

MINUTES OF THE 57th ORDINARY CONGRESS SEVILLE 2018

A. Congress

FIRST SESSION

Monday, June 4, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
President Mr. Jan Dijkema in the Chair

1. Opening of Congress by the President

The President made the following remarks:

'Dear Delegates, ISU Honorary Members, Office Holders and Staff, Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to extend a warm welcome to all of you at this 57th Ordinary ISU Congress. Most of you attended previous ISU Congresses. However, I am also very pleased to see new faces. We came from all over the world to discuss important matters for our beloved sport here in Sevilla. On behalf of all attendees, I would like to thank the Royal Spanish Ice Sports Federation very much for their excellent hospitality. We have a very busy week ahead of us, but I hope that everybody can also enjoy the beautiful city of Sevilla and Spanish culture. For the first time, the ISU Congress is also available as a live stream on the ISU YouTube Channel.

At the beginning of this Congress, I wish to honour the memory of great friends of the ISU who are no longer with us. In this regard, I would like to mention ISU Honorary Vice President Lawrence Demmy and ISU Honorary Member Donald H. Gilchrist. We pay tribute to their devoted service to the ISU and Skating. I kindly ask everyone to please rise for a moment of silence to remember them and all other skating friends that passed away and who we will remember with affection.

Thank you very much.

As ISU family, we want to promote and develop our beautiful and exciting sport across all levels and disciplines – Figure Skating, Speed Skating, Short Track Speed Skating and Synchronized Skating. In view of this mission, I would like to wish you all a very successful Congress. Let us have a fruitful and respectful exchange of thoughts and ideas.

Ladies and gentlemen, let us start now. I declare the 57th ISU Congress in Sevilla, Spain, officially open.'

The President confirmed that the Congress would be live-streamed on the ISU YouTube channel.

2. Verification that Congress has been duly convened according to the Constitution

Fredi Schmid referred to Circular Letter No. 617 dated July 17, 2017 that was sent to ISU Members and stated that consequently the Congress has been duly convened in accordance with the ISU Constitution, Art. 30, paragraph 1). The Delegates agreed.

3. Election of a Secretary to record the minutes of Congress Meetings

The President proposed Fredi Schmid as Secretary of the meeting and this was accepted.

4. i) Verification of the qualifications of representatives and of their right to vote through circulation of a list of representatives among Congress Delegates and subsequent confirmation by the Congress

Fredi Schmid stated that a list of all the Delegate names had been distributed at the time of registration/accreditation and an updated version had been distributed on the tables of the Delegates on the morning of June 4, 2018. He asked if there were any comments or objections. There were no comment and no objections.

The following Delegates attended the Congress:

Andorra	Figure	Josep Garcia, Monica Lopez
Argentina	Speed Figure	Jose Ignacio Fazio, Lara Schujman, Maria Dolores Cazorla, Cecilia Nikolic

Armenia		Meline Avagyan, Gabriel Ghazaryan, Karen Grigoryan, Melanya Stepanyan, Ararat Zakarian, Emil Danielyan (translor)
Australia	Speed Figure	Frank Anderson Mark Lynch, Peter Lynch
Austria	Speed Figure	Hermann Filipic, Hans Spohn Christiane Mörth, Katharina Rauch, Evelyn Rossoukhi-Schneider
Azerbaijan		Fuat Gyliev, Igor Lukanin
Belarus		Mikalai Ananyeu, Aleksei Khatylev, Yulia Levshunova
Belgium	Speed Figure	Antoine Van Vossel Ton Mulder, Peter Riskin, Vera Vandecaveye
Bosnia & Herzegovina		Elvis Husedzinovic, Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou
Brazil		Matheus Figueiredo
Bulgaria		Evgenia Radanova, Tatiana Yordanova
Cambodia	Figure	<i>Not present</i>
Canada	Speed Figure	Susan Auch, Robert Dubreuil, Ariane Loignon, Gregg Planert, Cathy Priestner Alliger Debra Armstrong, Leanna Caron, Paul MacIntosh, Sally Rehorick, Shae Zukiwsky
China		Yan Li, Yawen Li, Chi Liu, Jingyan Liu, Xue Shen, Wie Shi, Haiyan Yu,
Chinese Taipei		Ping-Ming (Betty) Chang, Chung-En (Wayne) Feng, Eddy Wu
Colombia	Speed	Jorge Ivan Roldan
Croatia		Melita Juratek Cipek, Tomislav Mumelas, Morana Palikovic Gruden
Cyprus	Figure	Takis Georgiou
Czech Rep.	Speed Figure	Josef Nechutny, Petr Novak Jana Baudysova, Stanislav Zidek
Denmark		Ingelise Blangsted, Camilla Lyngsø, Karin Rigas, Mariann Vasbo
DPR Korea		Song Min Jang, Chol Un Ri
Estonia		Maire Arm, Gunnar Kuura, Jana Kuura
Finland	Speed Figure	Janne Hänninen, Vesa Rosendahl Leena Laaksonen, Laura Raitio, Tarja Ristanen, Outi Wuorenheimo
France		Didier Gailhaguet, Katia Krier, Philippe Maitrot, Alexis Sodogas, Florence Vuylsteker
Georgia		Salome Chigogidze, Mariam Giorgobiani
Germany	Speed Figure	Hubert Graf, Christel Petzschke, Samuel Schwarz, Uwe Rietzke, Stefanie Teeuwen Udo Dönsdorf, Rolf Pipoh
Great Britain		Nicholas Buckland, Jonathon Eley, Stewart Laing, Margaret Worsfold

Greece	Figure	Georgios Smyrniaios
Hong Kong		Shuo Lu, Siu Yin Yip
Hungary		Csaba Bálint, György Elek, Klára Engi, Lajos Kósa, Zsigmond Nagy, Attila Telegdi, Orsolya Váradi, Gurgen Vardanjan, István Fiák (translator), Csaba Schulek (translator)
Iceland	Figure	Gudbjort Erlensdottir, Maria Fortescue, Svava Hrodny Jonsdottir
India		Rajan Bhardwaj, Rohit Chopra, Subhash Chand Goel, Rajinder Kumar Gupta, Avadhut Shridhar Tawade
Indonesia		Susan Herawaty, Yovita Bellina Lim
Ireland	Figure	Cindy Mundow, Karen O'Sullivan
Israel		Boris Chait, Anna Slavin
Italy		Andrea Gios, Paolo Pizzocari, Ippolito Sanfratello, Luigi Sartorato
Japan		Hidehito Ito, Mami Maeda, Akihisa Nagashima, Toshihiko Nitta, Chiharu Nozaki, Jun Yuda, Tomoko Doi (translator), Miki Hirai (translator)
Kazakhstan		Yuliya Baitursynova, Radik Bikchantayev, Ashim Makishev, Anzhelika Makisheva
Kyrgyz Republic	Figure	Anna Shveimer
Latvia		Marika Nugumanova, Edvins Silovs, Arta Strautmane
Liechtenstein	Figure	Patrik Kaiser
Lithuania	Speed Figure	Virginija Oguleviciene, Audrius Ogulevicius Laimute Krauziene, Lilija Vanagiene
Luxembourg	Speed Figure	Simon Murphy Jerry Hilgert, Jimmy Stryhn Meyer
Macedonia	Figure	<i>Not present</i>
Malaysia		Mohamad Fadzli Johan
Mexico	Figure	Ricardo Olavarietta Navarro
Moldova	Figure	Valentina Mynzat
Monaco	Figure	Robert Chanas, Gérard Ravera
Mongolia		Narantuya Ayushq
Morocco	Figure	Malik El Karim, Brahim Zazoui
Netherlands		Auke Broex, Herman de Haan, Jeroen Kraaij, Wilf O'Reilly, Jeroen Prins, Freddy Wennemars
New Zealand	Speed Figure	Matthew Biggs, Kelvin Nicolle Jeanette King, Connor McIver,
Norway		Mona Adolfsen, Frode Bohm, Christine Isaksen, Halvor Laustad, Lise Røsto Jensen, Marcel L. Vanberg
Philippines	Figure	Ernesto Ang, Julienne Ang, Ngor Ang, Christopher Martin, Josefina Veguillas
Poland	Speed Figure	Roman Derks, Marta Jarecka Jacek Tascher

Qatar	Speed	Rashid Al-Sulaiti, Ingmar van Riel
Rep. Of Korea		So Young An, Seung Hoon Bae, Hwan Kook Chae, So Hee Kim, Chang Hoon Lee, Yung Kook Lee, Za Woong Lee
Romania		Maria Bogyo Loffler, Adrian Ciobanu, Adriana Ordeanu
Russia	Speed Figure	Sergey Boitsov, Yuliana Chirkova, Ivan Dyakov, Alexey Kravtsov Alexander Gorshkov, Alexander Kogan, Sergey Kononykhin, Valentin Piseev, Sergey Sviridov
Serbia		Vesna Rakovic, Vojislava Vasovic
Singapore		David Chandra, Sonja Chong, Gary Sng, Alicia Tan
Slovak Rep.	Speed Figure	Igor Bodo Josef Beständig, Vladimir Cuchran, Csaba Kürti
Slovenia		Daria Gabrovsek Polajnar, Ivan Pfeifer, Teri Sedej
South Africa	Speed Figure	<i>Not present</i> Vincenzo D'Aguzzo, Etienne Dreyer
Spain		Xavier Cherta, Daniel Delfa, Gloria Estefanell, Francisco Gonzalez, Carme Nadeu
Sweden	Speed Figure	Daniel Cabelduc, Mikael Eriksson, Anne Osterberg Katarina Henriksson, Malin Jarl, Peter Levin
Sweden	Stockholm Club	<i>Not present</i>
Switzerland		Sandor Galambos, Thomas Grob, Martin Haefelfinger, Thomas Haeni
Switzerland	Davos Club	Claudio Meng
Thailand		Srihasak Arirachakaran, Suwana Silpa-Archa
Turkey		Suleyman Erim Erhan, Murat Cenk Ertaul, Rengin Gunyadin, Daniel Koehler, Gokhan Ozdemir, Umit Ucar, Selçuk Yigit
United Arab Emirates (UAE)	Figure	Roquiya Cochran, Francesca Laureano
Ukraine	Speed Figure	Sergiy Brodovych Sergii Baranov, Anastasiya Makarova, Irina Medvedeva
USA	Speed Figure	Ted Morris, Marc Norman, Susan Sandvig-Shobe Samuel Auxier, Anne Cammett, Robert Horen, Jenna Longo, David Raith
Uzbekistan		Misha Ge, Artem Knyazev, Evgeniy Rokhin

List of those present, Council, Technical Committees, Disciplinary Commission, Honorary Members, Director General, Treasurer, Legal Advisors, Sports Directors, Medical Commission, Development Commission and Athletes Commission

1. Council

President	Jan Dijkema	Netherlands
1st Vice President: Speed Skating	Tron Espeli	Norway
2 nd Vice President: Figure Skating	Alexander Lakernik	Russia
Members: Figure Skating	Junko Hiramatsu Patricia St. Peter Marie Lundmark Benoit Lavoie Maria Teresa Samaranch	Japan USA Finland Canada Spain
Speed Skating	Yang Yang Jae-Youl Kim Stoytcho G. Stoytchev Roland E. Maillard Sergio Anesi	China Rep. of Korea Bulgaria Switzerland Italy

2. Technical Committees

Single and Pair Skating Chair	Fabio Bianchetti	Italy
Members	Susan Lynch Yukiko Okabe Rita Zonnekeyn John Coughlin Patrick Meier	Australia Japan Belgium USA Switzerland
Ice Dance Chair	Halina Gordon Poltorak	Poland
Members	Shawn Rettstatt Alla Shekhovtsova Hilary Selby Maurizio Margaglio	USA Russia Great Britain Italy
Synchronized Skating Chair	Christopher Buchanan	Great Britain
Members	Mika Saarelainen Petra Tyrbo Lois Long Roberta Giuliani Catharine Ann Dalton	Finland Sweden USA Italy Canada
Speed Skating Chair	Alexander Kibalko	Russia
Members	Nick Thometz Jae-Seok Choi Christian Breuer Beixing Wang Oystein Haugen	USA Rep. of Korea Germany Netherlands Norway
Short Track Speed Skating Chair	Nathalie Lambert	Canada
Members	Reinier Oostheim Xun Xu Satoru Terao Christoph Milz Wim de Deyne	Germany China Japan Germany Belgium

3. Disciplinary Commission

Chair	Volker Waldeck	Germany
Members	Allan Böhm	Slovak Republic
	Susan Petricevic	New Zealand
	Albert Hazelhoff	Netherlands
	Jean-François Monette	Canada

4. Honorary Members

Ottavio Cinquanta	Italy
Jean Grenier	Canada
Maria Bialous-Zuchowicz	Poland
Monique Georgelin	France
Myong-Hi Chang	Rep. of Korea
Ulf Linden	Sweden
Gerhardt Bubník	Czech Republic
James L. Hawkins	USA
Phyllis Howard	USA
Tjasa Andréa-Prosenec	Slovenia
German Panov	Russia
Lan Li	China
György Martos	Hungary
Peter Krick	Germany
Ann Shaw	Canada
Olga Gilardini	Italy
Alexander Gorshkov	Russia

5. Director General

Fredi Schmid	Switzerland
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6. Treasurer

Ulrich Linder	Switzerland
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7. Legal Advisors

Béatrice Pfister	Switzerland
Michael Geistlinger	Austria

8. Sports Directors Figure Skating

Krisztina Regöczy	Hungary
Charles Cyr	USA

9. Sports Director Speed Skating

Event Coordinator Short Track Speed Skating

Hugo Herrnhof	Italy
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10. Medical Commission

Chair	Jane M. Moran	Canada
Members	Sanda Dubravcic-Simunjak	Croatia
	Joel Shobe	USA

11. Development Commission

Susanna Rahkamo	Finland
Jildou Gemser	Netherlands
Tatsuro Matsumura	Japan

12. Athletes Commission

John Coughlin	USA
Luiza Zlotkowska	Poland
Alper Uçar	Turkey
Nathalie Lindqvist	Sweden
Viktor Knoch	Hungary

4. ii) Electronic roll call of ISU Members to establish the presence of ISU Members and corresponding majorities

Fredi Schmid informed the Congress that the Council, during its meeting the day before the Congress, accepted Ireland as a full ISU Member for the Speed Skating Branch and Brazil as a Provisional ISU Member for the Speed Skating Branch. Fredi Schmid performed an electronic roll call. The following Members who had notified their intention to attend were not present at that time: Fédération Royale Belge de Patinage de Vitesse (Belgium Speed) and Suomen Luisteluliitto (Finland Speed). This resulted in a total number of 120 votes at that time and, subject to the arrival of Belgium Speed and Finland Speed, it resulted in 122 votes.

5. Election of two Scrutineers of the minutes of Congress Meetings

The President proposed Marie Lundmark (FIN) and Sergio Anesi (ITA) as Scrutineers of the minutes of Congress meetings and they were accepted.

For the elections on Friday, the President proposed to elect Michael Geistlinger (AUT), Daniel Delfa (ESP) and Alper Uçar (TUR) as Scrutineers and they were accepted.

6. Election of a Drafting Committee, consisting of at least three members, to draft the final text of the Proposals adopted concerning the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions and the General Regulations

The President proposed and the Congress elected a Drafting Committee composed of Jan Dijkema (NED), Tron Espeli (NOR), Alexander Lakernik (RUS), Patricia St. Peter (USA) Béatrice Pfister (SUI), Michael Geistlinger (AUT) and Fredi Schmid (SUI).

7. Approval of the Agenda

The President referred to ISU Communication No. 2156, Agenda of the 57th Ordinary Congress, Seville 2018 and to ISU Communication No. 2160, Urgent Matters.

The Congress accepted the Agenda as per ISU Communication No. 2156.

The President indicated that the Council had reviewed all 21 Urgent Proposals included in ISU Communication No. 2160 and proposed to accept all Urgent Proposals to be included in the Congress Agenda.

Boris Chait (Israel) proposed that Urgent Proposal No. 5 not be accepted for inclusion in the Congress Agenda. Debra Armstrong (Canada Figure) proposed that Urgent Proposal No. 6 not be accepted for inclusion in the Congress Agenda.

Fredi Schmid noted that in accordance with Article 30, paragraph 5 of the ISU Constitution, a four-fifths majority was required in order for a proposal to be accepted on the Agenda.

Urgent Proposal No. 5 was **rejected** for inclusion in the Congress Agenda through an electronic vote with 63 votes in favor, 39 votes against and 15 abstentions.

Urgent Proposal No. 6 was **rejected** for inclusion in the Congress Agenda through an electronic vote with 66 votes in favor, 33 votes against and 16 abstentions.

8. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Congress

The Minutes of the 56th Ordinary Congress, held in Dubrovnic from June 6 to June 10, 2016 were approved unanimously.

9. Biennial report by the President

The President made the following report:

‘Dear Delegates, ISU Honorary Members, Office Holders and Staff, Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is always very special and inspiring to see so many skating nations in one room. People of different generations and cultures. However, the passion for ice skating unites us all. I think we all believe that ice skating is the most beautiful and exciting sport in the world!

As ISU, we want to promote and develop our beloved sport worldwide across all levels and disciplines – Figure Skating, Speed Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, and Synchronized Skating. In this regard, over the past two years, we have worked hard to make significant progress. We started many new initiatives and projects. Although it does take some time to see the benefits of everything, we can be proud of the achieved results in such a short time.

When I say ‘we’, I mean the entire ISU family. It is really teamwork. Therefore, I wish to express my deepest gratitude for the tremendous efforts of all of you. The ISU Members, ISU Office Holders, Staff, Skaters, Coaches and Officials. I am also pleased with the close cooperation with our commercial partners, the IOC and other International Winter Sports Federations.

I would like to summarize the most significant developments and milestones over the past two years. The ISU Vice Presidents will report on the specifics of each discipline during the branch meetings.

Development

The ISU has the fundamental role of supporting its Members and developing ice skating worldwide. After the 2016 elections, our first milestone was to establish a Development Commission and a new and result-oriented Development Program. The Program aims to increase the quantity and quality of Skaters, Coaches and Officials worldwide and to increase the number of ISU Members able to develop Skaters who are competitive at ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games.

Several projects have seen the light of day through the new Program. Each project is checked for its value, rationale and cost-effectiveness. While continuing to support traditional successful projects and competitions, we are focusing on new areas and extending our global reach. New initiatives include:

- Creating an ISU international education program for skating Coaches
- Travelling top Coaches who help to improve the coaching level in countries
- Implementing e-learning for Members, Officials and Coaches
- Establishing ISU Centres of Excellence
- Supporting the post-competitive careers of Skaters
- Encouraging and assisting ISU Members to participate in development activities

The Development Commission Chair will further describe the Development policy and achievements.

Marketing & promotion

Our shared mission is that we continue to captivate the current generation and new generations with ice skating. A key question we all need to think about is: how can we further increase the experience for fans in the stadium, on TV and online? The collaboration with Members and commercial partners is vital in this respect. The main developments over the past two years are as follows.

- A new fan-centric digital strategy. We are creating more content for fans and showcasing the Skaters and their stories. The content is published on the new ISU website and social media channels.

In Dubrovnik, I promised I would go the extra mile to have new commercial agreements. I can assure you, I literally went the extra mile to speak with companies. In the area of TV rights and advertising agreements, the revenues and concluded agreements confirmed a stable situation. The conclusion of sponsorship agreements is becoming more difficult with an increasingly competitive market.

- TV rights agreements. We extended the contracts with TV Asahi, Fuji TV and Icenetwork. Other agreements are still ongoing. We also strengthened the cooperation with the Olympic Channel to create new content and reach wider demographics.
- Marketing & advertising agreements. In Figure Skating, we extended the contract with IMG. In Speed Skating and Short Track, we decided on new partners with the objective to strengthen the marketing of events. We reached an agreement with House of Sports for the ISU Speed Skating Events. We did not yet finalize a deal with a new partner for Short Track.
- Title Sponsorship. We did not find a new Speed Skating Title Sponsor yet. However, there are some leads in the pipeline. In Short Track, we signed a Title Sponsor agreement with Audi for the World Cup Season 2017/18. Negotiations are ongoing to continue this partnership over several seasons.

I consider further progress in the field of marketing & promotion as one of the top priorities in the next years. For example, we need to continue working on the attractiveness of the calendar and event formats, event presentation and the collaboration with Members/event organizers.

Good Governance

The ISU has established a good reputation and is committed to demonstrating the highest standards of responsible business. Following an independent governance assessment of the International Federations in 2017, the ISU has the second best moderated score of the Winter Federations. We are at the top-end of the middle group in comparison with the Summer Federations. An indicated area for improvement includes environmental and social responsibility policy and measures.

We have focused on the following items.

- Implementing recommendations to improve sustainability at the ISU Events, the Secretariat and other ISU activities
- Establishing the ISU Athletes Commission
- Collaborating with Special Olympics
- Improving the collaboration between ISU bodies
- Maintaining fair competitions and protect vital principles, such as integrity, safety and honesty.

Exceptional Events

In the light of the McLaren and Schmid reports, the Olympic movement, including the ISU, has faced very complicated matters. The ISU firmly maintains its position that the protection of clean athletes and the fight against doping are of the highest priority. We have worked on updated regulations, prevention and education. An example is the ISU Pure as Ice Program.

The ISU continues to face two ongoing, complex and costly legal cases. The Pechstein case and the decision of the European Union Commission regarding the ISU eligibility rules. The Legal Advisors will report about these cases in more detail later this Congress.

2018 Olympic Winter Games

A very memorable event in the past two years, was, of course, the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in the Republic of Korea. The best Skaters lived their dream and inspired many children and adults around the world with their performances and stories. Furthermore, the Games showed the power of sport and how it can build bridges in society. Together with the IOC and Organizing Committee, the ISU has worked extremely hard to ensure successful Olympics.

We can be satisfied and proud that we had very exciting and well-attended competitions in all ISU disciplines. We just received the IOC report with collected data. It provides an analysis covering all relevant areas to assess the popularity of a sport during the Games. Indicators are related to television, digital media, general public, spectators, and press. The report shows the scores of our sport and disciplines and makes a comparison with the scores of the other winter sports. I am pleased to say that all our disciplines scored really well in all areas. I would like to give two examples.

1. Viewer hours TV (worldwide). This indicator takes into account both program duration and audience level. For example, a two-hour skating program with an audience of four million would get eight million hours viewed. At the sports level, ice skating achieves the highest score of all seven winter sports. If you look at the 15 disciplines at the Games, Figure Skating has the highest score. Speed Skating and Short Track are also at the top end.

2. Favorite sports among youth (worldwide). At the sports level, ice skating achieves the highest score of all winter sports on this indicator with a 7,18. At the discipline level, Figure Skating has the highest score and also Speed Skating and Short Track are at the top end compared to disciplines in other winter sports.

Financial Status

In the years 2016 and 2017, the ISU had a better than expected profit. In total, CHF 8.7 million. This profit will be 're-invested' during the budget period 2018-2020 and will justify the budget losses to satisfy the ever-increasing needs of funding ISU activities. The new budget includes increases in development support, the Prize Money for athletes, and in the area of PR/Marketing/Event Presentation with 'indirect' contributions to ISU Events. The ISU Treasurer and Director General will report on the financial situation in more detail at this Congress.

Conclusion

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

before I conclude, I would like to refer to one other special event. In 2017, we all celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the ISU. In July 1892, the first ISU Congress was held. Ice skating has come a long way since then. The ISU is in good shape, but there are several challenges ahead. We must continue to further innovate in order to be also successful in the future.

Let us act in this spirit during this 57th ISU Congress.

Let us move forward together.

Thank you very much!

10. Biennial report by the Development Commission Coordinator

The Development Commission Chair Coordinator, Susanna Rahkamo, presented the Biennial report by the Coordinator of the Development Commission commenting the following charts:



Objectives of ISU Development

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- To **increase the numbers and improve the quality** of Skaters, Coaches, and Officials engaged in competitive international Figure Skating and Speed Skating.
- To **increase the number of ISU Members** able to develop Skaters who are competitive at the international level, both at the highest level and at the level of qualifying for ISU Events and ISU disciplines at the Olympic Winter Games.
- **Communication 2052**



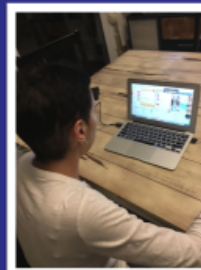
ISU Development Commission

- The Team
 - Susanna Rahkamo, Finland, Chair
 - Tatsuro Matsumura, Japan
 - Jildou Gemser, Netherlands
- Start of the new Commission , October 2016
- Constant contact
- Meetings mostly virtually
- Co-operation with other committees and Sport Directors

Conferences with Member Federations

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- Rotterdam, Short Track World Championships 2017
- Helsinki, Figure Skating World Championships 2017
- **Outcome:**
 - **Biggest need: Coaches' education**
- **Solutions:**
 - **Coaches education is in focus and priority**
 - Because coaches change skaters' lives
 - **Online learning**
 - Digitalizing the way of working and stimulate coaches to use technological possibilities.
- Gain better global reach and balance
 - Every member can apply for a project or take part in projects.



Development Program

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COUNCIL PROJECTS 2016 - Total CHF 3'227'717

Junior Grand Prix

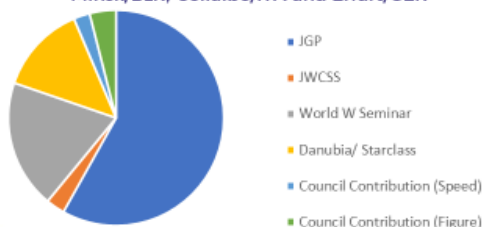
Council support CHF 1'859'756

Skaters from 63 ISU Members competed in St. Gervais/FRA, Ostrava/CZE, Yokohama/JPN, Saransk/RUS, Ljubljana/SLO, Tallinn/EST, Dresden/GER. Final in Marseille/FRA

ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating

Council support CHF 90'342

Skaters from 25 ISU Members competed in Minsk/BLR, Collalbo/ITA and Erfurt/GER



Worldwide Seminars (Figure Skating)

Council support CHF 617'424

2 Pair seminars (Berlin, Sochi), 3 Ice Dance Seminars (Oberstdorf, Seoul), 1 SyS Seminar (Vierumäki)

Danubia/StarClassST Series

Council support CHF 426'526

13 competitions held throughout Europe

Development Trophies 2016

Council Contribution (Speed) CHF 77'768

Council Contribution (Figure) CHF 126'850

COUNCIL PROJECTS 2017 - Total CHF 3'241'509



- JGP
- JWCSS
- World W Seminar
- Danubia/Starclass

Junior Grand Prix

Council support CHF 2'151'969

Skaters from 62 ISU Members competed in Brisbane/AUS, Salzburg/AUT, Riga/LAT, Minsk/BLR, Zagreb/CRO, Gdansk/POL, Egna/ITA. 1 SyS Seminar (Vierumäki) Final in Nagoya/JPN

Worldwide Seminars (Figure Skating)

Council support CHF 594'446

2 Pair seminars (Berlin, Sochi), 3 Ice Dance Seminars (Oberstdorf, Seoul), 1 SyS Seminar (Vierumäki)

ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating

Council support CHF 161'681

Skaters from 30 ISU Members competed in Inzell/GER and Salt Lake City/USA

Danubia/StarClass ST Series

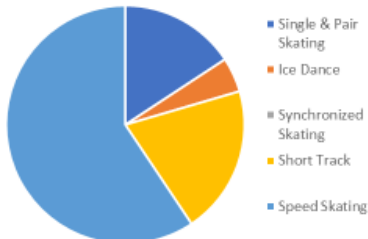
Council support CHF 333'106

13 competitions held throughout Europe

Members' Development Projects 2016 -2017

Total CHF 1'269'359

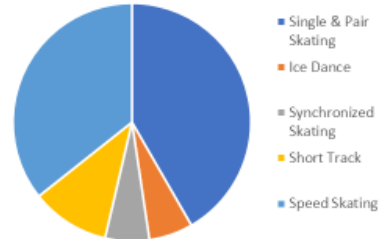
- Single & Pair Skating CHF 200'040
- Ice Dance CHF 59'800
- Synchronized Skating CHF 0
- Short Track CHF 255'758
- Speed Skating CHF 753'761



2016

Total CHF 1'257'975

- Single & Pair Skating CHF 524'215
- Ice Dance CHF 75'150
- Synchronized Skating CHF 75'420
- Short Track CHF 134'320
- Speed Skating CHF 448'870



2017

Impacted the World

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Example projects

- Competitions in combination with coaches' education.
- Geographical expansion: Asia, Oceania, South America

Transition program: Inline skaters to speed skating Erin Jackson in four months to qualify to Olympics



Example projects

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- Level 2 program for coaches' education
- Combining resources
- Mentoring

- Webinars
- Live streaming





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Streamed 2 months ago



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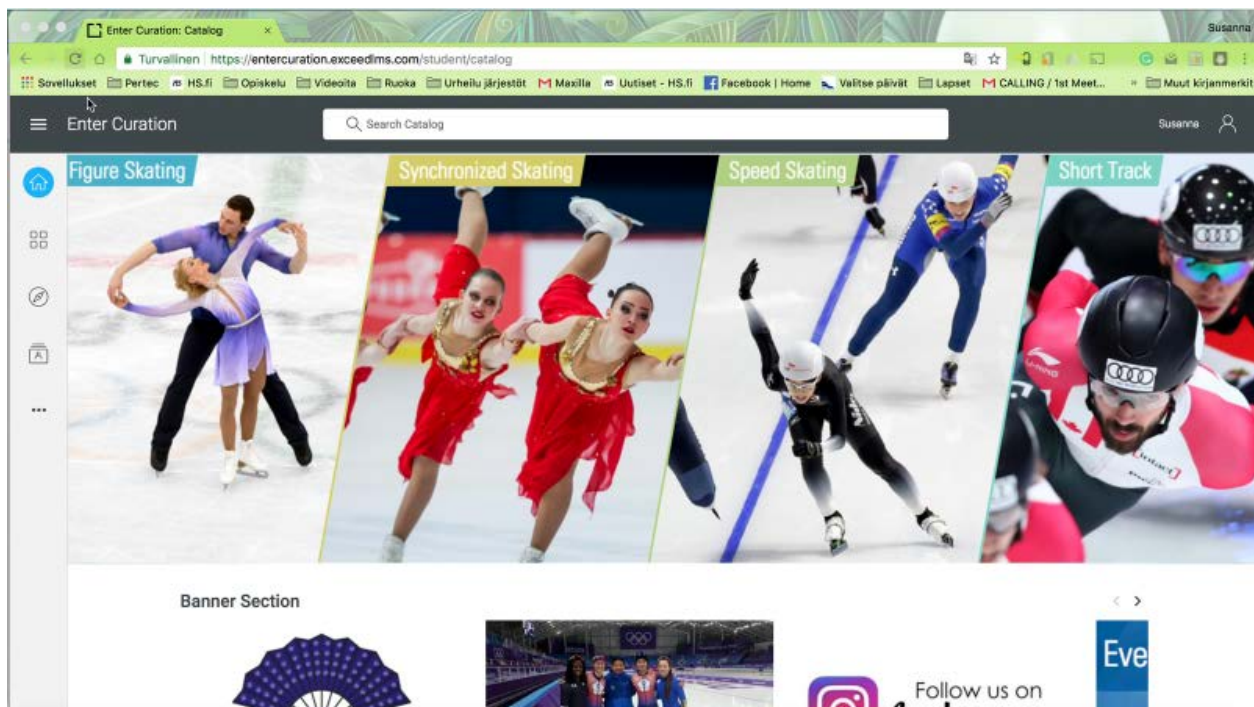
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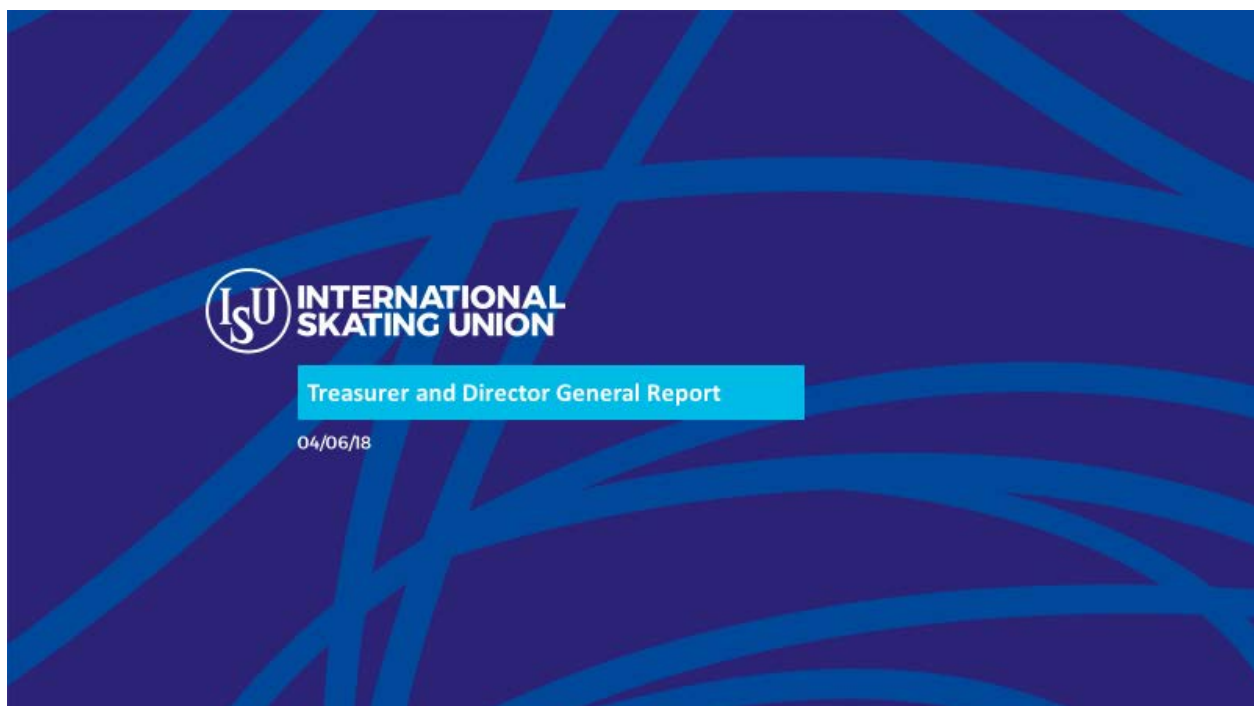
Coming up

- Education online
 - E-learning platform
 - Hiring an e-learning coordinator
- Structuring coaches' education
- Travelling Coaches Pilot



11. Report by the Treasurer/Director General

The Treasurer, Uli Linder presented the first part of the Treasurer/Director General Report by commenting the following charts summarizing the ISU's Financial Statements for the calendar years 2016 and 2017. He pointed out that the presentation was a summary only and that the details may be found in the ISU Financial Statements that had been distributed to the ISU Members. These Financial Statements were to be approved under Agenda item No. 15.





FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016 - 2017 BUDGET 2018 - 2020 SUMMARY

**This Presentation is a Summary only
For details please refer to**
- the Financial Reports 2016 & 2017
and
- the ISU Budget Proposal 2018-2020



SWISS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The structure of the financial statements is in line with the Swiss Accounting Standards and remains the same as the structure introduced in 2016, in particular but not limited to the following:

- **In the Income Statements, the Financial Incomes and Expenses are reported separately from the Operating Result.**
- **Inclusion of an "Annual Report" including six mandatory topics**
- **Inclusion of a Cash Flow Statement**
- **Presence at the Congress of the auditor (Mr. Grégoire Weber)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OPERATING INCOMES

in Million CHF

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
TV/media	17.0	19.8
Advertising	7.3	7.6
Various	0.7	0.5
Olympic Winter Games	9.0	9.0
TOTAL	34.0	37.0

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTRIBUTIONS & PRIZE MONEY TO ISU CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER ISU & VARIOUS EVENTS

in Million CHF

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Championships	11.1	10.7
Other ISU Events	3.7	3.5
Total Contributions	14.8	14.2
PRIZE MONEY:		
Championships	2.2	2.0
Other ISU & Various Events	2.6	2.6
Total Prize Money	4.8	4.6
TOTAL	19.6	18.8

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

in Million CHF

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Development Projects	1.8	1.6
Council Projects	3.2	3.2
Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating		
Junior World Cup Speed Skating		
Short Track series (Danubia/Star Class)		
World-wide Figure Skating Seminars		
E-learning		
Centers of Excellence		
Contributions	2.7	2.8
TOTAL	7.7	7.7

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES ISU OFFICE BUILDING ISU SECRETARIAT

in Million CHF

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Other Operating Expenses (Congress, Office Holders meeting, travel & other expenses, anti-doping etc.)	6.2	6.9
Office building	0.2	0.2
ISU Secretariat	2.6	3.0
TOTAL	9.0	10.1

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OPERATING RESULT

in Million CHF

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Operating Incomes	34.0	37.0
Operating Expenses	-36.2	-36.6
OPERATING RESULT	-2.2	0.4

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINANCIAL INCOMES/EXPENSES

in Million CHF

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Financial Income	6.9	5.9
Financial Expenses	-1.1	-1.1
TOTAL	5.8	4.8

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROFIT OF THE YEAR

in Million CHF

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016&2017</u>
OPERATING RESULT	-2.2	0.4	
FINANCIAL INCOMES & EXPENSES	5.8	4.8	
OTHER ITMES	-0.2	0.2	
PROFIT OF THE YEAR	3.4	5.4	
PROFIT 2016 & 2017			8.8

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EQUITY

in Million CHF

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
EQUITY	255.0	258.3	263.8



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ?

DISCHARGE OF THE COUNCIL TO BE TAKEN
UNDER AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

Fredi Schmid continued the presentation with explanations relating to the proposed ISU Budget 2016-2018 based on the following charts:



BUDGET 2018 - 2020 BUDGETING PRINCIPLES & CONSIDERATIONS

BETTER THAN EXPECTED INCOMES FOR 2016 & 2017 AND
EXISTING RESERVES ALLOW & JUSTIFY BUDGETED LOSSES FOR
2018-2020

IN CASE OF UNEXPECTED ANNUAL PROFITS, EACH YEAR
PROFIT TO BE REINVESTED THE FOLLOWING YEAR AT THE
DISCRETION OF THE COUNCIL IN FORM OF ISU
CONTRIBUTIONS TO ISU MEMBERS AND/OR PRIZE MONEY
AND/OR THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



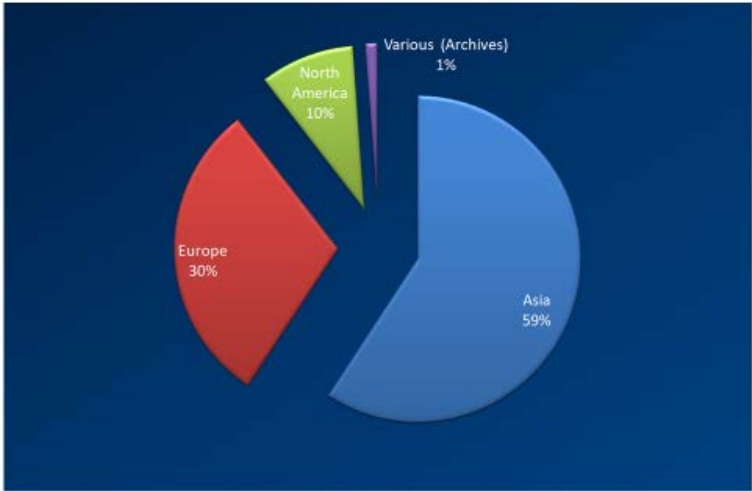
BUDGET 2018 - 2020 OPERATING INCOMES

in Million CHF

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
TV	16.9	19.8	17.8
Advertising	6.3	7.4	7.4
Other	0.2	0.2	0.2
Olympic Winter Games	9.0	9.0	9.0
TOTAL	32.4	36.4	34.4



BUDGET 2018 - 2020 TV/MEDIA RIGHTS FEE INCOME BY REGION



BUDGET 2018 - 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS & PRIZE MONEY TO ISU CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER ISU & VARIOUS EVENTS

in Million CHF	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS:			
Championships	11.9	12.5	12.3
Other ISU Events	4.3	4.8	4.8
Total Contributions	16.2	17.3	17.1
PRIZE MONEY:			
Championships	1.9	2.3	2.3
Other ISU Events	3.0	3.2	3.2
Council discretion	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total Prize Money	5.1	5.7	5.7
TOTAL	21.3	23.0	22.8

BUDGET 2018 - 2020 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

in Million CHF	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Development Projects	2.3	1.8	1.5
Council Projects	3.8	3.9	3.5
Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating			
Junior World Cup Speed Skating			
Short Track series			
World-wide Figure Skating Seminars			
E-learning			
Centers of Excellence			
Contributions	3.0	3.0	3.1
US\$ 25'000 per ISU Member/Branch			
TOTAL	9.1	8.7	8.1

**BUDGET 2018 - 2020
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES
ISU OFFICE BUILDING
ISU SECRETARIAT**

in Million CHF

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Other Operating Expenses (Congress, Office Holders meeting, travel & other expenses, anti-doping etc.)	9.3	6.4	7.0
Office Building Lausanne	0.2	0.2	0.1
ISU Secretariat	3.4	3.5	3.6
TOTAL	12.9	10.1	10.7

**BUDGET 2018 - 2020
OPERATING RESULT**

in Million CHF

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating Incomes	32.4	36.4	34.3
Operating Expenses	43.3	41.8	41.7
OPERATING RESULT	-10.9	-5.4	-7.3



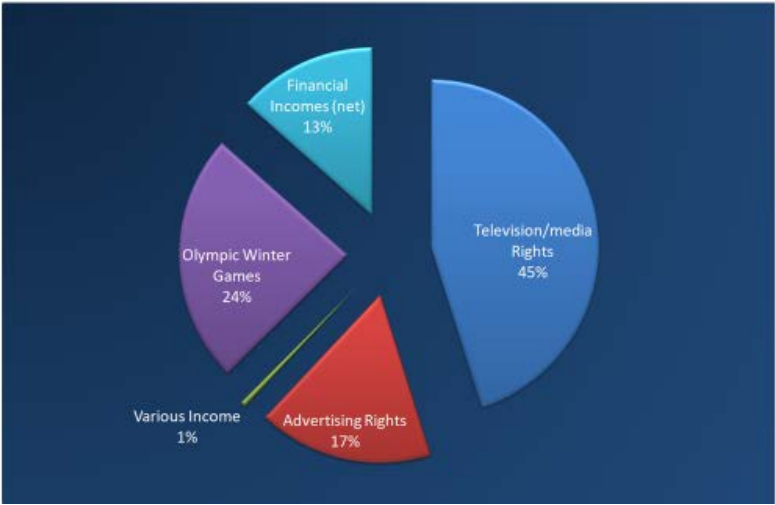
BUDGET 2018 - 2020 FINANCIAL INCOMES/EXPENSES

in Million CHF

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Financial Income	6.1	6.4	6.4
Financial Expenses	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1
TOTAL	5.0	5.3	5.3



BUDGET 2018 - 2020 INCOMES BY CATEGORY





BUDGET 2018 - 2020 PROFIT/LOSS OF THE YEAR

in Million CHF	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2018- 2020</u>
OPERATING RESULT	-10.9	-5.5	-7.4	-23.7
FINANCIAL INCOMES/ EXPENSES	5.0	5.3	5.3	15.6
LOSS	-5.9	-0.2	-2.1	-8.2



BUDGET 2018 - 2020 Q & A - DECISION

CONCLUSIONS

**ARTICLE 30, PARA 21 OF ISU CONSTITUTION
CONGRESS = DECIDES ON PRINCIPLES
COUNCIL = DECIDES ON DETAILS**

Fredi Schmid made the following remarks:

'Article 30, paragraph 21 of the ISU Constitution states:

The Congress has the decision-making power regarding any matter but shall normally execute that power by deciding upon principals and directions for developing the sport and shall give to the Council, the Director General and the Sports Directors, with the assistance of the Technical Committees and the Medical Commission the power to decide upon details.

This principle has been respected by the ISU bodies and has served the ISU well. Just talking about the period of time I have personally witnessed since 1996, the ISU has dramatically expanded its activity, including the organization and/or financial assistance to over 45 Events per season, a Development Program annually funding projects of CHF 8 million, an efficient Anti-Doping Program, substantial support to ISU Members for Officials' education as well as a solid media and PR presence.

Furthermore, in 1996 the ISU's equity, or fortune, amounted to CHF 27 million. Today, the ISU's equity amounts to CHF 263 million and provides annual financial net incomes of about CHF 5 million. The ladies and gentlemen sitting in the front rows, our Honorary Members, can be proud to have left us this legacy and we must be grateful for their wisdom and hard work.

This fortune and stability can however also create an illusion of *invulnerability*, creating excessive optimism and leading to so-called 'group thinking' where members of a group try to minimize conflict and reach a consensus decision without *critical evaluation* of alternative viewpoints by actively suppressing dissenting viewpoints, and most importantly, by isolating themselves from outside influences.

One prominent example of this happened in a country known for high-quality management, safety, punctuality and reliability: Switzerland. The airline Swissair was the best example of those virtues and from 1946 through to the late 1980s Swissair's management decisions demonstrated a very cautious approach to risk and as such Swissair won numerous "Best Airline" awards and earned a good credit rating, thanks to continued good financial results which saw the company being labelled the "Flying Bank".

In the late 1990s, the euphoric Swissair management, was showing clear 'group thinking' symptoms and - burdened by over-expansion, coupled with external factors such as the crash of Swissair flight 111 in 1998 and the economic downturn following the September 11 2001 terrorist attacks - Swissair's assets dramatically lost value, grounding the already-troubled airline on October 2, 2001. The airline was kept alive under the new name of Swiss International Airlines by the Swiss Federal government thanks to tax payer money. On March 22, 2005 Swiss International Airlines was purchased in its entirety by Lufthansa.

This example shows how fast an apparently solid financial situation can change and end up in disaster. The ISU doesn't have ambitions to be called the Skating Bank but, mindful of some signs of invulnerability and increasing reliance on the ISU's financial resources, we should remain vigilant to avoid similar troubles as Swissair.

For full details Fredi Schmid referred to the Budget document that had been distributed to the ISU Members and which would be voted upon under agenda item No. 20.

12. Report by the Legal Advisors

Legal Advisors Béatrice Pfister and Michael Geistlinger presented the following report:

'Dear Mr. President, members of the Council, Honorary Members, Delegates, Office Holders, Ladies and Gentlemen

When delivering our last report two years ago, we were hoping for legally more quiet times ahead. But our hopes did not come true, quite to the contrary: The two past years have continued to produce a remarkable increase of legal challenges for our federation which lead to an at times almost unmanageable workload. This concerns our purely advisory activities as well as our involvement in litigation. We were frequently consulted by the Council, the Director General, the Technical Committees, the Sports Directors and the Medical Commission on a great variety of issues reaching from questions related to the ISU Statutes, commercial and employment contracts, the relationship between the ISU and the IOC, to the renewal and registration of ISU trademarks. We were also part of several working groups of the Council.

1. ISU Statutes

Our work related to the ISU Statutes included lawyers' routine business as well as tricky matters. We were asked for guidance and advice on the correct interpretation and application of specific ISU provisions, in particular regarding membership issues, clearance certificates, conflict of interest situations and certain sporting rules. Given the complexity of the ISU Rules which have grown over decades during which they have been modified numerous times, this is not always an easy task. But we believe that in our close cooperation with the responsible individuals and ISU bodies we have always been able to find more or less satisfactory solutions. Unfortunately the same cannot be said with respect to litigation involving the ISU Statutes. I will get back to this in a few minutes.

As to the ISU Statutes themselves we were involved in drafting the revision of the ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, the ISU Code of Ethics, other legally relevant ISU Communications and the preparation of the Council's and Technical Committees' proposals to this Congress.

Under the addition to Article 30 of the Constitution accepted in 2016 the Technical Committees are required to submit their proposals to the Legal Advisors for preliminary review by November 15 preceding the Congress. We are pleased to report that from our point of view this provision worked well and proved very helpful. We are well aware that at times inputs from lawyers are felt to make life more difficult than it already is, but in the long run it certainly pays out to put proposals for rule changes in a legally sound shape from the outset rather than to struggle with them at a later stage. This can, not always but often, also help to prevent unnecessary and unpleasant legal controversies. We take the opportunity to thank the Technical Committees, especially their Chairs, for their dedication and supportive and fruitful cooperation.

2. Contracts

Apart from the ISU Statutes there were also certain contractual matters to deal with. On one hand we advised on the handling of existing agreements, and on the other were asked to review draft contracts of various kinds, including employment and freelancer agreements, software licensing and accommodation contracts for the OWG.

3. Litigation

The reporting period was not only a busy one for the Legal Advisors, but also for the ISU Disciplinary Commission.

a) Doping Cases

First, we had to file four Statements of Complaint to the DC for violations of the ISU Anti-Doping Rules. Three of them involved relatively minor and one of them very serious violations. You will hear the details in the report of the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission. Just let us mention that the one serious case was also the most difficult one. The respective allegation of an Anti-Doping Rule violation was based on the Athlete Biological Passport, i.e. on indirect evidence, which, by its very nature, is a legally delicate matter. In the case at hand the ISU DC did not consider the anomalies in the athlete's ABP to be sufficient evidence for an Anti-Doping Rule violation and dismissed our case. While the ISU upon careful consideration decided to defer to the assessment of the DC and not to further pursue the case, WADA did file an Appeal against the decision with CAS where the matter is still pending.

For the first time in its history the ISU appealed against a decision on an Anti-Doping Rule violation rendered by the hearing body of one of its Members. The Russian Speed Skating Federation, following a decision of RUSADA, had imposed a suspension of only three months on a national level skater who had tested positive at the occasion of the national short track championships, following the application of Rinofluimucil for treating her sinusitis. RUSADA considered that the skater had no significant fault or negligence with which we could not agree with. Within the framework of the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC) and the ISU Anti-Doping Rules the ISU is responsible towards WADA to assure that the Anti-Doping Rules are correctly applied throughout its sports, also on the national level. This encompasses surveillance of the treatment of Anti-Doping Rule violations by the hearing bodies of the ISU Members within their jurisdiction. Failure to meet this responsibility would render the ISU non-compliant under the World Anti-Doping Code. Because the finding of no significant fault or negligence in the said Russian case was in sharp contrast to similar cases which had been decided by the ISU DC and the 3 months suspension disproportionately low we felt urged to appeal against the RUSADA and Russian Speed Skating decisions to CAS. CAS followed our main arguments, set aside the challenged decisions and imposed a suspension of 20 months instead.

The by far biggest challenge in the area of doping we faced over the past two years was the follow up of the allegations of Russian state run doping and manipulations of the doping control process during the Sochi OWG brought forward by the former director of the Moscow WADA accredited anti-doping laboratory. Based on his information WADA mandated Prof. McLaren to conduct respective investigations as Independent Person. In his final report published in December 2016 Mc Laren confirmed the existence of systematic doping and identified athletes who might have benefited from the manipulation of doping controls during the Sochi OWG. Following this report the IOC established two commissions. While the Schmid Commission was given the task to further investigate on the alleged doping system in Russia, the duty of the Oswald commission was to serve as the IOC Disciplinary Commission and to conduct the disciplinary proceedings for alleged Anti-Doping Rule violations against individual Russian athletes which the IOC had initiated based on the McLaren report. After months of silence things became very hectic last fall when the Oswald commission on very short notice held oral hearings against 43 athletes, among them four speed skaters. The ISU was invited to attend the hearings involving those skaters which took place on November 6, 2017. While in our view the hearings did not produce any reliable evidence for individual anti-doping rule violations whatsoever the Oswald Commission concluded differently; it found all four skaters to have committed Anti-Doping Rule violations and immediately suspended them from all future Olympic Winter Games, just like 36 athletes from other sports. The operative parts of the first two verdicts against skaters were issued 3 weeks after the hearings. This created a very difficult situation for the ISU. On one hand, there was the IOC which expected the International Federations to follow suit and to suspend the athletes provisionally at once, i.e. before the proceedings before their own Anti-Doping Hearing Bodies would take place. On the other hand, there were our serious legal concerns on the verdicts of the Oswald Commission, above all, the lack of any reliable evidence for individual Anti-Doping Rule violations, which were shared by some legal advisors of other IFs. In other words: the ISU was torn between its desire to show loyalty to the IOC and its legal and moral duty to adhere to the fundamental principles of law and to protect its athletes from injustice. It is the duty and privilege of lawyers to focus solely on the rule of law and to assess legal matters without regard neither to political considerations nor to the public opinion. Given our firm conviction that there was simply no valid evidence of any Anti-Doping Rule violation in the cases of the four speed skaters and based on our duty to adhere to the rules of deontology of our profession we advised the Council not to impose provisional suspensions and to re-analyze the situation once the full, reasoned decisions of the Oswald Commission would be available. The first such full decision was delivered on December 22; we studied it carefully, but did not see anything which would have destroyed our concerns regarding the lack of evidence and we could still not find any solid basis for filing Statements of Complaint against the four speed skaters with the ISU Disciplinary Commission. We are grateful to the Council for having followed our advice and were satisfied that the decision neither to provisionally suspend nor to bring the concerned skaters before the ISU Disciplinary Commission proved justified in the beginning of 2018. Except for one bobsledder all other 39 athletes who had been found to have committed Anti-Doping Rule violations by the Oswald Commission appealed with CAS. CAS held its hearings during the last week of January and rendered the operative part of its decisions on February 1st, just a few days before the beginning of the 2018 OWG. In 28 cases, including the ones of the 4 skaters, CAS fully upheld the appeals and set aside the decisions of the IOC Disciplinary Commission; in 11 cases it partially did so.

Much to our regret the CAS decisions did not open the doors for the skaters to participate in the PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games. The IOC decided to admit only specifically selected athletes from Russia and for reasons still unknown to us, the four skaters were not among the invited ones. Yet, we have to accept that the final decision as to who may participate at Olympic Games is not for the ISU but for the IOC to take.

Two full CAS model decisions, one concerning a cross-country skier, whose appeal was fully granted, and the other regarding a bobsledder, whose appeal was partly granted, were published in April. Thereupon the IOC filed appeals with the Swiss Federal Court; the respective proceedings are pending. Yet, according to the Swiss Code of International Private Law the review of the Federal Court, apart from violations of the public order, is limited to procedural questions. Reading the full decisions of CAS it is hard to see any ground on which the IOC appeals could be upheld. The future will tell. But regardless of the outcome of these appeals, all in all the handling of the Sochi doping matter is certainly not a moment of glory in the IOC's history.

b) Other Disciplinary Matters

Since the last Congress we unfortunately had to file an unusually high number of seven Statements of Complaint to the Disciplinary Commission for other disciplinary offences, i.e. violations of the ISU Code of Ethics. It is worrisome that 5 of them involved misconduct and the violation of the official's duties of Figure Skating judges and referees, in two instances through judging with obvious national bias. Maintenance of its high ethical standards is and must be a primary concern for the ISU. Apart from assuring fair competitions and fair results, this is also about safeguarding the reputation of the ISU within the skating family, the world of sports and the public at large. As in all sports where the athletes' performance cannot be measured by clocks, meters or the number of hit goals, Officials are the Achilles' heel of Figure Skating which needs to be nursed with utmost care.

The two other cases are not less serious. We are sad to report that we had to accuse the former ISU Development Coordinator and a former office holder of the Hungarian National Skating Federation for having seriously defrauded the ISU through deceptive and illegal business practices. This has not only caused total loss of trust in the individuals concerned but also substantial financial damage, which the ISU will of course try to recover.

The details of all the cases about violations of the ISU Code of Ethics will also be reported by the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission.

As to the ISU Code of Ethics one important point remains to be mentioned:

Two years ago we informed that a speed skater had appealed to CAS against a one year suspension imposed on him by the DC for bodily violence against a coach at the occasion of an ISU World Cup Event at Inzell. Due to injury the skater did not compete but was present as a team attendant. The altercation did not happen at the ice rink but during the night, on a parking lot. Due to its own administration of evidence CAS in its decision of 29 September 2016 reduced the sanction to 6 months of suspension. However, what is more important for the ISU as a matter of principle is the following: CAS refrained from defining the scope of application of the ISU Code. But it held the fact that the presence of the skater in Inzell was related to an ISU Event to be sufficient to consider his offense to have been committed during participation in an ISU activity. Therefore CAS confirmed that the skater was subject to the ISU Code of Ethics and the jurisdiction of the ISU Disciplinary Commission. The important message to the athletes thus is: your responsibility to adhere to the Code of Ethics is not limited to your behavior while competing and/or being at an ice rink but reaches well beyond.

c) Litigation before State Courts and other Public Authorities

- Pechstein

No report of the Legal Advisors would ever seem complete without the Pechstein case whose origins go back 9 years. Based on anomalies in her long term blood profile the DC suspended the German speed skater for an Anti-Doping Rule violation for two years. Those of you who were present in Dubrovnik might remember that we were pleased to inform that the Deutsche Bundesgerichtshof, in its decision rendered during the ongoing last Congress, had overturned the ruling of the Oberlandesgericht München and rejected Ms Pechstein's damage claim against the ISU. One would have wished this to put to a final rest the Pechstein case, but it did not: The skater appealed to the German Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht), where the case is still pending. However, time being this latest appeal does not burden us much. Since the ISU is not a party in the respective proceedings and the appeal is actually directed against the Bundesgerichtshof we do not have to and cannot do more than to lay back, await the award and hope for the German Constitutional Court to uphold the challenged decision. – While the outcome of a court case is never certain there is one thing we can assure you of: you will hear the name Pechstein again in our report to the Phuket Congress.

- Ice Derby

The last part of our report is the most unpleasant and disappointing one. It is about the case the ISU has with the EU Commission. As we reported two years ago, a Complaint was brought against the ISU, on the face by two Dutch speed skaters, but in reality initiated by a Korean betting company, claiming that the ISU Eligibility Rules violate EU competition law by restraining competition in the area of organizing speed skating events. This case has been keeping us extremely busy since the last Congress and, much to our regret, is continuing to do so. The Commission and its case team, whose motivation seems to be more political than legal, has during the entire

reporting period been overwhelming us with numerous requests for additional information and answers to a panoply of questions, thereby raising new issues all the time. While the Commission usually took weeks or months to react to our submissions it constantly set unreasonably short deadlines of often between one and three days for the ISU to answer its requests, and showed a more than inconvenient preference for setting such deadlines on Friday late afternoons, right before Christmas, New Year and Easter. But in our efforts to reach an agreement with the Commission through the so called commitments process we faithfully fulfilled all requests, again and again proved the ISU's willingness to cooperate and to offer compromises where ever possible, thereby going close to the "red line". Yet, all these efforts were in vain: On December 8, 2017, the EU Commission, as sort of a premature Christmas gift, rendered its decision, holding that the ISU Eligibility Rules violate EU competition law and have been doing so since 1998, when the ISU Congress adopted redrafted eligibility rules. The decision shows, if any at all, little understanding for the role, the particularities and the functioning of sports and the respective International Federations by treating the ISU more or like as an ordinary commercial enterprise whose aim is nothing but maximizing its financial profits. In particular, the EU Commission failed to acknowledge the role of the IFs in the development of sports, the importance of having universally valid rules of the game applied worldwide, the need for uniform application of sporting rules through CAS, the fact that there is hardly any market for the organization of speed skating competitions because most of them cannot generate any profit but rather need to be subsidized and last but not least the immense risks betting activities poses to the integrity of sports competitions.

After careful analysis of the decision we concluded that it is not only highly detrimental to the ISU but suffers from substantial legal flaws. Therefore we recommended the Council to appeal it, despite knowing that to prevail in a competition case before the European Courts is definitely not a piece of cake. The Council followed this recommendation and the appeal was filed to the European General Court on February 22, 2018, during the PyeongChang OWG, by one of the most experienced and renowned Brussels competition lawyers whom the ISU retained specifically for the appeals procedure. Of course, the appeal is still pending and will probably remain so for quite some time.

There was one positive aspect in the truly disappointing decision of the EU Commission - which let us doubt whether in all the 3 years during the procedure the Commission actually had dealt and negotiated in good faith. This positive point is that the Commission did not impose any fine upon the ISU for what it considers past wrong. Yet, even this "gift" was somewhat poisoned in that the decision set a deadline of 90 days for the ISU to implement measures that bring the alleged infringement of EU competition law to an effective end. In case of missing this "grace period" the ISU would have to pay a fine of 5% of the ISU's daily turnover of the previous business year. At first sight this threat might look manageable by - pending the outcome of the appeal - simply complying with the terms of the Commission's decision. But in fact this is not so easy. The problem is that the decision does not specify what remedies the Commission requests in order to put to an end to what it considers an illegal situation. This left us no choice than to enter into still further negotiations with the Commission in the so called remedies process. And once more, as had to be expected from our previous experience, these negotiations were more than difficult. While we felt that the case team had treated us and the ISU with little respect during the failed commitment process, it now even increased its pressure on the ISU in a rather doubttable manner. Being well aware of the precarious situation in which the ISU would be if no agreement on the remedies can be reached, the Commission tried to impose on us more and more restrictions related to the ISU eligibility rules which included even topics which were clearly out of the subject matters of the decision of December 8, 2017. We fought this with all available means and arguments. We were partly successful, but in the end we still had to agree to certain further compromises which we actually consider as questionable and risky. But balancing these risks against the one of being imposed fines in amount which could sooner or later even endanger the very existence of the ISU we had not much of a choice. The result of all this are a heavily modified ISU Communication on Open International competitions and the proposals of the Council to this Congress related to Rule 102. We are afraid to say that with respect to these proposals this Congress does not have much choice either, because to reject them would actually mean to put the ISU in jeopardy. Time being all we can do is hope for a positive outcome of the appeal which then would allow to modify the relevant ISU Rules again, undoing those changes which need now to be implemented under the pressure of the EU Commission's threatened penalty, despite having negative effects on the well-functioning and the fulfillment of the objectives and the mission of the ISU.

We definitely hope to have better news from the EU front in our report to the 2020 Congress.

The President invited the Delegates to put questions, but no questions were asked.

13. Questions and objections and Appeals, if any against decisions of the Council, the Director General, the Sports Directors, the Sport Manager Figure Skating and Technical Committees during the period since the last Congress, not otherwise acted upon by the Disciplinary Commission including approval of ISU Communications requiring continued validity in line with Article 27, paragraph 3

Communications requiring continued validity:

The relevant Communications are listed below. Communications informing about Decisions of the ISU Disciplinary Commission and/or the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS), are not listed but remain valid. The Communications "Decisions of the Council" including routine decisions such as allotments of ISU Events, ISU Membership issues, Appointments, World Record homologations and other information/statistics are not listed but remain valid.

If any decision taken at the 2018 Congress would result in any of the below mentioned Communications to become obsolete or incomplete, such Communication would have to be updated as soon as possible after the 2018 Congress.

Proposed Communications requiring continued validity:

No. 1265	Cut Resistant Clothing in Short Track Speed Skating
No. 1540	Figure Skating - Use of papers/documents by Figure Skating Judges during competitions
No. 1776	Guidelines for Short Track Speed Skating Regional Courses and Seminars for Officials
No. 1898	Evaluation of Officials Performance in Short Track Speed Skating
No. 1922	ISU Anti-Doping Rules
No. 1954	Initiatives and measures for the promotion of Short Track Speed Skating
No. 2001	ISU Disciplinary Commission – Rules of Procedure
No. 2024	Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance & Synchronized Skating – Guidelines for International Novice Competitions
No. 2026	ISU Samples Long-Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy
No. 2028	Personalized helmets and dedicated numbers for Short Track Speed Skating
No. 2030	Rule 109, Citizenship/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure
No. 2034	Figure Skating Music Rules 343 and 823 (valid until amendment of Rules after 2018 ISU Congress)
No. 2035	Rules of Procedure for Officials Assessment Commission – Evaluation of Judging – Assessments for the Figure Skating Branch
No. 2038	Mass start races at ISU Speed Skating Events: Safety Measures and Racing Rules
No. 2043	ISU Athletes Commission Elections
No. 2049	On Ice Medical Emergencies in Figure Skating Protocol
No. 2052	ISU Development Program
No. 2055	Uniform/Racing Suits/Clothing
No. 2071	Obligations of Members
No. 2096	Officials' remuneration for ISU Figure Skating Events
No. 2098	Rules of Procedure for Officials Assessment Commission, Evaluation of Judging, Assessments for the Figure Skating Branch
No. 2099	List of Officials Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating (<i>valid until issuing of new Communication in August 2018</i>)
No. 2104	ISU Code of Ethics
No. 2105	Status of Skaters subject to a period of ineligibility following an Anti-Doping Rule violation
No. 2111/ 2120/2137	List of Officials Figure Skating - (<i>valid until issuing of new Communication in August 2018</i>)
No. 2117	ISU Anti-Doping Procedures
No. 2128	Short Track Rinkboard Padding
No. 2148	Ice Dance – Requirements for Technical Rules season 2018/19
No. 2151	ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating Season 2018/19

Other Communications published after the issuing of the Congress Agenda and as indicated by Fredi Schmid, namely Communications

No. 2152	Well balanced program content 2018/19 for Synchronized Skating
No. 2153	Results ISU Championships 2018
No. 2154	Ice Dance Seminar Torun 2018
No. 2155	ISU Development Program - Traveling ISU Coach Initiative
No. 2156	ISU Congress 2018 Agenda
No. 2157	Decision of the ISU Disciplinary Commission re Da Woon Sin
No. 2158	Short Track Speed Skating Starters Course Oberstdorf
No. 2159	Synchronized Skating – Difficulty Groups of Elements & Additional Features
No. 2160	ISU Congress 2018 Urgent Matters
No. 2161	Announcement of International Competitions Figure Skating Branch season 2018/19
No. 2162	Decision of the ISU Disciplinary Commission re György Sallak
No. 2163	Decision of the ISU Disciplinary Commission re István Darázs
No. 2164	Ice Dance – Requirement for Technical Rules
No. 2165	Short Track Speed Skating – Helmet numbers for season 2018/19
No. 2166	Decision Court of Arbitration for Sport re Alexandra Malkova
No. 2167	Ice Dance Scales of Value season 2018/19
No. 2168	Single & Pair Skating Scale of Values, Levels of Difficulty and Guidelines Grade of Execution season 2018/19
No. 2169	Survey Centers of Excellence
No. 2170	Synchronized Skating Abbreviation of Elements and Additional Features – Scale of Values
No. 2171	Open International Competitions

Ted Morris (USA Speed) questioned the flag requirements in Communication No. 1954.

Hugo Herrnhof said this was an ongoing issue with USA Speed relating to what had otherwise been a very successful requirement.

Tron Espeli remarked that this agenda item related to the validity of ISU Communications, not their content and that failing to confirm the validity of Communication No. 1954 would mean its other provisions would also be invalid. In addition, the Communication would soon be replaced by an updated version.

The Congress **accepted** the listed and verbally indicated Communications as having continued validity.

14. Report of the decisions of the Disciplinary Commission during the period since the last Congress

Volker Waldeck, Chair of the Disciplinary Commission, made the following report:

Dear Mr. President, dear Council members, dear Delegates,

1. In 2015 and 2016 our Commission members Egbert Schmid and Fred Benjamin passed away. At the Congress 2016 in Dubrovnik one candidate for the speed skating branch was elected, Mr. Albert Hazelhoff from the Netherlands. The remaining position for the speed skating branch was filled by Mr. Jean-François Monette from Canada by appointment of the ISU Council in September 2016. Since then the Disciplinary Commission has been filled as provided in Article 25 of the Constitution with two members experienced in figure skating, two members from the speedskating branch and the chair.

2. Since 2016 we have decided 14 cases in total, 8 from the figure skating branch, 2 from speed skating and 4 from short track. The decisions in 2 further cases are about to be rendered shortly.

3. Case 2016-01, ISU vs. Whitmore

In this case our decision was issued prior to the Congress 2016. We had decided that the Defendant violated the ISU Code of Ethics by committing a malicious bodily injury. A suspension of one year from participation in all ISU activities was imposed on the Defendant. The Defendant appealed against the decision of the Disciplinary Commission at the Court of Arbitration for Sports. The case there was still pending during the Congress and was finished by the CAS in September 2016. CAS followed our decision regarding the jurisdiction and the violation of the Code of Ethics. CAS only reduced the sanction from a one year's suspension to a suspension of 6 months.

4. Case 2016-02, KNSB vs. Gijtenbeek

A Dutch figure skater entered the Sarajevo Open 2016 Senior Men's competition without being appointed by his Member Federation KNSB. The organizer allowed him to skate "out of competition" and his start was approved by the Referee. The Dutch Federation complained that International Competitions may be entered only by competitors who belong to a Member and for whom the entry can only be made through the respective Member. We had decided the case prior to the Congress 2016 by reprimanding the skater. Neither the skater nor KNSB appealed against the decision.

5. Case 2016-03, ISU vs. Ye Lim KIM

The Alleged Offender was a 13-year-old member of Korea Skating Union who competed in the Ladies event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating. She was selected for Anti-Doping testing after completion of the Ladies event but neither the Doping Control Officer nor the chaperone could find her at the ice rink. Later, she could finally be notified of her Doping Control selection. The results of the test were negative. But it was not one of the usual cases of a missed doping control test. The skater was 13 years old and the question for us was whether the Anti-doping rules also apply to minors. We found that the ISU Anti-Doping Rules do not specifically deal with the issue of age. The question in this case was, who is responsible for the violation of the Anti-doping Rules, the underage skater or the parents or the coach or the team leader? We decided that the qualification of an athlete as a minor is not a circumstance that could exempt them from being subject to the anti-doping regulations that other participants in the competition are bound by. However, considering her very young age, her lack of experience in Anti-Doping matters at ISU Events and the fact that it was her first violation, we found that a reprimand was the adequate sanction.

6. Case 2017-01, ISU vs. Gorojdanov

In this case Mr. Gorojdanov officiated as referee in a pair skating competition in Bratislava. During the Pairs Free Skating Program Judge No. 1 and Judge No. 2 started an enduring talk during and after the performance of the British couple. Their conversation disturbed not only the neighbouring Judge No. 3 but also the following Judges No. 4 to 6. The referee did not prohibit the discussion but instead joined in the conversation and started another conversation with judge No. 7. At the concluding round table discussion, 4 judges complained about the talking during the competition and asked the referee to record the event in his report. But the referee ignored their request. Mr. Gorojdanov violated the duties of a referee as he did not prohibit the talking during the competition, instead he joined in the discussion and even ignored this event in both the round table discussion and in his report. He was suspended as judge and referee for 6 months.

7. Case 2017-02 ISU vs. Babenko

8. Case 2017-03 ISU vs. Krauziene

These two cases relate to the case Gorojdanov. Mr. Babenko was judge No. 1 and Ms. Krauziene judge No. 2 at the pairs event in Bratislava, where they talked loudly on the judges stands and disturbed the other judges. We reprimanded Ms. Krauziene for violating the duties of judges. But Mr. Babenko had already been suspended for three years in 1999 for communicating about the placement of skaters with another judge during the World Championships pairs event. We

therefore suspended Mr. Babenko for his behaviour in Bratislava for six months, also taking into account his previous sanction.

9. Case 2017-05, Gorojdanov vs. Prins

This case is also related to the case Gorojdanov. Mr. Prins was the Technical Controller of the pairs event in Bratislava. Mr. Gorojdanov filed a complaint against Mr. Prins and accused him of having violated his duties as a Technical Controller by not reporting and referring the complaint by the four judges about the behaviour of Judges No. 1 and 2 directly to Mr Gorojdanov, as the Referee of the event. Mr. Gorojdanov accused Mr. Prins of having exceeded his official duties as a Technical Controller and taking on part of the Referee's duty by telling other Judges what to do instead of directing them immediately to the Referee. We found that the four judges had no better choice available to them other than to seek advice from Mr. Prins who recommended raising the issue at the round table discussion. Mr. Prins had not violated his duties as Technical Controller. Thus, we dismissed the complaint.

10. Case 2017-04 ISU vs. Park

Ms. Park participated at the ISU World Cup Speed Skating in Harbin, China, in November 2016. She was tested in-competition after she had finished the Ladies Mass Start. The National Anti-Doping Laboratory Beijing reported the adverse analytical finding for clenbuterol. Upon question by the ISU, the laboratory also confirmed that it was likely that this concentration of clenbuterol came from food contamination. The Korea Skating Union together with Ms. Park filed a letter with the ISU where they mentioned that there have been many cases of meat contamination reported from China and that the ISU was aware of this. They advised that Ms. Park only ate meals in the official competition hotel during the Harbin World Cup and confirmed that she had never consumed any doping related medicine or used other methods. The ISU was willing to accept the explanation given by the Skater and her federation that the Prohibited Substance results came from food contamination. The ISU could not find any fault or negligence by Ms. Park. But due to the fact that an anti-doping rule violation had been committed in connection with an In-Competition-test, Article 9 of the ISU Anti-Doping Rules apply, which automatically leads to disqualification of the result obtained in that Competition with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

11. Case 2017-06 N.N.

This case concerned a complaint by the ISU following an adverse result in the Defendant's biological passport. Following Article 8 of the ISU Anti-doping rules, a skater has the right to have their name and details suppressed when a complaint is dismissed. Therefore, in this report we will only make very general comments.

The Defendant showed unusual ratios of reticulocytes and haemoglobin in their blood profile. These ratios occurred in samples taken around the time of several competitions. The inference was that these results were due to the effects of blood doping with EPO.

The Defendant requested an oral hearing. Expert evidence was heard from WADA, ISU and from experts called for the Defendant. The Defendant raised the possibility of an innocent explanation for the unusual blood profiling results and maintained that no attempted use or use of a prohibited substance or method had taken place. They denied a violation and sought to rebut the ISU complaint with evidence of a unique situation.

All parties agreed that two of the blood results were atypical and required explanation. What was in dispute was whether there was an underlying unique cause for the results that could offer an explanation alternative to EPO stimulation.

Having heard all the evidence, our panel found that the Defendant had raised a reasonable defence on the balance of probabilities. Therefore, we dismissed the complaint.

The ISU has declined to appeal this decision. However, WADA has appealed against the decision of the Disciplinary Commission to the Court of Arbitration for Sports. Therefore, the case is still pending.

12. Case 2017-07 ISU vs. Gorojdanov

Mr. Gorojdanov served as a judge on the Ice Dance panels for the Junior category in Free Dance and for the Senior category in Short Dance at the 2017 Golden Spin Competition in Zagreb. While officiating on the judges' panel he looked at the screens of his neighbouring judges on the right and the left sides after putting in his own marks. These actions were witnessed by the referees of the Ice Dance event and of the Men's event, who were sitting behind the judges stand and recorded the incident on video.

Immediately after the Statement of Complaint was filed with Mr. Gorojdanov he sent a letter to the ISU President and ISU Vice President Figure Skating and asked to be removed from the list of Referees and Judges. He confirmed that he would not ask for a re-instatement as judge or referee within at least three years. In these circumstances, the Disciplinary Commission terminated the proceedings against Mr. Gorojdanov without sanction, because a final decision would not have exceeded a suspension of three years.

13. Case 2018-01 ISU vs. Esen

Ms. Esen served as judge at the Free Ice Dance panel at the 2017 Golden Spin Competition in Zagreb. The referee of the Ice Dance event reported, that Ms. Esen had brought a folder to the judges stands, which contained a list of the competitors who had entered the Ice Dance competition. Behind the names of the competitors Ms. Esen had written marks for components, allegedly during the practise sessions, probably based on the ISU World Ranking List.

It was contested whether Ms. Esen has used these previously prepared marks while judging. The referee had not noticed the paper with handwritten marks on her desk beside the Judges Marking Sheets during the competition. But we found that Ms. Esen had violated the rule that judges must base their marks and decisions only on the current performance and must not be influenced by past performances. Therefore, we suspended Ms. Esen for six months in her function as Judge.

14. Case 2018-03 Isu vs. Sallak

15. Case 2018-04 ISU vs. Darázs

These two cases are based on the same incident. Mr. Sallak was appointed as ISU Development Coordinator until June 2016. Mr. Sallak hired Mr. Darázs as project manager and coordinator for organizing a Short Track Speed Skating development camp in Budapest in January 2016. Mr. Darázs was at that time employed as Short Track and Speed Skating Director of the Hungarian National Skating Federation (HNSF). On April 2015 the Hungarian National Skating Federation represented by Mr. Darázs submitted its application to organize the development camp in Budapest. The application contained a budget of CHF 121,000 and requested an ISU contribution of CHF 108,000. During a meeting in Amsterdam on May 2015 Mr. Sallak in his function as ISU Development Coordinator recommended to the ISU Sports Director Speed Skating and to the Vice President Speed Skating that they approve the event and the budget. Relying on the expertise, experience, knowledge of the Hungarian market and due diligence of Mr. Sallak, Vice President Dijkema approved the project in good faith. 80% of the ISU contribution, i.e. CHF 86'720.-- was paid upon Mr. Sallak's instructions, the remaining 20% was supposed to be paid upon completion of the development camp. After the Budapest training camp was concluded, in February 2016, Mr. Sallak approved Mr. Darázs' final report, including a financial report and a summary of the allegedly total costs spent in the amount of CHF 132'362.--, together with the request to have the not yet paid part of the ISU contribution transferred to the Hungarian Federation as soon as possible. The ISU noticed that in the final report accommodation costs had been reported as medical camp duty costs and vice versa which raised its suspicion. Therefore, ISU started an internal review of the training camp and the alleged costs related thereto. Based on these findings ISU decided to have an audit of the development project 16-01 performed and engaged Deloitte for the purpose of reviewing respective transactions. Based on the findings of the Deloitte report, the unsupported and potentially inflated costs amounted to CHF 51,000. Mr. Sallak was responsible for numerous irregularities related to ISU development project 16-01. He approved, on behalf of the ISU, a totally non-transparent and completely false, fabricated budget. In particular he failed to inform the ISU that the Hungarian Federation would outsource the event organization to Mr. Darázs and his family related company, despite the obvious conflict of interest. At the same time the budget approved by him was based on grossly "overestimated" items, in particular ice rental fees, medical services and accommodation. Neither Mr. Sallak nor Mr. Darázs have contested the allegations. They have only challenged the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Commission. We have excluded for life both Mr. Sallak and Mr. Darázs from all ISU activities and sentenced them jointly to reimburse the costs of the audit and proceedings which amounts to 74.000 CHF. It was not within the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Commission to prosecute the elements of fraud or embezzlement or to claim for the civil damages that Mr. Sallak and Mr. Darázs have caused.

16. Case 2018-05 ISU vs. SIN

Mr. SIN is a short track skater from South-Korea. He belonged to the ISU Registered Testing Pool (RTP). He committed three Anti-Doping whereabouts -failures within 12 months. Thus, Mr. SIN had violated Article 2 of the ISU Anti-Doping Rules. According to Article 10 of the ISU Anti-Doping Rules, the period of Ineligibility shall be two years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one year, depending on the Skater's degree of Fault. We have taken into consideration that Mr. SIN was as a person in military service under military rule with restricted availability. He was included in the ISU Registered Testing Pool for the first time, he was inexperienced in handling the ADAMS system and the failures had been committed at an early stage of use of the system. Therefore, we decided to reduce the period of ineligibility to one year.

17. As you can see on the overview there are two cases left to decide, case No. 2 and No. 6 2018. Our Commission will deliberate these cases in Sevilla and we are going to render the decisions after the Congress in due time.

Thank you for your attention.'

The Disciplinary Commission report was accepted by the Congress with no further comments.

15. Report by the Auditors with respect to the financial administration of the ISU since the last Congress, the approval thereof and the discharge of the Council, Director General, Treasurer, Sports Directors and the Sport Manager Figure Skating with respect thereto

Fredi Schmid referred to the power point presentation made by the Treasurer under Agenda item 11 and to the following Reports of the ISU Statutory Auditor, BDO, for the years 2016 and 2017 that had been sent to the ISU Members before the Congress.



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**Report of the statutory auditor
on the financial statements for the year 2016**

(for year ended December 31, 2016)

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REPORT OF THE STATUTORY AUDITOR

To the Congress of the International Skating Union, Lausanne

Report of the Statutory Auditor on the Financial Statements

As statutory auditor, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of International Skating Union, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2016, and the income statement, cash flow statement and notes for the year then ended.

Council's Responsibility

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Swiss law and the Association's Constitution and General Regulations. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Council is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 comply with Swiss law and the Association's Constitution and General Regulations.

Report on Other Legal Requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 728 CO) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.

In accordance with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of financial statements according to the instructions of the Council.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Lausanne, May 18, 2017

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Licensed Audit Expert



Jean-Marc Jenny
Licensed Audit Expert
Auditor in Charge

Enclosures

Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 (balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement and notes)

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION, LAUSANNE**BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	31.12.2016	31.12.2015
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash	17 858.38	14 562.31
Post / Bank - current accounts	14 317 658.11	13 105 264.81
Short Term Deposit	8 129 208.50	2 596 728.00
Other debtors	23 803.51	436 365.98
Current Accounts ISU Members & Officers	1 141 850.00	1 329 450.00
Prepaid expenses/rights fees to be cashed/accrued interest	3 262 195.12	4 676 214.94
Total Current Assets	26 892 573.62	22 158 586.04
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>		
Financial Assets		
Bonds Credit Suisse/Banque Cantonale Vaudoise/UBS	261 760 935.73	271 531 976.58
Total Financial Assets	261 760 935.73	271 531 976.58
<u>Property and Equipment</u>		
ISU Offices House Schöneck, Davos	1.00	1.00
ISU library	1.00	1.00
ISU Villa Olivier, Lausanne	5 225 000.00	5 325 000.00
Total Property and Equipment	5 225 002.00	5 325 002.00
Total Non-Current Assets	266 985 937.73	276 856 978.58
TOTAL ASSETS	293 878 511.35	299 015 564.62
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>		
<u>Short Term Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payables	1 395 836.03	873 048.41
Accrued expenses	3 735 972.68	3 856 380.14
Deferred income	9 038 259.00	18 076 518.00
Other short term liabilities	298 935.70	1 356 024.95
ISU C-Contributions 2012-2016	5 073 617.49	3 859 346.81
Total Short Term Liabilities	19 542 620.90	28 021 318.31
<u>Long Term Liabilities</u>		
Provisions and reserves		
Legal provision	7 000 000.00	7 000 000.00
Reserve for currency exchange loss on bonds	8 000 000.00	8 000 000.00
Reserve for currency exchange loss on other financial positions	1 000 000.00	1 000 000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	16 000 000.00	16 000 000.00
<u>Equity</u>		
Voluntary retained earnings	254 994 246.31	241 601 284.27
Profit for the year	3 341 644.14	13 392 962.04
Total Equity	258 335 890.45	254 994 246.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	293 878 511.35	299 015 564.62

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION, LAUSANNE
INCOME STATEMENT JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>OPERATING INCOMES</u>		
TV Incomes ISU Events (net)	15 323 223.30	19 996 330.00
Advertising Incomes ISU Events (net)	6 629 840.00	5 619 030.00
Adjustment currency exchange rates budget vs actual	2 352 712.66	1 941 875.06
Various Incomes	370 410.39	685 964.04
Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Revenue	337 947.76	0.00
Total Incomes/Revenues (except OWG)	25 014 134.11	28 243 199.10
Olympic Winter Games (OWG) Revenue cashed	0.00	12 326 400.00
Adjustment OWG revenues to Olympic Cycle from deferred income	9 038 259.00	-3 288 141.00
OWG Revenue allocation for the year	9 038 259.00	9 038 259.00
TOTAL OPERATING INCOMES	34 052 393.11	37 281 458.10
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
<u>ISU Events - direct & indirect contributions to ISU Event organizers & participants</u>		
Contributions to ISU Championships	10 464 848.76	10 393 488.91
Contributions to other ISU Events	3 474 691.32	3 323 119.46
Prize Money ISU Championships	2 040 250.00	2 136 500.00
Prize Money other ISU Events	2 446 900.00	2 313 820.00
Adjustment currency exchange rates budget vs actual	1 167 719.05	931 439.20
Total ISU Events	19 594 409.13	19 098 367.57
<u>ISU Development Program</u>		
Development Program Projects	1 644 231.12	1 501 221.74
Administration / Development Commission Office Expenses	143 692.00	163 000.00
Council projects	3 227 716.97	2 447 826.19
C-Contributions to ISU Members 2016	3 077 500.00	1 971 442.47
Release expired C-Contributions 2011/suspended Members	-401 935.91	-570 788.37
Total ISU Development Program	7 691 204.18	5 512 702.03
<u>ISU Other Operating Expenses</u>		
Congress Expenses	553 196.79	974.50
Committee meetings	320 073.16	382 291.89
Council and other meetings	253 602.44	260 060.35
Office Holders / Event Coord. / Ext. Consulting remuneration/Secr. Allow.	829 668.79	849 934.19
Office Holders Travel / Meetings / Various expenses	1 364 780.35	839 665.98
Printed Matters	33 691.94	10 046.99
General Doping Control (expenses at events not included)	353 227.77	319 637.53
Special Services (Legal and Insurance)	981 595.93	677 597.22
Production videos, Books, CDs	88 941.38	45 638.32
Video Replay System & ISU Judging System maintenance	62 332.85	109 509.25
Courses/Seminars/Examinations	477 875.19	349 752.89
Media/PR/Statistics/Website	731 472.17	691 962.24
Other expenses	143 901.22	88 308.80
Total ISU Other Operating Expenses	6 194 359.98	4 625 380.15
TOTAL Operating Expenses	33 479 973.29	29 236 449.75
OPERATING RESULT	572 419.82	8 045 008.35

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION, LAUSANNE
INCOME STATEMENT JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>ISU new office, Av. Juste-Olivier 17</u>		
Office transformation and improvements	12 423.34	865 738.17
Depreciation	100 000.00	50 000.00
Condominium Expenses	118 563.70	36 328.70
Allocation to the condominium Renovation Fund	0.00	98 000.00
Total ISU new office, Av. Juste-Olivier 17	230 987.04	1 050 066.87
<u>ISU Secretariat Expenses</u>		
Salaries & Benefits	2 298 795.86	2 097 252.92
General Costs (Electricity, cleaning, recruitment, subscriptions, various)	144 393.82	153 556.22
Office Material & furniture	20 989.80	15 048.93
IT equipment	80 428.31	64 024.63
Postage, Fax, Telephone	18 490.50	13 768.80
Office Insurance	2 656.05	3 927.60
Office Rent Lausanne	3 000.00	50 586.00
Total ISU Secretariat Expenses	2 568 754.34	2 398 165.10
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	36 279 714.67	32 684 681.72
OPERATING RESULT	-2 227 321.56	4 596 776.38
FINANCIAL INCOMES AND EXPENSES		
Investment interest incomes	6 597 982.52	6 823 161.97
Financial expenses (bank expenses and bonds sales/purchases costs)	-1 116 643.44	-1 040 910.81
Realized capital gains on bonds	478 311.85	900 579.30
Realized capital losses on bonds	-1 615 309.79	-402 267.87
Realized currency exchange gains	1 964 395.19	663 105.53
Realized currency exchange losses	-556 753.17	-339 964.96
Total Financial Incomes and Expenses	5 751 983.16	6 603 703.16
OTHER ITEMS		
Interests income previous year	39 400.06	2 210 098.70
Extraordinary charges	-198 201.52	0.00
Total Other items	-158 801.46	2 210 098.70
TAXES/PROVISION FOR TAXES	-24 216.00	-17 616.20
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	3 341 644.14	13 392 962.04

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION, LAUSANNE

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

2016 2015

	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
Profit for the year :	3 341 644.14	13 392 962.04
Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	100 000.00	50 000.00
Non monetary adjustment on Juste-Olivier previous year investment	-	24 303.80
Current assets - decrease / (increase) :		
Short term deposit	-5 532 480.50	682 522.00
Other debtors	412 562.47	-403 249.83
Current account ISU Members & Officers	187 600.00	138 450.00
Prepaid expenses	1 414 019.82	8 427 223.20
Short term liabilities - increase / (decrease)		
Accounts payables	522 787.62	773 048.41
Accrued expenses	-120 407.46	-305 856.62
Deferred income	-9 038 259.00	-11 288 259.00
Other short-term liabilities	-1 057 089.25	-547 337.97
ISU C-Contributions	1 214 270.68	-81 182.38
Cash flow from operating activities	-8 555 351.48	10 862 623.65
Investments in Financial assets	9 771 040.85	-8 501 735.39
Other cash flows from investing activities	-	178 200.00
Cash flow from investment activities	9 771 040.85	-8 323 535.39
NET CASH FLOW IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT	1 215 689.37	2 539 088.26
Cash and cash equivalents on January 1st	13 119 827.12	10 580 738.86
Cash and cash equivalents on December 31st	14 335 516.49	13 119 827.12
NET CASH FLOW IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT	1 215 689.37	2 539 088.26

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

GENERAL

The International Skating Union (herein called the "ISU"), founded in 1892, is the exclusive international sport federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering Figure Skating and Speed Skating Sports throughout the world. The ISU is composed of the individual national associations (herein called "ISU Members") which administer these Sports at the national level and which recognize that all international matters are under the sole jurisdiction and control of the ISU.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

These financial statements were prepared according to the provisions of the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO 957-962). Where not prescribed by law, the significant accounting and valuation principles applied are described below.

Please note that all numbers are rounded. Some additions might have a difference for +/- 1.

ASSETS

The Assets are composed as follows:

	31.12.2016		31.12.2015	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Cash / bank	14'335'516	5	13'119'827	4
Short Term Deposit	8'129'209	3	2'596'728	1
Current Accounts ISU Members & Officers	1'141'850	0	1'329'450	0
Other debtors/Prepaid expenses/Rights fees to be cash/accrued interest	3'285'999	1	5'112'581	2
<u>Long Term Investments</u>				
Bonds	261'760'936	89	271'531'977	91
Properties	5'225'002	2	5'325'002	2
Total Assets	<u>293'878'511</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>299'015'565</u>	<u>100</u>

The balances of the bank current accounts in foreign currencies have been recorded at the exchange rates applied by the tax authorities as of December 31, 2016.

The Current Account ISU Members & Officers are mostly related to payments of ISU Championships contributions to ISU Members for Championships to be held in 2017.

The "other debtors/prepaid expenses/accrued interest" is composed of other debtors/prepaid expenses for 2017 (CHF 1'477'920). In addition, at year-end 2016 accrued interest income on bonds of CHF 1'808'078 (2015 CHF 2'164'801) is included therein.

The book value of the new ISU office property in Lausanne is amounting to CHF 5'225'000 after a second year depreciation of CHF 100'000 (2015 CHF 50'000). The cost of CHF 865'738 of the property transformation and improvements in 2015 have been fully expensed in 2015.

The former ISU offices in Davos as well as the library are presented, in the balance sheet, at the same value than the previous year, i.e. at CHF 1 each.

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The exchange rates of the foreign currencies against the CHF were:

	31.12.2016	31.12.2015	variation %
USD	1.016350	1.001000	1.53
EUR	1.071995	1.087386	-1.42
GBP	1.255853	1.475374	-14.88

The interest rates of the bonds showed the following average changes during 2016:

	variation points	variation %
USD	-0.108	-3.94
EUR	-0.218	-11.31
GBP	-0.677	-26.10
CHF	-0.182	-13.74

Financial Assets Portfolio:

The market value of the Financial Assets Portfolio (bonds and short term fiduciary deposits) has slightly decreased by CHF 2'641'385 during the year 2016. The breakdown by currency, at market value, is as follows:

	31.12.2016		31.12.2015	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
USD	212'716'252	77	211'243'019	76
GBP	2'368'539	1	3'491'620	1
EUR	43'890'304	16	49'193'821	18
CHF	<u>17'775'505</u>	6	<u>15'463'525</u>	6
Market value	276'750'600	100	279'391'985	100
Difference with book value	<u>-6'860'456</u>		<u>-5'263'280</u>	
Bonds/short term investment - book value balance sheet	<u><u>269'890'144</u></u>		<u><u>274'128'705</u></u>	
Short Term deposit	8'129'209		2'596'728	
Long Term bonds	<u>261'760'936</u>		<u>271'531'977</u>	
	<u><u>269'890'144</u></u>		<u><u>274'128'705</u></u>	

The bonds and short term deposits are accounted for and presented in the balance sheet at their acquisition value.

Taking into account this market value of the Financial Asset Portfolio compared to the lower book value, the reserve for currency exchange loss on bonds was left unchanged at CHF 8'000'000 representing about 3 % of the bond portfolio. The reserve for currency exchange loss on other financial positions remained unchanged at CHF 1'000'000.

LIABILITIES

The accounts payables are formed by the current payable accounts with ISU Members and Officers, and others creditors which amount to CHF 1'395'836 as of December 31, 2016.

The accrued expenses as of December 31, 2016 amount to CHF 3'735'973. This amount is composed of expenses for which the invoices have not been received at year-end.

The deferred income has decreased from CHF 18'076'518 in 2015 to CHF 9'038'259 as of December 31, 2016. The incomes from the IOC relating to the Olympic Winter Games (OWG) are usually received by the ISU during the year of the OWG and the balance during the year following the OWG.

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In line with a long standing practice, the OWG revenue is equally allocated throughout the years of the Olympic cycle. Consequently, the income emanating from the Sochi 2014 OWG is equally allocated over the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Other Short term liabilities concern pending VAT payment.

ISU C-Contributions: the provision as of December 31, 2016 for the contributions payable to ISU Members amounts to CHF 5'073'617. CHF 3'077'500 concerns contributions allocated to ISU Members during the year 2016 which are expected to be paid mostly in 2017. The balance refers to allocated contributions during the years 2012-2015 which have not been claimed by the concerned ISU Members and/or for which the concerned ISU Members have not yet provided the required reports. After 5 years, the ISU Members' right to claim pending contributions will expire.

SPECIALS PROVISIONS / RESERVES

Legal Provision:

The provision for expenses related to legal cases as of December 31, 2016 amounts to CHF 7'000'000. This amount was deemed sufficient and remained unchanged compared to 2015.

Reserve for currency exchange loss on bonds & reserve for currency exchange loss on other financial positions:
Please refer to the above section Financial Assets Portfolio.

INCOME STATEMENT ANALYSIS

The Profit for the year 2016 amounts to CHF 3'341'644 which compared to the year 2015 (CHF 13'392'962) represents a decrease of the profit of CHF 10'051'318. In comparison to the 2016 Budget of CHF -1'442'000, the profit represents a positive variance of CHF 4'783'644. Nevertheless, the operating result before financial incomes and expenses, taxes and other items decreased from a profit of CHF 4'596'776 in 2015 to a loss of CHF -2'227'322 in 2016.

The main incomes (Television, Advertising and Olympic Winter Games) as well as certain expenditures (Contributions, Prize Money) are recorded at the currency exchange rates included in the budget which allows a systematic reconciliation between the respective actual incomes/expenditures with the budget. The resulting currency exchange adjustments are reported as separate line items.

The detailed **variances between the 2016 and 2015 Income Statements** are as follows (in Swiss Francs):

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Comments/Explanations of differences between 2016 vs 2015</u>
<u>A. Incomes</u>				
Television ISU Events (net)	15'323'223	19'996'330	-4'673'107	No World Team Trophy income in 2016 lower EBU, CBC and Archive sales income but higher Fuji, Asahi, JSports, Icenetwork and various incomes
Advertising ISU Events (net)	6'629'840	5'619'030	1'010'810	Higher IMG advertising income (+ CHF 1 million) & various small differences (higher Short Track Advertising income, lower Speed Skating advertising Income – no WTT Presenting Sponsor income)
Adjustment currency exchange rates budget vs actual	2'352'713	1'941'875	410'838	
Olympic Winter Games	9'038'259	9'038'259	0	
Various Incomes	708'358	685'964	22'394	
Total Income	34'052'393	37'281'458	-3'229'065	

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B. Expenditures

Contributions to ISU Ch'ships	10'464'849	10'393'489	71'360	Basically in line with 2015
Contributions to other ISU Events	3'474'691	3'323'119	151'572	Basically in line with 2015
Prize Money to ISU Events	4'487'150	4'450'320	36'830	Basically in line with 2015
Adjustment currency exchange rates budget vs actual	1'167'719	931'439	236'280	
<i>Total Contributions to ISU Events</i>	<i>19'594'409</i>	<i>19'098'368</i>	<i>496'042</i>	

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	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Comments/Explanations of differences between 2016 vs 2015</u>
Development projects	1'787'923	1'664'222	123'701	
Council projects	3'227'717	2'447'826	779'891	
Contribution to ISU Members	2'675'564	1'400'654	1'274'910	
<i>Total Development Program</i>	<i>7'691'204</i>	<i>5'512'702</i>	<i>2'178'502</i>	Higher expenses in 2016 thanks to increased budget
Operating Expenses incl.new Office	6'425'347	5'675'447	749'900	Higher expenses in 2016 due to Congress year + Office holders travel/meeting and expenses less decrease costs in new office
ISU Secretariat	2'568'754	2'398'165	170'589	Increased number of staff in 2016
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>36'279'715</i>	<i>32'684'682</i>	<i>3'595'033</i>	
<i>Operating Result</i>	<i>-2'227'322</i>	<i>4'596'776</i>	<i>-6'824'098</i>	
<i>Financial Incomes/Expenses</i>				
Investment interest incomes	6'597'983	6'823'162	-225'179	Lower interest income due to lower interest rates
Financial expenses	-1'116'643	-1'040'911	-75'733	
Realized capital gains on bonds	478'312	900'579	-422'267	
Realized capital losses on bonds	-1'615'310	-402'268	-1'213'042	
Realized currency exchange gain	1'964'395	663'106	1'301'290	
Realized currency exchange loss	-556'753	-339'965	-216'788	
<i>Total Financial Incomes/Expenses</i>	<i>5'751'983</i>	<i>6'603'703</i>	<i>-851'720</i>	
<i>Other Items</i>				
Taxes/Provision Taxes	-24'216	-17'616	-6'600	
Previous year interests income	39'400	2'210'099	-2'170'699	Extraordinary Adjustment in 2015
Previous years, extraordinary charges	-198'202	0	-198'202	Social Security premium adjustment 2011-2015
<i>Total Other Items</i>	<i>-183'017</i>	<i>2'192'483</i>	<i>-2'375'500</i>	
<i>C. Profit for the year</i>	<i>3'341'644</i>	<i>13'392'962</i>	<i>-10'051'318</i>	

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The detailed variances between the 2016 actual figures and Budget are as follows (in Swiss Francs):

	<u>2016</u> <u>Final</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u> <u>Budget vs 2016</u>	<u>Comments/Explanations of differences</u> <u>compared with Budget</u>
<u>A. Operating Incomes</u>				
Television ISU Events (net)	15'323'223	14'950'000	373'223	Basically in line with budget
Advertising ISU Events (net)	6'629'840	6'500'000	129'840	Basically in line with budget
Adjustment currency exchange rates budget vs actual	2'352'713	0	2'352'713	
Olympic Winter Games	9'038'259	9'038'000	259	
Various Incomes	708'358	100'000	608'358	Above Budget mainly due to the YOG Contribution for CHF 337'947 net not budgeted
Total Operating Income	34'052'393	30'588'000	3'464'393	
<u>B. Expenditures</u>				
Contributions to ISU Ch'ships	10'464'849	11'390'000	-925'151	Below Budget due to CHF 650'000 of Championships contribution over-budgeted and budgeted Council discretion not used
Contributions to other ISU Events	3'474'691	4'215'000	-740'309	Below Budget due to World Cup Speed Skating & World Cup Short Track over-budgeted (CHF 0.6 million) & plus other budgets and Council discretion not used
Prize Money to ISU Events	4'487'150	4'520'000	-32'850	Below Budget due to WCSS under-budgeted for CHF 176'000, and Council discretion not used
Adjustment currency exchange rates budget vs actual	1'167'719	0	1'167'719	Currency exchange rate - not budgeted
Total Contributions to ISU Events	19'594'409	20'125'000	-530'591	
Development projects	1'787'923	2'000'000	-212'077	Over-budgeted
Council projects	3'227'717	3'000'000	227'717	Under-budgeted
Contribution to ISU Members	2'675'564	3'000'000	-324'436	Lower than budgeted due to not claimed contributions that expired after 5 years
Total Development Program	7'691'204	8'000'000	-308'796	
General Operating Expenditures	6'425'347	6'320'000	105'347	non significant budget overdraft
ISU Secretariat	2'568'754	2'650'000	-81'246	Over-budgeted
Total Operating Expenses	36'279'715	37'095'000	-815'285	
Operating Result	-2'227'322	-6'507'000	4'279'678	
<u>Financial Incomes/Expenses</u>				
Investment interest incomes	6'597'983	6'075'000	522'983	Above Budget due to conservative budgeting approach
Financial expenses	-1'116'643	-1'000'000	-116'643	slightly under budgeted
Realized capital gains on bonds	478'312	0	478'312	not budgeted
Realized capital losses on bonds	-1'615'310	0	-1'615'310	not budgeted
Realized currency exchange gain	1'964'395	0	1'964'395	not budgeted
Realized currency exchange loss	-556'753	0	-556'753	not budgeted
Total Financial Incomes/Expenses	5'751'983	5'075'000	676'983	

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OTHER INFORMATION

ISU Office Employees

During 2016, the ISU Secretariat employed an average of 11 full time employees and 6 part-time employees (Full-time equivalent of 14.7).

External Audit

ISU accrued CHF 36'200 for the fees of BDO SA related to the audit of the financial statements 2016. Other audit services and audit related fees were charged during the year 2016 by BDO SA for a total amount of CHF 29'236, as well as other non-audit services for CHF 32'543.

Significant events after the balance sheet date

There are no significant events after the balance sheet date which could impact the book value of the assets or liabilities at year-end 2016 or which should be disclosed here.



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ISU Workforce

During 2016, the ISU Secretariat employed an average of 11 full time employees and 6 part time employees (between 40% and 80%). In addition the ISU contracted freelance personnel in the area of Event Coordination, sports technical monitoring and media coverage as follows:

- 1 person as Sports Manager Figure Skating (full time until June 10, 2016)
- 2 persons as Sports Directors Figure Skating (1 full time – 1 part time)
- 1 person as Event Coordinator Figure Skating (full time until June 10, 2016)
- 2 persons as Event Coordinators Figure Skating (part time as of June 11, 2016)
- 1 person as Event Coordinator Short Track and Sports Director Speed Skating (part time)
- 1 person as Event Coordinator Speed Skating (part time)
- 1 person for media services at ISU Figure Skating Events (part time).

The ISU furthermore relies on volunteer based elected and/or appointed Office Holders serving in the ISU Council (13), ISU Technical Committees (30), ISU Appeals Commission (5), Legal Advisors (2), Treasurer (1), Medical Commission (8), Development Commission (1-3).

The 2016 ISU Congress also approved the creation of an Athletes Commission which will start its activity during 2017.

Commercial/economic situation and prospects

As an Olympic Winter Sport Federation, the ISU continues to benefit from world-wide media coverage of its ISU Events and the related revenues emanating from TV rights agreements and sponsorship agreements. In the area of TV rights agreements, the revenues and concluded commercial agreements showed an overall stable situation but with regional diverging developments. While in Europe it becomes increasingly difficult to secure the previous TV rights incomes (especially in France and Russia), the developments in Asia (especially in Japan and China) are positive. The conclusion of sponsorship agreements on the contrary is becoming increasingly difficult with an economic slowdown in many areas in the world as well as an increasingly competitive market place being the main reasons. In this context, the ISU for the time being was unable to replace the previous long standing Speed Skating Title Sponsor with a similarly lucrative agreement.

Thanks to its long standing conservative investment policy, the ISU has achieved to secure substantial reserves in the form of high rated bonds (see the Balance Sheet) that ensure a substantial annual interest income independent from commercial partners' interest.

Because the ISU sport disciplines are an important factor for the success of the Olympic Winter Games, the ISU can also continue to count on significant revenues emanating from the IOC as outlined in the Income Statement.

Risk Evaluation

The main risk factors the ISU is facing can be summarized as follows:

In the commercial area, the ISU is stepping up its marketing and public relation efforts through a variety of channels with a focus on digital media opportunities and Asian markets. Nevertheless, the potentially contracting sponsorship income and locally certain reduced TV rights incomes, constitute a risk for decreasing ISU incomes in the coming years.

At the time of preparing the Annual Report 2016, no indication relating to the income emanating from the IOC and the 2018 Olympic Winter Games has been received. It must be acknowledged that for many editions of the Olympic Winter Games, the revenues in favor of the International Winter Sports Federations, including the ISU, have continuously increased. However, between the Vancouver 2010 and Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, there has been for the first time a reduction of over CHF 6 million of the ISU's share in such revenues. Any continued reduction of such income compared to the Sochi Games would have a negative impact on the ISU Budget to be presented to the 2018 ISU Congress.



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In regard to the implementation and protection of its commercial agreements, the ISU successfully managed a critical transition phase during the season 2016/17 whereas the experienced Figure Skating Event Coordination Team had been replaced by two new young Event Coordinators. This team is supported by Regional Event Coordinator Assistants (RECAs). Mindful of the importance of professionally conducted Events at a high level as the necessary basis for continued support by the ISU's commercial partners, the ISU continues to reinforce the pool of Event Coordinators and RECAs in order to ensure the necessary quality.

In the area of good governance, a variety of negative news related to renowned international sport organizations has shed a negative light on the international sports organizations in general. Without implementing reforms in favor of good governance principles, sustainability and transparency, the ISU's reputation is at risk which ultimately would have detrimental consequences on the ISU's ability to secure commercial agreements and maintain its current activity. The ISU Council, through the appointment of a Working Group, has and will continue to closely monitor this aspect and take the necessary measures if and when appropriate.

Research and Development Activities

The ISU maintains a high profile Development Program and during the second half of 2016 has taken critical steps to enhance the efficiency, transparency and accountability of this program. The 2016 ISU Congress decided to an increased funding of the program to CHF 8 million per year compared to previously CHF 6.2 million per year. The ISU will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by applying adjustments if and when appropriate.

In the area of the development of its sports, the ISU is mindful of the need to attract new audiences and a younger fan base, is pursuing developments of new disciplines and competition formats, with the latest achievement being the inclusion of Speed Skating Mass Start races into the Olympic Program.

The ISU has also gradually increased its efforts and budget in the critical area of Public Relations and Marketing with a focus on digital markets and social media.

Exceptional events

The ISU is facing two ongoing, complicated and costly litigations, namely the Pechstein doping case and the European Union Commission investigation into the ISU eligibility rules. The final outcome of both cases will have an impact not only on the ISU but on the whole Olympic Movement.

While for the financial risk there is a substantial insurance coverage through the ISU's liability insurance, negative outcomes in both cases would negatively impact the governance of International Sport Federations with detrimental financial consequences.

The ISU Legal Advisors in cooperation with outside legal counsel and the Director General is monitoring both cases very closely. For the EU Commission investigation the ISU is also consulting with the IOC and other International Federations.

In addition, both cases result in a substantial workload for the concerned ISU Office Holders and wipe out precious energy for positive projects.

Outlook

In the short and medium term of 3-5 years, the incomes are expected to basically remain stable compared to the 2016 level with the Olympic revenue constituting an important question mark. In the long term there are too many unknown factors in the economic but also sports governance area, meaning no reasonable forecast can be made.

Lausanne, April 28, 2017 ISU Council



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To the Congress of the

International Skating Union

Lausanne

Report of the statutory auditor on the financial statements for the year 2017

(for year ended December 31, 2017)

May 17, 2018
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REPORT OF THE STATUTORY AUDITOR

To the Congress of the International Skating Union, Lausanne

Report of the Statutory Auditor on the Financial Statements

As statutory auditor, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of International Skating Union, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2017, and the income statement, cash flow statement and notes for the year then ended.

Council's Responsibility

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Swiss law and the Association's Constitution and General Regulations. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Council is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 comply with Swiss law and the Association's Constitution and General Regulations.

Report on Other Legal Requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 728 CO) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.

In accordance with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of financial statements according to the instructions of the Council.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Lausanne, May 17, 2018

BDO Ltd



René-Marc Blaser
Licensed Audit Expert



Nigel Le Masurier
Licensed Audit Expert
Auditor in Charge

Enclosures

Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 (balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement and notes)

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BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash	2 254.69	17 858.38
Post / Bank - current accounts	17 868 702.31	14 317 658.11
Short Term Deposit	48 528.70	8 129 208.50
Other debtors	24 226.07	23 803.51
Current Accounts ISU Members & Officers	1 668 800.00	1 141 850.00
Prepaid expenses/rights fees to be cashed/accrued interest	5 547 400.31	3 262 195.12
Total Current Assets	25 159 912.08	26 892 573.62
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>		
<u>Financial Assets</u>		
Bonds Credit Suisse/Banque Cantonale Vaudoise/UBS	259 737 050.50	261 760 935.73
Total Financial Assets	259 737 050.50	261 760 935.73
<u>Property and Equipment</u>		
ISU Offices House Schöneck, Davos	1.00	1.00
ISU library	1.00	1.00
ISU Villa Olivier, Lausanne	5 125 000.00	5 225 000.00
Total Property and Equipment	5 125 002.00	5 225 002.00
Total Non-Current Assets	264 862 052.50	266 985 937.73
TOTAL ASSETS	290 021 964.58	293 878 511.35
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>		
<u>Short Term Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payables	1 625 833.51	1 395 836.03
Accrued expenses	4 392 597.47	3 735 972.68
Deferred income	0.00	9 038 259.00
Other short term liabilities	375 022.08	298 935.70
ISU C-Contributions 2013-2017	3 853 206.61	5 073 617.49
Total Short Term Liabilities	10 246 659.67	19 542 620.90
<u>Long Term Liabilities</u>		
<u>Provisions and reserves</u>		
Legal provision	7 000 000.00	7 000 000.00
Reserve for currency exchange loss on bonds	8 000 000.00	8 000 000.00
Reserve for currency exchange loss on other financial positions	1 000 000.00	1 000 000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	16 000 000.00	16 000 000.00
<u>Equity</u>		
Voluntary retained earnings	258 335 890.45	254 994 246.31
Profit for the year	5 439 414.46	3 341 644.14
Total Equity	263 775 304.91	258 335 890.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	290 021 964.58	293 878 511.35

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INCOME STATEMENT JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016
	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>OPERATING INCOMES</u>		
TV Incomes ISU Events (net)	19 814 844.39	16 965 415.14
Advertising Incomes ISU Events (net)	7 560 080.94	7 340 360.82
Various Incomes	530 875.87	370 410.39
Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Revenue	0.00	337 947.76
Total Incomes/Revenues (except OWG)	27 905 801.20	25 014 134.11
Olympic Winter Games (OWG) Revenue cashed	0.00	0.00
Adjustment OWG revenues to Olympic Cycle from deferred income	9 038 259.00	9 038 259.00
OWG Revenue allocation for the year	9 038 259.00	9 038 259.00
TOTAL OPERATING INCOMES	36 944 060.20	34 052 393.11
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
<u>ISU Events - direct & indirect contributions to ISU Event organizers & participants</u>		
Contributions to ISU Championships	10 700 003.53	11 128 017.41
Contributions to other ISU Events	3 512 815.42	3 694 886.22
Prize Money ISU Championships	1 995 249.32	2 169 542.82
Prize Money other ISU Events	2 573 684.56	2 601 962.67
Total ISU Events	18 781 752.84	19 594 409.13
<u>ISU Development Program</u>		
Development Program Projects	1 398 314.04	1 644 231.12
Administration / Development Commission Office Expenses / Audit	200 954.54	143 692.00
Council projects	3 241 508.66	3 227 716.97
C-Contributions to ISU Members 2017	3 100 000.00	3 077 500.00
Release expired C-Contributions 2013/suspended Members	-290 202.28	-401 935.91
Total ISU Development Program	7 650 574.96	7 691 204.18
<u>ISU Other Operating Expenses</u>		
Conferences expenses	25 048.74	553 196.79
Committee meetings	377 748.43	320 073.16
Council and other meetings	342 861.74	253 602.44
125th anniversary celebrations	484 882.68	0.00
Office Holders / Event Coord. / Ext. Consulting remuneration/Secr.Allow.	1 075 102.10	829 668.79
Office Holders Travel/Meeting/Various Expenses	1 093 178.05	1 364 780.35
Printed Matters	37 978.22	33 691.94
General Doping Control (expenses at events not included)	493 215.88	353 227.77
Special Services (Legal)	494 253.33	508 697.28
Special Services (Insurance)	502 909.53	472 898.65
Production videos, Books, CDs / Digitization Video Archives	290 669.06	88 941.38
Video Replay System & ISU Judging System maintenance	160 954.69	62 332.85
Courses/Seminars/Examinations	517 899.97	477 875.19
Media/PR/Statistics/Website	901 731.08	731 472.17
Other expenses	58 530.10	143 901.22
Total ISU Other Operating Expenses	6 856 963.60	6 194 359.98

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	2017	2016
	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>ISU new office, Av. Juste-Olivier 17</u>		
Office transformation and improvements	13 431.76	12 423.34
Depreciation	100 000.00	100 000.00
Condominium Expenses	133 588.75	118 563.70
Allocation to the condominium Renovation Fund	0.00	0.00
Total ISU new office, Av. Juste-Olivier 17	247 020.51	230 987.04
<u>ISU Secretariat Expenses</u>		
Salaries & Benefits	2 655 423.53	2 298 795.86
General Costs (Electricity, cleaning, recruitment, subscriptions, various)	169 623.63	144 393.82
Office Material & furniture	47 968.76	20 989.80
IT equipment	89 237.24	80 428.31
Postage, Fax, Telephone	16 951.84	18 490.50
Office Insurance	2 566.90	2 656.05
Office Rent Lausanne	3 250.00	3 000.00
Total ISU Secretariat Expenses	2 985 021.90	2 568 754.34
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	36 521 333.81	36 279 714.67
OPERATING RESULT	422 726.39	-2 227 321.56
FINANCIAL INCOMES AND EXPENSES		
Investment interest incomes	6 020 206.30	6 597 982.52
Financial expenses (bank expenses and bonds sales/purchases costs)	-1 058 178.57	-1 116 643.44
Realized capital gains on bonds	369 606.04	478 311.85
Realized capital losses on bonds	-1 706 030.36	-1 615 309.79
Realized currency exchange gains	1 753 899.66	1 964 395.19
Realized currency exchange losses	-542 498.22	-556 753.17
Total Financial Incomes and Expenses	4 837 004.85	5 751 983.16
OTHER ITEMS		
Extraordinary incomes	222 041.17	39 400.06
Extraordinary charges	-24 460.95	-198 201.52
Total Other items	197 580.22	-158 801.46
TAXES/PROVISION FOR TAXES	-17 897.00	-24 216.00
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	5 439 414.46	3 341 644.14

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
Profit for the year :	5 439 414.46	3 341 644.14
Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	100 000.00	100 000.00
Non monetary adjustment on Juste-Olivier previous year investment	-	-
Current assets - decrease / (increase) :		
Short term deposit	8 080 679.80	-5 532 480.50
Other debtors	-422.56	412 562.47
Current account ISU Members & Officers	-526 950.00	187 600.00
Prepaid expenses	-2 285 205.19	1 414 019.82
Short term liabilities - increase / (decrease)		
Accounts payables	229 997.48	522 787.62
Accrued expenses	656 624.79	-120 407.46
Deferred income	-9 038 259.00	-9 038 259.00
Other short-term liabilities	76 086.38	-1 057 089.25
ISU C-Contributions	-1 220 410.88	1 214 270.68
Cash flow from operating activities	1 511 555.28	-8 555 351.48
Investments in Financial assets	2 023 885.23	9 771 040.85
Other cash flows from investing activities	-	-
Cash flow from investment activities	2 023 885.23	9 771 040.85
NET CASH FLOW IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT	3 535 440.51	1 215 689.37
Cash and cash equivalents on January 1st	14 335 516.49	13 119 827.12
Cash and cash equivalents on December 31st	17 870 957.00	14 335 516.49
NET CASH FLOW IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT	3 535 440.51	1 215 689.37

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

GENERAL

The International Skating Union (herein called the "ISU"), founded in 1892, is the exclusive international sport federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering Figure Skating and Speed Skating Sports throughout the world. The ISU is composed of the individual national associations (herein called "ISU Members") which administer these Sports at the national level and which recognize that all international matters are under the sole jurisdiction and control of the ISU.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

These financial statements were prepared according to the provisions of the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO 957-962). Where not prescribed by law, the significant accounting and valuation principles applied are described below.

Please note that all numbers are rounded. Some additions might have a difference for +/- 1.

ASSETS

The Assets are composed as follows:

	31.12.2017		31.12.2016	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Cash / bank	17'870'957	6	14'335'516	5
Short Term Deposit	48'529	0	8'129'209	3
Current Accounts ISU Members & Officers	1'668'800	1	1'141'850	0
Other debtors/Prepaid expenses/Rights fees to be cashed/accrued interest	5'571'626	2	3'285'999	1
<u>Long Term Investments</u>				
Bonds	259'737'051	90	261'760'936	89
Properties	5'125'002	2	5'225'002	2
Total Assets	<u>290'021'965</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>293'878'511</u>	<u>100</u>

The balances of the bank current accounts in foreign currencies have been recorded at the exchange rates applied by the banks as of December 31, 2017.

The Current Account ISU Members & Officers are mostly related to payments of ISU Championships contributions to ISU Members for Championships to be held in 2018.

The "other debtors/prepaid expenses/rights fees to be cashed/accrued interest" is composed of other debtors/prepaid expenses for 2017 (CHF 3'998'453). In addition, at year-end 2017 accrued interest income on bonds of CHF 1'573'173 (2016 CHF 1'808'078) is included therein.

The book value of the new ISU office property in Lausanne is amounting to CHF 5'125'000 after a third year depreciation of CHF 100'000 (2016 CHF 100'000).

The former ISU offices in Davos as well as the library are presented, in the balance sheet, at the same value than the previous year, i.e. at CHF 1 each.

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The exchange rates (based as tax authorities) of the foreign currencies against the CHF were:

	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	variation %	Average exchange rates for 2017
USD	1.0039	1.0016	0.23	0.984613
EUR	1.1744	1.0880	7.94	1.111569
GBP	1.3238	1.2393	6.82	1.268071

The average interest rates, and the rates of the bonds showed the following average changes during 2017:

	Average Interest rates		2017	
	2017	2016	variation points	variation %
USD	2.55%	2.64%	USD -0.090	-3.4
EUR	1.56%	1.71%	EUR -0.154	-9.03
GBP	2.50%	1.92%	GBP 0.583	30.43
CHF	0.98%	1.14%	CHF -0.166	-14.55

Financial Assets Portfolio:

The market value of the Financial Assets Portfolio (bonds and short term fiduciary deposits) has decreased by CHF 15'874'023 during the year 2017. The breakdown by currency, at market value, is as follows:

	31.12.2017		31.12.2016	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
USD	204'283'069	78	212'716'252	77
GBP	350'590	0	2'368'539	1
EUR	37'985'663	15	43'890'304	16
CHF	18'257'255	7	17'775'505	6
Market value	260'876'577	100	276'750'600	100
Difference with book value	-1'090'997		-6'860'456	
Bonds/short term investment - book value balance sheet	259'785'580		269'890'144	
Short Term deposit	48'529		8'129'209	
Long Term bonds	259'737'051		261'760'936	
	259'785'580		269'890'144	

The bonds and short term deposits are accounted for and presented in the balance sheet at their acquisition value.

Taking into account this market value of the Financial Asset Portfolio compared to the lower book value, the reserve for currency exchange loss on bonds was left unchanged at CHF 8'000'000 representing about 3 % of the bond portfolio. The reserve for currency exchange loss on other financial positions remained unchanged at CHF 1'000'000.

LIABILITIES

The accounts payables are formed by the current payable accounts with ISU Members and Officers, and others creditors which amount to CHF 1'625'834 as of December 31, 2017.

The accrued expenses as of December 31, 2017 amount to CHF 4'392'597. This amount is composed of expenses for which the invoices have not been received at year-end.

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In line with a long standing practice, the OWG revenue is equally allocated throughout the years of the Olympic cycle. Consequently, the income emanating from the Sochi 2014 OWG was equally allocated over the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Other Short term liabilities concern pending VAT payment.

ISU C-Contributions: the provision as of December 31, 2017 for the contributions payable to ISU Members amounts to CHF 3'853'207. CHF 3'100'000 concerns contributions allocated to ISU Members during the year 2017 which are expected to be paid mostly in 2018. The balance refers to allocated contributions during the years 2011-2016 which have not been claimed by the concerned ISU Members and/or for which the concerned ISU Members have not yet provided the required reports. After 5 years, the ISU Members' right to claim pending contributions will expire.

SPECIALS PROVISIONS / RESERVES

Legal Provision:

The provision for expenses related to legal cases as of December 31, 2017 amounts to CHF 7'000'000. This amount was deemed sufficient and remained unchanged compared to 2016.

Reserve for currency exchange loss on bonds & reserve for currency exchange loss on other financial positions:
Please refer to the above section Financial Assets Portfolio.

INCOME STATEMENT ANALYSIS

The Profit for the year 2017 amounts to CHF 5'439'414 which compared to the year 2016 (CHF 3'341'644) represents an increase of the profit of CHF 2'097'770. In comparison to the 2017 Budget of CHF 733'000, the profit represents a positive variance of CHF 4'706'714. Nevertheless, the operating result before financial incomes and expenses, taxes and other items increased from a loss of CHF 2'227'322 in 2016 to a gain of CHF 422'726 in 2017.

The main incomes (Television, Advertising and Olympic Winter Games) as well as certain expenditures (Contributions, Prize Money) are recorded at the currency exchange rates included in the budget which allows a systematic reconciliation between the respective actual incomes/expenditures with the budget. The resulting currency exchange adjustments are reported as separate line items.

The detailed variances between the 2017 and 2016 Income Statements are as follows (in Swiss Francs):

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Comments/Explanations of differences between 2017 vs 2016</u>
<u>A. Operating Incomes</u>				
Television ISU Events (net)	18'122'439	15'323'223	2'799'216	In 2017 the ISU World Team Trophy (WTT) accounted for an income of CHF 2'250'000. In 2016 no WTT was held. In addition the income from several right holders could be increased (TV Asahi +CHF 140'000 – Ice Network –CHF 45'000 – Tencent China +CHF 376'500 – Archive Sales & Various +CHF 33'218. On the negative side, a discount of CHF 45'502 had to be granted to Telesport Russia for the partly cancellation of the Trophée de France in 2015 due to the terrorist attacks.
Advertising ISU Events (net)	6'914'367	6'629'840	284'527	Overall Basically in line with 2016
Adjustment currency exchange rates budget vs actual	2'338'119	2'352'713	-14'594	Stronger USD vs CHF in 2016 than 2017 but overall higher incomes in 2017
Olympic Winter Games	9'038'259	9'038'259	0	
Various Incomes	530'876	708'358	-177'482	Main difference being IOC Income related to YOG in 2016 CHF 337'948 and a donation from SBS Korea for CHF 225'000 in 2017
Total Operating Incomes	36'944'060	34'052'393	2'891'667	

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	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Comments/Explanations of differences between 2017 vs 2016</u>
B. Expenditures				
Contributions to ISU Ch'ships	11'011'046	10'464'849	546'197	Travel contributions to ISU Members increased in 2017 newly including all World Championships
Contributions to other ISU Events	3'614'931	3'474'691	140'240	Difference basically due to Olympic Qualifying Competition Figure Skating in 2017
Prize Money to ISU Events	4'701'750	4'487'150	214'600	Basically in line with 2016
Adjustment currency exchange rates budget vs actual	-545'974	1'167'719	-1'713'693	Stronger USD vs CHF in 2016 than 2017
<i>Total Contributions to ISU Events</i>	<i>18'781'753</i>	<i>19'594'409</i>	<i>-812'656</i>	
Development projects	1'599'269	1'787'923	-188'654	Slow start in 2017 due to reorganization of Development Program Principles in late 2016
Council projects	3'241'509	3'227'717	13'792	Basically in line with 2016
Contribution to ISU Members	2'809'798	2'675'564	134'234	In 2017 more ISU Members claiming the annual contribution
<i>Total Development Program</i>	<i>7'650'575</i>	<i>7'691'204</i>	<i>-40'629</i>	Basically in line with 2016
Operating Expenses incl.new Office	7'103'984	6'425'347	678'637	The main reasons for higher expenses in 2017 are: - Video Archive digitization cost in 2017 of CHF 239'934. - Doping control increase of CHF 139'988 due to IOC Task Force Recommendations for 2018 OWG and McLaren Report follow-up. - Media/PR increase of CHF 164'191 due to various new initiatives in 2017 - Different limited variations in different cost items as per Income Statement.
ISU Secretariat	2'985'022	2'568'754	416'268	Increased number of staff in 2017
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>36'521'334</i>	<i>36'279'715</i>	<i>241'620</i>	
<i>Operating Result</i>	<i>422'726</i>	<i>-2'227'322</i>	<i>2'650'047</i>	
<i>Financial Incomes/Expenses</i>				
Investment interest incomes	6'020'206	6'597'983	-577'776	Lower interest income due to lower interest rates
Financial expenses	-1'058'179	-1'116'643	58'465	
Realised capital gains on bonds	369'606	478'312	-108'706	
Realised capital losses on bonds	-1'706'030	-1'615'310	-90'721	
Realised currency exchange gain	1'753'900	1'964'395	-210'496	
Realised currency exchange loss	-542'498	-556'753	14'255	
<i>Total Financial Incomes/Expenses</i>	<i>4'837'005</i>	<i>5'751'983</i>	<i>-914'978</i>	
<i>Other Items</i>				
Taxes/Provision Taxes	-17'897	-24'216	6'319	
Previous year extraordinary incomes	222'041	39'400	182'641	
Previous years, extraordinary charges	-24'461	-198'202	173'741	
<i>Total Other Items</i>	<i>179'683</i>	<i>-183'017</i>	<i>362'701</i>	
<i>C. Profit for the year</i>	<i>5'439'414</i>	<i>3'341'644</i>	<i>2'097'770</i>	

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The detailed variances between the 2017 actual figures and Budget are as follows (in Swiss Francs):

	<u>2017</u> <u>Final</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u> <u>Budget vs</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Comments/Explanations</u> <u>of differences</u> <u>compared with Budget</u>
A. Operating Incomes				
Television ISU Events (net)	18'122'439	17'350'000	772'439	Higher than budgeted income for China/Tencent +CHF 387'000 - contingency provision for Russia not used +CHF 270'000 as well as various limited variations between budget and actuals.
Advertising ISU Events (net)	6'914'367	6'310'000	604'367	Overall basically in line with budget The breakdown by discipline is as follows: Figure Skating/IMG: CHF 4'477'842 (-CHF 22'158 compared to budget) Speed Skating/Infront: CHF 1'102'500 (-CHF 525'000 compared to budget) Short Track/Audi & Various: CHF 1'334'025 (+CHF 1'151'525 compared to budget)
Adjustment currency exchange rates budget vs actual	2'338'119	0	2'338'119	Impossible to accurately budget due to currency exchange fluctuations
Olympic Winter Games	9'038'259	9'038'000	259	In line with budget
Various Incomes	530'876	100'000	430'876	Several not budgeted incomes such as AIOWF Development contribution CHF 43'200 IOC Development contribution CHF 63'000 Advertising income video/photo CHF 57'620 Sanctioning fee Open Intl Comp CHF 45'046 SBS Korea Donation CHF 225'000
Total Operating Incomes	36'944'060	32'798'000	4'146'060	
B. Expenditures				
Contributions to ISU Ch'ships	11'011'046	10'900'000	111'046	Basically in line with budget – slight budget overdraft due to increase of travel contributions for ISU Championships
Contributions to other ISU Events	3'614'931	4'655'000	-1'040'069	Below budget due to World Cup Speed Skating, World Cup Short Track and Grand Prix Figure Skating over-budgeted (CHF 828'396) Council discretion CHF 300'000 not used. Various limited variances related to Adult/Masters, Shanghai Trophy, Olympic Qualification Competition and Various Competitions resulting in an overdraft of CHF 88'327.
Prize Money to ISU Events	4'701'750	4'520'000	181'750	Basically in line with budget
Adjustment currency exchange rates budget vs actual	-545'974	0	-545'974	Impossible to accurately budget due to currency exchange fluctuations
Total Contributions to ISU Events	18'781'753	20'075'000	-1'293'247	
Development projects	1'599'269	2'000'000	-400'731	Over-Budgeted – slow start in 2017 since new Development concept introduced only late 2016
Council projects	3'241'509	3'000'000	241'509	Under-Budgeted
Contribution to ISU Members	2'809'798	3'000'000	-190'202	Lower than budgeted due to not claimed contributions that expired after 5 years
Total Development Program	7'650'575	8'000'000	-349'425	

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	<u>2017</u> <u>Final</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u> <u>Budget vs</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Comments/Explanations</u> <u>of differences</u> <u>compared with Budget</u>
General Operating Expenditures	7'103'984	6'150'000	953'984	The main increase of the 2017 Operating expenses compared to the Budget is due to: - Legal expenses CHF 194'254 over budget mainly due to EU Commission case. - Anti-Doping expenses CHF 93'216 over budget due to IOC Task Force recommendations for the 2018 OWG and McLaren Report follow-up. - Not budgeted Video Archive digitization expenses of CHF 239'934. - Office Holders/Event Coordinators /Consulting remuneration/Secretarial Allowances CHF 175'102 over budget. - Office Holders travel & meeting expenses CHF 93'178 over budget. - Media/PR expenses CHF 101'731 over budget - Balance of difference of about CHF 57'000 resulting from various small budget deviations.
ISU Secretariat	2'985'022	2'900'000	85'022	Under-budgeted since more than anticipated staff increase
Total Operating Expenses	36'521'334	37'125'000	-603'666	
<i>Operating Result</i>	<i>422'726</i>	<i>-4'327'000</i>	<i>4'749'726</i>	
<i>Financial Incomes/Expenses</i>				
Investment interest incomes	6'020'206	6'075'000	-54'794	Basically in line with budget
Financial expenses	-1'058'179	-1'000'000	-58'179	Slightly over budgeted
Realised capital gains on bonds	369'606	0	369'606	Not budgeted
Realised capital losses on bonds	-1'706'030	0	-1'706'030	Not budgeted
Realised currency exchange gain	1'753'900	0	1'753'900	Not budgeted
Realised currency exchange loss	-542'498	0	-542'498	Not budgeted
Total Financial Incomes/Expenses	4'837'005	5'075'000	-237'995	
<i>Other Items :</i>				
Taxes/Provision Taxes	-17'897	-15'000	-2'897	Davos Taxes under-budgeted
Extraordinary Incomes	222'041	0	222'041	Extraordinary incomes concerning previous years - Not budgeted
Extraordinary Charges	-24'461	0	-24'461	Extraordinary charges concerning previous years - Not budgeted
Total Other Items	179'683	-15'000	194'683	
C. Profit for the year	5'439'414	733'000	4'706'414	

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Development Program

2017

Payments made and promised for Development Projects:	CHF	1'398'314
Administration / Development Commission Office Expenses / Audit:	CHF	<u>200'955</u>
Total Development Projects	CHF	1'599'269

Council Projects including Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating, Junior World Cup Speed Skating, Danubia and Star Class Short Track Series & Worldwide Figure Skating Seminars	CHF	3'241'509
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ISU C-Contributions:		
Release of expired Contributions 2012/suspended ISU Members	CHF	- 290'202
Contributions attributed in 2017	CHF	<u>3'100'000</u>
Total ISU Contributions	CHF	2'809'798

Total amount expended for the Development Program during 2017 CHF **7'650'575**

To be noted that since October 2016 a Development Administrator/Internal Controller monitors the financial aspect of the Development Program. Also, if necessary, the Council mandates external audits of Development Program Projects.

FINANCIAL INCOMES AND EXPENSES

In accordance with the latest Swiss accounting standards, financial incomes and expenses must be reported separately from the operating income and expenses.

The interest income during 2017 declined due to the continued low interest rate market conditions.

The realized capital loss on bonds mainly driven by unfavorable market conditions is mostly offset by realized currency exchange gains on bonds in 2017.

OTHER ITEMS

The tax authorities have granted the Union a tax exemption regarding its income and capital taxes on a cantonal, communal and federal level. The only taxes applicable to the ISU relate to its real estate properties in Davos.

At December 31, 2017, the ISU has cashed a total amount of CHF 222'041. Those amounts concern incomes regarding previous years 2015/16 that could not have been anticipated before.

OTHER INFORMATION

ISU Office Employees

During 2017, the ISU Secretariat employed an average of 13 full time employees and 6 part-time employees (Full-time equivalent of 16.7).

External Audit

ISU accrued CHF 36'583 for the fees of BDO SA related to the audit of the financial statements 2017. Other audit services and audit related fees were charged during the year 2017 by BDO SA, as well as other non-audit services for a total of CHF 32'389.

Significant events after the balance sheet date

There are no significant events after the balance sheet date which could impact the book value of the assets or liabilities at year-end 2017 or which should be disclosed here.

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ISU Workforce

During 2017 the ISU Secretariat employed an average of 13 full time employees and 6 part-time employees (between 40% and 80% - full-time equivalent of 16.7 employees). In addition, the ISU contracted freelance personnel in the area of Event Coordination, sports technical monitoring and media coverage as follows:

2 persons as Sports Directors Figure Skating (1 full-time – 1 part-time)

2 persons as Event Coordinators Figure Skating (part-time)

1 person as Event Coordinator Short Track and Sports Director Speed Skating (part-time)

1 person as Event Coordinator Speed Skating (part-time)

2 Consultants with Figure Skating expertise (part-time)

1 person for media services at ISU Figure Skating Events (part-time).

The ISU furthermore relies on volunteer based elected and/or appointed Office Holders serving on the ISU Council (13), ISU Technical Committees (30), ISU Disciplinary Commission (5), Legal Advisors (2), Treasurer (1), Medical Commission (8), Development Commission (3), and Athletes Commission (5).

Commercial/economic situation and prospects

As an Olympic Winter Sport Federation, the ISU continues to benefit from world-wide media coverage of ISU Events and the related revenues in the form of TV rights agreements and sponsorship agreements. In the area of TV rights agreements, the revenues and concluded commercial agreements confirmed a stable situation that is expected to continue for the coming 2-3 years. The conclusion of sponsorship agreements, on the other hand, is becoming more difficult with an increasingly competitive market place being the main reason. In this context, the ISU has for the time being been unable to replace the Speed Skating Title Sponsor with a similarly lucrative agreement.

On a positive note, in Short Track Speed Skating, the ISU signed a Title Sponsorship agreement with Audi (Chinese Branch) for the World Cup season 2017/18. At the time of drafting of this report negotiations were ongoing to continue this partnership over several seasons.

Thanks to its long-standing conservative investment policy, the ISU has managed to secure substantial reserves in the form of high rated bonds (see the Balance Sheet) that ensure a substantial annual interest income independent from commercial partners' interest.

Thanks to the ISU sport disciplines being an important factor for the success of the Olympic Winter Games, the ISU can also continue to count on significant revenues emanating from the IOC, as outlined in the Income Statement.

Risk Evaluation

The main risk factors the ISU is facing can be summarized as follows:

In the commercial domain, the ISU is stepping up its efforts in the area of marketing and public relations through a variety of channels, with a focus on digital media opportunities and Asian markets. Nevertheless, the competitive and complex market situation, especially in Europe, constitutes a risk for decreasing incomes in the coming years.

In relation to Event management, which is crucial to conduct high quality ISU Events and to protect the ISU commercial agreements, the ISU has successfully managed the transition from a long-standing and experienced Figure Skating Event Coordination team to a new, young crew. The Event management for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating remained well monitored thanks to the experienced Event Coordinators. In general, however, the challenges in the area of Event organization continue to increase due to higher demands from the public, media and related commercial partners. The training of a broader base of skilled individuals will become increasingly important to maintain high quality ISU Events. Failing to do so might have detrimental consequences, especially related to the incomes to be secured through commercial agreements.

Mindful of the importance of good governance to avoid the risk of losing its good reputation and credibility, the ISU consistently pursues its reforms in favor of good governance principles, in particular, transparency, sustainability, internal controls and data protection.

Research and Development Activities

The ISU has made changes to the running of its Development Program, including implementation of a new three-person Development Commission, and by recruiting an employee dedicated to the development of Centers of Excellence. The ISU will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by applying adjustments if and when appropriate.

In the area of the development of its sports, the Mass Start race format in Speed Skating was developed successfully in preparation of its introduction at the Olympic Winter Games in Korea. The ISU continues to pursue the development of new disciplines in order to attract a younger and broader audience.

Taking into account the continued increase in ISU Membership and the number of high level Skaters, the ISU is evaluating alternative formats, especially in the area of ISU Figure Skating Championships.

The ISU website has been improved and updated and the ISU has also increased its efforts and budget in the critical area of Public Relations and Marketing, with a focus on digital markets and social media.

Exceptional events

The ISU continues to face two ongoing, complex and costly litigations, namely the Pechstein doping case (Pechstein party appeal pending at the German Constitutional Court) and the European Union Commission investigation and December 8, 2017 decision related to the ISU eligibility rules. At the time of writing this report the follow-up “remedy” discussions with the EU Commission were ongoing in order to find a solution. In parallel, the ISU has filed an appeal against the EU Commission decision which is pending at the EU General Court.

While for the financial risk there is a basic insurance coverage through the ISU’s liability insurance, negative outcomes in both cases would negatively impact the governance of International Sports Federations with detrimental financial consequences.

The ISU Legal Advisors, in cooperation with outside legal counsel and the Director General, are monitoring both cases very closely. For the EU Commission investigation, the ISU is also consulting with the IOC and other International Federations.

In addition, both cases result in a substantial workload for the concerned ISU Office Holders and divert precious energy from positive projects.

Outlook

In the short term, until the 2020 Congress, the better than expected income situation for the years 2016 and 2017 allows and justifies the budgeting of losses for the budget years 2018 through 2020 in order to satisfy the ever-increasing needs of funding ISU activities. In the longer term there are many unknown factors in the economic and sports governance areas but after 2020 however, increased revenues will be needed in order to maintain the current level of expenditures without using the ISU reserves.

Fredi Schmid asked the Congress Delegates if there were any comments and/or questions. There were no comments and the Reports were approved and the Council, Director General, Treasurer, Sports Directors and the Sport Manager Figure Skating were discharged with respect thereto.

16. Objections to nominations for elected positions

Fredi Schmid referred to the list of Candidates, which had been posted on the ISU website on May 17, 2018 and confirmed that the sequence presented on the list was drawn in the presence of an ISU Auditor.

There were no objections and the nominations for elected positions as per the list distributed in the morning of June 6, 2016 were **approved**.

The morning session of the first day of Congress adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

SECOND SESSION

Monday, June 4, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

a) Workshop Technical Rule amendments Figure Skating Branch (as per Art. 32, para 9.d)

Vice President Alexander Lakernik moderated discussions in the Figure Skating Branch. Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee Chair Fabio Bianchetti, Ice Dance Technical Committee Chair Halina Gordon Poltorak and Synchronized Technical Committee Chair Christopher Buchanan presented a Summary of the Proposals received.

b) Workshop Technical Rule amendments Speed Skating Branch (as per Art. 31, para 9.d)

Vice President Tron Espeli moderated discussions in the Speed Skating Branch. Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair Alexander Kibalko and Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair Nathalie Lambert presented a Summary of Proposals received.

THIRD SESSION

Monday, June 4, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
President Mr. Jan Dijkema in the Chair

17. **Approval of Motions concerning amendments to the Constitution and its Procedural Provisions and General Regulations specifically designated and summarized in the Agenda as “Drafting Matters” and approval of these “Drafting Matter” Motions and/or referral of certain of those Motions identified as such for debate and vote. The following Motions labeled as DRAFTING MATTERS have been identified: No. 27**

There were no objections to the identified Drafting Matter and the Congress **accepted** the “Drafting Matter” Motion as indicated.

18. **Motions concerning amendments to the Constitution and its Procedural Provisions**

The President made the following statement:

‘Before starting the deliberations and debates on the proposals to this Congress a few procedural matters need to be clarified:

The current ISU Statutes themselves do not establish any rules on how to deal with proposals. Instead, Article 30 paragraph 7 of the ISU Constitution recommends to follow the procedures contained in ‘Call to Order’, Perry Edition. The problem with this is that “Call to Order” is not an official but a private Canadian publication, it is not a set of firm rules but an over 100 pages thick handbook offering certain, not always easy to find guidelines which often lack precise answers and are not specifically tailored to suit an association governed by Swiss law as is the ISU.

Therefore, as you have seen in the Congress Agenda, the ISU Council is proposing a whole set of amendments to Article 30 of the Constitution with the purpose of creating legally sound and precise procedural rules which are consistent with Swiss law and, in the interest of legal security, inform all Members about what their rights in the debates at Congress are.

If you accept the respective amendments to the Constitution, these procedural rules will enter into force only after this Congress. However, under “Call to Order” as well as under the Swiss Law of Associations the Chair is responsible for the smooth, efficient and orderly operation of the General Assembly and, in the absence of respective statutory rules, has the duty and power to frame the respective procedures. Within this framework and with the agreement of the entire Council the following principles shall be applied to the forthcoming debates:

- Time limits: statements regarding all proposals shall be kept short and may not exceed 3 minutes.
- Only one delegate per Member may speak on any specific proposal with the proposing Member speaking first. No Member may speak more than twice on the same proposal.
- Amendments to proposals (except for Technical Rules) are to be presented in writing before being voted upon. This is to assure that all Members exactly know what they are voting on and to prevent later controversies on the precise content of respective amendments.
- Procedural motions will be voted on immediately, without prior debate.
- In principle we use open voting unless a Member requests secret voting on a specific proposal and such request is supported by at least 10% of the votes present.
- Motions for reconsidering proposals already voted on may be submitted only before the closing of the Congress or the respective Branch meetings and need a 2/3 majority for consideration.

In order to avoid any misunderstandings I wish to repeat that this is not an anticipated putting into force of the amendments to Article 30/7 of the Constitution as proposed by the Council which you will vote on, but simply fulfilling my task to ensure the smooth conduct of this Congress based on Swiss law and the practice of previous Congresses.’

The President informed the Congress that the Director General Fredi Schmid would conduct agenda items no 18 and 19.

Fredi Schmid then proceeded with the introduction of the Proposals concerning amendments to the Constitution and Procedural Provisions.

Proposal No. 1. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 1, paragraph 3 to allow ISU Members to join together for the organization of regional events.

Council Recommendation: International Ice Skating Competitions with a regional character and/or in multi-sport events such as the Asian Games or South-East Asian Games are considered by the ISU as an International Competition (Rule 107/4). They are organized by the local organizers in cooperation with the concerned ISU Member of the host country and included in the ISU calendar as per Rule 104/14-15. Also, the ISU together with the concerned ISU Members (e.g. 2017 South East Asian Games) cooperates in the organization of such multi-sport/regional events if necessary. ISU

Members within a geographical area are of course free and encouraged to cooperate in the manner they feel appropriate but this is self-understood and does not require a clarification in the ISU Constitution. The proposed addition is therefore not necessary and the ISU Council was not in favour of this Proposal.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) said it was important for ISU Members to work together and hoped that the Council would pay attention to this issue.

Fredi Schmid said that such cooperation was currently possible and did not need to be mentioned in the Constitution.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 2. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 1, paragraph 4 to regulate the participation of novice and younger Skaters of Provisional ISU Members.

Council Recommendation: The details for ISU Membership requirements are regulated in Article 6 of the Constitution and any amendments to such ISU Membership requirements would be included in Article 6. Also, age categories are regulated in Rule 108 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communications (No. 2024). Furthermore, specific conditions for participation/entries in International Competitions must be dealt with in the corresponding General and Special Regulations, taking into account the existing detailed provisions. The Council therefore believes that the Proposal is too general in nature and Article 1 is not the proper place for such amendment. The Council was not in favour of this Proposal.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) said that countries which were not yet Provisional ISU Members were frustrated at not being able to participate in competitions.

Fredi Schmid said it would set a dangerous precedent to allow non-ISU Members to participate in ISU activities as the ISU would lose control of its activities. Instead it would be better to encourage and support them to become ISU Members.

The proposal was **rejected** by an obvious show of hands.

Urgent Proposal No. 1 made by the ISU Council

Article 5, paragraph 3 new, to update the ISU Constitution with an indication of the ISU's main financial resources in order to meet the requirements of the Swiss Register of Commerce.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 3. made by the ISU Council

Article 7, paragraph 1.c to complete Article 7 in view of the scope of jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Disciplinary Commission, clarifying that violations of the obligations mentioned in paragraph 1.a) and b) of Article 7 are subject to the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Commission.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 4. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 7, paragraph 7 to clarify that an ISU Member is not allowed to organize competitions in the country of another ISU Member unless the ISU Member of that country agrees.

Council Recommendation: Article 7/7 deals with "Obligations of Office Holders, Coordinators, Advisors, Employees and Consultants" and not with obligations of ISU Members. The proposed new provision would belong in the General Regulations, Rule 104. It is highly unlikely and hypothetical that an ISU Member would try to organize a competition in the country of another ISU Member. In principle, as per Rule 100/4, the ISU can organize Events in any ISU Member country with or without the cooperation of the respective ISU Member. However, it could occur that a Third Party (not an ISU Member and not the ISU) would organize ice skating competitions in any ISU Member country regardless of the origin of such Third Party. Also for anti-trust reasons this cannot be prevented as long as the competitions meet the ISU basic requirements. The Council believed that the proposed clarification is not necessary and could have negative legal consequences and the Council was therefore not in favour of this Proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 5. made by the ISU Council

Article 8, paragraph c) to allow flexibility for job/role titles when appropriate.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 6. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 9 to advance the elections of ISU Office Holders to the first day of the Congress and to adjust related procedural issues.

Discussed together with Proposal No. 36.

Council Recommendation: Changes in the procedural matters relating to the elections would have to be made in Article 13 and not in Article 9. Changing the sequence of the Congress Agenda by holding the elections first would also imply a change of Articles 31, 32 and 33 (Congress Agenda). In addition, Article 1/2 and Rule 101/2 clarify that the changes and amendments of the Constitution/General Regulations shall come into force immediately **after** the Congress unless otherwise decided by the Congress. As to the merit of holding the elections at the beginning of the Congress, the Council considered that it could possibly result in a better focus of the delegates on items on the Congress Agenda that would be debated after elections. However, and more critically, it could involve the risk that not elected Office Holders, and especially the President and/or VPs, who would still have to conduct the Congress, might not be motivated to do so in an appropriate manner. Considering the above-mentioned procedural reservations and questions about the merit of the Proposal, the Council was not in favour of this Proposal.

Fredi Schmid said that the shortfalls of the proposal outweigh the benefits but it merited consideration in the future.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 7. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 11, paragraph 1 to allow ISU Members to make Proposals to amend Technical Rules in the same manner as for the Constitution, General and Special Regulations.

Council Recommendation: The procedure related to the adoption of changes in the Technical Rules initiated back in 2006 further to an overall ISU Restructuring which has proven to be successful. It is based on the understanding that for the accuracy and especially consistency of the Technical Rules a dedicated body such as the elected Technical Committees must play a leading role. The current provision in Article 11/2.b) ensures that the ISU Members keep democratic control of the Technical Rules. Opening up the possibility for ISU Members to again put Technical Rule Proposals directly into the Congress Agenda would result in the previously witnessed endless debates in the divided Branch Sessions and include an important risk that in front of many different Proposals, it would become impossible to harmonize the Rules and make them consistent. Inconsistent Rules are a major source of conflicts that the ISU wants to avoid. For these reasons, the Council was not in favour of this Proposal.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) said ISU Members should cooperate to make amendments to proposals instead of rejecting them outright.

Vice President Alexander Lakernik pointed out that all Proposals were discussed in the Branch workshops and could be amended by the Technical Committees if necessary, so ISU Members still have input.

Fredi Schmid said that under the current system, accepted in 2006 the ISU Members keep their democratic rights but at the same time proposals are more consistent, which is a good balance.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 8. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 11, paragraph 2 a) and b) in line with Proposal No. 7 to allow ISU Members to make Proposals to amend Technical Rules in the same manner as for the Constitution, General and Special Regulations.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favour of this Proposal for the reasons indicated in the Proposal No. 7 related to Article 11/1.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 9. made by the ISU Council

Article 11, paragraph 2.b) to make the procedures for conducting the Congress more efficient and in line with Swiss Law. In regard to paragraph 2.b) to establish more understandable wording.

Discussed together with Proposals No. 10, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35.

Hans Spohn (Austria Speed) asked whether it was forbidden by Swiss law to maintain the current wording in the ISU Constitution.

Legal Advisor Béatrice Pfister replied that while the wording in the current Constitution is not forbidden, nonetheless some of the recommendations in Call to Order are not in line with Swiss law. It is preferable to establish clear procedural rules for the Congress, rather than simply removing the reference to Call to Order, in order to avoid the Chair setting different rules at each Congress. She also remarked that many other countries have rules that are just as complicated as in Switzerland and in fact Swiss law permits wide options for self-regulation.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 2 votes against and 2 abstentions.

Proposal No. 10. made by the ISU Council

Article 13, paragraph 2.d)) to make the procedures for conducting the Congress more efficient and in line with Swiss Law. In regard to paragraph 2.d) to establish more understandable wording and to address the situation if there are fewer nominations than the number of positions to be elected.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 11. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina
Article 13, paragraph 3 to delete the maximum age for ISU office.

Council Recommendation: The increasing awareness of the need to apply the principles of Good Governance and widely accepted best practices all favor age and term limits. Mindful of the importance of Good Governance and the related image and credibility for the ISU, the Council was not in favor of this Proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**

Proposal No. 12. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina
Article 15, paragraph 5 to create the position of Honorary Referees.

Council Recommendation: In line with Article 15/7 of the Constitution, the ISU Council plans to recognize long standing Officials reaching 'retirement age' through a message of appreciation and small gift. It is planned to implement this for the first time at the end of the 2017/18 season. However, the Council does not favour a formal and cumbersome appointment/election procedure for honorary positions as existed in the past. As to allowing 'retired' Officials to continue officiating in lower level international competitions without any monitoring of the concerned Officials' continued education, this is not favoured by the Council. For these reasons, the Council was not in favour of this Proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 13. made by the ISU Council
Article 15, paragraph 6 to delete the Diploma of Service.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) said that Officials who receive such diplomas really appreciate them and this option should not be removed.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 4 votes against.

Proposal No. 14. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina
Article 16, paragraph 2 f) to exclude the President and Vice Presidents from the decision-making procedure for the appointment of Officials to ISU Events.

Council Recommendation: Many Officials' functions involve a high responsibility and the respective appointments also include a political component which justifies the involvement of the Vice Presidents and the President. The Council is therefore not in favour of this Proposal.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) said the intention was to delete only the last sentence of paragraph f) relating to the August 15 deadline.

Vice President Alexander Lakernik confirmed that the relevant appointments for the coming season are ready for the approval of the President after the Congress and there is no problem with regards to the timing of the deadline.

The proposal was **rejected** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 15. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina
Article 16, paragraph 3 h) to exclude the Vice Presidents from the decision-making procedure for the appointment of Officials to ISU Events.

Council Recommendation: The Council is not in favour for the reasons given under Proposal No. 14.

The proposal was **rejected** as a consequence of the rejection of proposal no. 14.

Proposal No. 16. made by the ISU Council
Article 20, paragraph 1 to separate the role of the Skaters who sit on the Technical Committees from the elected Athletes Commission.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 18, 19, 20.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 2 votes against.

Proposal No. 17. made by Belgium, Figure
Article 20, paragraph 1 to increase the number of Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee members.

Council Recommendation: In the opinion of the Council, coping with additional partly administrative workload through the addition of an additional Technical Committee member is not the most efficient solution. Such additional Technical Committee member would necessarily have to be included in all Technical Committee meetings including event attendance and office expenses which adds up to a substantial additional budget amount. In addition, being an elected position it cannot be guaranteed that additional Committee members necessarily have the skills and time to perform routine tasks involving administrative skills. The Council favours maintaining the current number of Committee members but to assist those Committees with an increasingly high workload with further administrative assistance, i.e. in the form

of Secretarial Allowances, to those Technical Committee members who have the skills and capacity to perform the actual workload.

Peter Riskin (Belgium Figure) noted that the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee has to deal with three disciplines unlike the other Technical Committees. He felt the additional cost would lead to more efficiency and spare the increasingly busy ISU Secretariat.

Mark Lynch (Australia Figure) supported the proposal pointing out that the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee has to deal with many more competitions, Officials evaluations and training than the other Technical Committees.

Leana Caron (Canada Figure) supported the proposal saying that there was a difference between additional administrative support and the work of a competent and knowledgeable person.

Peter Lynch (Australia Figure) requested a secret vote for this proposal and this was accepted.

The proposal was **accepted** by a secret vote with 93 votes in favour, 16 against and 8 abstentions.

Peter Lynch (Australia Figure) proposed that the proposal become effective immediately and that this be determined by another secret vote.

The Congress **agreed** by a secret vote with 98 votes in favour, 15 votes against and 4 abstentions that the accepted Proposal no. 17 would become effective immediately.

Proposal No. 18. made by the ISU Council
Article 20, paragraph 2 c) to separate the role of the Skaters who sit on the Technical Committees from the elected Athletes Commission.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 16, 19, 20.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 1 vote against.

Proposal No. 19. made by the ISU Council
Article 20, paragraph 2 d) 1 to separate the role of the Skaters who sit on the Technical Committees from the elected Athletes Commission.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 16, 18, 20.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 20. made by the ISU Council
Article 21, paragraphs 1 and 2 1 to separate the role of the Skaters who sit on the Technical Committees from the elected Athletes Commission.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 16, 18, 19.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 21. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina
Article 22, paragraph 2 to include in the task of the Medical Commission the preparation, monitoring and maintenance of Medical Memorandum for ISU Events as well as preparation of separate medical guidelines for other international competitions.

Council Recommendation: The Council is not in favour of including such detailed tasks in the Constitution. In this case, paragraph d) of the existing Article states that the primary functions of the Medical Commission include maintaining, improving and standardizing medical care at ISU Events and International Competitions. The Council considers this to be sufficient and is confident that the Medical Commission will surely be open to suggestions from ISU Members for necessary adjustments or new initiatives. The Council was therefore not in favour of this Proposal.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) referred to difficulties experienced at many international competitions where the organizers do not have the resources to finance the required provisions and testing. She therefore suggested new guidelines be prepared for international competitions.

Fredi Schmid said that these concerns were understandable but that injuries were possible at any competition. He felt this matter should be left to the discretion of the Medical Commission.

Jane Moran, Medical Commission Chair, confirmed that the Medical Commission would bear these points in mind.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

The afternoon session of the first day of Congress adjourned at 17:00 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
President Mr. Jan Dijkema in the Chair

Proposal No. 22. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 23 to create an Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) for the Speed Skating Branch and for the OAC also to review Referees' decisions.

Council Recommendation: The Council believes that this Constitutional Provision should give the basic mission and purpose only for the evaluation of Figure Skating Officials. All operational details shall be regulated by an ISU Communication (currently No. 2098) taking into account developments and experience gained. Furthermore, there are significant differences between the ISU Branches regarding the necessity and feasibility of organizing the evaluation of Referees' decisions through a dedicated Commission. The Council was therefore not in favour of this Proposal.

Additional comment: no budget was submitted.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) referred to Proposals Nos. 23 and 24 on the same subject and suggested postponing the decision on Proposal No. 22 in order to create a combined proposal.

Fredi Schmid said there should be a vote on the Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) first before any amendments could be considered. He also said that the assessment task is currently performed by the Technical Committees and there are ongoing efforts to improve the assessment and training of Officials.

Vice President Tron Espeli said that the three proposals had been discussed by the Council and it was felt this was neither a practical nor an advisable approach.

Alexander Kibalko, Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair, said the Technical Committee did not favour the proposal as good training was in place for Referees and Starters.

Susanna Auch (Canada Speed) agreed with the Council and said that the purpose of the Technical Committee is to be the experts. An OAC is unnecessary.

Nathalie Lambert, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair, said it was the work of the Technical Committees to evaluate officials and the proposal was not practical.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) said there was the potential for discrepancies between the Technical Committees and OAC.

The proposal was **rejected** by an obvious show of hands.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) further asked if for the existing OAC, the three members could be of different nationality to any Officials being assessed.

Alexander Lakernik said this was impractical as it is already a difficult job to appoint OACs with the existing situation.

Proposal No. 23. made by Hungary

Article 23 to create an Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) for the Speed Skating Branch.

Council Recommendation: The level of subjectivity in the scoring of Figure Skating competitions is substantially higher than in Short Track Speed Skating or Speed Skating. The two Branches therefore cannot be compared for this subject. In Short Track Speed Skating, based on the initiative of the Short Track Technical Committee, different measures have been put in place in order to monitor and improve the quality of officiating (for example, the implementation of the Race Report System (RRS)). The Council, in cooperation with the Technical Committees and Sports Director Speed Skating, will support further enhancements of this and similar initiatives but believes that the costly implementation of an Officials Assessment Commission cannot be justified in either Short Track Speed Skating or in Speed Skating. The Council is therefore not in favor of this Proposal.

Additional comment: no budget was submitted.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 24. made by Netherlands

Article 23 to specifically address "national bias" in the Judges evaluation procedure.

Council Recommendation: All operational details including the definition of 'anomalies' are regulated by an ISU Communication taking into account the developments and experience gained. The current ISU Communication No. 2098 includes a reference to national bias. However, the Council agrees that national bias is a critical issue and therefore agrees to include such reference into the Constitution. The Council is therefore in favour of this Proposal.

Jeroen Prins (Netherlands) said that after the abolition of anonymous judging at the Dubrovnik Congress in 2016 it was possible to observe some cases of national bias and it was important that it be specifically included in the duties of the OAC

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) supported the proposal.

Fabio Bianchetti, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee Chair, expressed the support of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee for the proposal.

Christopher Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Chair, expressed the support of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee for the proposal.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 1 abstention.

Proposal No. 25. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 24 to mandate the Council to appoint up to five project managers occasionally to assist ISU Members to make applications to the Development Commission.

Council Recommendation: The Council believes that this Article shall only give the basic framework for the Development Commission. All Operational details shall be regulated in an ISU Communication (currently ISU Communication No. 2052). This Communication is periodically updated taking into account the experience gained and feedback received from ISU Members. Improving the administrative cooperation with ISU Members is one of the concerns to be taken into account for future updates of this Communication. The Council is therefore not in favour of this Proposal.

Additional comment: no budget was submitted.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Urgent Proposal No. 2 made by the ISU Council

Article 25, paragraph 8, c) to clarify that in cases where a performance evaluation also reveals a violation of the ISU Code of Ethics, such violation is, in addition to the performance evaluation, also subject to disciplinary sanctions and to the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Commission.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 26. made by the ISU Council

Article 26, paragraphs 2-6 to clarify the CAS jurisdiction related to Council decisions in regard to the sanctioning of Open International Competitions and a clarification regarding the right of appeal before the Swiss Federal Tribunal.

Fredi Schmid explained that the proposal was the result of the European Commission case and required by the European Commission.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 27. made by the ISU Council - DRAFTING

Article 30, paragraph 2.b)

The proposal was **accepted** as a drafting matter.

Proposal No. 28. made by the ISU Council

Article 30, paragraph 7 to make the procedures for the conduct of the Congress more efficient and in line with Swiss Law.

Discussed together with Proposals No. 9, 10, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 4 votes against and 1 abstention.

Proposal No. 29. made by the ISU Council

Article 30, paragraph to make the procedures for the conduct of the Congress more efficient and in line with Swiss Law.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 1 abstention.

Proposal No. 30. made by Ireland

Article 30, paragraph 13 a) to reduce the number of ISU Member delegates allowed to enter the Congress halls during the Congress.

Council Recommendation: The Council appreciates this Proposal from a recent ISU Congress (2014) organizer. Indeed the number of Delegates is constantly increasing especially for election Congresses namely:

Sevilla 2018: 285 Delegates

Dubrovnik 2016: 274 Delegates

Barcelona 2010: 217 Delegates

In addition, the number of ISU Honorary Members and also ISU Office Holders has recently increased (additional Council members, Athletes Commission, Development Commission). The corresponding need for sufficiently big Congress facilities results in fewer candidates being able to offer such capacity and ultimately translates into higher costs for the ISU. Finally, as per the 2016 Congress decision relating to opening access to the Congress debates also to third parties (Article 9/2), the Council has decided to film the Congress deliberations for transmission on screens outside the Congress Hall and for streaming on the ISU website. This will ensure that all interested parties will have the possibility to follow the ISU Congress deliberations live and actual attendance in the Congress hall becomes less critical. For these reasons the Council is in favor of this Proposal.

Fredi Schmid referred to the increasing difficulty of finding reasonably priced venues of a suitable size and clarified that ISU Members could bring as many delegates to the Congress as they wanted and the restriction applied only to the numbers of delegates allowed into the Congress halls. He also confirmed that a live-stream of proceedings would be available.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 6 votes against and 1 abstention.

Proposal No. 31. made by the ISU Council

Article 30, paragraph 18 to make the procedures for the conduct of the Congress more efficient and in line with Swiss Law.

Discussed together with Proposals No. 9, 10, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 32. made by the ISU Council

Article 30, paragraph 20 to make the procedures for the conduct of the Congress more efficient and in line with Swiss Law.

Discussed together with Proposals No. 9, 10, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 33. made by the ISU Council

Article 30, paragraph 22 to make the procedures for the conduct of the Congress more efficient and in line with Swiss Law.

To be discussed together with Proposals No. 9, 10, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 34. made by the ISU Council

Article 30, paragraph 25 to make the procedures for the conduct of the Congress more efficient and in line with Swiss Law.

To be discussed together with Proposals No. 9, 10, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35.

Legal Advisor Béatrice Pfister said that the system adopted at the ISU Congress in Scheveningen was not in line with Swiss law as the right to vote includes the right not to vote for particular individuals.

Jeroen Prins (Netherlands) asked for confirmation that a ballot containing only one vote would be valid and this was confirmed. He also asked whether, if the proposal was accepted, it would be implemented immediately.

Fredi Schmid said that usually, accepted proposals come into force after the Congress. In addition, the electronic voting system in place for the current Congress was not set up for such a process.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 35. made by the ISU Council

Article 30, paragraph 26 to make the procedures for the conduct of the Congress more efficient and in line with Swiss Law.

Discussed together with Proposals No. 9, 10, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 36. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 31 to advance the elections of ISU Office Holders to the first day of the Congress and to adjust related procedural issues.

Council Recommendation: See Proposal No. 6 from Bosnia and Herzegovina referring to Article 9.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

19. Motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations

Proposal No. 37. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Rule 100, paragraph 3 b) to include the European Youth Olympic Festival as an ISU Event.

Council Recommendation: The European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) is not an ISU Event but an event belonging to the European Olympic Committees (EOC). It can therefore not be included in this Rule and the responsibility for ensuring the sufficient financing and organization of the EYOF remains with the EOC and the local Organizing Committee. The ISU, the ISU Member in the EYOF host country and the ISU Members in countries of the region where the EYOF are held, may if necessary assist the local organizers on the technical level. The Council was therefore not in favour of this Proposal.

Fredi Schmid said that if necessary the ISU would offer assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina for the organization of the EYOF, with the details to be discussed in a separate meeting.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 38. made by the ISU Council

Rule 102, paragraph 1. a) to fulfil the Council's commitments to the European Commission to amend the Rule, in particular relating to the basis and objectives of the ISU eligibility Rules.

Fredi Schmid confirmed that the pre-authorization system remains in place and that although any third party may organize an international skating event, they must ask for ISU approval and meet the requirements of ISU Communication No. 2171.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 1 abstention.

Proposal No. 39. made by the ISU Council

Rule 102, paragraph 1. b) to fulfil the Council's commitments to the European Commission in particular relating to the definition of an eligible person.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 40. made by Hungary

Rule 102, paragraph 4 b) to allow paid employees of ISU Members to be elected as a Council, Technical Committee or Disciplinary Commission member.

Council Recommendation: Accepting this Proposal would allow clear conflict of interest situations. Mindful that compliance with Good Governance principles is becoming increasingly important to preserve the integrity and credibility of the ISU, the Council is not in favor of this Proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 41. made by the ISU Council

Rule 102 paragraph 6 subparagraphs b) i–iii to improve the clarity of drafting and to adjust to established IOC practice for OWG (Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter); harmonization of proposals TCs Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating.

Discussed together with Proposal No. 43.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 42. made by Netherlands

Rule 102, paragraph 6 b) for the ISU World Cup Speed Skating to allow the ISU Members to decide whether the Skaters of the same national team (entered by the same ISU Member) wear uniforms with identical or different designs, effective as of season 2018/2019.

ISU Council Recommendation: The Council reiterates its concerns expressed during the 2016 Congress for a similar Proposal, namely that having a different approach for only one Series will lead to inconsistent situations among ISU Events. It would be difficult to manage and cause confusion as to which Skater represents which country. In addition, the Council believes that the Proposal is not in the best interests of ISU Members to safeguard their interests and to avoid unnecessary conflicts with their Skaters or with other ISU Members who would have Skaters belonging to the same 'commercial team'. The Council was not in favour of this Proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 43. made by USA, Speed

Rule 102, paragraph 6 b) ii) to increase the allowed manufacturer trademark in the Speed Skating Branch from 20 cm² to 30 cm².

Discussed together with Proposal No. 41.

Council Recommendation: The Council basically agreed with the proposed increase of the trademark size for the skinsuit but preferred the wording of its own Proposal No. 41.

The proposal was **withdrawn** as a result of the acceptance of Proposal No. 41

Proposal No. 44. made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Rule 102 paragraph 6 b) vi) for Short Track, to clarify the size and placement of the country abbreviation.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor of this Proposal for the reasons given.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 45. made by the ISU Council Rule 102, paragraph 7. a), b) and c) to fulfil the Council's commitments to the European Commission in particular relating to the applicable procedure in case of a breach of the eligibility Rules.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 46. made by the ISU Council Rule 102, paragraph 7. d) to fulfil the Council's commitments to the European Commission in particular related to sanctions for a violation of the eligibility Rules.

Gudbjort Erlensdottir (Iceland) asked whether, in the case that a competition is not sanctioned, the ISU Council will publish the reasons why not.

Fredi Schmid replied that this information would indeed be published.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 47. made by the ISU Council Rule 103, paragraph 1-5) to fulfil the Council's commitments to the European Commission in regard to the eligibility rules and in particular the possibility of reinstatement as an eligible person.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Urgent Proposal No. 3 made by the ISU Council Rule 104, paragraph 11 to fulfil the Council's commitments to the European Commission and to clarify the procedures in case of proposed novelty formats.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 48. made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee Rule 107, paragraph 1 to introduce one World Speed Skating Championships from 2020/21, with an annual program to be determined.

Council Recommendation: The Council is in favor of combining all ISU World Championships for the Speed Skating discipline into one World Championships, similar to the situation for Short Track and Figure Skating. The exact format among the different Proposals submitted and the exact timetable for implementation should be determined through consensus-oriented discussions among the ISU Council, the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee and the ISU Members.

Fredi Schmid proposed to send this Proposal to the Speed Skating Branch Session for discussion and in order to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Tron Espeli, Vice President, agreed that the Proposal should be discussed by the Speed Skating Branch Session. He also said that this is an important proposal that aims to bring Speed Skating into line with the other ISU disciplines and is very significant for the promotion and marketing of Speed Skating.

The Proposal was sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session for discussion and in order to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Proposal No. 49. made by Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed – Joint Proposal Rule 107, paragraph 1 to introduce Four Continents Speed Skating and Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships. Discussed together with Proposals No. 50, 70, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77.

Council Recommendation: The Council in principle recognizes the right of the Four Continents ISU Members for equal opportunities and is open to consider the implementation of Four Continents Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships.

At the same time, it is also the duty of the Council to draw the attention of ISU Members to potential disadvantages of such Four Continents Skating Championships. This relates in particular to the financial aspect. As a matter of fact, the cost to the ISU of the European Speed Skating Championships is approximately USD 500'000. The cost of the European Short Track Speed Skating Championships is approximately USD 380'000.

Even by taking only a percentage of these costs due to lower participation numbers, for example 70%, the additional annual cost to the ISU for Four Continents Speed Skating and Short Track Championships would amount to approximately USD 620'000.

As to the related incomes, the European Speed Skating Championships clearly have a substantial value and generate TV rights and advertising rights income. The corresponding amount is however difficult to determine since those agreements include multiple Events so that it is impossible to make a safe guess for each Event - maybe USD 400'000 in total.

For the Short Track European Championships, for the the time being only sporadic limited incomes could be generated. For the coming seasons we are hopeful to at least generate Euro 50-75'000 per year.

Consequently, the ISU subsidizes the European Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships with approximately USD 400'000.

The potential incomes for Four Continents Championships are at the moment extremely limited, meaning the necessary ISU subsidy would be around USD 550-600'000.

Another critical point is the availability of organizing ISU Members in the Four Continents region. Organizing ISU Members for the World Cups are difficult to find, especially in North America where the ISU usually helps to finance part of the organization costs, in particular the TV production. By hosting Four Continents Championships the Four Continents ISU Members might be less interested in hosting World Cups which would further complicate the task of maintaining World Cups in those areas and would harm the chances of maintaining and further developing these series. A further and related concern is linked to the overall season calendar, since Four Continents Championships would add one more trans-continental travel for the Skaters of several of the ISU Members concerned.

The Council was open to debate this Proposal during the Congress.

Fredi Schmid reported that he had spoken with the proposing ISU Members and asked if organizers and TV arrangements were already available.

Susan Auch (Canada Speed) said that there would be time before the 2019/20 season to organize TV and hosts. A Working Group has already made contacts with ISU Members from all four concerned continents and this was a huge opportunity for the ISU.

Fredi Schmid raised the issue of the season Calendar. He suggested that the Proposal be sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Sonja Chong (Singapore) said it was important for new ISU Members outside Europe to have competitions such as this to improve Skater experience and as an opportunity to promote the sports.

Frank Anderson (Australia Speed) said that Australia fits into several geographically defined areas but as a result sometimes misses out, for example, not being able to participate in the South-East Asian Games.

So Hee Kim (Republic of Korea) supported the proposal as Skaters want to participate in higher level competitions.

Susan Sandvig Shobe (USA Speed) noted the concern of the Council that the bigger ISU Members will not support Four Continents Championships by sending their best skaters.

Miki Hirai (Japan) said that ISU Members must be committed to helping the new Event to attract more audiences, sponsors and Skaters.

The Proposal was sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session Session for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Proposal No. 50. made by Japan

Rule 107, paragraph 1, o) to introduce Four Continents Speed Skating and Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships.

Discussed together with Proposals No. 49, 70, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77.

The Proposal was sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session Session for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Proposal No. 51. made by Netherlands

Rule 107, paragraph 1 to introduce a new Speed Skating Championships Calendar Structure.

Discussed together with Proposals No. 48, 52.

Council Recommendation: Based on the discussion and decision at the ISU Congress 2016 the Council cannot support a proposal to replace the World Single Distances Championships by an assignment of World Champion titles based on the results from a World Cup series. For the large majority of ISU Speed Skating Members the World Single Distances Championship appear to be the most attractive and most important of the current set of World Championships. Please also refer to the Council Recommendation under the Proposal No. 48 of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee.

The Proposal was sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Proposal No. 52. made by Netherlands
Rule 107, paragraph 1 to introduce an ISU Winter Festival every four years.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 48, 51.

Council Recommendation: While the staging of combined ISU Championships including all or several ISU disciplines in theory appears interesting and an attractive idea, the actual implementation is extremely difficult and not feasible within a reasonable budget. The many challenges include: the difficulty of finding a common date for all disciplines without disrupting the standardized calendar; the limited choice of host cities able and willing to host such Festival, meaning the necessary venues, hotel capacity etc.; necessary Organizing Committee and financial support of the city/region; as well as the need to promote such Event and ensure adequate spectator attendance of many different events over several days.

The Council acknowledges and appreciates the experience gained of a multi-discipline event through the Shanghai Trophy (Short Track Speed Skating, Synchronized Skating, Figure Skating) and is in favour of a continued development and support of this or similar Events in cooperation with the concerned organizing ISU Members and the local organizers. The Council also remains open to for back-to-back ISU Championships of two different ISU disciplines as happened in 2006 in Calgary (Speed Skating followed by Figure Skating). However, for a formal decision to impose the proposed Festival in the Constitution, the Council would need to receive specific proposals (including budget) of potential organizing ISU Members/cities before this could be further evaluated and considered for a constitutional requirement. For these reasons the Council felt including a constitutional provision for such a Festival was premature and the Council was not in favour of this Proposal.

Jeroen Kraaij (Netherlands) said that this was a long term idea and suggested that a Working Group should investigate it and bring proposals to the next Congress.

Thomas Haeni (Switzerland) remarked that several multi-sport events were being planned in Switzerland such as the Youth Olympic Games and the University Games and that these involve a vast amount of work.

Fredi Schmid said that the proposal has to be practical and viable and perhaps only former Olympic host cities would be in a position to host such multi-sport events.

Alexei Khatylev (Belarus) said that small countries which will never be able to host an Olympic Winter Games might be able to host such a Winter Festival and therefore Belarus was in favour of the proposal.

Vice President, Tron Espeli said that it was a question of feasibility and there were issues of scheduling, TV coverage etc. Such an event could be attractive for TV and sponsors but a fully thought out and concrete proposal is needed before any decision can be taken.

The proposal was **withdrawn** with the recommendation that the Council to explore the proposal in consultation with ISU Members interested in pursuing the idea

Proposal No. 53. made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees
Rule 107, paragraph 6 a) and new paragraph 7 to include a reference of the Challenger Series in the ISU Regulations.

Council Recommendation:The Council was in favor of this Proposal for the reasons given.

Leanna Caron (Canada Figure) referred to ISU Communication No. 2151 and asked whether the appointment of the Technical Panel etc. will remain with the local Organizer.

Vice President, Alexander Lakernik said the appointment of Officials would be done in the same way as it is currently.

The proposal was **approved** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 54. made by the ISU Council
Rule 107, paragraph 13 a) and b) to fulfill the Council's commitment to the European Commission and to clarify the applicable procedures related to Open International Competitions also including applicable procedures for third party organizers and/or the inclusion of novelty formats. ISU Communication No. 2171 gives full details of the procedures.

The proposal was **approved** by an obvious show of hands.

Urgent Proposal No. 4 made by the ISU Council
Rule 107, paragraph 14 to clarify the requirements for interclub competitions

Jeroen Prins (Netherlands) said the only objection was to the last three lines of the proposal which say that an international and interclub competition cannot take place at the same time and place. At small international competitions this would be difficult for cost and practical reasons and he suggested deleting this sentence.

Christiane Mörth (Austria Figure) agreed with the Netherlands as many small competitions need the freedom to do this. There are cost issues both for national Federations and for teams.

Gudbjör Erlendstóttir (Iceland) supported the amendment proposed by the Netherlands.

Tarja Ristanen (Finland Figure) supported the amendment proposed by the Netherlands. She said that many interclub competitions have less demanding technical requirements than international competitions and this possibility should not be removed.

Sonja Chong (Singapore) said that Singapore would also be affected if interclub and international competitions cannot take place at the same time.

Legal Advisor Béatrice Pfister said that the proposal had arisen from the experience of the last few years when there had been a lack of clarity with regards to which rules apply to which categories. The deletion of the final paragraph of the proposal was acceptable if ISU Members which organize such competitions are aware that there must be a clear distinction between international competitions (following ISU Rules) and interclub competitions.

The proposal was **accepted** as amended by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 55. made by the ISU Council

Rule 107, paragraph 17 to fulfill the Council's commitments to the European Commission and in particular to clarify the procedure in case of the rejection of an Open International Competition application.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 56. made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee

Rule 108, paragraph 2 to introduce a Neo-Senior age category.

Council Recommendation: The Neo-Senior age category is for the time being used exclusively for competitions held in connection with the Junior World Cup Speed Skating. Making it an official age category seems premature and not really necessary in order to offer competitions for this age group. The Council was therefore not in favour of this Proposal.

Alexander Kibalko, Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair, said that the Neo-Seniors category was an important one but, in view of the Council's recommendation, agreed to withdraw the proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 57. made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 108, paragraph 3 c) to adjust the Novice age limits for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor of this Proposal except that the word "competition" should remain and not be replaced by "event".

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee Chair, said the Technical Committee agreed to retain the word 'competition'. She said that there had been a big gap between the requirements for Basic and Advanced Novices, which this proposal addressed. The requirements are set out in an already prepared ISU Communication and are clearly divided between categories.

Susan Lynch, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, said that for Singles, the word 'Intermediate' simply replaces 'B'. No Intermediate category is proposed for Pairs.

The proposal was **accepted** by a show of hands with 4 votes against.

Proposal No. 58. made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee

Rule 109 paragraph 1 to clarify that a Skater may be entered in only one competition for the respective time period.

Council Recommendation: The Council believes that if necessary, the proposed provision would have to be included in Rule 115 and not in Rule 109. However, the Council feels that ISU Members and their Skaters must manage their entries with common sense which means that it is only logically possible to make an entry in one of a number of simultaneous competitions. The Council believes that there is no need for such provision and is not in favour of this Proposal.

Nathalie Lambert, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair, said the Technical Committee had made the proposal because of several cases where athletes left competitions midway through in order to compete in another competition. However, in view of the Council's objections, the proposal would be withdrawn.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 59. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Rule 109, paragraph 2 to allow that in Pair Skating and Ice Dance, Skaters from two different ISU Members may compete together and represent different ISU Members/countries.

Council Recommendation: Having mixed nationality for a Pair or Ice Dance couple is simply not possible, either in International Competitions or the Olympic Winter Games or Winter Youth Olympic Games. The Council is not aware of such a situation in other non-professional sports and is not in favour of this Proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 60. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina
Rule 111 to regulate communication among ISU Members and their Skaters.

Council Recommendation: The current wording specifically refers only to communications that are not allowed concerning participation in competitions, and it clarifies that this prohibition does not include matters concerning arrival and to/from a competition. For possible other issues, such as basic nationality/residency/ISU Membership affiliation, no change is necessary as such communication is not prohibited by this Rule. Therefore, the Council is not in favour of this Proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 61. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina
Rule 113 to change the procedure and consequences of a late Announcement including the possible involvement of the Disciplinary Commission.

Council Recommendation: The current Rule is adequate as it does not refer to a disciplinary offence. The Council is therefore not in favour of this Proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 62. made by Speed Skating Technical Committee
Rule 115 to improve the clarity and logic of the provisions relating to entries.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favour of this Proposal for the reasons given.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 63. made by Bosnia and Herzegovina
Rule 121, paragraph 1 a) to amend the minimum Officials categories

- for Judges at the Grand Prix events from "International" to "ISU"
- for Technical Panel members at the Junior Grand Prix events from "ISU" to "International"
- for International Competitions to include the Challenger Series and the minimum requirement to be only "International"
- for Judges at the Junior World Challenger Cup from "ISU" to "International".

Council Recommendation: The Council believes that the current provisions are adequate and is not in favour of this Proposal. Qualifications of Challenger Series Officials are described in a dedicated ISU Communication for the Challenger Series. If members of the Technical Panel in Junior Grand Prix Events can be not only 'ISU', but also 'International', ISU Officials will have even fewer opportunities to be appointed.

Vice President Alexander Lakernik said that the current structure was adequate and did not need to be changed. In addition, if International Judges were to be appointed for the Junior Grand Prix it would make the already difficult job of assigning Judges even harder.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 64. made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee
Rule 121, paragraph 1 a) and b) to include the Youth Olympic Winter Games in accordance with the established practice.

Council Recommendation: The Council is in favor of this Proposal for the reasons given.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 65. made by Australia Figure
Rule 121, paragraph 3 to allow Council members to act as Referee, Judge, Technical Controller/Specialist, Data & Replay Operator OAC member, Starter and Competitor Steward.

Council Recommendation: In the opinion of the Council, (elected) Council members shall not officiate to avoid potential conflict of interest situations. In particular but not limited to the fact that the Council takes decisions regarding possible demotions of Referees and Technical Panel Officials. The Council was therefore not in favor of this Proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 66. made by the ISU Council
Rule 123, paragraph 1 to clarify the procedures and requirements for filing of protests.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 67, 68.

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee Chair, noted that protests could only be made by a Coach for Speed Skating and asked if there was a reason why the same was not the case for Figure Skating.

Legal Advisor Michael Geistlinger said that paragraph 2 b) of the proposal clearly states that the approval of the Skater or Team Leader is necessary. As this is a specific rule for Speed Skating it was not proposed to expand it to Figure Skating.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 67. made by the ISU Council
Rule 123, paragraph 4 up to and including subsection A to minimize the possibility of changes of the result after the announcement in line with basic field of play principles.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 66, 68.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 1 against.

Proposal No. 68. made by the ISU Council
Rule 123, paragraph 5 b), c), d) and e) to clarify the procedures relating to protests.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 66, 67.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 69. made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee
Rule 126, paragraph 9 to establish in the Regulations the position of the Sport Entries Expert for Speed Skating at the Olympic Winter Games as per the current practice.

Council Recommendation: The Council acknowledges that the position of a Speed Skating Sport Entries Expert or Coordinator has been established for the past Olympic Winter Games (OWG) and is part of the OWG International Technical Officials (ITO) contingent for the OWG. The Council therefore is in favor of the Proposal with the exact title of the position to be clarified.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 70. made by Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed – Joint Proposal
Rule 127, paragraph 1 to introduce in the list of allotments the Four Continents Speed Skating and Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 49, 50, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77.

Council Recommendation: See Joint Proposal Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed No. 49 referring to Rule 107/1

The Proposal was sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Proposal No. 71. made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee
Rule 128, paragraph 5 to delete the latest date during the season when the European Short Track Speed Skating Championships shall be held.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor of this Proposal for the reasons given.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 72. made by Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed – Joint Proposal
Rule 128, paragraph 5 to determine the time period during the season when the Four Continents Speed Skating and Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships shall be held.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 49, 50, 70, 73, 74, 76, 77.

Council Recommendation: See Joint Proposal Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed No. 49 referring to Rule 107/1.

The Proposal was sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Proposal No. 73. made by Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed – Joint Proposal
Rule 130, paragraph 3 to include the Four Continents Speed Skating and Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships into this Rule and determine the origin of Skaters allowed to compete in those Championships.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 49, 50, 70, 72, 74, 76, 77.

Council Recommendation: See Joint Proposal Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed No. 49 referring to Rule 107/1.

Fredi Schmid noted that if Four Continents Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships are accepted, then this Rule requires no change as it already refers to all “Four Continents Championships”.

The Proposal was sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session Session for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Proposal No. 74. made by Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed – Joint Proposal
Rule 130, paragraph 5 to include in this Rule the Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships in regard to applicable restrictions.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 49, 50, 70, 72, 73, 76, 77.

Council Recommendation: See Joint Proposal Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed No. 49 referring to Rule 107/1.

The Proposal was sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session Session for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Proposal No. 75. made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee
Rule 133 a), b) and c) to unify the titles for all Speed Skating Championships.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor of this Proposal for the reasons given.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 76. made by Japan
Rule 133 to include the Four Continents Speed Skating and Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships into the list of Champions.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 49, 50, 70, 72, 73, 74, 77.

Council Recommendation: See Joint Proposal Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed No. 49 referring to Rule 107/1.

The Proposal was sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session Session for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Proposal No. 77. made by Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed – Joint Proposal
Rule 133 to include the Four Continents Speed Skating and Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships into the list of Champions.
Discussed together with Proposals No. 49, 50, 70, 72, 73, 74, 76.

Council Recommendation: See Joint Proposal Australia Speed, Canada Speed, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA Speed No. 49 referring to Rule 107/1.

The Proposal was sent to the Speed Skating Branch Session Session for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Full Congress for a vote during the final Session of the Congress on Friday.

Proposal No. 78. made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee
Rule 133 paragraphs h) and i) to adjust titles due to the change of Junior World Short Track Championships from an overall Championships to a Single Distance Championships only.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor of this Proposal for the reasons given.

Nathalie Lambert, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair, said that the success of the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships was leading to more and more entries and it was becoming difficult for organizers, Officials, medical and other staff to manage the long hours of competition. The Technical Committee wishes to welcome more ISU Members to the Championships and not to increase the entry standards.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 79. made by Australia Figure

Rule 133 proposing a Resolution to form a Working Group to evaluate the Figure Skating Championships formats and entry criteria for the broadest possible participation within reasonable financial conditions and maintaining attractive events for the public and media.

Council Recommendation: Contrary to what is stated in the Proposal, the ISU Vice President Figure Skating only advised ISA that any input to the Council on their evaluation and conclusions would be welcome. The ISA Proposal was prepared without any Council involvement.

The Council recognizes that a review of the ISU Figure Skating Championships format is required. The objective should be to find new formats resulting in more attractive Championships for the public, media and TV/sponsors, allowing the broadest possible participation among ISU Figure Skating Members, ensuring a good level of skating of all participants, but at the same time maintaining reasonable financial conditions for the organizers and the ISU. Initial discussions have already taken place at the Technical Committee level and must be expanded involving also commercial partners, the media, event coordinators and financial/budget/marketing experts. Once a consensus is found, the implementation schedule must take into account already allotted ISU Championships. The Council agrees to form a Working Group to be appointed by the Council to evaluate this issue and to present its conclusions and recommendations to the 2020 Congress.

Fredi Schmid said that the Council suggested a formal Working Group, including representatives from ISU Members, to address the central issues of this Resolution.

Mark Lynch (Australia Figure) said Australia Figure was pleased to have the Council's support. The Resolution included a Working Group membership list and timeline in order to ensure sufficient attention is given to this issue. He suggested that a Working Group should be formed during the Congress, to be driven by ISU Members.

Vice President Alexander Lakernik said the Council supports the idea of further study of the suggestions and agrees a Working Group should be set up to make proposals to the next Congress. However, the Resolution did not give the Council much freedom either to form the Working Group or for the timeline. He felt that the concept of the Resolution should be accepted but not the details.

Mark Lynch said that he preferred the whole proposal be accepted in order to push forward the process.

Jimmy Stryhn Meyer (Luxembourg Figure) suggested that a final deadline (for example, April 2020) should be accepted, but not a detailed timeline.

Christiane Mörth (Austria Figure) asked how ISU Member representatives from the regional areas would be selected.

Fredi Schmid suggested that the Council be given the discretion to appoint the members of the Working Group and a Chair and also to determine the timeline.

Sergei Sviridov (Russia Figure) said that this was a very challenging project covering many areas and that establishing the Working Group during the Congress would not help because each area is so big. In order for a serious solution to be found, it is necessary to take time to select the Working Group. In addition, the ISU might need outside input from experts or consultants.

Mami Maeda (Japan) echoed and supported the comments from Russia.

Fredi Schmid asked the ISU Members to trust the Council to create an appropriate Working Group and timeline.

Mark Lynch supported this.

The Congress **accepted** by an obvious show of hands, with 1 against, the Resolution to create a Working Group to consider the format and entry criteria of Figure Skating Championships, the Working Group to be defined by the Council which must present the results on the agenda for the 2020 Congress and keep ISU Members informed in the meantime.

Proposal No. 80. made by the Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees Rule 134, paragraph 3 a) in regard to medal ceremonies to replace the word "platform" by "podium" .

Council Recommendation: The Council agreed to use the word "podium" but referred to its own Proposal No. 82 for other amendments.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 81. made by Canada Speed, USA Speed - Joint Proposal Rule 134, paragraph 3 a) to change the order in which the Championships medals are presented. Discussed together with Proposal No. 82.

Council Recommendation: The Council agreed to the proposed 3-2-1 concept but referred to its own Proposal No. 82.

The proposal was **withdrawn**. However, the Council agreed to take into account the suggestions made in the Reason related to medal presentations in Short Track.

Proposal No. 82. made by the ISU Council

Rule 134, paragraph 3a)-f) to change the order in which the Championships medals are presented.
Discussed together with Proposal No. 81.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 1 against.

Proposal No. 83. made by the Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees
Rule 134, paragraph 3 f) to include the new title Rhythm Dance for the presentation of the segment medals, to give more importance to those segment medals and to allow more flexibility for the place and time of the presentation of the segment medals.

Council Recommendation: The Council is in favor of this Proposal but for the medals, the Council suggests replacing "small" by "segment".

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee Chair, said the Technical Committee preferred the term 'segment' as it does not diminish the value of the medal. She said that the winners of medals for the Rhythm or Free programs were not likely to be confused with the overall Champions.

The Council withdrew its proposed amendment.

The proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 84. made by Japan

Rule 136, paragraph 2 to impose an annual deadline of April 15 for the allotment of all ISU Championships.

Council Recommendation: The Council is often confronted with difficulties in finding sufficient organizing ISU Members that can fulfil all of the requirements, which sometimes results in the late determination of the final calendar season. This problem cannot be solved by imposing a deadline. The Council was therefore not in favor of this Proposal.

Fredi Schmid referred to Rule 127 which regulates the Council's duties and time lines for Championships allotments.

Jun Yuda (Japan) said the announcement should be as soon as possible.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 85. made by the ISU Council

Rule 137, paragraph 8 to clarify that the current reference to Series in this Rule relates only to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (Junior and Senior).

Lise Røsto Jensen (Norway) noted that the Data & Replay Operators are not mentioned in this Rule and should be added.

The proposal was **accepted** as amended by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 86. made by Bosnia and Herzegovian

Rule 140, Paragraph 1 a) to establish in the Rule that for non ISU Events the Medical Commission must issue reasonable separate guidelines being different from the Guidelines for ISU Events.

Council Recommendation: The current general provision is sufficient and it is up to the ISU Medical Commission to issue Guidelines and Memorandums appropriate for the different types of Competitions. The Council was not in favor of this Proposal.

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

The morning session of the second day of Congress adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

B. Branch of Special Representatives for Speed Skating

FIRST SESSION

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 (second day), 3:35 p.m.

Vice President Tron Espeli in the Chair

1. Opening of the meeting by the Vice President

The Vice President Tron Espeli opens the meeting of the Speed Skating Branch, welcomes all Delegates of all present ISU Members, introduces the present Council members, the Technical Committee Chairs and the Speed Skating Sports Director.

2. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of the Branch

The Vice President proposes Christian Breuer, Germany, member of the Technical Committee Speed Skating, to record the minutes. The ISU Members agree unanimously.

3. Verification of the qualifications of the Speed Skating representatives and of their right to vote

The Vice President conducts a roll call. The voting machines are tested. Forty-nine (49) ISU Members are present, five (5) ISU Members are not present, giving a total of 49 votes, the two-thirds majority being thirty-three (33) votes, simple majority being twenty-five (25).

4. Election of two scrutineers of the minutes

The Vice President proposes Susan Auch (Canada) and Daniel Cabelduc (Sweden), who are accepted unanimously.

5. Election of a drafting Committee, consisting of at least three members, to draft the final text of Proposals adopted concerning the Speed Skating Regulations and election of a similar drafting Committee for the Short Track Speed Skating Regulations

The Vice President proposes the following candidates for the Drafting Committees.

Speed Skating

Alexander Kibalko

Nick Thometz

Øystein Haugen

Fabrice Prahin

Short Track Speed Skating

Nathalie Lambert

Reinier Oostheim

Wim de Deyne

Pierre Eymann

The candidates are unanimously **accepted**.

6. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda is unanimously approved, with the inclusion of matters that were moved from the Full Session of the Congress to the Branch Meeting: Proposal 48, 51 (being connected) and various proposals concerning 4-Continents Championships 49, 50, 70 72, 73, 76, 77 (discussed under Agenda item No. 9). Also included, the Urgent Matters as per Communication No. 2160 into the Agenda (Communication No. 2156) in the sequence of the corresponding Rule of Regulations: Urgent Proposals No. 7, 8, 10 and 11.

7. Report by the Vice President on the Speed Skating activities of the past two years

'Dear Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me start my report by looking back at the great success that our sports experienced at the Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang. Our events were staged in venues that inspired the athletes to deliver outstanding performances, helped by an enthusiastic audience that created a great atmosphere at packed stands on almost all our 17 competition sessions. Compliments to POCOG for creating these favourable circumstances for our Olympic adventures.

In his presentation to the Congress the President showed impressive numbers on the exposure and attention gained by our sports during these two weeks. What made this success even more important, is the way that Speed Skating and Short Track consolidated their positions as worldwide sports, only to be compared with Figure Skating amongst the Olympic Winter Sports.

Both Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating had Olympic Champions from all the three main continents for Winter Sports. 6 different countries won gold medals in Short Track, 5 countries in Speed Skating. Medal winning countries were 8 in Short Track, and 12 in Speed Skating.

Olympic diplomas for top 8 positions were gained by 12 countries in Short Track and by a record high number of 22 countries in Speed Skating. In a very competitive qualification process, 23 countries qualified quota places in Short Track, and 28 countries in Speed Skating. In total 30 ISU Members were represented in one or both Speed Skating disciplines. Among them were Olympic newcomers in the ISU sports, Singapore and Colombia. Congratulations to you all!

I am confident that the next Olympic Winter Games will see other ISU Members making their Olympic debut. These expectations are reinforced by the active role of the ISU Development Commission, with Jildou Gemser in the frontline, in understanding the situation of ISU Members that do not have the necessary knowledge base and resources to prepare skaters for an international career, and to identify effective means to support their progress through the ISU Development program. Based on the feedback from the ISU Conference for the Speed Skating branch held in Rotterdam, March 2017, coach education is an essential element in almost every project currently supported by the Development program. I am convinced that this is very important for ISU Members to achieve longer-term benefits of the support received through an ISU Development project.

The introduction of Mass Start as a new Olympic Speed Skating event was a remarkable success, creating a marvellous conclusion of the speed skating competitions. ISU and the skaters delivered what we had promised IOC: Spectacular races, skaters from many different countries competing for medals and merited results. In the Men's event the top 7 skaters came from different countries; for the Ladies' event there were 9 different countries on top of the table of results. The great success of this new event is a valuable reference for ISU in the current dialogue with IOC to establish a new Olympic event for Short Track. This is still an ongoing process, with the aim of having a mixed-gender team event accepted as part of the Short Track program in Beijing 2022.

The success in Gangneung must not tempt us to rest on our laurels. ISU has experienced amazing successes also at previous Games, in particular in Short Track, but not been able to build on this in the post-Olympic seasons. One of the key messages from the ISU Conference for the Speed Skating Branch was the importance of improving the presentation of our Events. We need to create more entertaining experiences for the audiences following the competitions, be it from the stands or through an increasing variety of media. Paying attention to, and being ready to change, our competition formats and Event presentation, is essential to attract new generations of fans and new generations of athletes. Continuous progress and innovation is required also to secure the TV coverage and attractive TV productions that will be a key to succeeding with commercial agreements and sponsorships that can secure further development of our sports.

The World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2017, staged in the Rotterdam Arena immediately following the ISU Conference for the Speed Skating branch, was a spectacular example of innovative Event presentation, as was the World Allround Championships 2018 staged at the open-air Summer Olympic stadium in Amsterdam, on a temporary ice track. The choice of venue and the investments made for these Events were truly extraordinary, and far beyond what generally can be expected from organizers. But both Events will certainly serve as an inspiration on how to enhance the presentation of our prime competitions. Also the Olympic Short Track season ended on a high note, with a very successful World Championships staged with a full house at the Maurice Richard Aréna in Montréal.

Over the last two seasons 45 ISU Events have been organized in the Speed Skating branch, 18 Events in Short Track and 27 Events (including 6 Junior World Cups) in Speed Skating. The ISU Event Coordinators Daria Kamelkova (Speed Skating) and Hugo Herrnhof (Short Track), have been important partners for the organizers to secure high and predictable quality standards of the ISU Events, in a close interaction with the involved ISU officials, including the ISU and Technical Committee representatives at the respective Events.

I want to extend special thanks and appreciation to the 13 ISU Members who were available to organize these Events in a successful manner. I acknowledge that the hosting of the Events, in particular the World Cup series, requires substantial efforts and often represents a considerable financial burden on the ISU Member and its organizing committee. Your dedication and cooperation is of great importance and benefit to our sports and to the other Members of the ISU family. Thank you!

The number of Events and the increasing demands for consistency in scheduling and execution of the competitions keep our Technical Committees not only busy, but also leave them with a large responsibility. The two Chairs, Alexander Kibalko and Nathalie Lambert, have approached their Committee tasks in a very proactive manner, always with a future-oriented focus on their sports. For both Committees the first season of this two-year period gave additional workload on the Committee members, due to pending appointments of the athlete and the coach member of the Committees. This situation was much due to the ISU 2016 regulations that linked the appointment of the athlete member of the committee to the outcome of the elections of Athlete Commission, which was finalised only at the end of the 2017 season. I have observed that the TC members who were then appointed, Beixing Wang and Øystein Haugen for the Speed Skating Technical Committee, Christoph Milz and Wim de Deyne for the Short Track Speed Skating Technical

Committee, were quickly integrated and almost instantly contributed actively in the work of their Committee. Thanks to this, both Committees could "play at full strength" (to use an expression from another ice sport) during the demanding Olympic season, and they deserve a lot of credit for how they managed their tasks.

The education and monitoring of Officials is a main task of the Technical Committees, closely linked to the task of monitoring and facilitating the execution of the ISU Events. Both Committees are continuously developing their methods and approaches for the education of Officials, as well as the tools made available for the Officials to assist them in their demanding tasks. This also includes better means and tools for communicating not only the decisions, but also the basis for those decisions, in particular in situations where decisions may be disputed or appear unreasonable from an outside view or from a biased observer. I would take this opportunity to pay tribute to our ISU Officials for their dedication in approaching their task with high integrity and a strong commitment to serve the sport. Although being volunteers, we expect them to demonstrate a professional attitude and level of qualification – and in general they meet those expectations. I take this opportunity to mention just one outstanding example: At the World Short Track Championships in Montréal Jeffrey Golz (USA) was one of the Starters. As usual he performed his duties in a very dedicated and professional manner, and he did so in a situation when he suffered from serious illness that caused his death only a few weeks later.

I would like to end this report by reiterating my appreciation for the good cooperation with the ISU colleagues introduced at the opening of this session and with ISU Members present. I wish all of us a constructive meeting with good and forward-looking discussions and decisions on behalf of our sports.
Thank you for your attention.'

8. Approval of Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating specifically designated and summarized in the Agenda as "Drafting Matters" and approval of these "Drafting Matters" Motions and/or referral of certain of those Motions identified as such for debate and vote.

The following Motions have been identified as DRAFTING MATTERS: **none**

9. Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SPEED SKATING

The first Session deals with matters that were moved from the full Congress to the Session meeting. Therefore, the following Proposals is discussed in the Session.

These items mostly cover two different topics: establishing 4-Continents Championships and changes to the Championships structure in Speed Skating.

Vice President Tron Espeli suggests to start with the motions concerning the 4-Continents Championships.

Proposal No. 49, Joint Proposal, made by Australia (Speed), Canada (Speed), China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA (Speed) - Rule 107 paragraph 1

Vice President Tron Espeli underlines that this item was moved to the Branch meeting to discuss the practical matters of the Proposal.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) stresses that the countries being involved in the proposals already discussed locations, support in organization matters and various other details to install such a Championship.

Vice President Tron Espeli mentions that a new Four Continents Championship also has an impact on calendar matters as well as on the ISU Members who already might organize a different event like a World Cup in the same season.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) answers that the timeframe would be ideally around the same time as the European Championships with no clear structure for the qualification process yet. From the budget perspective, the impact would be expected to be lower than the European Championships.

Susan Auch (Canada) underlines that many of the proposing countries have experience in organizing World Cups and can organize another event like the Four Continents Championship in the same season.

Alexey Kathylev (Belarus) stresses that even European ISU Members should support the idea to improve the level of competition from an international perspective.

Jose Ignacio Fazio (Argentina) is in favor of a this new event and underlines his support.

Kelvin Nicolle (New Zealand) sees no reason why a Four Continents Championship would not work and strongly asks the ISU for their support.

Hugo Herrnhof (ISU Sport Director) suggests not to go too much into details before knowing how the overall impact on the calendar could look like. He suggests not to have the Championships on the same weekend as the European Championships to cause no extra conflicts, therefore he recommends to move one week before the European Championships.

Alexander Kibalko (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that even at the European Championships the full quota is not reached in the last seasons and if that would happen with the Four Continents Championships as well, the expected value of the new competition would not come to life.

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Technical Committee) mentions that also training periods in December and the Christmas holidays including national qualification events must be taken into consideration.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) asks for clarification if both Short Track and Speed Skating Championships must be held in the same country. Vice President Tron Espeli acknowledges that this is not necessary.

Vice President Tron Espeli clarifies that the planning for first execution should ideally start from the season 2020/2021 because the season planning for 2019/20 is already in the making and the detailed plans for the format and structure could be brought into the Congress 2020 and start from the season 2020/21.

Stuart Anderson (Australia) wants to clarify that he is in favor of Four Continents Championships and it should get passed by the Congress. The details could be worked out until the Congress 2020.

Susan Auch (Canada) answers that Japan would be willing to host the first event by 2021 and North America could be organizing the next Championship in 2022, but that is just a first indication she adds.

Reinier Oostheim (Short Track Technical Committee) suggests to keep the procedure and the wording of the Rule as simple as possible to make room for every possible setup of a Four Continents Championship which is generally accepted by the Session.

Vice President Tron Espeli suggests to postpone the Discussion to a later moment in the section meeting until the proposing ISU Members amend their proposal while taking the discussion into account.

Proposal No. 48, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 107, paragraph 1

Alexander Kibalko (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains the long term impact of Proposal No. 48 via a presentation. He explains the various stakeholders and partners involved in ISU Events and the difference between the amount of Championships within the ISU as well as in comparison to other winter sports. The ISU already struggles to find enough organizers for the World Cup format alone. He explains various possible formats for having a single Championship each year and the approach to have a working group installed to find the right format for this one Championship. The contribution for organizing ISU Members could be increased and there would be room for e.g. special events based on local demands like natural ice races or events on frozen lakes.

He stresses that this move can as well have an effect on contribution for ISU Members, prize money for athletes competing in World Cups and Championships and a reduction in travel cost for competing teams.

Vice President Tron Espeli underlines that the Proposal will bring Speed Skating in line with the other ISU branches and that the coming program and structure is not fixed yet. There is enough time to put together an optimal structure for having a single Championship per year.

Jeroen Kraaij (Netherlands) stresses that he thinks that this move goes too far because the step would be too big, coming from three Championships at the moment down to one. The impact could also affect the venues like Heerenveen which is from his point of view relying on the income generated from ISU Championships.

Vice President Tron Espeli underlines that the ISU does not create top events by spreading Championships over three different events. Having three Championships also has an impact on the World Cup format which does not see the necessary attendance as needed.

Marcel Vanberg (Norway) fully agrees with the Proposal to only have one Championship per year and not delay this any longer. The World Cup must on the other hand get more funding and a higher standing.

Jeroen Kraaij (Netherlands) suggests a compromise to have a working group to work on a format until 2020/21 to shape the new Championships.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) strongly supports the Proposal because smaller countries can not handle the impact on travel cost with three Championships in one season.

Hans Spohn (Austria) mentions that this Proposal is fully supported by Austria because other winter sports have the same procedure and there can only be one Champion per season.

Vice President Tron Espeli asks for an indication vote. **The indication vote is executed. All present ISU Members agree on the proposal, with one ISU Member voting against the proposal and two ISU Members abstaining.**

The session adjourned on June 5, 2018 at 5:04 p.m.

B. Branch of Special Representatives for Speed Skating

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday , June 6, 2018 (third day), 9:00 a.m.

Vice President Tron Espeli in the Chair

The Vice President conducts a roll call. The voting machines are being tested.

Fifty-two (52) ISU Members are present, two (2) ISU Members are not present, giving a total of 52 votes, the two-thirds majority being thirty-five (35) votes, simple majority being twenty-seven (27).

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the indication vote on Proposal No. 48 was a clear signal of the opinions of the ISU Members and that the message will be given back to the full Congress.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) stresses that the Netherlands will be willing to work on a working group concerning the setup of the Championships form season 2020/21 on.

The Dutch Delegation confirms that their Proposal No. 51 will be withdrawn.

Susan Auch (Canada) mentions on behalf of the members of the joint Proposal that the Four Continents Championship should start from season 2019/20 to use the momentum 2 seasons before the next Olympic Winter Games.

Possible host countries could be:

2020 - Canada (Short Track) / USA (Long Track)

2021 - China/Japan (Short Track) / Canada (Long Track)

2022 - Australia (Short Track) / Japan (Long Track)

The joint group of countries prefers a date a week before the European Championships with the addition that in the Olympic Year 2022 there could be some adjustments needed to fit into the calendar with national trials and qualifications.

Vice President Tron Espeli stresses that all the linked proposals will be amended and that an indication vote is conducted before the Proposal is sent back to the full Congress.

The indication vote shows 44 votes in favor of the Proposal with 5 abstaining votes.

The Branch meeting continues with the Special Regulations Speed Skating.

Proposal No. 87, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 200, paragraphs 1 and 2

The Proposal is unanimously **accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 7, ISU Council - Rule 200, paragraph 4

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that this Proposal is linked to European Commission decisions and will be implemented in all ISU branches.

The Proposal is unanimously **accepted**.

Proposal No. 88, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 201

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal covers the period until the new Championship format is established in season 2020/21. It mentions the elements that can be applied on Championships. The new setup of the Championships will be done in a consultation process with the ISU Members.

Alexander Kibalko (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains the details about the proposal.

Marcel Vanberg (Norway) mentions that this has a direct impact on Proposal No. 89 from Norway and would bring it to a stop if Proposal No. 88 is accepted.

Vice President Tron Espeli offers Norway the option to present the Proposal No. 89 before the session decides on Proposal No. 88.

Marcel Vanberg (Norway) explains that the Norwegian Proposal uses the frame work of the existing European Championships with the addition that each possible event (Sprint or All-round) will be run over 2 days.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) stresses that the outcome of going down to one Championship is unclear and that the timeframe of the Technical Committee Proposal leaves more room to establish a good setup for the future of the Championships.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) asks for clarification if the Council decides alone about the new Championships format.

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the new setup of the Championships will be arranged in consultation with the ISU Members and will be decided by the Council.

Karin Rigas (Denmark) mentions that the Norwegian Proposal only covers Mass Start every two years and that she is in favor of the Technical Committee Proposal.

The Proposal No. 89 from Norway is **rejected**.

The Proposal No. 88 is unanimously **accepted**.

Proposal No. 89, Norway - Rule 201, paragraph 1

The Proposal was **rejected** in the vote conducted together with Proposal No. 88.

Proposal No. 90, Joint Proposal, made by Australia (Speed), Canada (Speed), China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA (Speed) - Rule 201, paragraph 2

The Proposal is now considered a **drafting matter**.

Proposal No. 91, made by Japan - Rule 201, paragraph 6

Toshihiko Nitta (Japan) wants to amend the Proposal by referring to paragraph 1.3 of Proposal No. 88 that the Four Continents Championships will have the same decision making process concerning the distances and distribution of days as the upcoming World Championships. The Program of the Four Continents Championships will not be fixed during the running Congress.

Vice President Tron Espeli mentions that this will need a careful drafting because the start of the new format does not leave the necessary time frame to decide on the new format 2 years before the first Championship 2019/2020. This has to be taken into consideration.

The Proposal including the necessary amendments is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 92, made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 202

The Proposal is now considered a **drafting matter**.

Proposal No. 93, made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee - Title of Chapter B

The Proposal is now considered a **drafting matter**.

Proposal No. 94, made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 206, Title

The Proposal is now considered a **drafting matter**.

Proposal No. 95, made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 208

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal restructures and amends the existing Rule for clarification and adjustment to common practice.

The Proposal is unanimously **accepted**.

Proposal No. 96, Joint Proposal, made by Australia (Speed), Canada (Speed), China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA (Speed) - Rule 208, paragraph 5

The Proposal is now considered a **drafting matter** due to the changes made on Rule 208 in Proposal No. 95.

Proposal No. 97, Japan - Rule 208 Entries

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) asks to delay the Proposal to possibly amend the mentioned qualification process and to not hinder the establishment of the 4-Continents Championships.

The mentioned procedure is accepted by the session and the decision on Proposal No. 97 is postponed.

Proposal No. 98, Japan - Rule 208

Japan **withdraws** the Proposal.

Proposal No. 99, Japan - Rule 212 paragraph 7

Japan **withdraws** the Proposal.

Proposal No. 100, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 214, paragraph 2

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the new proposed wording adjusts the Rule to common practice.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 101, Japan - Rule 214

Japan **withdraws** the Proposal.

Proposal No. 102, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 215, paragraph 5

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 8, ISU Council - Rule 221, paragraph 2, f) - j)

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the urgent proposals deals with the clarification of the existing World Record Rules.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 103, Japan - Rule 222, paragraph 3

Jun Yuda (Japan) stresses that the information of World Cup quota should be distributed as soon as possible after the season.

Alexander Kibalko (Chair Technical Committee Speed Skating) explains that the Technical Committee will take that input and due to the fact that there are no specific rules about the World Cup quota, the Technical Committee will make sure to improve the already existing practice of informing the ISU Members as early as possible after the season about their quota numbers for the next season.

Japan **withdraws** the Proposal.

Proposal No. 104, Norway - Rule 223, paragraph 1

Marcel Vanberg (Norway) underlines that there were serious injuries in Speed Skating in the past and that there is a need for a general improvement in safety equipment. Therefore the Proposal is covering the general upgrade of equipment for ISU events.

Luiza Zlotkowska (ISU Athletes Commission) mentions that the safety issues are more a matter of the training sessions compared to the competition and that it should be left as an option for the Skaters if they want to be better protected during training.

Legal Advisor Michael Geistlinger stresses that the wording would need to be amended.

Robert Dubreuil (Canada) mentions that Canada will not support the Proposal to not over-regulate the Speed Skating events in matters of safety.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) asks if it would be mandatory for all distances, including the long distances.

Alexander Kibalko (Chair Technical Committee Speed Skating) underlines that the Technical Committee already works on a new Communication that will make use of the Mass Start safety standards also for the Team events. That can as well include the overly busy training sessions and demand the use of safety equipment.

Marcel Vanberg (Norway) withdraws the Proposal in favor of the mentioned solution by the Technical Committee.

Norway **withdraws** the Proposal.

Urgent Proposal No. 9, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 265, paragraph 6.d)

Alexander Kibalko (Chair Technical Committee Speed Skating) explains that the Proposal aligns the points for Mass Start at Junior ISU Events with all other Senior ISU Events. This will help Juniors in the transition to the Senior age category and it will be easier to adapt to the 16 laps format of the Mass Start.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Vice President Tron Espeli returns to the the Proposal No. 96 and Proposal No. 97. Proposal No. 96 was considered as a drafting matter due to the changes made on Rule 208 in Proposal No. 95. Proposal No. 97 was postponed for necessary amendments on number of entries and maximum quota.

Alexander Kibalko (Chair Technical Committee Speed Skating) presents the amended version of the qualification process including quota criteria for the Four Continents Championships as part of an upcoming Communication. The implementation of the qualification process into a Communication would keep the Four Continents Championships in the planned timeline with a possible start in 2019/2020.

The presented procedure and the amended Proposal No. 97 is **accepted**.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

Proposal No. 116, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 280, paragraph 1.e)

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) mentions that the Netherlands supports the Technical Committee Proposal No. 116 and withdraws Proposal No. 117. He encourages the members to test this new setup for having more lanes even on their national ice rinks to give a better and more qualified feedback to the Technical Committee.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Rule is necessary to have the possibility to have more fresh tracks in the races. To evaluate the outcome of this, the rule change is necessary.

Kelvin Nicolle (New Zealand) mentions that he does not want the present tracks to disappear and that it needs to be clarified that the new rule does not hinder having tracks in the existing setup.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 117, Netherlands - Rule 280, paragraph 1.e)

Netherlands **withdraws** the Proposal.

Proposal No. 118, Netherlands - Rule 280, paragraph 4

The Proposal is considered a **drafting matter**.

Proposal No. 119, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 280, paragraph 5

Sonja Chong (Singapore) asks for clarification if the Proposal is effective from the beginning of the upcoming season, because it could hinder smaller countries with older padding standards to run international competitions on level Junior A and B because even with the financial assets it will not be possible to establish the new padding until the beginning of the season.

Hugo Herrnhof (ISU Sport Director) suggests an amendment of the Communication within an ISU Member oriented dialogue to find a solution for the mentioned Junior races without changing the entire Proposal. An updated Communication with an adjusted agreement about these races Junior A and B should fix the problem.

Vice President Tron Espeli stresses that it is not the purpose of the rule to hinder anything, but to strengthen the protection of the athletes.

Kelvin Nicolle (New Zealand) underlines that they support the approach from Singapore and brings the attention to long training sessions where Skaters are exposed to a minimum level or safety. He challenges the ISU to look seriously at options to find cheaper padding systems that can be handled faster and easier by parents, coaches, Skaters and volunteers.

Hermann Filipic (Austria) mentions that the execution of competitions is becoming harder because many tracks in Europe do not have movable padding and suggests that the ISU (including the Development Commission) should consider financing a complete padding-set each for Europe, Asia and America to be able to host the mentioned competitions.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) underlines that the Proposal is all about the safety of the athletes.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) withdraws Proposal No. 120 and fully supports Proposal No. 119.

Sonja Chong (Singapore) suggests the amendment of 5.g) to add 'basic padding system'.

Hugo Herrnhof (ISU Sport Director) stresses that an amendment changes the Communication as well and would like to find a solution that all ISU Members try to reach the highest level of safety. A sufficient solution for the mentioned competition will be found as well.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 120, Netherlands - Rule 280, paragraph 5

The Proposal is **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 121, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 281, paragraph 1.h), f), g)

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the proposal clarifies how the Skaters leave the ranking final and that the Proposal gives more flexibility for the ranking finals if all other rule changes are accepted in direction of a new format.

Orsolya Váradi (Hungary) does not support the part that the coaches have to come forward to confirm the athletes, because it leaves more task to the coaches.

Hermann Filipic (Austria) stresses that he fully agrees with the proposal but mentions that with the changes, each team has to 're-enter' their Skaters. In the previous rule, only Skaters who did not skate had to be confirmed which did minimize the administrative work.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) answers that she understands the comments but would like to leave it to drafting to find detailed wording and to stay with the main purpose of the rule.

The Proposal is **accepted** with possible drafting.

Proposal No. 122, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 281, paragraph 1.i), Rule 283, paragraph 1.g) and Rule 285 1.i)

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal handles the movement of the B-Final to a different position in the Championships setup.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) mentions that the Netherlands supports the Technical Committee and withdraws the Proposal No. 123.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 123, Netherlands - Rule 281, 283, 285 Distances and Program; Rule 281 paragraph 1.i) B. World Championships; Rule 283 paragraph 1.g) C. World Junior Championships; Rule 285 paragraph 1.i) E. European Championships

The Proposal is **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 124, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 281 paragraph 1.j), Rule 283 paragraph 1.h), Rule 285 paragraph 1.j)

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that the Proposal opens the door to more flexibility in the Championships Program.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 125, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 282

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal deals with the implementation of a new event in the Olympic Winter Games with one amendment.

Amendment: (...) Program components "**may**" include (...)

Attila Telegdi (Hungary) mentions that there is a high speed difference between Men and Ladies and therefore there could be safety issues during the race.

Vice President Tron Espeli summarizes that Hungary supports the Proposal and that the safety issues will be covered by a sufficient Communication.

The Proposal is unanimously **accepted**.

Proposal No. 126, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 283, paragraph 1

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the proposal implements the Single Distance Championships and the position of the heats of 500m and 1000m in the program if needed.

Hermann Filipic (Austria) stresses that Short Track should still be understandable for the public and spectators and asks the Technical Committee to work on a smaller format framework for the future. That could have a positive impact on marketing and general understanding of the sport.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 127, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 283, paragraph 2

Vice President Tron Espeli underlines that the Proposal refers to the changed setup of the World Junior Championships and how the entries will be regulated.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal will come into effect after the World Junior Championships 2019.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 128, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 283, paragraph 3

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal is a clarification of the rule.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 129, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 284, paragraph 1

Vice President Tron Espeli underlines that the existing rule must be changed and amended for upcoming decisions of the IOC about the Mixed Gender Relay.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains the necessary amendments and that the Proposal will be re-drafted to leave more flexibility in regards to the decisions of the IOC.

Michael Geistlinger (ISU Legal Advisor) stresses with future reference that amendments to Proposals must be presented in a written form to the ISU Members and not only be presented orally. This is considered a procedural remark.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 130, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 284 paragraph 3.a)

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal should simplify the qualification process for Olympic Winter Games and reduce possible mistakes.

Viktor Knoch (ISU Athletes Commission) is not in favor of the Proposal because from his perspective it is not helping the athlete.

Stewart Laing (Great Britain) asks the Technical Committee to work with data consultants instead of changing the rule.

Reinier Oostheim (ISU Technical Committee) underlines that the Proposal has more implications than just simplifying the calculation of the qualification.

An electronic vote is conducted:

Yes: 25

No: 18

Abstain: 6

The Proposal is **rejected**.

Proposal No. 131, Joint Proposal - Australia (Speed), Canada (Speed), China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA (Speed) - Rule 285 paragraph 1.e) and 1.i)

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) wants to discuss the Proposals No. 131, 132 and 133 together. The Proposal would bring the upcoming 4-Continents Championships in line with the European Championships in Rule 285 with the addition that the first season of the 4-Continents Championship would run under a different format.

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that for the first edition, each country is granted an entry quota of 3 Skaters and 8 Skaters for the relay. The Proposal should make reference to the season 2020 and all necessary regulations should be handled in an ISU Communication.

The Proposal is **accepted** together with Proposal No. 132 and No. 133.

Proposal No. 132, Joint Proposal - Australia (Speed), Canada (Speed), China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA (Speed) - Rule 285, paragraph 2.a)

The Proposal is **accepted** together with Proposal No. 131 and No. 133.

Proposal No. 133, Joint Proposal - Australia (Speed), Canada (Speed), China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and USA (Speed) – Rule 285, paragraph 2.b)

The Proposal is **accepted** together with Proposal No. 131 and No. 132.

Proposal No. 134, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 286, paragraph 3, third subparagraph
Vice President Tron Espeli explains that this part of the rule is obsolete and needs to be deleted.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 135, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 286, paragraph 3, fourth subparagraph
Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal has a clarification purpose and needs one amendment that she explains to the audience.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 136, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 286, paragraph 4.c)
Hermann Filipic (Austria) makes a general remark that the qualifying events for the European Championships need more flexibility and therefore he is in favor of the proposal.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 137, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 286 paragraph 5
Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal opens the door to new events and is therefore necessary.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 138, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 286 paragraph 7.a)
Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal opens the door to new events and is therefore necessary as well.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 139, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 286, paragraph 7.c)
Vice President Tron Espeli underlines that the Proposal removes restrictions and leaves more flexibility.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 140, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 286, paragraph 8
Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal leaves more flexibility to make changes from one season to another.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 10, ISU Council - Rule 287, paragraph 4
Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal is a necessary change due to existing European Commission ruling.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 141, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 288, paragraph 1
Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal is an adaptation of common practice.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 142, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 289, paragraph 1.d)
Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains the Proposal using a presentation. She gives an overview of the education program for Starters, Referees and Competitor Stewards. It includes practice elements for Video Replay specialist as well as web based learning platforms. Written examination and Video Replay examination will lead to a better evaluation of the Officials and the option to remove Officials from the ISU List should be established. The Video Replay should be brought to a higher quality with detailed criteria and a time limit to come to a conclusion including a Referee decision.
Vice President Tron Espeli stresses that the Proposal No. 142 must be handled together with Proposal No. 143.
Frank Anderson (Australia) makes the general remark that there were questions coming up about the advancement of Officials, how and why they are promoted and for which reason. The ISU Members would like to have more detailed information. The Technical Committee should be able to remove Officials from the list.

Kelvin Nicolle (New Zealand) stresses that the function as a Video Replay Referee is a very specialized function and therefore supports the Proposals of the Technical Committee.

The Proposal is **accepted** together with Proposal No. 143.

Proposal No. 143, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 289, paragraph 5.a)

The Proposal is **accepted** together with Proposal No. 142.

Proposal No. 144, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 289, paragraph 5.d)

Vice President Tron Espeli underlines that this Proposal already saw support given by New Zealand.

Hermann Filipic (Austria) stresses that the Video Replay will have a growing importance for the Short Track events and asks for a broader perspective that more Referees need experience with the Video Replay to gain a standardized quality level. This includes the Chief Referee on the ice who has to determine the situation at the end.

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal is a first step in the right direction and leads to better education of the Referees.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 145, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 289, paragraph 6.b)

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that current practice has shown that the time frame for seminars should leave more flexibility and that the current time slot is too restrictive.

Hermann Filipic (Austria) stresses that all the necessary tools for an e-learning platform are already existing and he urges the ISU Technical Committee to have an e-learning platform ready in the near future, open for all ISU Members and their Referees. An Officials Online Academy could be a workable idea.

Kelvin Nicolle (New Zealand) does support the principle of the Proposal but stresses that the attendance of a seminar, in case of unavailability, should not have a restrictive impact on acting as a Referee.

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the need to participate in a seminar should not be further restricted.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 146, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 289, paragraph 6.c)

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal should be giving recognition to ISU Officials who were placed back on the International list due to age limit. It would be clearly visible that they served as ISU Officials before reaching the age limit.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 147, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 289, paragraph 6.d)

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal is a clarification of the existing rule.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 148, Austria - Rule 289, paragraph 7.a)

The Proposal is PENDING, related to Proposal No. 151 and will be dealt with Proposal No. 151 in one block.

Proposal No. 149, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 289, paragraph 7.f)

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal is a clarification of the existing rule.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 150, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 290, paragraph 1.a)

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal gives more flexibility to assigning the specific roles to Referees in consultation of their mentors.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 151, Austria Speed - Rule 290, paragraph 1.a), paragraph 5.h), 5.i) and paragraph 8

Hermann Filipic (Austria) stresses that the Video Replay system needs more attention in regards of the included human factor. The Austrian Proposal was created with input from many ISU Members. Based on the financial analysis of the ISU issued during the Congress, Short Track has to work on its accountability related to controversy about Referee decisions. The Proposal extends the power of the Video Replay Referee with adding a second Video Replay Referee, including a "4-eye-principle" divided into a decision making Referee and a Controller. The wording and definition for each possible race situation should be summarized in an ISU Communication to give a clear guidance to Referees and the public/spectators. Decisions should become more transparent.

Simon Murphy (Luxembourg) mentions that there is public awareness about controversy in Referee decisions, but is not sure if the Proposal covers all the subjectivity related to Short Track racing. He also stresses that the ISU should look into existing solutions in other sports which have the same obstacles.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) stresses that the ISU should clearly go into the direction of reducing the controversy and improving the transparency. He also mentions that he is unsure if the existing Proposal actually covers the mentioned

obstacles. The suggestion is that the Technical Committee in consultation with all the experienced ISU Members work on a evolved version to be well prepared for the Olympic Winter Games 2022.

Hermann Filipic (Austria) asks for a clear timeline to reach the mentioned goals including an online learning platform and the clarification/definition of the infringements.

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) answers that the mentioned definition of infringements is already in the making and should be ready as promised for autumn 2018. The 4-eye-system already exists within the cooperation of the Video Replay Specialist and the Chief Referee on the ice. The on-ice Chief Referee is on the other hand necessary to run and execute the entire race and the rhythm of the show that is presented.

Stuart Anderson (Australia) underlines that the Video Replay is a necessary tool, but asks the Technical Committee to consult Video Analysis Experts to really understand how to work effectively with the tool of Video Replay.

Vice President Tron Espeli asks Austria if they want to stay with the existing Proposal.

Hermann Filipic (Austria) responds that he trusts the Technical Committee on the given points and he will withdraw the Proposals No. 148 and No. 151 for the running Congress. If there is no solution and no sufficient answers are found, he will come back to the next Congress with an even more detailed Proposal.

The Proposals No. 148 and No. 151 are **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 152, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 290, paragraph 4.c)

Kelvin Nicolle (New Zealand) suggests that the Chief Referee should monitor the ice temperature in cooperation with the ice maker.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 153, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 290, paragraph 5.g)

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal makes better use of the existing manpower during competitions.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 154, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 290, paragraph 5.h)

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal is a clarification of the existing rule.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 155, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 290, paragraph 5.i)

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal is a clarification of the existing rule.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 156, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 290, paragraph 7.c)

Vice President Tron Espeli underlines that the Proposal is implementing already existing practice into the existing rule.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 157, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 290, paragraph 9.b), 9.e)

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the Proposal is implementing already existing practice into the existing rule.

Hermann Filipic (Austria) makes the remark about point e) and asks if it is a conflict with international regulations if someone assists in a starting procedure who is not an Official.

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the sentence under point e) will be removed.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 158, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 290, paragraph 10.b)

Hermann Filipic (Austria) stresses that somebody should even in the future be responsible for checking the eligibility of the skaters.

Vice President Tron Espeli explains that the eligibility will still be checked, but not under the duty of the Competitors Stewards.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 159, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 290, paragraph 11

Vice President Tron Espeli underlines that the Proposal is implementing already existing practice into the existing rule.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 160, New Zealand - Rule 290, paragraph 19.b)

Kelvin Nicolle (New Zealand) wants to amend the Proposal that the on-ice Referee "may" wear safety helmets, because they do so already on several ice rinks and the amendment would not be as restrictive as a "must wear" wording.

Sonja Chong (Singapore) asks for clarification on how far the proposal reaches and who exactly needs to wear helmets.

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Competitors Stewards are not considered on-ice officials and therefore the rule does not need to be applied on them.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 161, Joint Proposal, Canada, USA (Speed) - Rule 291, paragraph 1.a)

Robert Dubreuil (Canada) stresses that the mentioned ASTM standard is not taking enough care of concussions and would like to offer the ISU the Canadian and North-American expertise as well as a deeper evaluation of future standards that could protect the Skaters in a better way.

Joel Shobe (ISU Medical Commission) explains that the Medical Commission is already looking into that topic and that concussions mostly happen when the head hits the ice and not when the helmet hits the padding. The Proposal reflects the opportunity of a deeper evaluation and therefore is supported by the ISU Medical Commission.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 162, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 291, paragraph 1.b)

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that there are two parts in the Proposal. Part one is the implementation of cut resistance gloves or mitts in all ISU Events, part two is the implementation of the color "white" for the gloves to clearly identify the move of the hands during the race and to make the work of the Referee easier.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) asks the Technical Committee to list the relevant events to make it clear where the Rule will be applied. As an addition to it, the fingertips of many Short Track Gloves have glue on it and should be taken into consideration.

Stuart Anderson (Australia) stresses that it should be made clear that the major color should be white, even if seams or parts of the glove are not clearly white.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Proposal No. 163, Australia (Speed) - Rule 292, paragraph 1.a)

Stuart Anderson (Australia) explains that the Proposal is for clarification to distinguish between Junior Men and Ladies in respect to the distances.

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that the Technical Committee supports the Proposal.

The Proposal is **accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 11, ISU Council - Rule 292, paragraph 1 d) - g)

Vice President Tron Espeli stresses that the Proposal clarifies the existing procedure.

The The Proposal is **accepted**.

10. Reports by the Chair of the Speed Skating an Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committees concerning proposed amendments to the Technical Rules for Speed Skating and for Short Track Speed Skating

Speed Skating

Alexander Kibalko (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that all items were touched in previous discussions. All items are now drafting matters.

Proposal No. 105, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 241, paragraphs 3a), 4c) and 5a)

Proposal No. 106, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 243, paragraphs 4a)

Proposal No. 107, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 244

Proposal No. 108, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 245

Proposal No. 109, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 253

Proposal No. 110, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 256

Proposal No. 111, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 261, paragraph 1

Proposal No. 112, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 261, paragraph 3

Proposal No. 113, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 265, paragraph 6c) and 7

Proposal No. 114, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 268, paragraph 1

Proposal No. 115, Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 273, paragraph 1 and 3

Short Track

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that all items were touched in previous discussions.

Proposal No. 164, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 294, paragraph 1

Proposal No. 165, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 294, paragraph 2

Proposal No. 166, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 294, paragraph 2 - **WITHDRAWN**

Proposal No. 167, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 294, paragraph 3

Proposal No. 168, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 295, paragraph 1.g)

Proposal No. 169, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 295, paragraph 2.b), 2.c)

Proposal No. 170, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 295, paragraph 2.d), 2.h)

Proposal No. 171, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 295, paragraph 2.h)

Proposal No. 172, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 295, paragraph 5.c)

Proposal No. 173, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 295, paragraph 8
Proposal No. 174, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 295, paragraph 10
Proposal No. 175, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 295, paragraph 11.a)
Proposal No. 176, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 296, paragraph 2 and 3
Proposal No. 177, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 297, paragraph 1.c)
Proposal No. 178, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 297, paragraph 2.b)
Proposal No. 179, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 297, paragraph 3.b)
Proposal No. 180, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 297, paragraph 3
Proposal No. 181, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 297
Proposal No. 182, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 297, paragraph 5
Proposal No. 183, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 297, paragraph 6
Proposal No. 184, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 297, paragraph 7
Proposal No. 185, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 298, paragraph 1
Proposal No. 186, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 298, paragraph 5.b)
Proposal No. 187, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 298, paragraph 12
Proposal No. 188, Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee - Rule 298, paragraph 13

11. Presentation by ISU Members of objections to proposed Technical Rule changes and subsequent vote upon such objections.

Any objection requires a second ISU Member to support the objection and subsequently a simple majority to become effective. Such objection may only propose not to accept the change, it cannot propose any amendment. A Rule in the Technical Rules may not change or amend a rule included in the Constitution or in the General Regulations or in the Special Regulations (Article 11, paragraph 2.b) of the 2016 ISU Constitution).

There are no objections mentioned. ISU Vice President Tron Espeli explains that after the conclusion of the workshop and the Branch Meetings, all Technical Rules for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, including amendments, are now DRAFTING MATTERS.

12. Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Speed Skating consisting of:

- a) a Chair
- b) Three regular members
- c) Note: The additional Committee members being a Skater and a Coach shall subsequently be appointed by the President.
See page 135.

13. Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Short Track consisting of:

- a) a Chair
- b) Three regular members
- c) Note: The additional Committee members being a Skater and a Coach shall subsequently be appointed by the President. The Elections will take place on Friday, 8th of June 2018.
See page 135.

14. Presentation of a status report by each Technical Committee on the existing four-year plan for the ISU for the period since the 2014 Congress

Alexander Kibalko (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the status reports have been distributed and no remarks have been made.

Nathalie Lambert (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that the same counts for the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee.

15. Various

None.

16. Closing of the Branch meeting by the Vice President

ISU Vice President Tron Espeli thanks everyone for the input and closes the Branch meeting.

C. Section of Special Representatives for Figure Skating

FIRST SESSION

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 - 3:30 p.m.

Vice President Alexander Lakernik in the Chair

1. Opening of the Meeting by the Vice President

Alexander Lakernik welcomed honored guests, members and all delegates to the 2018 Congress of the ISU and reminded participants that we would be following the rules stated in the Opening of Congress by President Dijkema.

2. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of the Branch.

Alexander Lakernik was pleased to report that the ISU Council has appointed Ms. Lois Long to record the minutes of the meetings of the Figure Skating Branch and kindly asked the Assembly to approve her appointment. This appointment was unanimously approved.

3. Verification of the qualifications of the Figure Skating representatives and of their right to vote

Alexander Lakernik asked to conduct an electronic roll call and verify the Delegates in attendance and tested the voting machines at the same time. Alexander Lakernik conducted the roll call using the voting machines.

65 members present. 2/3 is 44.

4. Election of two (2) scrutineers of the Minutes

Alexander Lakernik recommended to the assembly that Sally Rehorick from Canada and Tarja Ristanen from Finland be nominated to serve as scrutineers of the Minutes for the Figure Skating Branch Session. These appointments were unanimously approved.

5. Election of a drafting committee, consisting of at least three (3) members, to draft the final text of the proposals adopted concerning the Single and Pair Skating Regulations, and election of a similar drafting committee for Ice Dance Regulations and the Synchronized Skating Regulations

Alexander Lakernik reported that the ISU Council has appointed the following drafting Committees:

Single & Pair Skating: Fabio Bianchetti
Susan Lynch
Yukiko Okabe
Patricia Mayor

Ice Dance: Halina Gordon-Poltorak
Shawn Rettstatt
Hilary Selby
Patricia Mayor

Synchronized Skating: Christopher Buchanan
Cathy Dalton
Lois Long
Frédéric Laurent

The drafting committees were approved unanimously.

6. Approval of the Agenda

According to the Constitution, the formal Agenda for the Figure Skating Section Meeting Procedure can be found in Section VII, Part D, Article 33 on pages 72-74 of the Constitution and General Regulations 2016.

The agenda was discussed during the Figure Skating Branch Workshop, Alexander Lakernik did not make any remarks regarding this item.

7. Report of the Vice President on the Figure Skating activities of the past two years 'Figure Skating activities 2016-2018

Below are some activities of the Figure Skating ISU branch.

1. Annual appointments of Officials for the ISU events: a very big work as we have to fill around 400 positions.
 2. Hosting of ISU events and OWG 2018: all the competitions were conducted on a good level; the biggest competition was OWG 2018. Despite some organizational problems, finally it was a big success.
 3. Good work of Development Commission: this is a completely new structure. Commission members work with great enthusiasm. The work is transparent and well organized. There's a good cooperation with the ISU Office.
 4. Cooperation with a Council: good cooperation between the Technical Committees and the ISU Council, especially with Figure Skating Council members.
 5. Evaluation of judging: at ISU Championships the OAC works on site, at other ISU Events from home; with cancellation of anonymity a problem with national bias became clearly visible.
 6. Preparation of various proposals for the ISU Congress 2018: the final result can be seen in the Congress Agenda; each Committee worked hard at many interesting ideas for development of Figure Skating.
 7. Transition to +/-5 GOE scale: the new SOV was created in all 3 disciplines; the guidelines for +/- GOE were developed; the Test events in all disciplines were conducted; the results were quite positive.
 8. Seminars and various camps: the camps were conducted as Council projects or with the help of the DV Commission; in particular we now have a good structure of camps in pair skating; Officials seminars were conducted on a regular basis; with the purchase of the E-learning platform the seminars now can be conducted on-line; Global Frankfurt seminar is a huge project for education of Judges and Technical Panel members
 9. Synchronized Skating at OWG: a big work was done for inclusion of Synchronized Skating in the program of the next OWG. All the necessary materials were sent to the IOC and now we are waiting for the IOC decision.'
- 8. Approval of Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance as well as Synchronized Skating specifically designated and summarized in the Agenda as "Drafting Matters" and approval of these "Drafting Matter" Motions and/or referral of certain of those Motions identified as such for debate and vote**

Alexander Lakernik noted that there were no Proposals labeled as Drafting Matters and recommended that we move onto Agenda Item 9.

9. Motions concerning Amendments to the Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance as well as Synchronized Skating

Three (3) amendments have been submitted which will be discussed when the associated proposal is addressed. There will be no change to the order of the Agenda. It starts with Proposal 189.

The procedure regarding Motions concerning Amendments to the Special Regulations:

Alexander Lakernik reminded the Delegates that approval in each case requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority and will be determined by the Chair by a hand vote first.

Alexander Lakernik reminded the Delegates to use the red card = NO, green card = YES or white card = abstain..

In case of doubt by the Chair or objection from a Member, an electronic vote would be taken.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING and ICE DANCE

Proposal No. 189 made by Bosnia & Herzegovina

Rule 336, Paragraph b) & c)

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou, Bosnia & Herzegovina, spoke to the rationale for this proposal.

Supported by: Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee.

The proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 190 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees

Rule 343, revise

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee spoke to the rationale for this proposal.

Bob Horen, USA, questioned if "spoken word" would be considered as music cadence. Mr. Lakernik stated that spoken word is considered as music.

Lise Rosto Jensen, NOR, questioned if the proposal should be discussed together with the next proposal 191 as it affected the same rule. This was declined by Mr. Lakernik.

Didier Gailhaguet, FRA, asked whether silence in the music is an issue. Mr. Lakernik indicated that he did not think so.

Paolo Pizzocari, ITA, questioned if Spoken Words without music was still music. There should be more details on what the definition of "music" is in terms of acceptability.

The proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 191 made by Norway

Rule 343, Music reproduction system. To remove CDs and include music of skaters in ORS for ISU Events and Challenger Series.

Lise Josto Jensen, NOR, spoke to their proposal and presented their proposed amendment to the proposal (changing the original proposal of uploading MP3 files to ORS with a proposal to give USB sticks on site instead of the actual CD).

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair, Single and Pair Skating Technical Committee asked whether there would be a transitional period. Lise Josto Jensen answered that their proposal does not include one.

However, Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair, Ice Dance Technical Committee, would prefer a transitional period for implementation and commented that each USB should have only one program music.

Gudbjort Erlensdottir, ISL, supported this proposal and indicated that they already use this as all their nationals.

Jamie McIver, NZL, spoke in favor of this proposal.

Miki Hirai, JPN, suggested flexibility and a transition period using both CD and USB stick.

Maurizio Margaglio, Appointed Coach of Ice Dance Technical Committee, supported to allow flexibility, technology is changing all the time.

David Raith, USA supported this idea but proposed to reject this proposal and asked to pass a resolution to set up a working group to review this (virus possibility).

Cecilia Nikolic, ARG, expressed concerns on this proposal using a USB stick.

Tatsuro Matsumura, Development Commission, worried about the format on the USB and possible viruses.

Ricardo Olavarietta, MEX, stated that the exact format would need to be announced on the announcement.

Ari Zakaryan, ARM, expressed support for this proposal.

Artem Knyazev, UZB, said that there are no problems with USBs and indicated that the MP3 format would be used.

Alper Ucar, Athlete Commission, expressed support for this proposal.

First there was a vote on the amendment from NOR. This was accepted.

The proposal as amended was **Rejected**. (Vote: Yes 18, No 43, Abst 4).

David Raith, USA, suggested assigning this to the Athletes Commission to work on a proposal for next Congress.

This was accepted by John Coughlin, Chair, Athletes Commission.

Proposal No. 192 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees

New Rule 346, Video Recordings. To provide to the Referee the video recording of the competition.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee spoke to the rationale for this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 193 made by Bosnia & Herzegovina

Rule 349 amend

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou, BIH, spoke to the rationale for this proposal.

Susan Lynch, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, indicated that this proposal is based on Rule 349 and not in Rule 350.

Vice President and Chair Alexander Lakernik asked what happens if no Planned Program Content sheet is given.

John Coughlin, Chair, Athletes Commission, stated that the skater would not be allowed to attend practice without the sheet.

Alexander Lakernik further commented that sometimes there is no practice.

John Coughlin, Chair, Athletes Commission, stated that the athlete should fill out the form before they are allowed to get accredited.

Patrick Meier, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee /Appointed Skater, stated that must is not possible to follow as many athletes arrive on the day of competition.

Alexander Lakernik commented that organizers must be stricter in collecting the sheets.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 194 made by Netherlands

Rule 353, to propose split panels of Judges for ISU Events, YOWG and OWG and increase to 14 judges for Championships

Jeroen Prins, NED, explained his reasoning for this proposal is due to so many things to judge in Figure Skating.

Mr. Lakernik questioned when this would be implemented and if there was an estimated budget as there would be an impact.

Jeroen Prins, NED, stated this would be immediate unless SPTC indicates otherwise.

Mr. Lakernik responded that this would need to be for all ISU Events and therefore the budget included in the proposal is not enough.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee indicated that the Committee would agree to this split but not immediately, and proposed the season 2019/20 test for JGP to use the split only. The other events would be later.

Fabio Bianchetti proposed the following amendment:

At least five judges will only mark the GOE and at least 5 judges will only mark the Program Components..

Sergey Sviridov, RUS, stated that for the GP OC it is very hard to have all these officials (higher number than the number competed skaters). Should be step by step And with the focus on what we can do for the skaters.

Didier Gailhaguet, FRA, supported the statement by RUS.

Alla Shekhovtsova, Ice Dance Technical Committee, stated they would need to change also para b) as otherwise it would not follow the rules.

Patrick Meier, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, stated the amendment from SPTC would just be an addition to b) and j).

Béatrice Pfister, Legal Advisor, stated that the entire text would be needed in writing. She also asked whether this would be a trial.

Patrick Meier responded that the text exists and that this would not be a trial but would be used in JGP and developed further.

Leanna Caron, CAN, stated her support.

Paolo Pizzocari, ITA, supported the original proposal from NED.

Alla Shekhovtsova stated it will be very difficult to have so many judges per each part and suggested to divide panel into 2 approx. equal parts.

Jeroen Prins, NED, supported the SPTC amendment and also supported the proposal on two approx. equal parts.

Halina Gordon-Poltorak stated that ISU Evens should have 5+5 judges.

The first vote was by a show of hands on the amendment. It was accepted.

Mr. Lakernik then called for an electronic vote on the amended proposal.

The proposal was **Rejected**. (Vote: Yes 38, No 23, Abst 2, as 2/3 = 42)

Proposal No. 195 made by Ice Dance Technical Committee

Rule 353, paragraph 1, b). To add Sequence as a possible GOE element and to allow more than one GOE per each sequence/section of PDE.

Shawn Rettstatt, Ice Dance Technical Committee, spoke in support of this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 196 made by Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Rule 353 Paragraph 1 h), ii). To be in line with the corresponding change in Rule 610.

The Proposal was taken after Proposal No. 256 in Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee proposed that this proposal should be voted on once the corresponding change in Rule 610 is discussed. This procedure was approved.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 197 made by Canada Figure

Rule 353, paragraph 1, h, iv). Revise to ensure even distribution and reward balanced programs

Leanna Caron, CAN, proposed an amendment to Proposal 197 to clarify.

Lise Rosto Jensen, NOR, asked for a clarification so the amendment would be: ...with the maximum of the last 2 jumps (jump boxes) in the Short Program and the last 4 jumps in Free Program.

As Proposal 197 and Proposal 198 refer to the same Rule, they were discussed together.

Tomoko Doi, JPN, stated they would like to keep their original proposal as it is a more well balanced program.

Béatrice Pfister, ISU Legal Advisor, advised to first take a vote to proceed with Proposal 197 CANADA or Proposal 198 JAPAN. Mr. Lakernik called for a vote.

Vote: Canada 30, Japan 33

Proposal 197 was **Rejected**.

Proposal No. 198 made by Japan, discussed with Proposal 197

Rule 353, paragraph 1. h) iv). To investigate the well balanced program.

John Coughlin, Athlete Commission, would support the Japanese Proposal 198.

Discussion proceeded regarding Proposal 198.

The proposal was **Accepted**. (Vote: Yes 46, No 15, Abst 1, as 2/3 = 42)

Proposal No. 199 made by Japan

Rule 353, paragraph 1. h) v) new. To credit skaters who executed six different jumps, who is showing more variety of jumps in the program.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 200 made by Ice Dance Technical Committee

Rule 353, paragraph 1, i) ii) and new i) iii). Drafting and adding the possibility to have Combination Turns

Alla Shekhovtsova, Ice Dance Technical Committee, stated rationale for proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 201 made by Netherlands

Rule 353 – ISU Judging System – determination and publication of results. To revise the factors for Men.

Jeroen Prins, NED, discussed rationale to increase factors by 20%.

Alexander Lakernik had many comments and said that it first should be for all disciplines and suggested this be moved to the next Congress as this was premature due to the new +5/-5 GOE and no actual figures are new.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair of SPTC stated that it is difficult to know what the correct factors should be but the Technical Committee would study this next season.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 202 made by Ice Dance Technical Committee

Rule 353, paragraph 1. n). To indicate the deduction in Pattern Dances relating to the requirement included in Rule 707, new paragraph 6.

Hilary Selby, Ice Dance Technical Committee, presented rationale for proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 203 made by Netherlands

Rule 353 – ISU Judging System – determination and publication of results

Paragraph 1n), in the table showing Violations, delete the entire row for "Fall":

Jeroen Prins, NED, discussed current situation for impact of falls in high-level jumps (e.g. quad Lutz).

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Alexander Lakernik closed the session on June 5 at 17:30.

Branch of Special Representatives for Figure Skating

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m. (third day)

Vice President Alexander Lakernik in the Chair

Opening of the Meeting by the Vice President

Proposal No. 204 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees Rule 354, Team Results by ISU Member.
Shawn Rettstatt, Ice Dance Technical Committee, spoke their support for this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 205 made by Austria Figure Rule 355, World ranking systems. To establish a World Ranking System also for Junior skaters
Christiane Mörth, AUT, spoke regarding the impact to Junior level skaters.
Peter Krick, Honorary Member, mentioned that there are several issues to be considered, including whether senior competitions would give points for junior ranking.
Maurizio Margaglio, Ice Dance Technical Committee, stated that Technical Committees have a positive view on this.
Leanna Caron, Canada Figure, supported and called for work to be done on the transition from Junior to Senior.
John Coughlin, Athletes Commission, explained percentage views for transition.
Sergey Sviridov, RUS, stated that if the ranking lists were to be separated, work would be needed on Junior points.
Artem Kniazhev, UZB, proposed three lists: junior, senior and a combined one.
Charlie Cyr, Figure Skating Sports Director, said that the issue to acknowledge juniors had already been discussed in Technical Committees but two lists would be tricky. He added that the number of competitions would also need to be considered.
Paolo Pizzocari, ITA, asked why not consider Junior results also for Senior.
Alexander Lakernik asked if this would include competitions that we currently use. He also said that one list is not very fair.

A Resolution giving the task to TCs to provide the principles for the Junior World Ranking System with the goal to start in 2019/20 **was accepted unanimously**.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 206 made by Bosnia & Herzegovina
Rule 366 Protocol
Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou, BIH, summarized this proposal on the timeline to send the event protocol to the ISU.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, supported this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 12 made by ISU Council
Rule 367. Replace current rule with proposal on Novelty formats at International Competitions.
Alexander Lakernik, discussed rationale for this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 207 made by Bosnia & Herzegovina
Rule 368. Comment to the public
Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou, BIH, summarized this proposal to move the sentence under Duties and Powers of Officials
Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, supported this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 208 made by ISU Council
Rule 378, paragraph 3. Amend paragraph 3, add new paragraph 4, renumber current paragraph 4 to 5. To allow big and fixed number of entries at the World Figure Skating Championships, which will help the Organizing Member and other ISU Members from 2020/21.
Alexander Lakernik, explained that this proposal is addressing a resolution from the Congress 2016.
A very lengthy discussion continued. Mr. Lakernik stated that although the concept is supported, it would be withdrawn at this time and be discussed in a working group dealing with the Championships as a whole

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 209 made by Bosnia & Herzegovina

New Rule 382 - add "new" rule for composition of panel of judges

Ustavka Novakovic-Kutinou, BIH, summarized this proposal and asked Legal Advisor if the wording was satisfactory and then proposed a resolution to the proposal.

A lengthy conversation continued.

Jeroen Prins, NED, stated that he has sympathy for some parts of the BIH proposal because the current rule somehow violates inclusiveness, and qualified judges are not drawn because the country does not have skaters. He proposed to withdraw the Proposal in favor of the Resolution. This was accepted.

The Proposal was **Withdrawn**.

John Coughlin, Athletes Commission, stated that skaters are not responsible for the development of officials and supported using the most experienced judges at Championships.

Jeanette King, NZL, raised the question of panels in the Four Continents Championships.

Alexander Lakernik stated that the question is whether the current system works. He also pointed out that the current system pushes ISU Members to develop skaters.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, stated that if judges with no skaters are included, it means that some countries with skaters will not be drawn in the panel.

Maria Fortescue, ISL, asked how a judge can gain experience if the country does not have skaters.

Alexander Lakernik explained that the answer is to develop skaters.

Mr. Lakernik called for a vote.

The Resolution was **Rejected**. (Vote: No 34, Yes 23, Abst 8, simple majority 33)

Proposal No. 210 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees.

Rule 393, Revise paragraph 1. a) and delete paragraph 2. Remove unnecessary repetition of the Rule 134, paragraph 3. f)

Shawn Rettstatt, Ice Dance Technical Committee, spoke to the rationale for this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 211 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 400, para 3 and 4 - Entries to the Olympic Winter Games

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, spoke to this proposal. Mona Adolfsen, NOR, John Coughlin and Alper Uçar, Athletes Commission and Leanna Caron, CAN, supported the proposal.

Several clarifications were requested and comments made (Katarina Henriksson SWE, Sergey Sviridov RUS, Boris Chait ISR, Igor Lukanin AZE, Artem Kniazev UZB). Peter Lynch, AUS, was not in favour of the proposal. Alexander Lakernik and Fabio Bianchetti explained that the proposal aims at having the best skaters at the OWG. If a country achieves enough points in the previous World Championships for two or three skaters, they have direct entries only if the country had the same number of skaters qualified in the Free Skating at the previous Worlds. If the country did not have as many, it can send a skater who did not skate in the FS in the Worlds to the qualifying competition. The proposal does not affect the right of other countries to send skaters to the qualifying event.

The proposal was **Accepted**. (Vote: Yes 52, No 13, Abs. 1)

Proposal No. 212 made by Netherlands

Rule 402 – Panels of Judges for the Olympic Winter Games

Dependent on proposal 194.

Jeroen Prins, NED, proposed to withdraw this proposal as Proposal 194 was rejected.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 213 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 403, Draws at the Olympic Winter Games. Change the order of the sentences for clarification.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, spoke to this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 214 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees

Rule 411, paragraph 6. a), b), c). To include the option for conducting Officials' seminar for re-appointments via online educational platforms.

To be together with Proposals 217, 220, 222, 224, 299, 304, 310, 315, 319 and 322.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, spoke to these proposals on behalf of all Technical Committees.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 215 and Proposal No. 305 made by Finland Figure

Rule 411, paragraph 9b) / Rule 901, paragraph 9b). To make it easier for Officials already on the ISU list to fulfill the activity requirement (especially in ice dance).

Alekander Lakernik discussed the amendment to this proposal that activity for re-appointment “in ice dance only”.

Leana Laaksonen, FIN, spoke in favor of this amended proposal.

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair, Ice Dance Technical Committee, agreed with the amendments.

Yukiko Okabe, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, shared agreement as well.

The amendment was **Accepted**.

The proposal was **Accepted as amended**.

Proposal No. 216 made by Canada Figure

Rule 411 paragraph 9 d) – Amend text to indicate that Single Skating and Pair Skating are different disciplines, and therefore they should count as distinct activity towards fulfilling service requirements.

Leanna Caron, CAN, spoke in favor of this proposal.

Susan Lynch, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, stated that there was not enough exposure or experience with this proposal and did not support this proposal.

The proposal was **Rejected**.

Proposal No. 217 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees
Rule 412, paragraph 2, c). To provide another option for conducting a seminar via on-line educational platforms.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 218 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees
Rule 412, paragraph 3 b). To make the requirement for ISU promotion in line with the schedule for the exam to become an ISU Referee.

Rita Zonnekeyn, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, spoke to the rationale for this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 219 made by United States Figure

Rule 412, paragraph 3, subparagraph b (i), Specific requirements for nomination and appointment of Referees. Revise background requirements to be eligible for first appointment as an ISU Referee in Singles/Pairs or Ice Dance:

Ann Cammet, USA, stated that this proposal would be withdrawn in favor of the previous proposal.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 220 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees
Rule 412, paragraph 4, paragraph c). To provide another option for conducting a seminar via online educational platforms.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 221 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees
Rule 413, paragraph 1 d). To be consistent with Rule 411, paragraph 8. b).

Susan Lynch, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, spoke to the rationale for this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 222 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees
Rule 413, paragraph 2 c). To provide another option for conducting a seminar via online educational platforms.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 223 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 413, paragraph 3 e). To be consistent with Rule 411, paragraph 8. b).

Susan Lynch, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, corrected a typo in the text of this proposal. Instead of an International Judge will be written an ISU Judge.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 224 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 413, paragraph 4 c). To provide another option for conducting a seminar via online educational platforms.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 225 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees Rule 414, paragraph 3) b ii). Increase requirements for activity by 2 years to gain experience. Susan Lynch, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, spoke to the rationale for this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 226 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees Rule 414, paragraph 3. c). Increase requirements for activity by 2 years to gain experience. Susan Lynch, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, spoke to the rationale for this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 13 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees Rule 414, paragraph 4 b). Clarification which events apply for the purpose of this Rule. Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, spoke to this Urgent Proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 227 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees Rule 415, paragraph 3. b) i). Increase requirements by 2 years to gain more experience.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 228 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees Rule 415, paragraph 3. c). Increase requirements for ISU Technical Specialist to gain more experience.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 14 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees Rule 415, paragraph 4 b). Clarification which events apply for the purpose of this Rule.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 229 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees Rule 417, paragraph 5). Amend to to reflect the current practice. Shawn Rettstatt, Ice Dance Technical Committee, spoke to the rationale behind this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 230 made by Finland Figure Rule 417, paragraph 6). Amend for clarification Tarja Ristanen, FIN, shared the rationale for this proposal. Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair, Ice Dance Technical Committee, spoke in favor.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 231 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees Rule 417, paragraph 6). To clarify that in order to qualify as a seminar, both the Initial Judges Meeting and the Round Table Discussions must be conducted by the Referee. In the past, the requirement just specified the Initial Judges Meeting.

Wording was amended for clarification to include ...only (not for re-appointment of Referees).

The proposal was **Accepted as amended**.

Proposal No. 232 made by Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees Rule 417, paragraph 7). To simplify requirements for validation of requirements. Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, shared the reasons for this proposal. Alexander Lakernik clarified and provided additional comments. Charlie Cyr, Sports Director, confirmed Mr. Lakernik's comments.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 233 and Proposal 338 made by Finland Figure Rule 430, General, f) / 920, General f). To make it clear at rule level that all Officials are only allowed to have certain specified documents with them when officiating. Tarja Ristanen, FIN, presented an amendment to this proposal that documents "related to the competition in question and/or" should be added to the proposal. Béatrice Pfister, Legal Advisor, shared her perspective of the impact of specific wording stating that the text in Communication 1540 was sufficient.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 234 made by Netherlands

Rule 430 – General and specific duties and powers. Add additional duties to Judges in regards to Falls and Program Components evaluation.

Jeroen Prins, NED, spoke to the reason for this proposal and proposed an amendment to remove the first bullet point from the Proposal (make the required reductions in Program Components.....). This was accepted.

The second bullet point was voted on. (Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee supported).

The proposal was **Rejected**.

Proposal No. 235 made by Netherlands

Rule 430 – General and specific duties and powers

Under 3. Duties and powers of the Technical Controller, delete the 4th bullet and Under 5. The Technical Specialist, delete the 4th bullet as this would become part of the duties of the Judges if proposal 234 is approved.

Jeroen Prins, NED, spoke to the reason for this proposal.

Leanna Caron, CAN, pointed out the discrepancy between this language and the language in the communication that states “should” versus “must.”

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair, Ice Dance Technical Committee, spoke against this proposal.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 236 made by Norway

Rule 430, General and specific duties and powers.

To add clarification to current Rule and to not allow ISU Officials to serve as Team Leaders at certain Senior ISU Events.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, discussed three amendments for clarification of this proposal (electronic devices to be switched off while on the stand, serving as team leader to be allowed in GP events and adding OAC member to the positions restricting team leader service).

Mr. Lakernik questioned the text of Norway’s proposal relative to who is an ISU Official in this case. The answer was those on the ISU list of officials.

Mona Adolfsen, NOR, agreed to the amendment from SPTC.

Hilary Selby, Ice Dance Technical Committee pointed out that the opportunities of those on the ISU list of officials to serve in any other duties would be very limited if the proposal is passed.

Christopher Buchanan, Chair Synchronized Skating Technical Committee stated that this should also apply to Synchronized Skating.

Sally Rehorick CAN proposed to include “in the same season” in the wording.

Ann Cammett, USA, made a proposal to amend the amendment. This was not accepted.

Katarina Henriksson SWE supported the proposal.

Béatrice Pfister, Legal Advisor, shared her perspective of the impact of the wording.

The text of the first part of the proposal was amended as follows:

“ Any form of electronic communication devices such as mobile phones, tablets or smart watches must be switched off while the officials are on the officials’ stand.”

Final amended wording for the second part of the proposal would be: “ISU Officials must not act as a Team Leader (or Assistant) in ISU Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance) Championships or Olympic Winter Games in the same season during which they serve as a Referee, Judge, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist or OAC member in ISU Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance) Championships or Olympic Winter Games.”

The proposal was **Accepted as amended**.

Proposal No. 237 made by Norway

Rule 430, General and specific duties and powers. Add restrictions for ISU Officials when posting on social media.

Lise Rosto Jensen, NOR, discussed proposal and an amendment to the wording.

Charlie Cyr, Sports Director, commended Lise for bringing forward and discussing a perception of conflict of interest.

Gyorgy Elek, HUN, stated that this should be contained in the Code of Ethics.

Lise Rosto Jensen, NOR, made additional comments and is not in favor of including in the Code of Ethics. Sally Rehorick, CAN, questioned how to enforce this.

A lengthy discussion continued with comments from: Katarina Henriksson, SWE; Ararat Zakarian, ARM; Lise Rosto Jensen, NOR; Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee; Christine Isaksen, NOR; Maria Fortecue, ISL; Christiane Mörth, AUT.

Béatrice Pfister, Legal Advisor, shared her perspective of the impact of the specifying “should” versus “must.”

Alekander Lakernik proposed to Norway to withdraw this proposal as it is included in the Code of Ethics.

The proposal was **Withdrawn in favor of a mention in the Code of Ethics**.

Proposal No. 238 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Skating Technical Committees

Rule 431, paragraph 1, revise into two parts to separate the Initial Judges Meeting and pre-event Meetings at ISU Championships, ISU Events and OWG from Judges Meetings at International Competitions.

Shawn Rettstatt, Ice Dance Technical Committee, spoke to the rationale behind this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 239 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Skating Technical Committees

Rule 431, paragraph 2. Amend text.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, spoke to and included Proposal 241 with this proposal.

Mr. Lakernik stated that the proposals must be addressed one at a time.

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair, Ice Dance Technical Committee, proposed to amend wording to replace "must" with "recommended"

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 240 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Skating Technical Committees

Rule 431, paragraph 2. Amend to allow Chair or TC members to attend the Round Table Discussion if present.

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair, Ice Dance Technical Committee, spoke in favor of this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 241 made by Bosnia & Herzegovina

Rule 431, paragraph 2. Amend text (second sentence).

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 242 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 433, paragraph 1. Revise to be in line with the new definition of the Novice Categories.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 243 made by Netherlands

Rule 440 – Evaluation of service by Officials, paragraph 2. a). Amend to include national bias.

Jeroen Prins, NED, clarified due to a typo in this proposal (Should reference Article 23).

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 244 made by Netherlands

Rule 440 – D. Evaluation of service by Officials, paragraph 6, Criteria for Assessments, under b) Judges. Amend to include National Bias.

Alexander Lakernik spoke regarding this proposal.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, shared his support but proposed to amend Assessment level 4 to be possible after Assessment 2 or 3 instead of 3.

Daniel Delfa, ESP, proposed to also amend Assessment 2 to be possible after 1 or 2.

Alexander Lakernik restated the two proposed amendments to the original proposal, and called for a vote. The amendments were Accepted.

Christopher Buchanan, Chair Synchronized Skating Technical Committee asked for Synchronized Skating to also be included (Rule 930, paragraph 6, under b, Judges).

The proposal was **Accepted as amended**.

Christopher Buchanan, Chair Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated to Mr. Lakernik and the Delegates present, that the following proposals from Synchronized Skating were also included as part of the Singles/Pairs/Ice Dance proposals; Proposals 291, 293, 299, 304, 305, 308, 310, 312, 315, 318, 319, 321, 322, 325, 331, 332, 336, 337, 340, 341 (same as 241).

Mr. Lakernik stated that Proposal 305 would need to be voted on.

Alexander Lakernik closed the session at 12:40.

Branch of Special Representatives for Figure Skating

THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, June 7, 2018, 9:00 a.m. (fourth day)

Vice President Alexander Lakernik in the Chair

Opening of the Meeting by the Vice President

Alexander Lakernik opened the session and requested an electronic roll call to verify the delegates in attendance.

66 Members were present. 2 members were absent; Azerbaijan Figure Skating and Malaysia. Azerbaijan Figure Skating arrived late, Members present was revised to 67.

Fabio Bianchetti, Chair, Single and Pair Skating Technical Committee presented Proposal No. 236 with the agreed upon amendments.

Alexander Lakernik continued from the next proposal following those addressed the prior day.

E. Special Regulations Synchronized Skating

Proposal No. 244 was revisited by Alexander Lakernik, stating that this should also apply to Rule 930 paragraph 6. Alexander Lakernik asked the attendees if there were any objections. There were none. See proposal no. 244 under Figure Skating.

Proposal No. 285 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 800, paragraph 1, b). Amend to include Novice. Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, spoke to this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 286 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 800, paragraph 2, a). Amend to include Novice

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 287 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 800, paragraph 2, d). Clarification.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 288 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 800, paragraph 2, e). To provide clarification that the ISU Council will determine the number of Skaters forming a Team for OWG and the International Olympic Committee will determine the number of entries (the number of the participating Teams) in the Olympic Winter Games.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 289 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 800, paragraph 2, f). To revise the rule to apply only to International Competitions in case of injury. Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, spoke to this proposal. Mami Maeda, JPN, stated that Rules should be consistent in all competitions, Championships and International Competitions. Nathalie Lindqvist, Athlete Commission, stated her support for this proposal. Much discussion continued. Alexander Lakernik called for an electronic vote. Peter Lynch, AUS, spoke about the process requiring 2/3 majority from those that are present. Vote: Yes – 41, No – 13, Abst - 7. Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou, BIH, stated her vote did not count and asked for a revote. Leanna Caron, CAN, objected to a revote. Mr. Lakernik called for a revote.

The proposal was **Rejected**. (Vote: Yes – 40, No – 14, Abst. – 10, as 2/3 majority = 43)

Proposal No. 290 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 800, paragraph 2, g). To revise the definition and clarify Team size requirements for the ISU Synchronized Skating Championships. Teams are allowed to replace an injured Skater with a Registered Alternate Skater but cannot compete with less than sixteen (16) Skaters at the ISU World Championships. Miki Hirai, JPN, spoke against this proposal as it impacted smaller countries.

Nathalie Lindqvist, Athlete Commission, stated her support for this proposal, stating it was fair to all teams.

John Coughlin, AC, gave his support to Nathalie for the proposal.

Cathy Dalton, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that we must have consistency with size to be able to enter in the Olympic Winter Games. Also, it is easier if you have fewer skaters and this presents an inequity to the teams who choose to utilize their alternate skaters instead of skating with fewer than 16.

Alexander Lakernik called for the vote.

There was a bit of confusion and conversation, and a revote was taken.

The proposal was **Rejected**. (Vote: Yes – 33, No – 14, Abst. – 16, as 2/3 = 42)

Thomas Haeni, SUI, called for procedure question for clarification.

Leanna Caron, CAN, questioned validity of revote.

Proposal No. 291 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 823. Amend title Music.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 292 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rules 831 – 832 (reserved). Drafting.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 293 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee New Rule 831, Video Recordings. To support mandatory requirements for use of video during Round Table Discussions defined in Rule 921 paragraph 2.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 294 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 838, new paragraph 3. To ensure consistency for the announcing of Team Names.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 295 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 838, paragraph 3 (renumbered to 4 if proposal 295 is approved). To harmonize with the other disciplines by applying the same deduction.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 296 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 843, paragraph 1, n.). Apply a deduction if Teams choose to skate with less than the required sixteen skaters rather than utilize an alternate skater. To not over penalize Teams when multiple falls occur during an element. To combine deductions, revise incorrect reference callouts and drafting.

Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal would be amended to remove the deduction for skating with less than sixteen (16) Skaters as that proposal (#289) did not pass.

The proposal was **Accepted as amended**.

Proposal No. 297 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 843, paragraph 3, a.). Remove text that applies to the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, which no longer applies due to the deletion of Skating Group A and B references in Rule 970, paragraph 2.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 298 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rules 844 – 847 (reserved) – Drafting.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 299 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee New Rule 844, Team Results by ISU Members. To create a new rule containing information regarding Team Results, which supports further development and inclusion of Synchronized Skating competitions, if held in conjunction with other disciplines that decide to calculate results by ISU Member.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 300 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee New Rule 845 – World Ranking Systems. To create a rule to contain the information defining World ranking systems currently in place, which does not exist in the current Regulations for Synchronized Skating. To harmonize with the other disciplines.

Maurizio Margaglio, Ice Dance Technical Committee, questioned this proposal stating that earlier the separate lists for juniors and seniors were not approved for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance.

Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal for Synchronized Skating was different due to the team nature of the discipline.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 301 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 868, paragraph 2, b). Revised to include World and World Junior Championships in one paragraph.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 302 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 868, paragraph 2, c) - Delete paragraph if proposal 301 is approved.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 20 made by ISU Council
Rule 857, paragraph 1. Same as Urgent Proposal No. 12.
Alexander Lakernik spoke to this proposal, which also applies to Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance and was accepted.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 303 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 871, paragraph 3. Award the competitors of the ISU World Junior Synchronized Championships with medals equal to the medals presented to the segment winners of the ISU World Synchronized Championships. This harmonizes with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 304 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 901, paragraph 6 a), b), c). To include the option for utilizing a seminar via online educational platforms which harmonizes with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 305 made by Finland Figure
Alexander Lakernik spoke to this proposal, which also applies to Proposal 215 for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance and was accepted.
Tarja Ristanen/FIN spoke in favor of this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 306 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 901, paragraph 9, b). To allow candidates to officiate at international non-ISU events for example, mixed-age category, where there are far more entries and they are gaining better experience than at a Member's National Competition.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 307 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 901, paragraph 9, d). Drafting since SYS Junior World Challenge Cup no longer exists.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 308 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 901, paragraph 9, e). To change activity requirements for Officials.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 309 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 902, paragraph 1, d). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and to harmonize with the other disciplines.
Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal would be withdrawn to ensure consistency in wording with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 310 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 902, paragraph 2, c). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and to introduce the option of on-line web education to harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 311 made by United States Figure Rule 902, paragraph 3, subparagraph b (i). To be consistent with the requirement for Technical Controllers and the schedule for testing David Raith, USA, stated that this proposal to reduce the activity requirement for Referee would be withdrawn in favor for earlier accepted proposals from the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 312 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 902, paragraph 3, b) i). To lengthen the requirement for promotion to ISU Referee to ensure candidates gain more experience from the point of passing the International exam. To harmonize with the other disciplines and the content schedule for Frankfurt.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 313 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 902, paragraph 3, c) ii). To add Competitions where the ISU appoints the Referee and Technical Panel members, and is conducted using ISU Championships procedures. Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, summarized the rationale for this proposal. Alexander Lakernik spoke in support of this proposal.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 314 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 902, paragraph 3, d). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and harmonize with the other disciplines Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal would be withdrawn to ensure consistency in wording with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 315 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 902, paragraph 4, c). Amend to clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and to introduce the option of online web education to harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 316 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 903, paragraph 1, b). Amend to allow candidates who officiate at international non-ISU events for example, where there are far more entries and they are gaining better experience than at a Member's National Competition, to also use this experience as activity for first appointment to International Judge.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 317 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 903, paragraph 1, d). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and harmonize with the other disciplines Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal would be withdrawn to ensure consistency in wording with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 318 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 903, paragraph 1, e). To harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 319 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 903, paragraph 2, c). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and to introduce the option of online web education to harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 320 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 903, paragraph 3, d). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and harmonize with the other disciplines. Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal would be withdrawn to ensure consistency in wording with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 321 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 903, paragraph 3, e). Amending to include the verbal portion. Statement is inconsistent with other appointments and to harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 322 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 903, paragraph 4, c), To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and to introduce the option of on-line web education to harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 323 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 904, paragraph 1, d). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and harmonize with the other disciplines. Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal would be withdrawn to ensure consistency in wording with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 324 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 904, paragraph 2, c). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and to introduce the option of on-line web education to harmonize with the other disciplines.
Amended to Seminar attendance requirements:

The proposal was **Accepted as amended**.

Proposal No. 325 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 904, paragraph 3, b) ii). To lengthen the requirement for promotion to ISU Technical Controller to ensure candidates gain more experience from the point of passing the International exam. To harmonize with the other disciplines and the content schedule for Frankfurt.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 326 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 904, paragraph 3, c). To lengthen and clarify the service requirement to ensure candidates gain more experience and to harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 327 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 904, paragraph 3, d). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and harmonize with the other disciplines. Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal would be withdrawn to ensure consistency in wording with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 328 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 904, paragraph 4, c). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and to introduce the option of on-line web education to harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted as amended (see proposal 324)**.

Proposal No. 329 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 905, paragraph 1, d). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and harmonize with the other disciplines. Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal would be withdrawn to ensure consistency in wording with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 330 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 905, paragraph 2, c). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and to introduce the option of online web education to harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted as amended (see proposal 324)**.

Proposal No. 331 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 905, paragraph 3, b) i). To lengthen the requirement for promotion to ISU Technical Specialist to ensure candidates gain more experience from the point of passing the International exam. To harmonize with the other disciplines and the content schedule for Frankfurt

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 332 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 905, paragraph 3, c). To lengthen and clarify the service requirement to ensure candidates gain more experience and to harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 333 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 905, paragraph 3, d). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and harmonize with the other disciplines. Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal would be withdrawn to ensure consistency in wording with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 334 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 905, paragraph 4, c). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and to introduce the option of online web education to harmonize with the other disciplines

The proposal was **Accepted as amended (see proposal 324)**.

Proposal No. 335 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 906, paragraph 1, d). To clarify the requirement for seminar attendance and harmonize with the other disciplines. Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this proposal would be withdrawn to ensure consistency in wording with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 336 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 907, paragraph 5 and paragraph 6. To give the Referee primary responsibility for conducting the Initial Judges Meeting and the Round Table Discussion and to clarify that this satisfies the seminar requirements for re-appointment. To harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 337 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 907, paragraph 7. Amend to remove the attendance of a Sport Director as mandatory for the Technical Panel Meetings unless they are onsite. Drafting.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 21 made by Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 910, paragraph 7, add subparagraph 4. To clarify reporting requirements for ISU Organizing Members of International competitions which harmonizes with the other disciplines. Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that this Rule needs to be included in the Synchronized Regulations for consistency.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 338 made by Finland Figure **voted with Proposal 233** Rule 920, General f) / Rule 430, General, f) Tarja Ristanen, FIN, spoke to withdraw this proposal as Proposal No. 233 was withdrawn.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 339 Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 920, paragraph f. The rule applies to all stands as there may be multiple stands for the officials which includes Judges and Technical Panel officials.

The proposal was **Withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 340 Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 921, paragraph 1. To give the Referee primary responsibility for conducting the Initial Judges Meetings and the flexibility to determine when and how to organize the IJM at International Competitions. To harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 341 Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 921, paragraph 2. Revising the mandatory inclusion to be recommended at International Competitions in case the organizer is not able to provide video in a format easy to work with. This harmonizes with other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Proposal No. 342 Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 922, paragraph 1. To give the Technical Controller primary responsibility for conducting the Initial Technical Panel Meeting. To harmonize with the other disciplines.

The proposal was **Accepted**.

Alexander Lakernik closed this section at 9:53, and moved on to the Technical Proposals.

10. Reports by the Chair of the Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees concerning amendments to the Technical Rules for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance and for Synchronized Skating

The Reports included:

- a) A summary of proposals and comments received from Members, the Council and the Sports Directorate that were submitted to the respective Technical Committee in line with the Procedural Provisions to the Constitution (A. Congress) and during Workshops at the beginning of the Congress;
- b) A summary of input received from Coaches, Skaters and Officials;
- c) A summary of the most significant conclusions reached by the respective Technical Committees and the most significant changes proposed;
- d) A detailed summary of amendments to the proposed Technical Rule changes included in the agenda, as worked out by the respective Technical Committee and the Sports Directors and approved by the respective Vice President further to discussions during the workshops at the beginning of the Congress

Alexander Lakernik informed the Delegates that in accordance with the Constitution Congress procedure, a Workshop was held on Monday, June 4, in which the Technical Committees presented to the Members a summary of the proposed technical changes that have been received by Members, technical changes proposed by the Committees, and a summary of the Amendments.

As a result of the Workshop, the Technical Committee would make changes to the wording of any proposal as requested by attendees. Any changes were approved by the Vice President to be submitted to this Meeting with the relevant changes.

Alexander Lakernik requested each of the Technical Committee Chairs to give the Report on the Workshop held on Monday, June 4, 2018.

There were no additional comments by the Technical Committee Chairs.

11. Presentation by Members of objections to proposed Technical Rule changes and subsequent vote upon such objections. Any objection requires a second Member to support the objection and subsequently a simple majority to become effective. Such objection may only propose not to accept the change, it cannot propose any amendment. A Rule in the Technical Rules may not change or amend a rule included in the Constitution or in the General Regulations or in the Special Regulations (Article 11, paragraph 2.b) of the 2016 ISU Constitution)

Alexander Lakernik reminded the Delegates that there would be no discussion on the Technical Proposals and that a vote would be taken with a simple majority to become effective.

Alexander Lakernik explained that **Proposals No. 245 - 254** – Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance (pages 96 - 100) will be taken as a group and one vote. Alexander Lakernik asked if there were any proposals for additional discussions.

It was noted that Proposal 250 will be redrafted to reflect that only there is only one group in GP Final. The vote also included Urgent Proposal 15.

The Proposals were **Accepted**. (Vote: Yes – 59, No – 3, Abst. 2)

Alexander Lakernik explained that **Proposals No. 255 - 269 – Technical Rules for Single & Pair Skating (pages 101 – 105)** and four (4) amendments would be taken as a group and one vote. Alexander Lakernik asked if there were any proposals for additional discussions.

The Proposals were **Accepted**. (Vote: Yes – 59, No – 3, Abst. 2) *In total: 64 votes*

Alexander Lakernik explained that **Proposals No. 270 – 284 – Technical Rules Ice Dance (pages 106 - 109)** would be taken as a group and one vote. Alexander Lakernik if there were any proposals for discussions. Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee, spoke to a request from NZL member, Jamie McIver, for clarification of wording of a prior proposal. There were no additional amendments. The vote also included Urgent Proposals 16, 17, 18 and 19.

The Proposals were **Accepted**. (Vote: Yes – 58, No – 0, Abst. 5) *In total: 63 votes*

Alexander Lakernik explained that **Proposals No 343 - 414 – Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating (pages 120-135)** will be taken as a group and one vote. Alexander Lakernik asked if there were any proposals for additional discussions.

Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, stated that Proposal No. 356, would be revised to remove sub-paragraphs b) and c) as they are related to Proposal No. 289 which was rejected. There were no additional amendments.

The Proposals were **Accepted**. (Vote: Yes – 57, No – 0, Abst. 4) *In total: 61 votes (Lithuania informed that her voting machine did not work)*

12. Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Single and Pair Skating consisting of:

- d) a Chair
- e) Four regular members
- f) Note: The additional Committee members being a Skater and a Coach shall subsequently be appointed by the President.
See page 135.

13. Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Ice Dance consisting of:

- d) a Chair
- e) Three regular members
- f) Note: The additional Committee members being a Skater and a Coach shall subsequently be appointed by the President.
See page 136.

14. Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Synchronized Skating consisting of:

- a) a Chair
- b) Three regular members
- c) Note: The additional Committee members being a Skater and a Coach shall subsequently be appointed by the President.
See page 136.

15. Presentation of a status report by each Technical Committee on the existing four-year plan for the ISU for the period since the 2018 Congress

Alexander Lakernik informed the Delegates that the status report on the existing four year plan for the ISU period since the 2016 Congress had been prepared by each Technical Committee and distributed to the ISU Members. No additional remarks were made by the Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, or Synchronized Skating Technical Committees.

16. Presentation and approval of a four-year plan from each Technical Committee

Alexander Lakernik asked if there were any questions regarding a four-year plan 2018/2019 – 2021/2022 coming from each Technical Committee.

No additional remarks were made. **The four-year plans were approved.**

17. Various

Leanna Caron, CAN, made several comments and questions regarding the Scale of Values for Single & Pairs Skating, regarding calculation of the Choreographic Sequence and how they are calculated.

Alexander Lakernik responded to this question regarding the SOV construction for the Choreographic Sequence is based on percentages, being increased or decreased by 10%, and shares the rationale for this.

18. Closing of the Branch meeting by the Vice President

Alexander Lakernik thanked all Members and Delegates and closed the Figure Skating Session at 10:20 on Thursday, June 7, 2018.

FIFTH SESSION

Friday, June 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
President Mr. Jan Dijkema in the Chair

D. Congress

20. A budget for the year of the Congress and the forthcoming two-year period as submitted by the Council and the approval thereof

Fredi Schmid referred to the power point presentation made by the Treasurer and himself on Monday, June 4, 2018 and to the Budget Proposal that had been sent to ISU Members and distributed again in hard copy in Seville. Fredi Schmid informed the Delegates that the 2020 budget will have to be amended, by an additional expense for the year 2020 amounting to CHF 600'000, to take into account the Four Continents Championships for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating.

BUDGET PROPOSAL 2018 – 2020

INTRODUCTION

The 1998 Congress decided that a three-year budget shall be presented at each Congress, covering the Congress year plus the two subsequent years. This allows the Council and Congress to review the budget which was approved at the previous Congress and also to update the budget for the ongoing Congress year and subsequent two-year period.

When discussing the underlying basis of the Budget 2018-2020, the Council agreed to establish the Budget on the following principles:

The better than expected income situation for the years 2016 (Profit of CHF 3'341'644) and 2017 (Profit of CHF 5'439'414) as well as the existing reserves (total equity as of December 31, 2017 surging to CHF 263'775'304), allow and justify the budgeting of losses for the budget years 2018 through 2020 in order to satisfy the ever-increasing funding needs for ISU activities. Compared to the previous budget period, the Council proposes increases in expenditure for the Development Program (E-learning, Centers of Excellence) and for ISU support to ISU Members organizing ISU Events, mainly in the form of support towards TV production costs, Event presentation, Event promotion and sponsorship activation. In addition, taking into account the input from ISU Members during the Conferences in Rotterdam and Helsinki in 2017, the budget for the ISU's central media, public relations and marketing activities has been substantially increased. Finally, the Budget includes an increase of Prize Money for the most important ISU Championships as well as the Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating World Cups. Details of the different cost items are included further below.

The Council believes the reserves should remain at the 2015 equity level of about USD 255 million. With this goal in mind, the Council also proposes that if the financial results during the budget period ultimately result in unexpected annual profits, each year's profit will be "re-invested" during the following year in the form of ISU contributions that directly benefit ISU Members and key ISU activities. The Council, at its discretion, could decide to increase the ISU contributions to ISU Events and/or the Prize Money for ISU Events and/or the ISU Development Program for up to the amount of the previous year's profit. After 2020 however, increased revenues will be needed in order to maintain the current level of expenditures without using the ISU reserves.

By maintaining the above-mentioned threshold of about USD 255 million of equity, the ISU warrants the continued Financial Income of about CHF 5 million. This Financial income, which in 2017 covered 13% of the annual operating expenses, remains an important factor in securing the funding of the current ISU activities and maintaining a certain independence from commercial entities. Finally, it represents a safety cushion in case of major negative developments with serious detrimental consequences for the ISU incomes. For example, during the political tensions on the Korean Peninsula in 2017, the staging of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games was put in doubt by some parties. A cancellation would have resulted in a substantial reduction of the ISU's incomes for the budget period. Thanks to the existing ISU reserves, the ISU could withstand such situation without decreasing its current activity.

The Budget Proposal is based on the ISU Council's view of the commercial and economic situation and a risk evaluation, as outlined in the Annual Report 2017 and in the Status Report on the Four-Year-Plan Marketing and Event Management sent to ISU Members in early May 2018.

In this regard, while it is the duty of the ISU Council to make ISU Members aware of the negative developments and risks which have had, or might have, an impact on the ISU Budget and consequently on ISU activities, the Council must also put the current situation into perspective. The budgeting policy proposed by the Council and accepted by previous Congresses, has allowed the maintenance of support for a wide range of ISU activities, namely:

- Annually conducting over 40 ISU Events in all ISU disciplines, including the payment of generous ISU contributions to organizing and participating ISU Members. In addition, the ISU provides a substantial amount of Prize Money for these ISU Events.

- an ambitious Development Program
- an aggressive Anti-Doping Program
- an extensive educational program for Officials and Coaches

In line with Swiss accounting guidelines and the ISU Financial Statements, this 2018-2020 Budget is divided into the following categories:

- A. Operating Income
- B. Operating Expenses
- C. Operating Result
- D. Financial Income and Expenses
- E. Other items/Taxes
- F. Profit/Loss for the Year.

These categories have been subdivided showing the major incomes and expenditures (as below) and in particular category B (Operating Expenses) has been subdivided into:

- B 1 Contributions for ISU Events (including Prize Money)
- B 2 Development Program
- B 3 Other Operating Expenditures

This document contains a short explanation plus the corresponding figures in Swiss Francs for each part of ISU incomes and for the most significant expenditures.

It is to be noted that the ISU books and budgets are kept in Swiss Francs whilst most of the income and expenditures, as well as financial assets, are in US Dollars and Euro. Depending on currency exchange rate fluctuations this has in the past resulted in book value adjustments, especially when the value of the US Dollar and/or Euro versus the Swiss Franc has declined. However, it must be emphasized that the ISU has never suffered from any actual loss such as, for example, losing money on bonds that have lost all their value due to the bankruptcy of the entities which issued the bonds. The bond values in the currency in which the ISU-owned bonds are issued remain unchanged and since these are the same currencies as the vast majority of ISU incomes and expenditures (i.e. US Dollars and Euro), there is no negative impact on ISU activity. The above-mentioned book value adjustments were, and in the future may be, necessary essentially due to currency exchange fluctuations in the bond portfolio. In order not to distort the actual annual budgeted performance of the ISU activity, this Budget does not include any currency rate fluctuation provision since, as explained above, this would only be an accounting adjustment and, in addition, purely speculative.

For incomes and expenditures, the following conservative exchange rates have been applied:
 Incomes in US Dollars are budgeted at 0.95 versus the Swiss Franc. (1 US\$ = 0,95 Swiss Franc).
 ISU contributions in US Dollars are budgeted at 1.00 versus the Swiss Franc.
 Incomes in Euro are budgeted at 1.15 versus the Swiss Franc.

For a three-year Budget it is obvious that the total amount in each category of expenditures for the three years is calculated on the basis of the full period. However, also taking into account that the ISU financial year is based on the calendar year (January to December) but that the ISU seasons are based on the period July 1 to June 30, there may be annual variations within the three-year budget period to be monitored at the discretion of the Council.

All figures are summarized in Appendix A.

A. OPERATING INCOME

TV incomes for ISU Events

The budgeted amounts are based on existing and expected TV rights agreements for ISU Championships and other ISU Events, including the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating, the Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating World Cups and the ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating. For those periods, territories and ISU Events for which no commercial agreements are concluded the amounts are based on conservative estimates

The main existing TV agreements are with the European Broadcasting Union-EBU (Europe), Fuji (Japan), TV Asahi (Japan), JSports (Japan), Icenetwork/NBC (USA), CBC (Canada), CCTV (China), Tencent (China) and SBS (Republic of Korea).

The revenues emanating from Japan have increased compared to the previous budgeting period and agreements are basically in place through 2022. The incomes emanating from the United States have also increased slightly, thanks to a long-term agreement with Icenetwork/NBC running through 2026. For Europe, the agreement with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) is under negotiation for renewal as of the season 2019/20. Besides securing similar incomes as in the past, the ISU is endeavoring to achieve a better distribution of its rights and better exposure of ISU Events in the different European territories. The same applies to additional world-wide territories not traditionally covered by the ISU, such as South-East Asia, Oceania and Africa. The incomes from other territories such as Canada, China and Korea are expected to remain stable.

The following TV rights fee incomes are budgeted:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 16'890'000	CHF 19'790'000	CHF 17'770'000	CHF 54'450'000

Advertising incomes for ISU Events

The advertising agreement with IMG for Figure Skating Championships and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final remains a solid source of income and runs until 2022.

For Speed Skating, an advertising agreement with House of Sports Netherlands for both the World Cup and the ISU Championships has been signed, replacing the agreement with former partner Infront. The search for a Title Sponsor is ongoing. Due to the uncertainty of the outcome of negotiations, a conservative budget amount has been included for a potential Title Sponsor or similar income.

For Short Track Speed Skating, an agreement for the World Cup Title Sponsor Audi (China) has basically been concluded but remains subject to signature and implementation of the detailed agreement. For the remaining available advertising rights for ISU Short Track Championships and World Cups, at the time of preparing the budget, negotiations with various agencies and sponsors in Europe and Asia are ongoing.

The total Advertising income for ISU Events is budgeted as follows:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 6'320'000	CHF 7'380'000	CHF 7'380'000	CHF 21'080'000

Various Incomes

Incomes in this group are sanctioning fees, potential reimbursement of insurance claims, contributions to ISU development projects from the IOC, Olympic Solidarity and the Association of Olympic International Winter Sports Federations (AOIWF) and sales of books, videos, CDs, DVDs, music etc.

Estimated incomes are:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 200'000	CHF 200'000	CHF 200'000	CHF 600'000

Incomes from Olympic Winter Games (OWG)

For the income from Olympic Winter Games, the IOC contribution received for the Sochi Games has been equally allocated over the years 2014 through 2017. For the Budget period 2018-2020, which will depend on the IOC contribution relating to the 2018 PyeongChang Games, the same annual amount as for the previous (Sochi) years has been budgeted since no final IOC indication of the IOC contribution has yet been received.

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 9'000'000	CHF 9'000'000	CHF 9'000'000	CHF 27'000'000

Total Operating incomes

The total budgeted incomes add up as follows:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 32'410'000	CHF 36'370'000	CHF 34'350'000	CHF 103'130'000

B. OPERATING EXPENSES

As stated in the Introduction, on the expenditure side, some budget increases compared to the previous budget period have been applied.

B.1 Contribution for ISU Events (including Prize Money) paid by the ISU for the development of skating

Mindful that well organized ISU Events (ISU Championships, ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating, ISU World Cups, ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating) to the full satisfaction of the public, media and commercial partners represent the main ISU capital in securing incomes, the ISU has budgeted additional ISU contributions to secure high-quality ISU Events. The ISU also financially supports some other events such as the Shanghai Trophy, selected Adult and Masters Skating competitions and the Challenger Series in Figure Skating.

The ISU contributions are divided into:

- Direct ISU contributions paid to organizing ISU Members
- Indirect contributions to organizing ISU Members in the form of certain expenses traditionally paid by the ISU (travel costs for ISU-appointed Officials, Result Service & Video Replay in Figure Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, cancellation and liability insurance premiums, medals for ISU Championships, costs for ISU Event Management Coordinators/teams)
- Targeted contributions to organizing ISU Members, depending on the needs of different ISU Events, in support of TV production costs, Event presentation, Event promotion and sponsorship activation.
- Travel contributions to support participating ISU Members of ISU World Championships. Taking into account the better than expected incomes during 2016 and 2017, the Council decided to extend this type of contribution towards all ISU World Championships, including the World Junior Championships, starting with the season 2016/17. The contribution now covers all participating Competitors and not only a limited number as in the past.

While the direct ISU financial contributions towards ISU Events basically remain unchanged, the Council agreed to additional (indirect) ISU contributions to the organizing of ISU Events. The breakdown among the above-mentioned different categories is as follows:

<u>ISU Championships</u>		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>
Direct contributions	CHF	8'077'000	CHF	8'408'000	CHF	8'288'000
Indirect contributions	CHF	1'664'000	CHF	1'524'000	CHF	1'394'000
Targeted contributions	CHF	320'000	CHF	320'000	CHF	320'000
Participating ISU Members	CHF	1'851'000	CHF	2'044'000	CHF	2'088'000
Council discretion/rounding	CHF	8'000	CHF	204'000	CHF	210'000
Total ISU Championships	CHF	11'920'000	CHF	12'500'000	CHF	12'300'000
 <u>Other ISU & various Events</u>						
		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>
Direct contributions	CHF	2'402'000	CHF	2'512'000	CHF	2'512'000
Indirect contributions	CHF	1'070'000	CHF	1'170'000	CHF	1'170'000
Targeted contributions	CHF	620'000	CHF	930'000	CHF	930'000
Council discretion/rounding	CHF	208'000	CHF	208'000	CHF	208'000
Total Other Events	CHF	4'300'000	CHF	4'820'000	CHF	4'820'000

Total ISU Contributions to ISU Championships, other ISU & various Events

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 16'220'000	CHF 17'320'000	CHF 17'120'000	CHF 50'660'000

Prize Money

Prize Money is an essential part of the concept of assisting top Skaters to pursue their competitive ISU career over an extended number of years and to ensure the participation of top Skaters in ISU Events.

For the major ISU World Championships, namely the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU Single Distances Speed Skating Championships and the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, the Council proposes an increase in Prize Money of about 25% compared to the 2018 level. This increase is justified by the importance (as also voiced by commercial partners) of ensuring the participation of the best Skaters at the main Championships. The Council has agreed that Prize Money shall be limited to the top 6 ranked Skaters at ISU Championships. The objective of this increase in Prize Money for the prime Events and the focus on the best-ranked Competitors is to enhance the incentives for top Skaters to compete in those Championships. For the same reason, the Council also agreed to increase the Prize Money for the World Cups Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating that were previously set at a very modest level. The Prize Money for the other ISU Championships and ISU Events as well as the Challenger Series in Figure Skating remains at the same level as the season 2017/18.

While focusing ISU Prize Money on the top ranked Skaters, the Council has, as indicated above, increased the travel contributions to participating ISU Members for all ISU World Championships so that ISU Members which do not have Skaters achieving the top spots will also receive a certain level of compensation.

The Prize Money allocation for ISU Events is as follows:

		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>
ISU Championships	CHF	1'895'250	CHF	2'295'400	CHF	2'305'400
Other ISU & various Events	CHF	2'966'500	CHF	3'166'500	CHF	3'166'500
Council discretion/rounding	CHF	208'250	CHF	208'100	CHF	208'100

Total Prize Money

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 5'070'000	CHF 5'670'000	CHF 5'680'000	CHF 16'420'000

Total contribution for ISU Events

The total budgeted figures for ISU contributions and Prize Money are:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 21'290'000	CHF 22'990'000	CHF 22'800'000	CHF 67'080'000

By accepting this Budget Proposal, ISU Members mandate the Council to change the allocation of the various types of contributions and/or Prize Money among the different Events, taking into account future developments, the most urgent necessities and experience gained.

B.2 Development Program

The ISU Development Program established by the 1996 Congress will continue. However, one of the first major projects implemented by the Council elected in June 2016 was a review of the Program and the implementation of new basic objectives and procedures as outlined in ISU Communication No. 2052. The experience gained and the plans for the budget period are outlined in the respective Status Report to the Four-Year Plan and the Four-Year Plan for 2018/19-2021/22.

In a nutshell:

- a) Development Projects monitored by the Council-appointed Development Commission based mainly on Project applications received from ISU Members.
- b) Council Projects sub-divided into different categories, namely:
 - the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating (including the popular YouTube streaming service)
 - the Junior World Cup Speed Skating
 - Short Track Speed Skating competitions for Juniors (currently focusing on the Danubia/Star Class series)
 - world-wide Figure Skating seminars monitored by an assigned Council member and the Sports Directors Figure Skating
 - An e-learning platform including content creation monitored by the Development Commission in close cooperation with other internal ISU bodies and ISU Members.
 - Centers of Excellence currently monitored by the President, Vice Presidents, Development Commission and a Project Manager based at the ISU Secretariat.

The allocation of different budget amounts among the various Council Project categories shall be decided annually by the Council taking into account the total Council Project budget amount, new developments, arising necessities and experiences gained.

The gradual implementation of an e-learning platform including high quality content and of regional Centers of Excellence (CoE) will come with certain associated costs. The Council will strive to achieve financial benefits from the investment in e-learning and the CoE concept by decreasing expenses in due course to other Development Program categories such as Development Projects implemented by ISU Members and world-wide seminars.

- c) The annual contribution (also known as "C" contribution) paid to all ISU Members which fulfil the criteria stated in ISU Communication No. 2052, paragraph 5 and which have submitted in due time the requested report on the use of the annual contribution of the previous year plus Prize Money Forms confirming that any Prize Money has been received by their rewarded Skaters.

The annual contribution amounts to US Dollars 25'000 for ISU Members representing one Branch and US Dollars 50'000 for ISU Members representing both Branches. In line with Swiss Law, the contribution must be claimed within 5 years.

The different Development Program categories and related budgets can be summarized as follows:

		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>
a) Development Projects	CHF	2'300'000	CHF	1'800'000	CHF	1'500'000
b) Council Projects	CHF	3'830'000	CHF	3'830'000	CHF	3'530'000
c) Annual (C) Contributions	CHF	2'975'000	CHF	3'025'000	CHF	3'125'000

The total Budget for the Development Program amounts to:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 9'105'000	CHF 8'655'000	CHF 8'155'000	CHF 25'915'000

Total Contribution to ISU Events and the ISU Development Program

The budgeted expenditures mentioned above, which are paid directly to or through ISU Members, add up to:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 30'395'000	CHF 31'645'000	CHF 30'955'000	CHF 92'995'000

B.3 Other Operating Expenses

The "other" Operating Expenses not directly linked to ISU Events or the ISU Development Program are budgeted as per the summary below.

The cost for the PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games (OWG), mainly the attendance of ISU Office Holders, are substantially higher than those of the 2014 OWG due to the many intercontinental flights for a majority of the attending ISU Office Holders. In addition, contrary to previous OWG the IOC decided to invoice the ISU with the costs for ISU lounges and complimentary tickets.

For 2018, being a Congress year with expected major technical changes to be implemented (e.g. +5/-5 Grande of Executions in Figure Skating) and related education seminars, the Council has tentatively approved the different budgets for courses, seminars and examinations. The goal for 2019 and 2020, however, is to bring the budget back to the previous level for this cost item. The gradual implementation of an e-learning platform should contribute to this objective.

The legal expenses for 2018 are expected to remain on the high side due to ongoing legal expenses in connection with the EU Commission decision relating to the ISU eligibility rules.

Taking into account the input received from ISU Members during the 2017 Conferences in Rotterdam and Helsinki, the Council agreed to substantially increase the Media/PR/Marketing budget. This not only allows the current activities of the ISU Media/PR/Marketing Department to be maintained but also enables the pursuit of new initiatives such as updating the different ISU result data services and the creation of a central database which will finally allow the creation of an efficient ISU App with live results and up-to-date biographies. Other projects include the enhancement of the ISU TV graphics, different social media projects, the implementation of corporate identity principles and close monitoring of TV/media data audience statistics.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>CHF</u>	<u>CHF</u>	<u>CHF</u>
Congress/Conference Expenses	570'000	100'000	570'000
Committee Meetings	415'000	400'000	400'000
Council and other meetings	615'000	400'000	400'000
Office Holders Travel/Meeting Expenses	900'000	900'000	900'000
OWG expenses	1'200'000	NA	NA
Secretarial Allowances/Remuneration Office Holders/Freelancers	1'060'000	1'100'000	1'100'000
Courses/Seminars/Examinations	1'020'000	500'000	700'000
Printed Matters	26'000	26'000	26'000
Legal	600'000	300'000	300'000
Insurance	500'000	500'000	500'000
Judging System development/maintenance - new software	210'000	100'000	100'000
Anti-Doping	365'000	400'000	400'000
Educational Material incl digitization archives	300'000	200'000	90'000
Media/PR/Stats/Marketing (excl. ISU Staff)	1'435'000	1'435'000	1'435'000
Various	70'000	70'000	70'000

The total other Operating Expenses amount to

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 9'286'000	CHF 6'431'000	CHF 6'991'000	CHF 22'708'000

ISU Office building Lausanne

When deciding upon the purchase of two floors of the Avenue Juste-Olivier 17 building, well-situated in Lausanne, the Council not only considered the need for more space for the ISU Secretariat, but also the need for a diversification of the ISU investments. Although it represents only a very modest 2-3% of the ISU's total investments, it nevertheless constitutes an alternative and very safe investment. The financial crisis of 2008 has shown that even high-rated companies can get into trouble, resulting in a direct impact on the value of the bonds such companies have issued, which constitute the substantial part of the ISU's fortune. The Council therefore welcomed the opportunity of the above-mentioned attractive real estate investment.

The ongoing refurbishment of the common areas of the building, covered by a renovation fund of the building co-owners, has required an additional ISU contribution for 2018 amounting to CHF 100'000. The current budget also includes a contingency amount of CHF 100'000 for the renovation fund in 2019 for possible additional renovation requirements under evaluation at the time of preparing the budget. The ongoing and possible additional renovations will preserve and increase the value of the building. Whilst from the accounting point of view this is being conservatively posted as an expense, it can also be considered as an investment since the value of the building and the ISU property increases accordingly. In addition to this renovation fund budget item and the estimated CHF 40'000 annual common cost for the ISU for the building, the Council agreed to also apply a conservative annual depreciation amount of CHF 100'000.

The annual cost is summarized as follows:

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>	
Annual expenses	CHF	40'000	CHF	40'000	CHF	40'000
Renovation fund contribution	CHF	100'000	CHF	100'000	CHF	0
Depreciation	CHF	100'000	CHF	100'000	CHF	100'000

Consequently, the budgeted figures including condominium expenses, renovation fund allocation and depreciation amount to:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 240'000	CHF 240'000	CHF 140'000	CHF 620'000

Secretariat expenditures

The budgeted amounts include the expenses necessary to carry out the ISU Administration and mainly consist of ISU Secretariat employee salaries and social charges, communication expenses, office equipment/material and office maintenance.

Thanks to the loyal and experienced Secretariat Staff the number of employees remains on the low side compared to other similar International Sports Federations. Nevertheless, the staff has gradually increased over the past two years. At the time of preparing the budget it consists of 14 full-time and 7 part-time employees which is the equivalent of 18.8 full-time employees. As a comparison, at the end of 2015 the equivalent of full-time employees was 13.9. The main reason for this increase is the increasingly complex requirements that international sports federations are facing, especially in the areas of media/PR/marketing, internal controls, good governance, anti-doping and Development Program activities. In parallel, the world-wide increasingly competitive economic environment, the related pressure on the workforce and reports of increasing number of burnouts and other stress-related health problems, also have a negative impact on the availability of competent volunteer Office Holders. The main option for coping with additional workload remains mainly the ISU Secretariat and/or contracted and remunerated freelancers such as the Sports Directors, Event Coordinators and Consultants. This trend is expected to continue, which is reflected in the ISU Secretariat budget as follows:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 3'410'000	CHF 3'500'000	CHF 3'600'000	CHF 10'510'000

Total Operating Expenses

The total expenditures add up to:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 43'331'000	CHF 41'816'000	CHF 41'686'000	CHF 126'833'000

C. OPERATING RESULT

The difference between the Operating Income and the Operating Expenses is the Operating Result, i.e. the actual financial result directly linked to the ISU sports activity, and results in an Operating Loss of

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF -10'921'000	CHF -5'446'000	CHF -7'336'000	CHF -23'703'000

D. FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENSES

Investment Interest incomes

As a financial investment strategy, the Council agreed to maintain a low risk approach through investments in bonds issued by highly rated entities. However, in order to improve the return on its financial assets, and contrary to previous Budget Proposals, the Council agreed to lower the applicable minimum Standard and Poors (S&P) and Moody's bond ratings from A-/A3 to a new minimum of BBB+/Baa1. This rating level is still on the very safe side and in addition the banks mandated to safeguard the ISU fortune will closely follow market developments and alert the ISU in the case of any potential default risk. Nevertheless, based on the recommendation of the ISU Treasurer, the ISU intends to mandate a financial expert (independent from the 3 ISU banks (Crédit Suisse, Banque Cantonale Vaudoise/BCV, UBS) to review the ISU's financial portfolio and to investigate whether higher incomes and/or lower financial expenses can be achieved without increasing the risk.

The budget for the investment interest income is calculated on an estimated average bond portfolio and cash flow and taking into account the fluctuations in interest rates for bonds. Due to the current low interest rates, which are expected to increase only slowly during this budget period, the budgeted amounts remain on the low side.

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 6'116'000	CHF 6'380'000	CHF 6'380'000	CHF 18'876'000

Financial Expenses:

The financial expenses consist of the safe-guarding and handling expenses by the 3 banks and are budgeted as follows:

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 1'100'000	CHF 1'100'000	CHF 1'100'000	CHF 3'300'000

Net Financial Income

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 5'016'000	CHF 5'280'000	CHF 5'280'000	CHF 15'576'000

E. OTHER ITEMS/TAXES

The tax situation in Switzerland, and in particular in Lausanne, requires the ISU to budget only for auxiliary taxes such as for real estate, local services etc.

Budgeted figures are

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
CHF 25'000	CHF 25'000	CHF 25'000	CHF 75'000

F. PROFIT/LOSS OF THE YEAR

Taking into account the above-mentioned incomes and expenditures, the overall budget results in losses for the budget period as explained in the introduction and as summarized below.

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total 2018-2020</u>
Loss (-) CHF -5'930'000	CHF -191'000	CHF -2'081'000	CHF -8'202'000

CONCLUSION

By approving the Four-Year Plans covering the seasons 2018/19-2019/20 and this Budget Proposal as outlined above, the Congress acts according to the 2016 Constitution VII. Procedural Provisions to the Constitution, A. Congress, Article 30, Paragraph 21 which states

"Decision power Congress / Council / Director General / Sports Directors

The Congress has the decision-making power regarding any matter but shall normally execute that power by deciding upon principles and directions for developing the sport and shall give to the Council, the Director General and the Sports Directors, with the assistance of the Technical Committees and the Medical Commission, the power to decide upon details."

As per Article 17, paragraph 1.c) of the Constitution, in case of unforeseen circumstances resulting in severe negative financial consequences which were not foreseen when preparing and presenting this Budget, the Council may defer implementation of certain budgeted expenditures. At the next following Congress, the Council shall take such circumstances into account when preparing and presenting the Budget.

According to Swiss Law, the Council in principle cannot approve substantial additions to the Congress-approved Budget but can do so only if absolutely necessary and justified by the needs of the smooth conduct of the ISU's ordinary business operations. In such exceptional cases and in line with Article 34, paragraph 10 of the Constitution, the Council may approve individual additions to the Budget as approved by the Congress but in this case, the Council shall inform ISU Members by Circular Letter if changes of incomes or expenditures will have a considerable negative effect on the accumulated Retained Earnings for the Budget approved by the Congress.

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**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION (ISU)
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	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2018-2020</u>
<u>A. OPERATING INCOMES</u>						
Television ISU Events (net)	16.965.415	19.814.844	16.890.000	19.790.000	17.770.000	54.450.000
Advertising ISU Events (net)	7.340.361	7.560.081	6.320.000	7.380.000	7.380.000	21.080.000
Various Incomes	708.358	530.876	200.000	200.000	200.000	600.000
Olympic Winter Games	9.038.259	9.038.259	9.000.000	9.000.000	9.000.000	27.000.000
Total Operating Incomes	34.052.393	36.944.060	32.410.000	36.370.000	34.350.000	103.130.000
<u>B. OPERATING EXPENSES</u>						
1. Contribution for ISU Events & various other events incl. Prize Money						
ISU Contributions to ISU Championships	11.128.017	10.700.004	11.920.000	12.500.000	12.300.000	36.720.000
ISU Contributions to other ISU & various Events	3.694.886	3.512.815	4.300.000	4.820.000	4.820.000	13.940.000
Total ISU Contributions	14.822.903	14.212.819	16.220.000	17.320.000	17.120.000	50.660.000
Prize Money (Championships & other ISU & various Events)	4.771.506	4.568.934	5.070.000	5.670.000	5.680.000	16.420.000
Total Contributions incl. Prize Money	19.594.409	18.781.753	21.290.000	22.990.000	22.800.000	67.080.000
2. ISU Development Program						
a) Development Projects	1.787.923	1.599.269	2.300.000	1.800.000	1.500.000	5.600.000
b) Council Projects	3.227.718	3.241.508	3.830.000	3.830.000	3.530.000	11.190.000
c) Contribution to ISU Members	2.675.564	2.809.798	2.975.000	3.025.000	3.125.000	9.125.000
Total ISU Development Program	7.691.205	7.650.575	9.105.000	8.655.000	8.155.000	25.915.000
Total contributions to ISU Events & Development Program	27.285.614	26.432.328	30.395.000	31.645.000	30.955.000	92.995.000
3. Other Operating Expenses	6.194.360	6.856.964	9.286.000	6.431.000	6.991.000	22.708.000
ISU Office building Lausanne	230.987	247.020	240.000	240.000	140.000	620.000
ISU Secretariat Expenses	2.568.754	2.985.022	3.410.000	3.500.000	3.600.000	10.510.000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	36.279.715	36.521.334	43.331.000	41.816.000	41.686.000	126.833.000
<u>C. OPERATING RESULT</u>	-2.227.322	422.726	-10.921.000	-5.446.000	-7.336.000	-23.703.000
<u>D. FINANCIAL INCOMES AND EXPENSES</u>						
Investment Interest Income	6.597.982	6.020.206	6.116.000	6.380.000	6.380.000	18.876.000
Financial Expenses	-1.116.643	-1.058.179	-1.100.000	-1.100.000	-1.100.000	-3.300.000
Realized Capital/exchange gains/losses	270.645	-125.022	0	0	0	0
Total Financial Incomes and Expenses	5.751.984	4.837.005	5.016.000	5.280.000	5.280.000	15.576.000
<u>E. OTHER ITEMS</u>	-158.801	197.580	0	0	0	0
TAXES	24.216	17.897	25.000	25.000	25.000	75.000
<u>F. PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE YEAR</u>	3.341.645	5.439.414	-5.930.000	-191.000	-2.081.000	-8.202.000

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There were no comments or questions and the **Budget was unanimously approved as presented and as amended for the year 2020 including additional expenses of CHF 600'000 for the ISU Four Continents Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships.**

21. Election of an auditing company to serve until the next Congress

Fredi Schmid proposed that Swiss auditing company BDO, with which the ISU had had very good cooperation over the years, be re-elected as auditing company until the next Congress.

The Congress unanimously **elects BDO** as auditing company to serve until the next Congress.

22. Motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations referred to the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branches

Vice President Alexander Lakernik reported that no proposals to the General Regulations had been referred to the Figure Skating Branch sessions.

Vice President Tron Espeli reported that there had been discussion of Proposals No. 48 and 51. In a vote to indicate the feeling of the Branch meeting regarding Proposal No. 48 there had been 45 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions. The Branch had therefore dealt with the related proposals and unanimously agreed that the Council should take a decision on the schedule of the Championships at least 2 years before the start of the new Championships.

Jeroen Kraaij (Netherlands) said that the KNSB supported the proposal and would like to be part of the Working Group established to determine the schedule of the new World Speed Skating Championships.

Tron Espeli agreed that all of the key players in Speed Skating should be involved in the process and noted that any necessary Rule changes could be made at the 2020 ISU Congress before the start of the new Championships in 2021.

Proposal No. 48 was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands with 3 abstentions.

Proposal No. 51 was **withdrawn**.

Vice President Tron Espeli reported that Proposals 49, 50, 70, 72, 73, 74, 76 and 77 and the associated Proposals for the Special Regulations had been discussed at length.

It had been agreed that both new Four Continents Championships should begin in the season 2019/20 with the respective formats to be decided by the Council. Tentatively, for Short Track Speed Skating the Championships should follow the same format and Rules as the European Short Track Speed Skating Championships. For Speed Skating the Championships should follow the principles of the new World Speed Skating Championships format with the detailed program to be decided at least 2 years before the Championships start. In a vote to indicate the feeling of the Branch meeting regarding the Proposals to introduce Four Continents Championships for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating as of the season 2019/20, there had been 44 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 5 abstentions.

Fredi Schmid noted that there were already less than two years to go before the Four Continents Championships would begin and suggested aligning its introduction with that of the new Speed Skating Championships (i.e. 2021). He also remarked that this was another item that would have to be subsidised by the ISU budget.

Susan Auch (Canada Speed) said that the possibility of postponing the start had been discussed but there was a desire to build momentum for publicity and sponsorship in the Asian market in advance of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

Tron Espeli acknowledged that the Four Continents Championships would have to be implemented through an exceptional process and that the active cooperation of all involved ISU Members and other parties would be required.

Proposals No. 49, 50, 70, 72, 73, 74, 76 and 77 were **accepted** as amended by an obvious show of hands.

Fredi Schmid referred to the split of the Athletes Commission and Athlete representatives on Technical Committees (Proposals No. 16, 18, 19, 20) and indicated that as a drafting matter, the reference in Article 20, paragraph 2.a) to the exception for Athletes Commission members to the requirement that Committee members must be of different citizenship and ISU Members should be deleted.

The proposed amendment was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

23. Ratification of the actions and decisions of the Council, the Director General, the Sports Directors and Technical Committees

The Congress unanimously **ratified** the actions and decisions of the Council, the Director General, the Sports Directors and Technical Committees.

24. Election of the President

With regard to the elections Fredi Schmid reminded the Congress that on Monday three scrutineers: Michael Geistlinger, Alper Uçar and Daniel Delfa were elected by the Congress. He also outlined the election procedures and the logistics with regard to the electronic voting system provided by Swiss company Graphic Vocal Info (GVI). This company has submitted necessary written guarantees as required under Article 30, paragraph 29 of the ISU Constitution.

Fredi Schmid informed the Congress delegates that no other candidate was proposed and invited the Delegates to elect Jan Dijkema in line with Article 30, paragraph 24 of the ISU Constitution. **Jan Dijkema (NED) was re-elected by acclamation as the ISU President.**

25. Election of the Vice President Figure Skating

Fredi Schmid informed the Congress that no other candidate was proposed and invited the Delegates to elect Alexander Lakernik in line with Article 30, paragraph 24 of the ISU Constitution. **Alexander Lakernik (RUS) was re-elected by acclamation as the Vice President Figure Skating.**

26. Election of the Vice President Speed Skating

Fredi Schmid informed the Congress that no other candidate was proposed and invited the Delegates to elect Tron Espeli in line with Article 30, paragraph 24 of the ISU Constitution. **Tron Espeli (NOR) was re-elected by acclamation as the Vice President Speed Skating.**

27. Confirmation of the election of the First Vice President in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 6, i.e. the Vice President Speed Skating

Fredi Schmid referred to the ISU Constitution and General Regulations, Article 13, paragraph 6, Precedence, and confirmed **Alexander Lakernik (RUS) as 1st Vice President.**

28. Election of five Figure Skating Council members

The Congress elected Patricia St. Peter (USA) with 107 votes, Tatsuro Matsumura (JPN) with 105 votes, Maria Teresa Samaranch (ESP) with 104 votes, Marie Lundmark (FIN) with 96 votes and Benoit Lavoie (CAN) with 90 votes.

Rita Zonnekeyn (BEL) received 78 votes and Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (BIH) received 15 votes.

29. Election of five Speed Skating Council members

The Congress elected Stoytcho Stoytchev (BUL) with 109 votes, Sergio Anesi (ITA) with 106 votes, Yang Yang (CHN) with 96 votes*, Jae Youl Kim (KOR) with 96 votes* and Roland Maillard (SUI) with 90 votes.

Suwanna Silpa-Archa (THA) received 59 votes and Stefanie Teeuwen (GER) received 44 votes.

*In an additional vote to determine the order of precedence Yang Yang received 65 votes and Jae Youl Kim received 56 votes.

30. Election of the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission

Fredi Schmid informed the Congress that no other candidate was proposed and invited the Delegates to elect Volker Waldeck in line with Article 30, paragraph 24 of the ISU Constitution. **Volker Waldeck (GER) was re-elected by acclamation as Chair of the Disciplinary Commission.**

31. Election of four Disciplinary Commission members as per Art. 24, paragraph 2

a) election of two Disciplinary Commission members experienced in Speed Skating

Fredi Schmid informed the Delegates that there were 2 candidates for the 2 positions so **Jean-François Monette (CAN) and Albert Hazelhoff (NED) were automatically elected by acclamation** in line with Article 30, paragraph 24, of the ISU Constitution.

b) election of two Disciplinary Commission members experienced in Figure Skating

The Congress elected Allan Bohm (SVK) with 107 votes and Susan Petricevic (NZL) with 90 votes.

Tatjana Cmeric (SRB) received 45 votes.

In an additional vote to determine the order of precedence Allan Bohm received 54 votes, Jean-François Monette received 23 votes, Susan Petricevic received 22 votes and Albert Hazelhoff received 20 votes.

32. Communication of the results of elections to the Technical Committees by the Vice Presidents

Tron Espeli informed the Congress of the results of the election of the Speed Skating Technical Committee:

As no other candidate was proposed and in line with Article 30, paragraph 24 of the ISU Constitution, **Alexander Kibalko (RUS) was re-elected by acclamation as the Chair of the Speed Skating Technical Committee.**

The following Speed Skating Technical Committee members were elected:

Nick Thometz (USA) elected with 44 votes

Oystein Haugen (NOR) elected with 34 votes*

Alexei Khatylev (BLR) elected with 34 votes*

Jae Seok Choi (KOR) received 25 votes

Samuel Schwarz (GER) received 19 votes

*In an additional vote to determine the order of precedence Oystein Haugen received 27 votes and Alexei Khatylev received 25 votes.

Tron Espeli informed the Congress of the results of the election of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee:

Nathalie Lambert (CAN) was elected as the Chair of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee with 31 votes.

Reinier Oostheim (NED) received 21 votes.

The following Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee members were elected:

Reinier Oostheim (NED) elected with 45 votes

Satoru Terao (JPN) elected with 43 votes

So Hee Kim (KOR) elected with 34 votes*

Xun Xu (CHN) received 34 votes*

*In an additional vote to determine who would be elected Soo Hee Kim received 27 votes and Xun Xu received 25 votes.

Alexander Lakernik informed the Congress of the results of the election of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee:

Fabio Bianchetti (ITA) was elected as the Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee with 53 votes.

Susan Lynch (AUS) received 15 votes.

The following Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee members were elected:

Yukiko Okabe (JPN) elected with 49 votes

Rita Zonnekeyn (BEL) elected with 48 votes

Leena Laaksonen (FIN) elected with 47 votes

Susan Lynch (AUS) elected with 41 votes*

Florence Vuylsteker (FRA) received 24 votes

Margaret Worsfold (GBR) received 19 votes

Artem Knyazev (UZB) received 18 votes

Jeroen Prins (NED) received 17 votes

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (BIH) received 9 votes.

Alexander Lakernik informed the Congress of the results of the election of the Ice Dance Technical Committee:

As no other candidate was proposed and in line with Article 30, paragraph 24 of the ISU Constitution, **Halina Gordon Poltorak (POL) was re-elected by acclamation as the Chair of the Ice Dance Technical Committee.**

The following Ice Dance Technical Committee members were elected:

Shawn Rettstatt (USA) elected with 61 votes

Hilary Selby (GBR) elected with 44 votes*

György Elek (HUN) elected with 44 votes*

Alla Shekhovtsova (RUS) received 44 votes*

Sergii Baranov (UKR) received 11 votes*

*In a second round of voting, Hilary Selby received 43 votes, Alla Shekhovtsova received 42 votes, György Elek received 41 votes and Sergii Baranov received 11 votes. It was then determined that according to Article 30, paragraph 27, Sergii Baranov should not have been included in the vote. In a re-run of the second round, Hilary Selby received 56 votes, Alla Shekhovtsova received 40 votes and György Elek received 40 votes. In a tie-break vote, György Elek received 35 votes and Alla Shekhovtsova received 33 votes.

Alexander Lakernik informed the Congress of the results of the election of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee:

Philippe Maitrot (FRA) was elected as the Chair of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee with 40 votes.

Christopher Buchanan (GBR) received 28 votes.

The following Synchronized Skating Technical Committee members were elected:

Petra Tyrbo (SWE) elected with 61 votes

Lois Long (USA) elected with 57 votes

Uliana Chirkova (RUS) elected with 48 votes

Mika Saarelainen (FIN) received 38 votes

33. Presentation of a status report on the existing four-year plan for the ISU for the period since the 2014 Congress

The Congress acknowledged having received the status report on the four year plan 2014-2018 that had been sent to ISU Members and distributed again in hard copy in Seville.

34. Approval of the four-year plan sent to all ISU Members by May 1 of the same year of the Congress at which the then current four-year plan will expire

The Congress unanimously **accepted** the four-year plan 2018-2022 that had been sent to ISU Members and distributed again in hard copy in Seville.

35. Election of Honorary Members

Junko Hiramatsu was elected as Honorary Member.

36. Various including all other matters which in accordance with the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions or the Regulations are required to be dealt with by Congress

Susanna Silpa-Archa (THA) made a presentation regarding the next ISU Congress to be held in Phuket, Thailand in June 2020.

Jimmy Stryhn Meyer (Luxembourg Figure) suggested that selection criteria for ISU Office Holders be established and that the accuracy of *Curriculum Vitae* should be checked.

Fredi Schmid said that this was a valid point that had been discussed several times in the past and the ISU should consider how to improve the candidature process.

Gabriel Ghazarayan (Armenia) suggested that the ISU develop an annual Awards Show to increase the visibility of and publicity for ISU sports.

Fredi Schmid remarked that this idea had been considered at the time of the ISU's 125th Anniversary but the details had proved very difficult to finalize, however the concept could be reconsidered.

37. Closing of Congress by the President

Jan Dijkema thanked the Congress Delegates for their cooperation during a long and busy week, during which some important decisions had been taken for the development of the ISU. He wished the ISU Members a lot of success in promoting all of the Skating sport disciplines over the next two years and looked forward to meeting again at the next ISU Congress in Phuket.

The 57th Ordinary Congress of the International Skating Union was closed on June 8, 2018 at 1:50 p.m.