change at the next Plenary Assembly.

- b. Motion 2 (FFME): the motion is discussed. Mr. Verzele (ASBL-VZW) points out that safety standards are more important than the weight the athletes carry. Mrs. Belicova (SSA) suggests that ISMF should begin developing its own labels, similar to the process practiced by the UIAA. Mr. Posch (ASKIMO) adds that weight of equipment is as well a matter of economics, since light equipment is expensive. Mr. Saso (JMA) observes that many modified boots broke last year. Mr. Dugit expresses a desire to see equipment develop in the direction of being more functional and easy to use. Voting text:
  - i. YES: Change the minimum weight per the motion (600g boot, 800g ski)
  - ii. NO: Leave the weights as they are (500s boot, 750g s)

**VOTE: 5 Yes, 12 No, 1 Abstention**

The motion is not approved.

- c. Motion 3 (DAV): Voting text:
  - i. YES: Hold a Cadet World Cup on the ISMF calendar
  - ii. NO: Do NOT Hold a Cadet World Cup

**VOTE: 5 No, 12 Yes, 5 Abstention**

The motion is approved. A Cadet World Cup will be held in 2010.

- d. Motion 4 (DAV). DAV asks for clarification. Mr. Dugit says that he will change the Sport Regulations 3.2.1. such that a Cadet-Junior Team can exist with only the Junior athletes receiving points in the ranking. The motion does not need to be voted and is withdrawn.
- e. **VOTE: To Approve Amended Regulations**  
Sport Regulations: **Approved Unanimously**  
Rules for Organizers: **Approved Unanimously**  
Ranking Rules: **17 For, 0 Against, 3 Abstentions**  
Cup Registration Rules: **19 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention**

5. Exclusion, Withdrawal, and Admission of Members to the ISMF.



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**The President reports 2 countries to be excluded: CEC ask to be excluded from ISMF. As well, Federación Venezolana de Montañismo asks to be excluded.**

**VOTE: 18 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention.**

The PA accepts the exclusion of both members.

Mr. Akinci (ZD, Turkey) points out that his club (ZD Club) has applied to be an Associate Member of the ISMF. Mr. Lopez observes that ZD cannot be accepted into the ISMF because its statutes require agreement of the Turkish Federation before another association can be accepted. Mr. Lopez proposes making official contact with the Turkish Federation in an attempt to find a solution to this problem. As a first point the ISMF will ask the Turkish federation to pay their debts to the ISMF.

6. Financial

- a. **Accounts 2008: Mr. Veya presents the annual accounting for 2008** (Annex on the agenda). He reports that the year finished with a profit of 6600€.
  - i. Mrs. Belicova (SSA) request the report be made in English next time. She asks as well about the cost of the Secretary (6800€). Mr. Veya explains that the Secretary was employed for 6 month at 20h per week. Mr. Belicova (SSA) asks as well about the Solidarity Fund. Mr. Veya replies that none of the Solidarity Funds were used in 2008.

**VOTE: 15 For, 0 Against, 4 Abstentions.**

Financial Report 2008 are Approved

- b. **Approval budget 2010: Mr. Veya presents the 2010 budget.**
  - i. Mrs. Belicova (SSA) says that in other countries (in Eastern Europe) the fees of a Secretary would be a lot lower. Mr. Lopez explains that of having a Secretary in a different country that the President and General Secretary will not be effective. Norway supports the initiative of Mrs. Belicova (SSA). Mr. Maeder (CAS) observes that the same discussion was once held within the UIAA and their conclusion was that the offices of the International Federation can't be isolated from a National Federation. Mr. Vezale (ASBL-VZW) enquires if Continental Councils were created, whether this would mean more costs for the National Federations. Mr. Lopez says that a non-European Council is being planned.



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**VOTE: 12 For, 4 Against, 3 Abstentions**

The 2010 Budget is approved.

**c. Membership fees: Mr. Veya presents the New Membership Proposals (Annex on the agenda).**

- i. Mr. Vezele (ASBL-VZW) makes the point that for the 3 licenses they get, 1875€ would be a lot. Such cost might make their federation reconsider future membership in the ISMF. For his NF the cost and benefits are not in balance.

**VOTE: 11 For, 6 Against, 2 Abstentions**

The new membership fees are approved. 4 Categories are established:

2500€: ordinary members

1875€: members with few licenses (0 to 15 licenses last season)

700€: associate members

500€: non-European members

- 7. GAIF. **Mr. Dollo outlines progress in developing the GAISF Report.** The report will be delivered to GAIF about 15.07.2009 and the ISMF should be accepted as a GAIF member within the following 8 months.

**WADA. Mr. Dollo presents the Antidoping report (Annex 5).**

**8. Approval of ISMF Anti-doping and Disciplinary Rules.**

- a. The Candidates for the Antidoping Commission are:

***Political Commission***

Présidente, Isabelle ROZE, France

President TUE Commission, Annie PIVOT, France

Pierre DOLLO, ISMF

***TUE Commission***

Annie PIVOT, France

Katarina BELLICOVA Slovakia

Jean Marc NOUAILLES, France

***Independent Review Commission***

Prune ROCIPON, France

Xavier SANT I VILELLA, Spain



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**VOTE: The proposed Members of the 3 Anti-doping commissions and the Anti-doping Rules are approved unanimously.**

- b. Mr. Dollo reports the work done by the Disciplinary Commission (Annex 6).
- c. The candidates for the Disciplinary Commission are:
  - Jean Christophe BRILLAT, Sports Lawyer, France
  - Damien YOU, France
  - Yves VEYA, Switzerland
  - Carle MATA, Andorra
  - Lluís GINER ARNABAT, Spain

**VOTE: 15 For, 5 Against, 0 Abstention**

The Members of the Disciplinary Commission are approved.

**VOTE: 19 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention.**

The Disciplinary rules were approved.

9. Creation of ISMF Continental Councils.

Mr. Yoo (KAF) makes a presentation on progress in Ski Mountaineering in Asia (Annex 7). Mr. Saso (JMA) reports the creation of the ASMF (Asian Ski Mountaineering Federation) as an ISMF Continental Council (Annex 8). Mr. Lopez proposes accepting the ASMF as the Asian Council of ISMF. Mr. Maeder (CAS) asks about who will organize the European Championships. Mr. Castellet explains that the ISMF will still have duties on the continents where there are no continental councils. Mr. Vezale (ASBL-VZW) says that the IFSC is all organized in Continental Councils and that this has advantages even for Europe (i.e. qualifies for aid from the European Union).

**VOTE: 19 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention**

The ASMF is accepted as the Asian Continental Council.

10. Election of new ISMF Auditors. **Mr. Veya reports that KPMG can't continue to provide this service, for internal reasons.** Mr. Veya suggests Mr. Produit, of Switzerland, for the position of auditor.

**VOTE: The Plenary Assembly approves the new auditor unanimously,** with the condition that Mr. Produit's CV be obtained in the next month, and that the auditor's reports will be in English.



11. Modification of statutes. **Mr. Castellet explains the changes proposed by the Management Committee:**

- a) Article 4.L.: replace “ensure” with “promote”
- b) Eliminate article “4.k”
- c) Eliminate article “7.6”
- d) Mr. Saso (JMA) proposes a change on article 32: Add to the end of the first paragraph of the article “*in their area*, **under the supervision of ISMF**”.
- e) Mr. Posch (ASKIMO) asks the PA to not approve article 3 and suggests the language be left as before. This point is voted separately.

**VOTE: 6 For, 12 Against, 2 Abstentions**

Change on article 3 not approved. Official language will remain only English.

- f) Mr. Maeder (CAS) asks that the maximum proxy vote allowed in Article 16 be reduced from two to one. Mr. Lopez proposes to leave this point to next year's PA.

The Plenary Assembly proceeds to vote all the changes on statutes together.

**VOTE: 14 For, 0 Against, 6 Abstentions**

Proxy vote allowance (point 11.f) and article 3 (point 11.e) remains the same. All the rest of the changes of the statutes, including changes proposed by the Management Committee and the amendment to Article 32 are approved.

12. General Assembly 2011: **The only candidate is FEDME (Annex 9, Barcelona, Spain).**

**VOTE: 17 For, 0 Against, 3 Abstentions**

The candidature of Spain is approved.

13. Election of the ISMF General Secretary. **Mr. Lopez presents the resignation of Josep Castellet. At the moment, the only candidate for replacement is Daniel Gimenez from FEDME (Annex 10).** Mr. Posch (ASKIMO) asks that the election of the General Secretary be postponed until there is another candidate. Mr. Saso (JMA) suggests that an electronic vote can be taken later on this year. Mr. Lopez insists that all association members had the same opportunities to present candidates.

**VOTE: 8 For, 8 Against, 3 Abstentions.**





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The President declares the General Secretary position vacant and will consider how to continue. Mr. Mariotta (FISI) proposes to amend the ISMF statutes to include the option for the Management Committee to elect a member of the Management Committee in case of resignation of a member. Mr. Vezele (ASBL-VZW) offers the help of the Belgian Federation to find a Belgian person to provisionally cover the place of GS until a permanent solution is found. Mr. Lopez thanks him for that help.

14. Other Business:

- a. Mr. Lopez brings up the problem with the World Championship candidature for 2012. Mr. Posch explains that ASKIMO had to resign due to political pressures associated with the Alpin Ski World Championships in 2013. He apologizes for this situation. Mr. Lopez says that he will contact the other candidate (Claut) and try to find a solution.
- b. Mr. Dugit requests a minute of silence from the PA for Jon Tveil, who died in Tromso at the same time that the race took place. The minute of silence is observed.

**Mrs. Belicova moves the 2009 ISMF Pleanary Assembly be adjourned.**

End of the assembly 17h35

Josep Castellet  
General Secretary