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To: All National Federations

MINUTES of the JJIF General Assembly November 29th, 2012 – Vienna, Austria

1. Welcome and opening of the Agenda.

The General Assembly was opened by the General Secretary, who wished welcome to the participants.

2. President's welcome

The JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, had a brief welcoming speech for the attending NF's representatives, informing the assembly that he will speak on a wider range of topics when presenting the President's annual report.

3. Roll call and attendance

3.1. List of present members with the right to vote

1. Austria - President
2. Azerbaijan - President
3. Belgium – Proxy
4. Bulgaria – President
5. Denmark – President
6. France - Proxy
7. Germany - Proxy
8. Greece – President
9. Iran - President
10. Israel - President
11. Italy – President
12. Poland - President
13. Romania - Proxy
14. Russia - President



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15. Serbia - Proxy
16. Slovenia - President
17. Spain - Proxy
18. Sweden - President
19. Switzerland - President
20. Ukraine - President
21. Canada - President
22. Mexico - President
23. United States - Proxy
24. Kazakhstan - Proxy
25. South Korea - President
26. Taiwan – Proxy
27. Mauritius - Proxy

3.2. Provisional members that are present:

1. Algeria
2. Turkey
3. Cameroon
4. Ethiopia
5. Tunisia

3.3. Full members unable to vote:

1. The Netherlands – No proxy and President not present

4. **Election of the GA Chairperson** – The JJIF General Secretary, Ms. Dana Murgescu, was nominated and unanimously voted as the GA Chairperson.

5. **Election of two persons** from those present, **to verify the minutes** – Mr. Frank Furst (DEN) and Mr. Robert Perc (SLO) were nominated and unanimously voted as such by the GA.

Election of three persons from those present, **to act as scrutineers** in the coming JJIF Board elections – Mr. Dario Quenza (ITA), Mr. Ozgur Polat (TUR) and Mr. Bert van Haren (NED) were nominated and unanimously voted as such by the GA.

6. **The GA Agenda** was subjected to debates and vote and was **accepted** as proposed by the JJIF Board.

7. **Awarding ceremony**

Mr. Rinaldo Orlandi (ITA) and Mr. Jabbar Seyedov (AZE) were awarded distinctions.

8. **Approval of the minutes of the GA in Ghent** – The Minutes of the last JJIF General Assembly, held in Ghent (BEL) in November 2011 were subjected to the approval of the GA. The Assembly unanimously approved the Minutes of the 2011 JJIF General Assembly.

9. **JJIF Activity reports** – The floor was given to Mr. Theodoropoulos, JJIF **President**

In his speech, the President spoke about the development of ju-jitsu and JJIF during the last year. As support of his words, Mr. Theodoropoulos reminded the assembly about the World Championship 2011 (seniors) held in Cali, Colombia, emphasizing the importance of having large scale



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tournaments outside Europe and pointing out that this event in Cali was only the second time that the JJIF World Championship was organized on another continent.

At the same time, the President mentioned the increased work of all our Continental Unions, under the coordination of different committees, referring to referee and technical seminars, as well as to regional tournaments held on all continents in the past year.

The self-defense department also had a rich activity during the past year, under the coordination and supervision of Mr. Tomo Borissov, JJIF Vice-President and with the help and involvement of the Spanish Judo & Ju-Jitsu Federation (Mr. Eusebio Sanchez).

Mr. Theodoropoulos thanked the French Judo & Ju-Jitsu Federation for their continuous held in the development of our new competition discipline, ne-waza, mentioning the effort involved in teaching, balancing ideas and helping start and work with ne-waza.

In the end, the President once again indicated that the past year was a busy one, full of sportive and social activities.

10. Vice-Presidents' reports

1. Mr. Tomo Borissov, PhD

Mr. Borissov stated that the special self-defense for people in the security area and public order and self-defense for public and children had good advance.

In January 2012 (from 23.01. to 29.01) a JJIF Winter Camp has been organized and successfully implemented in Bansko, Bulgaria. One of the main topics on the agenda of the Winter Camp was the presentation of the Special Police Defense organized jointly by the Department of Self Defence for the Army, Police, Security Companies and the Public at the JJIF and the Human Rights and Police and Military Intervention Association. Mr. Jose Maria Benito Garcia, President of the Association presented its structure and to the participants the structure and the Training program for Police Intervention. The Chairman of the World Human Rights and Police and Military Intervention Commission Mr. Angel Luis Gimenez Bravo presented on his turn the Commission's aims and objectives emphasizing on the cooperation and the practical character of the training of security professionals.

On June 16, 2012 in Madrid was held a one-day Seminar on Special Defense and on Police Intervention, organized by the JJIF. The seminar agenda included demonstrations and practical training in Special Defense and Police Intervention whereon the participants were guided by international experts from the Department and the Association. This seminar marked the start of the series of trainings and seminars organized according to the new system for Special Defense and Police Intervention setting out distinct criteria about the terms for the homologation of the JJIF Dan degrees with the levels of International Police Intervention.

During the IV European Police and Fire Games in Tenerife (07-15 July 2012), Ju-Jitsu competition in the systems Duo, Fighting and Special Defense was organized. Athletes from five countries- Spain, Bulgaria, Russia, Azerbaijan and France participated in the competitions.

In the period 25 – 31 of August 2012 in Primorsko, Bulgaria, during the Summer Camp organized by the BJIF a 3-day seminar on Special Defense was held.

In the period November 7 – 11, 2012 in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF), the Ju-Jitsu African Union, the Senegal Judo Federation of and the Ju-Jitsu Senegalese Association organized a training seminar on Ju-Jitsu and Special Defense with a Ju-Jitsu championship.

Project European Youth Model for Active Citizenship has been approved and financed by the youth program of the EC. Ju-Jitsu organizations and practitioners from Bulgaria, Greece, Bolivia and Kazakhstan took part in the project activities Youths from the four counties participated in the International 5-day training seminar in Sofia.



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2. Mr. Georgy Kukoverov

Mr. Kukoverov focused his presentation of the support provided for our activity in view of attempting to make ju-jitsu an Olympic sport, reason for which we need to work and prepare big international competitions.

As ju-jitsu is becoming more popular, the JJIF should give attention to the important decision to rotate the continents for organizing the World Championships and regional tournaments.

Vice-President Kukoverov also spoke about the preparations of the World Combat Games 2013 (St. Petersburg), indicating that he is a member of the Local organizing Committee (LOC) and that he will try to strengthen JJIF's position (with respect to sponsors, mass media, TV, Internet).

Furthermore, Mr. Kukoverov mentioned the need to have high-level referee quality and improved competition rules. At the same time, the JJIF should design a policy to attract new members, especially from South America and Africa, continents insufficiently represented in the JJIF.

As a conclusion, Mr. Kukoverov pledged again his energy, skills and experience, ready to use for the JJIF development.

3. Mr. Dylan Sung

Mr. Sung presented the activities that were organized and performed in Asia since the end of 2011. Among these, he mentioned the series of seminars organized in Taiwan, with Grand Master Rinaldo Orlandi as chief instructor, mainly focused on military and police training. Also, in May 2012 was organized the first International Taiwan Open, with interest expressed from the federations of South Korea, Iran and Singapore.

In June 2012, Grand Master Lung-Yeh Sung and Dylan Sung of Taiwan instructed in a seminar in Busan, Korea. With this occasion, the Korea federation, by its President, Mr. Youn In Duk, expressed its availability and wish to organize the JJIF World Championship for aspirants and juniors in Suwon, Korea, in 2015.

In August 2012, an international referee seminar for Continental B level was organized in Singapore (JJIF instructors: Joachim Thumfart – JJIF Sports Director; Cory Vacarenco – World A referee; Dana Murgescu – JJIF General Secretary, World B referee). More than 20 persons attended the course and attempted to obtain a referee license. Mr. Sung, indicating that only about 40% of the attendees passed the exams, suggested that the Asian countries focus on organizing more regional-level tournaments, to give their referees a better chance of practicing their skills.

Another referee seminar was held in September 2012 in Iran, under the instruction of Mr. Peter Smit (World A referee) and Mr. Cory Vacarenco (World A referee). The passing percentage was only 14%, the language barrier representing the major problem in this case.

Finally, in November 2012, following several rounds of discussions with the Taiwanese authorities, ju-jitsu was included as a medal sport in the 2012 National Sport for All Games, which brings ju-jitsu among the top 14 non-Olympic sports in Taiwan.

As a conclusion, Mr. Sung reiterated the need to have more regional tournaments in Asia, as distance makes very difficult the organizing of a Continental Championship. On the education side of things, future seminars should be prepared and coordinated with clear communication and mutual understanding among JJIF, the host nation, and participating members with the aim of producing more desirable outcomes for all. The less developed member federations that are interested in hosting referee seminars are advised to carry out a preliminary assessment. Likewise, the participating federations should assess the proficiency level of its prospective referees as well as its finances.



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11. Treasurer's report

Mr. Luc Mortelmans, the JJIF Treasurer presented the end-of-the-year accounts for 2011, the auditor's report for 2011, the execution of the budget for 2012, up to the month of September, and the draft budget for 2013, for the approval of the General Assembly. The GA approved them unanimously.

A second point in the Treasurer's presentation was the emphasizing of the need for federations organizing JJIF-approved events to take care that they observe the financial rules of the JJIF (fees for courses, regional tournaments, organizational fees etc.)

Finally, starting with year 2013 the payment of the annual fee after the deadline will bring forth a penalty of 10% of the amount owed to the JJIF, according to the Financial Rules. Mr. Mortelmans informed the countries that the penalty will, indeed, be applied.

Comments:

a) **Frank Furst** (DEN) made the following comments: The treasurer's report was too late (try to send it sooner next year) and in the budget provisioned for 2013 he mentioned he did not see the mission/goals/development issues presented in the President's report, which should be found in the budget. Mr. Furst asked for some more information about the future activities of the JJIF in connection to the budget?

Mr. Mortelmans: In connection to the President's expressed goals, the JJIF will help Africa to develop, by means of supporting seminars and political influence (organizing/supporting referee courses, technical seminars, championships etc.). We have sent and we will send specialists to Africa, to help. He gave the example of South America (Colombia), which is now are working very well (organized a World Championship, as preparation for WG2013, are socially committed) after the running of the Peace & Sport project. Maybe we can repeat this now for Africa, Asia, in order to support and help their development (offer some financial support for seminars, tournaments, improvement of organization).

b) **Eugene Domagata** (FRA): The main vocation of the JJIF is to develop solidarity. Europe and the JJIF should help the emerging federations/Unions. Also, he inquired what is recorded under the budget line "legal costs"?

Mr. Mortelmans: The fee of our attorney in Switzerland, Mr. Linus Bruhin, and the fee for some other legal advice.

c) **Wilhelm Erber** (AUT): As a Treasurer, you must have concrete ideas of how the money will be spent in the future. Website for 29,000 eur is too much. What will come back for us?

Mr. Mortelmans: Yes, of course. I can't estimate the travel costs before the activities are presented, but for the website and other technical things, everything is clear. It's not just the website, it's a large database that everybody can use to communicate (all information for CIO, athletes, NF's, international championships registration, everything).

d) **Dimitre Antonov** (CAN): Who will support the system after the website is created?

Mr. Mortelmans: A private company. I'll keep control, preserving the good results we have achieved so far.

12. Sports Director's report

Mr. Joachim Thumfart presented the assembly his regular activity for year 2011, which included: running the JJIF Facebook Site with information, links, photos; updating and publishing the JJIF World ranking list; installing and updating the JJIF activities calendar on Google; preparing for the World Games 2013 in Cali; preparing for the Sport Accord Combat Games 2013 in St. Petersburg; working on the further development of competition rules; creating the JJIF instructor License.

In 2011, Mr. Thumfart represented the JJIF in numerous training seminars (giving instruction) and meetings, such as: JJAFU Zone 5 Africa Seminar in Addis Ababa/Ethiopia; JJIF Winter Camp in



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Bansko/Bulgaria; JJEU European Cup in Hanau/Germany; Seminar Odessa/Ukraine; Seminar and Examination Znamjanka/Ukraine; JJEU European Championship in Genova/Italy; Seminar for Special Self-defense in Madrid/Spain; Youth exchange program Znamjanka/Ukraine; JJIF Summer Camp in St. Rafael/France; JJIF Seminar Asia (Coaches, Referees and Competitors) in Singapore/Singapore; German Open in Hanau/Germany; Balkan Championship in Bucharest/Romania.

Mr. Thumfart also presented to the assembly ideas for the future, among which the wish to keep the level of our organization and to improve communication and professionalism. With respect to the Ranking list tournaments, the countries should apply in due time, according to the Board's instructions sent out to the NF's.

Comments:

a) **Dylan Sung** (TPE): Regarding the seminar in Singapore (from the perspective of a participant), informed the assembly that the instruction received was great. All Taiwanese passed the referee examination to the level of Continental B. From Korea, only 1 out of 8 participants received the Continental license, which represents a terrible financial loss. In Iran, the passing level was 14%. We won't lower the JJIF standards, but it's important for the technical people and the national members to have prior communication (assess the passing chance, to see if it's worth to assign financial resources). The seminars will continue in Asia.

b) **Rinaldo Orlandi** (ITA): Monday and Tuesday, in Cali, there was a meeting regarding the World Games 2013. Is there any outcome?

Mr. Thumfart: There is no report yet from Ignacio Aloise (JJIF TD for the World Games).

13. Referee Director's report

The report was presented by Mr. Henrik Sandberg, JJIF Referee Committee Director.

Mr. Sandberg referred to the activity of all Continental Unions, mentioning the seminars that took place in 2012 and the new licenses awarded. He emphasized the good atmosphere within the referee group and the collaboration between referee instructors, the other referees and the national federations organizing events. Only in Europe, there were 18 referee events organized in the last year.

Mr. Sandberg also gave positive remarks about the referee courses and seminars held outside Europe.

Comments:

a) **Eugene Domagata** (FRA): The referees can have now a license in duo + fighting + ne-waza. How will it work in the future? Does one referee need to know all three systems (maybe for World A level)?

Mr. Sandberg: The ideal situation is when the referees are qualified in all three systems.

14. General Secretary's report

Ms. Dana Murgescu presented the General Secretary's report, referring to the daily routine activity that all NF's know and emphasizing the work done under the following points:

NF questionnaire – in our efforts to gain Olympic recognition, a questionnaire according to the IOC model was sent to the National Federations, asking our members to give a full report on the state of the federation and its national members; the questionnaires have not yet returned from most NF's;

JJIF Ranking list – together with the Sport Director, we finalized the Ranking list for World Games 2013 qualification. I contacted the NF's and asked for confirmation of the qualified athletes. The registration/confirmation process is still in progress;

SportAccord – In the 2012 Annual Convention held in Quebec, Canada, the former group of "Other IF's" (non-Olympic sports), which JJIF is part of, changed its name into "AIMS" – Alliance of International Members of SportAccord.



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Ms. Murgescu mentioned the seminars organized in Singapore and Iran, stressing the fact that there was no financial burden for JJIF for either of these two events. The seminar in Iran even made profit for the JJIF.

The final point referred to the activity related to communication with the NF's and compliance with the WADA requirements.

15. Union's reports

JJEU: The report was presented by JJEU President, Herbert Frese.

Mr. Frese informed the General Assembly with respect to the numerous activities that were held in Europe in 2011 and 2012, mentioning that the calendar for 2012 was a little confusing, due to not enough coordination between the JJEU and the JJIF, expressing his confidence that the situation will improve in the following year.

He also expressed the satisfaction of the JJEU with the second year of the team competition Adriatic Cup, the very good JJEU website and the technical and referee courses and seminars held within Europe.

Another part of the JJEU activity related to bringing new members into the JJIF/JJEU. Mr. Frese mentioned that Bosnia-Hertzeogovina is now a full member and FYROM has joined the JJIF/JJEU as provisional member.

The final remarks of the report expressed thanks to the JJEU and JJIF Board for the assistance and collaboration throughout 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Frese also shared with the assembly the ideas JJEU has for the future, which revolve around cooperation, fair-play, increased number of seminars and camps, improving the website and providing education in different fields. In conclusion, Mr. Frese mentioned that the work regarding the harmonization of the JJEU Statutes and rules with those of the JJIF is still in progress and will continue in 2013.

JJPAU: The report was presented by Mr. Theo Roncken, JJPAU General Secretary.

In 2012, the Ju Jitsu Pan American Union (JJPAU) has formalized its existence, operational structure and functioning by preparing, discussing and approving an institutional Statute and applying for legal status under the Uruguayan Law.

On June 28, Board Elections were held for the period 2012-2016. Mr. Ignacio Aloise (Uruguay) was confirmed as JJPAU's President, Mr. Theo Roncken (Bolivia) as General Secretary and Mr. Enrique Nolasco (Mexico) as Treasurer. As the President of the Ju Jitsu South American Union, Mr. Miguel Angel Percoco, remains JJPAU's first Vice-President. Mr. Gregory Vallarino (Uruguay) was confirmed as JJPAU's Technical Director and Mr. Wilson Alzate (Colombia) was appointed Referee Director.

A Pan American Championship was held in Montevideo, Uruguay on June 29-30 with the participation of 7 member countries plus the USA. The First JJPAU Technical Congress was held in Uruguay on June 29.

A Continental Referee Course, was held in Uruguay on June 28-30, with 12 participants from 6 countries, and an on-line Theory Course before the actual Seminar. New graduates are: 1 World B Referee, 1 Continental A Referee, and 7 Continental B Referees.

Two draft documents have been prepared in Spanish for internal revisions. These are: The JJPAU Ethical Code and Requirements for JJPAU Dan Degree Recognitions.

An improved description of the JJIF competition rules for the Newaza System has been prepared in Spanish and was validated as an official JJPAU document. A special version for JJPAU Team Competitions is currently under review.



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JJPAU supported a Spanish edition of Ju-Jitsu Do (originally written in Dutch by Mario den Edel and Rob Poleij). In February, the authors presented their manual in Mexico. Further didactic seminars have been scheduled in Colombia (November) and Bolivia (January 2013).

In conclusion, Mr. Roncken presented the activities intended to take place in 2013, among which a Continental Championship to be held in Colombia, in April 2013, including the ne-waza discipline, a Regional tournament in Havana, Cuba, as well as other regional events meant to stimulate ju-jitsu development throughout the continent. Since there will be no PanAmerican Championship in 2014, a proposal is to host a South American Championship, as JJIF Ranking list event.

Comments:

USA: An application is submitted for organizing a Regional tournament in Niagara Falls in March 2014, not in 2013, as originally intended. Sponsorship issues are brought up, mentioning the need to have approved materials with the JJIF logo. We need to make the sport more public and more popular. We plan changes for improvement in the JJPAU.

JJAFU: The report was presented by President Colince Tatsa Chinda.

Mr. Chinda talked about the African Championship, which was organized for all 3 competition systems. He mentioned that there is progress within the JJAFU, but the Board members are not active enough. In Zone 1 - Tunisia, Zone 3 - Ivory coast, Zone 4 - Cameroon there was visible a real development of athletes and new referees. Mr. Chinda expressed his thanks to the European experts who came and helped (Joachim Thumfart, Giancarlo Bagnulo, Tomo Borissov, Eugene Domagata etc.).

A positive point is the development of all competition systems (Duo, Fighting, Ne-Waza).

Also, in terms of members, there are now 23 NF's members of JJAFU, 15 registered in the JJIF (number of active countries has increased).

The JJAFU has a very good website and a Facebook page. Statistics show we have several countries in the world visiting our website.

From 0 qualified referees in 2008 and 2009, today we have Continental and national referees. For the future, we need new strategies for the problems we face (financial, organization), together with the development of special programs – youth conflict management through ju-jitsu and self-defense (maybe Tomo Borissov will help and insert these actions in his activities).

The JJAFU will try to improve its cooperation with judo, taking advantage of their knowledge and experience, while teaching them ju-jitsu.

With respect to the financial matters, Mr. Chinda mentioned that so far, the annual fee to the African Association of Sport Confederations has been paid by the JJIF. Now, JJAFU can pay by themselves (2012). We need good strategies for financial help. We don't expect money to come from Europe, but how to manage things, such as to get our own sponsors?

The rinal remarks expressed thanks to the JJIF for all help, assistance and everything done for JJAFU, as well as thanks to the JJAFU colleagues from the Board and inside Africa and all teachers (especially Dimitris Georgantidis and Giancarlo Bagnulo).

16. Anti-doping Commission's report

The report was drafted by Dr. Paco Gomez, Director of the Anti-doping Commission and was presented to the General Assembly by the JJIF General Secretary, as Dr. Gomez was unable to attend.

The main points of the anti-doping report were the following:

- the NF's should periodically check the WADA website for news related to the use of medical treatment and forbidden substances (a new list will be in effect starting January 1st, 2013);



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- During 2012 the JJIF concluded 12 in-competition controls and 6 out-of-competition tests, with no positive results; As WADA is asking for much more tests, it is important that during 2013 we increase the number of tests, especially OCT;

- No TUE's (Therapeutic Use Exemption) were received by the Anti-doping Commission in 2012 and, therefore, the JJIF did not use the ADAMS program. We urge the NF's to verify that their athletes are not under any medication or, if that is the case, that a TUE is provided to the Commission prior to competition;

- In 2013 there will be a WADA World Conference held in Johannesburg, South Africa, at the end of which a new WADA Code will be approved.

17. Motions received from NF's

a) **Sweden** – Manual of techniques (teaching manual) from yellow belt to 5 DAN. Maybe the developing NF's are interested to see it, read it, and use it. If anyone is interested, please contact the Swedish federation in person here, in Vienna, or later by e-mail.

b) **Ethiopia** – proposal for the Ju-Jitsu Network Development Program (JNDP), presented by Mr. Tsegaye Degineh, for GA approval (full document was sent by e-mail to all NF's).

The program proposes the creation of a network of clubs at the international level, trying to tackle the challenges faced by ju-jitsu (lack of infrastructure and financial means; absence of qualified trainer skills; demand for recognition and standardization etc.). The approach of the proposal is bottom-up, rather than top-to-bottom, indicating that the clubs are at the grass-root level and tangible results may be easier to achieve there.

The program will consist of four steps (1. Start; 2. Initiation/Implementation; 3. Tracking; 4. Evaluation/Lessons learned) over a one-year time span.

Comments:

Mr. Eugene Domagata, JJIF Technical Coordinator – Perfect, professional project from Ethiopia.

c) **France** – proposal for holding Team competitions at the JJIF level.

Given the fact that the number of countries that can participate to the international competition with full teams is very limited, a possible solution could be the introduction of team competitions, for men (5 fighters) and women (3 fighters).

The team championship would be integrated in the individual World Championship, on a third day of competition.

18. Membership applications and statute of provisional members

Madagascar	- 6 clubs, 500 practitioners
Dominican Republic	- 50 clubs, 1000 practitioners
FYROM	- 5 clubs, 300 practitioners
Turkey	- 46 clubs, 850 practitioners
UAE	- 1 club
Thailand	- 1 federation (no mention of the number of clubs), 300 practitioners

The General Assembly unanimously accepted the above applications.

The provisional members affiliated to the JJIF in 2009 must start paying their financial obligations to the JJIF, starting with year 2013 (all provisional members are entitled to a maximum of three calendar years as provisional members).



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19. JJIF Technical Congress report

The report of the JJIF Technical Congress was presented by Mr. Joachim Thumfart, JJIF Sports Director.

The Agenda of the TC comprised the following items: Report of the directors; Confirmation of the directors; Ranking list and Qualification for the World Games; Presentation of the updated and consolidated OSC; Adoption of U15 competition rules; Advertising/ patches on competition clothes; Presentation of the way to earn the JJIF coach license; Ne-Waza / Rules development; Changes of duo system – discussion and decision; Referee issues.

20. Elections

The candidates for the positions on the JJIF Board were the following:

- a) President - Panagiotis Theodoropoulos (GRE)
- b) Vice-President - Igor Lanzoni (ITA)
 - Dimitre Antonov (CAN)
 - Tomo Borissov (BUL)
 - Georgy Kukoverov (RUS)
 - Dylan Sung (TPE)

The JJIF Board has three positions of Vice-President.

- c) General Secretary - Dana Murgescu (ROM)
- d) Treasurer - Luc Mortelmans (BEL)

Each of the candidates briefly presented himself. The supporting documents (CV and letter of support from the National Federation) were sent to the NF's in advance, by e-mail.

The voting procedure was the following: The General Secretary calls out the names of the national federations, one by one. Each country delegate comes and takes the voting paper. The GS repeats the call and each country delegate comes and puts the vote in the closed box. The scrutineers count the ballots. The results are made public.

After the counting of the voting ballots, the new JJIF Board has the following composition:

- President - Panagiotis Theodoropoulos (GRE)
- Vice-President - Igor Lanzoni (ITA)
 - Tomo Borissov (BUL)
 - Dylan Sung (TPE)
- General Secretary - Dana Murgescu (ROM)
- Treasurer - Luc Mortelmans (BEL)

Comments:

Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos addressed the assembly, saying that since 2013, we'll work at full speed. We need to develop further. Nations and continents should be equal. There is no such thing as European ju-jitsu or PanAmerican ju-jitsu. The JJEU works very well, helps other continents. There are no differences, no discrimination. We all serve everybody in the same way.

We thank Mr. Georgy Kukoverov for his activity as VP. His advice and expertise will always be appreciated and accepted.

21. Future World Championships

2013 – Due to the very tight schedule and multitude of events, there will be no World Championship for seniors; the World Championship for aspirants and juniors will take place in Bucharest, Romania (Nov. 22-24, 2012).

There was a proposal from the President to also have World Championship for seniors, maybe joined with the juniors & aspirants.



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Comments were made by Eugene Domagata (FRA) and Robert Perc (SLO), indicating the financial issues and the programming period, arguing that there is not enough time.

The assembly decided to uphold the previous decision, to not have a World Championship for seniors in 2013.

Candidates for hosting World Championship in the following years:

2014 – France is a candidate (Nov). The assembly unanimously approved the candidature.

2015 – South Korea – juniors & aspirants + seniors, in the city of Suwon. The South Korean federation had a presentation with the sports facilities, the accommodation options and the political support possibilities. The assembly unanimously approved the candidature for the World Championship of juniors & aspirants. A decision regarding the joining of this championship with the World Championship for seniors will be made at a later date.

2016 – Poland. The assembly unanimously accepted, in principle, the candidature.

2017 – Mexico. The assembly unanimously accepted, in principle, the candidature.

22. Establishment of the place and date for the next general Assembly.

The General Assembly of 2013 will take place on November 21st, in Bucharest, Romania.

23. Concluding word from the President

The President thanked again Mr. Georgy Kukoverov for his activity and contribution, aiding in the progress of ju-jitsu. Mr. Theodoropoulos mentioned that the JJIF needs a new model of management and there will be many changes in the next 4 years.

The President declared the General Assembly works concluded.

Best regards,

P. Theodoropoulos
JJIF President



Dana Murgescu
JJIF General Secretary