

Report on important issues in relation international status

The information on the next pages informs our WAKO members about the recent strategic participation at important meetings at the SportAccord IF Forum in Lausanne 11-13 November. Important steps have been made in the benefit of our fantastic sport

Extraordinary Assembly SportAccord

Extraordinary General Assembly SportAccord

An extraordinary Assembly of SportAccord was conducted in order to review proposed structural changes and proposed changes to the statutes. After the dramatic SportAccord Convention in Sochi in March, SportAccord entered a situation where most of the Olympic Sports suspended or withdraw their membership. It lead to that the President Mr. Marius Vizer resigned and Mr. Gianfranco Kasper being appointed as Acting President. This lead to significant disruption within SportAccord.

The result of the Assembly was that the members recommended to leave their comments about Statutes and about structural changes. The proposal in principle suggests to merge SportAccord with SportAccord Convention and to leave the philosophy that SportAccord have as of today. Only the Anti-doping unit is left in order to serve the IFs with anti-doping expertise. The new Statutes proposal to be presented to the new WAKO Board.

Baker and Lund met H.H Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of OCA (Olympic Council of Asia), ANOC (Association of National Olympic Committees) and IOC member from Kuwait. The sheikh is well known to Kickboxing and at our short conversation he confirmed again that he is very positive to WAKO in the endeavour to get the IOC recognition. WAKO will involve him in due time in order to activate his support.

Signing of contact with SportAccord Anti-Doping Unit

The unit in SportAccord have a responsibility to help federations to enforce the anti-doping rules and it means that they, based upon a contract with each federation help to conduct the needed activities. Mr Baker signed a contract for 2016/17 as we have did the last years and on the picture Mr. Baker and SportAccord Anti-Doping Unit representative Matteo Vallini shaking hands.



Roy Baker, Espen Lund and H.H Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah

The future of the Combat Games



Since the last SportAccord Convention in Sochi, the organizer of the 2017 Combat Games, Lima, Peru, withdrew their interest since many IFs resigned/suspended as members of SportAccord, herewith IFs like Boxing, Taekwondo, Wrestling, Karate and Wushu.

These withdrawals changed the landscape following the resignation of Sport Accord president and made the Games less valuable to the host city.

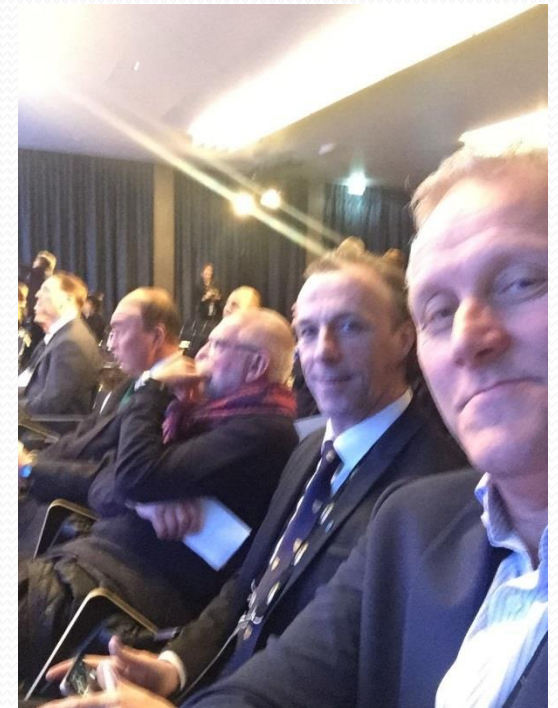
The SportAccord Acting President and Mr. Stephan Fox, President of AIMS organized an official meeting to re-establish the importance and relevance of the games for all combat sports.

The conclusion of the discussions was; All 16 sports are interested in continuing with the Combat Games in the future including all Olympic sports.

Other items that are currently being discussed going forward are. Possible name changes. We anticipate that the next edition to be in 2018 and with a 4 year frequency. The Olympic sports should include possible non-IOC disciplines. The interested city that will be a part of a bidding process are Almaty, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur. There will be ongoing negotiations and a survey will be sent out to the IFs. Then the conclusion will be made next year, maybe already at the next SportAccord Convention (place and date to be confirmed).

Another invention is discussed was a Gala show with the Combat Sports at each SportAccord Convention, showing the sporting world our unique position and strength and give out international awards to visionaries and the very best of the best athletes.

A future of the Combat Games are of great importance for WAKO so a support is indeed of great interest protecting and developing our fine sports.



AIMS and IOC meetings

Extraordinary General Assembly AIMS (Alliance of Independent Members of Sports)

AIMS, Alliance of Independent Members of Sport, had their extraordinary Assembly taking decisions in order to improve the association and giving service to its members. The AIMS Board reported its last months activities.

Meeting with the IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach and his leadership

The association of AIMS was awarded a meeting with IOC President, Thomas Bach at the IOC headquarter in Lausanne. Even though Mr. Bach was delayed we had a very fruitful meeting with Sport Director Kit McConnell and Director General Christophe De Kepper. As a part of the Olympic movement we will for the future be granted access to IOC services like; Athlete Support – Sustainability – Sport & Active Society – Ethics and Integrity – Good governance – Broadcast and presentation

WAKO as one of the IFs members of AIMS, founded after the initiative of Espen Lund, is getting access to needed programs like athlete career programmes, athlete learning gateway, integrity and other programmes improving the organization and focusing on the athletes and fair play.

The specific message from the IOC are focusing on sports and athletes. Include the, involve them and have real engagement.

IOC Sports Director,
Kit McConnell



AIMS Council



IOC Director General,
Christophe De Kepper
Lausanne

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IOC Application process

IOC application process 2016

The message from IOC in Bangkok in August and in Lausanne last week can not be misunderstood. Progressing in certain fields is indeed of great importance of WAKO, and we are on our way. In order to prepare in various fields Espen Lund already are in production of material to be evaluated;

- Various guidelines within youth, education, women, entourage, athletes etc
- Production of a pilot for a E-learning module for integrity as match-fixing and manipulation.
- Prepare WAKO for FISU membership by collecting needed information in a short survey to be sent out collecting information.

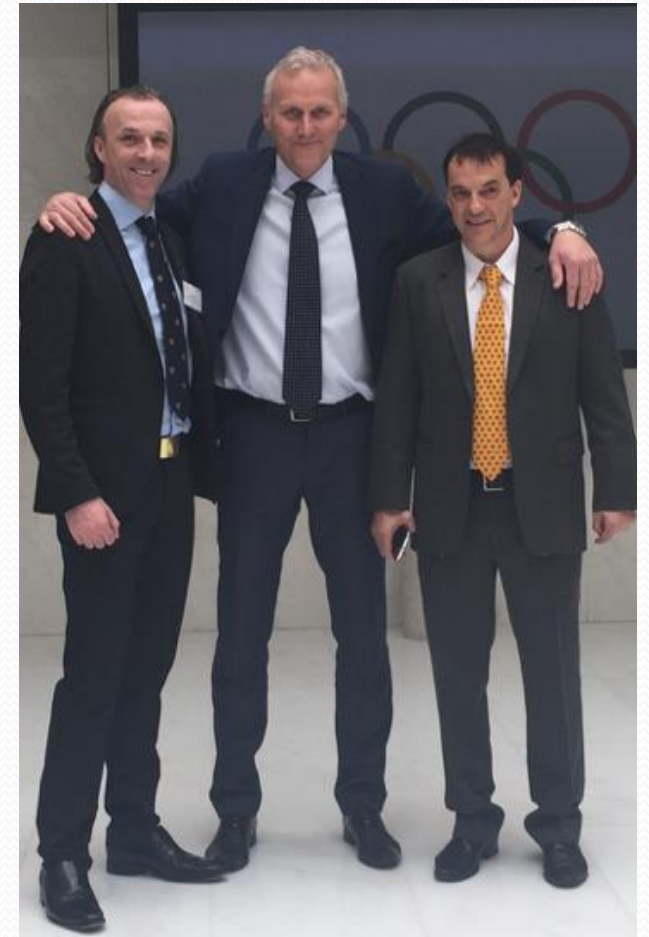
It is important to mention that WAKO are entitled to receive certain services from IOC, in particular development within Good Governance, Ethics and Integrity, Athlete career programme, and development of athletes through IOC Athlete Learning Gateway. Lund will coordinate this with the above relevant information and to make sure our material it is in-line with requirements.

Before implementation Lund will involve the Board in order to finalise the material and to get the needed approval. The process with IOC starts from 1st quarter of 2016 and during part of the 2016 we will deliver a solid application.



Espen Lund, Honorary Member of AIMS

Espen Lund, the founder of AIMS and previous Council Member of SportAccord, was in August given the status as honorary member in AIMS, during the convention in Bangkok, Thailand. Lund is of course delighted to receive such an honor for his work inside SportAccord and to taken the step to found AIMS.



Baker and Lund with Stephan Fox

Lets do it!



Dear all members,

WAKO is now moving in the right direction with its partners to secure IOC recognition. It is up to WAKO itself to put all our efforts to present our sport in a positive way. To show the quality, the level and significance of our Sport within the wider world of sport. We must be completely focused on our primary objective over the coming months. It is also important to use the opportunity to thank Mr. Stephan Fox for his work since he was elected as President of AIMS.

Roy Baker
WAKO IF Acting President

Espen Lund
WAKO IF Vice-President



AIMS members meeting with the IOC President in the IOC headquarter in Lausanne, Switzerland



Roy Baker, Acting president in WAKO shaking hands with Thomas Bach, IOC President