

FIRS Ordinary Congress
Rome (Italy), February 21, 2015 - 10h00
Salone d'onore del CONI - L.go Lauro de Bosis 15 –Roma

National Federations attending with voting rights:

1. Albania	20. Great Britain	39. Russia
2. Angola	21. Guatemala	40. San Marino
3. Argentina	22. India	41. Slovakia
4. Australia	23. Israel	42. Slovenia
5. Austria	24. Italy	43. Spain
6. Belgium	25. Japan	44. Switzerland (A/S)
7. Benin	26. Korea	45. Switzerland (HIL)
8. Brazil	27. Latvia (HIL)	46. United Arab Emirates
9. Canada (A/S)	28. Macau	47. Uruguay
10. Chile	29. Mexico	48. USA
11. China	30. Mozambique	49. Venezuela
12. Chinese Taipei	31. Netherlands (KNSB)	
13. Colombia	32. Netherlands (RNBB)	
14. Croatia	33. New Zeland	
15. Cuba	34. Pakistan	
16. Czech Republic	35. Paraguay	
17. Egypt	36. Peru	
18. France	37. Poland	
19. Germany	38. Portugal	

National Federations attending without voting rights:

1. Cyprus
2. Guinea
3. Ireland
4. Latvia (Sk)
5. Malaysia
6. Senegal

FIRS Executive Board Members attending the 2015 FIRS Congress:

1. Sabatino Aracu – President
2. Armando Quintanilla Cerpa - First Vice President
3. Patricia Wallace - Vice President Oceania Confederation
4. Fernando Claro – Vice President European Confederation
5. Carlos Orlando Ferreira – Vice President Pan American Confederation
6. Guoyong Liu - Vice President Asian Confederation
7. Gilbert Portier – Inline Hockey Chairman
8. Harro Strucksberg - Rink Hockey Chairman
9. Jorge Roldán – Speed Chairman
10. Margaret Brooks - Artistic Chairman
11. Olivier Pascal - Inline Aggressive Chairman
12. Sigi Ziestler - Roller Alpine and Downhill Chairman
13. Carmelo Paniagua - Protocol Manager
14. Roberto Marotta - Secretary General and Africa Commissioner
15. Laura Morandi – Vice Secretary General
16. Kalon Dobbin - Athletes Representative
17. Ricardo Araujo - Vice President European Confederation and interpreter

FIRS Staff

1. Simone Masserini – FIRS Corporate Advisor
2. Simona Mercuri - Communication Manager
3. Caterina Noto - FIRS Staff
4. Alessandra Lunadei - FIRS Staff
5. Lina Maria Lizcano - FIRS Staff
6. Sergio Francesco Sacripanti - FIRS Staff

Barcelona Delegation

1. Carlos Gascón
2. Josep Salom I Ges
3. Ramón Basiana I
Vers
4. Maite Fandos I
Payá
5. Iolanda Latorre I
Roldán

Nanjing Delegation

1. Chen Weihong
2. Nie Lei
3. Yin Hao
4. Zhang Yuan

Lima Delegation

1. Jose Quinones
2. Patrick Espejo
3. Tesa Salomon
4. Carlos Fernando
Canales

VIP's

1. Mario Pescante – IOC Member and IOC UN Observer
2. Marius Vizer – SportAccord President
3. Francesco Ricci Bitti – ASOIF President and President of the International Tennis Federation
4. José Perurena – IWGA President

5. Raffaele Chiulli –ARISF President
6. Riccardo Fraccari –ARISF Secretary General and President of the International Baseball Federation
7. Christian Wassmer - Head of Winter Sports and IF Relations of the IOC Sports Department
8. Alejandro Blanco – President of the Spanish Olympic Committee
9. José Quinones – President of the Peruvian Olympic Committee
10. Roberto Fabbricini –Secretary General of the Italian Olympic Committee

President Aracu welcomes all the delegates in Rome and introduces all the guests attending the Congress:

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He pays tribute to Mario Vazquez Raña, former President of the Pan American Sports Organization, and the whole Assembly observes a minute of silence in his memory.

Aracu stresses how the Congress that is about to start is of historical significance, he sees the FIRS projected towards a bright future because for the very first time the FIRS will launch the 2017 World Roller Games, the World Championships of all the roller disciplines that will take place in the same venue in the same event. Two important cities have submitted the application to host the WRG, Lima (Peru) and Barcelona (Spain): the representatives of these cities will present their candidature during this very Congress. Unfortunately the candidature of the city of Nanjing (China) could not be accepted because it was submitted after the expiry of the deadline set in the bidding procedure.

FIRS is becoming more and more a Federation for the youth. The FIRS includes under his aegis 9 disciplines and also Marius Vizer, who has helped the FIRS a lot for the launch of the WRG, stated that not many Federations can boast a several number of disciplines so different from one another.

The WRG will see the participation of at least 10,000 people between athletes, officials and sporting managers, demonstrating that Roller Sports are growing by themselves. Also the presence of over 60 countries in a non-elective Congress shows how the affiliated Federations understand the importance of this day.

Aracu ends his opening speech telling to all the attendees that the FIRS wants and deserves to be an Olympic Federation, therefore he is very happy about the participation of Christian Wassmer as IOC observer.

Word goes to the IOC UN Observer, Mr. Mario Pescante.

PESCANTE takes a moment to remember Mario Vasquez Raña, a dear friend of his and after that takes the chance to leave an important message: the facts of violence that saw some hooligans destroying some monuments in the very heart of the city of Rome after a football match do not represent the real sporting world and a Congress that look into the future is very important. The World is changing and also the IOC had to change his rules to adapt to the current needs because the Olympic Games had become something exaggerated for the emerging countries and for these changes we have to thank many of the authorities attending. There is a need for change, many Federations have done this already to adapt to the Olympic World: Wrestling, Fencing, Pentathlon. The FIRS will have to adapt to a World where there are countries where people skate even with no Roller Federations there, will need to change the format of the competitions to better respond to the need of the youth and the TV broadcasters and will have to take over the cities with thousands of skaters because this is what is needed. This way, the path of the FIRS will be surely downhill.

Mr. VIZER greets all the attendees and stress how important the WRG are. Nobody can have a corner on within the sporting world, this is the reason why we all support the Olympic movement, the University Games, the World Games and many other international events. All this is based on the National Federations. Naturally, as members and athletes, these events are vital for us, but the Olympic ideals cannot divide the sporting spirit into Olympic and non-Olympic disciplines, but rather they should gather all the disciplines in the same direction, towards peace, friendship and respect. These are the values that sport should promote to society.

Mr. RICCI BITTI says he is happy to be in Rome to attend this Congress, thanks President Aracu for his invitation and he is glad to see so many people attending a Congress. This sport has some great steps in its path: the first one was the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, held in 2014 that was very successful for Roller Sports, and the other one will be the Olympic Agenda in 2020. The latter will be very important because the agenda will be more open to new sports, therefore Roller Sports will have greater chance to join the Olympic family, also because gathers more and more participants each year and meets all the criteria to be Olympic. This is a very important moment for the Olympic Games and for sports in general. Mr. Ricci Bitti ends his speech greeting the representatives of Lima and Barcelona, the candidate cities of the WRG, and wishing them good luck.

Mr. PERURENA is glad to be attending the FIRS Congress representing the IWGA, an international body that consider Roller Sports as one of its most important sports. After the decision about the 2020 Agenda made during the last IOC Congress held in Munich, a door has been opened to non-Olympic sports: la FIRS has a chance

because it represents one of the sports that can be included in the next programme. In 2017 the new 2024 programme will be decided. Additionally, with Lima and Barcelona the FIRS has the chance to showcase a great international sporting event. Perureña ends his speech saying that he is sure that the FIRS will surely go from the World Games to the Olympic Games if they keep working as done during the Nanjing experience.

On behalf of the ARISF Mr. CHIULLI wishes a great event to all the attendees of the Congress of Rome, in a venue, the Salone d'Onore del CONI, that is considered the temple of sports. Sports is passion, integrity and fair competition, all values that are fundamental. The ARISF is one of the pillars of the Olympic world, its members are the International Federations such as the FIRS, and these Federations join ARISF to establish and maintain a dialogue with the IOC and SportAccord about all the issues of common interest. The FIRS is the perfect example of how to share information and know-how on common experiences. 7 Federations out of the 10 candidated to the 2020 Olympic Agenda are members of the ARISF. During the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, we have hosted several Federations such as Wushu, Climbing and Roller Sports, bearing in mind our very clear expectations for the future. The ARISF has under its umbrella several disciplines that are part of the African Games, Asian Games, Panamerican Games, Commonwealth Games and SportAccord Games. The ARISF is playing its most important role by ensuring that the Olympic Games include new non-Olympic disciplines affiliated to the ARISF: therefore there is no discrimination between Olympic and non-Olympic disciplines. Mr. Chiulli thanks President Aracu for his support on the change and the modernization of SportAccord.

Mr. WASSMER greets all the attendees and explains that the FIRS is a key partner for the IOC Sports Department. He also says that the FIRS' success in Nanjing went beyond all expectations thanks to the professionalism demonstrated and ensures that with the 2020 Agenda there will be many other opportunities. He wishes the best of success to the Congress.

Mr. FABBRICINI thanks the FIRS for the invitation and greets all the authorities attending that give pride to this very important event. He hopes that Roller Sports will be included in the 2024 Olympic Programme and wishes good luck to Lima and Barcelona, the cities that are competing for the organization of the WRG.

Mr. ARACU announces the beginning of the official works of the Congress that during the first part of the day will be devoted to the presentations of Lima's and Barcelona's candidatures for the 2017 WRG. He thanks the President of the National Olympic Committees of the 2 countries and the 2 delegations composed by:

- Barcellona represented by Mr. Carmelo Paniagua, President of the Spanish Federation of Roller Sports, Mr. Alejandro Blanco, President of the Spanish National Olympic Committee, Carlos Gascon, President of the Superior Council of Sports, Mr. Ivan Tibao, Secretary of Sports for the Generalitat of

Catalonia, Mr. Ramon Basiana, President of the Catalanian Federation of Roller Sports and Mrs. Maite Fandos, Vice Mayor of Barcelona.

- Lima represented by Mr. José Carlos Quinones, President of the Peruvian Olympic Committee, Mr. Patrick Michael Espejo Macera, CEO of the Panamerican Games and Roller Games, Mr. Carlos Fernando Canales Anchorena, Councillor for Trade and Tourism of the city of Lima, and Mrs. Carmen Juarez Gallegos, Vice Mayor of the city of Lima.

The presentation are done in alphabetical order, therefore the Lima delegation is invited to exit the Salone d'Onore del CONI and gather in the Sala delle Fiaccole, while the delegation of Barcelona presents its candidature.

Words goes to the delegation of Barcelona for its presentation

At the end of the presentation, President Aracu thanks the delegation of Barcelona that exits the room to go to the Sala delle Fiaccole. It is now the delegation of Lima's turn to make its presentation.

At the end of the presentation of the delegation of Lima, Aracu thanks both delegations for the great example of professionalism they have given.

He then invites the FIRS Executive Board to gather in the Sala della Giunta del CONI to decide the appointment of the first edition of the Roller Games. The meeting will last around 30 minutes and at the end the FIRS Executive Board will announce the winning city.

At 1,30 PM the FIRS Executive Board re-enters the Salone d'Onore del CONI and President Aracu announces the winning city that will organize the first edition of the 2017 World Roller Games: Barcelona.

The FIRS offers its total support and help so as to make the Roller Games a great success.

President Aracu also takes the opportunity to mention the candidature of a third city that unfortunately has submitted its application over the deadline: Nanjing that was therefore excluded for fairness to the other bidders.

He then thanks the attending delegation of Nanjing for what has done during the Youth Olympic Games, for having later invited him again in Nanjing and for having signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the FIRS that will turn the city into the "Capital of Roller Sports" and announces to all those present that the day before the FIRS Executive Board has assigned the organization of the 2016 FIRS World Roller Speed Skating Championships to the city of Nanjing.

Presentation of "Nanjing, Capital of the Roller Sports"

President Aracu thanks the delegation of Nanjing and word goes to the FIRS Secretary General to start the congress works.

Mr. Marotta thanks the President and informs the Assembly that the attending Federations with voting rights are 49 and, seeing that the necessary quorum of 21 Federations has been reached, the Congress is thus able to take any decision on the matters included in the agenda. The total votes that can be expressed are 151, the majority is constituted by 76 votes.

1. Appointment of the scrutineers

Mr. Marotta calls CERS Secretary General Ricardo Araújo and CIC Member Mario Miconi to carry out the work of scrutineers.

The appointment of the scrutineers is unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous Congress

Mr. Marotta invited all those present to ask the floor should they wish to make any amendment but since no one steps up the approval of the minutes of the previous Congress is put to vote.

Unanimously approved.

3. Report of the FIRS President

Aracu thanks everyone for the support given to the organization of this Congress. It has been a great success in front of the eyes of important authorities of the international sporting world. *We are already in the future* is a commitment undertaken some years ago, and the President is seeking to make progress in this regard.

Mr. Aracu thanks all the FIRS Executive Board members and the whole FIRS staff for their help and collaboration.

A great work has been carried out but there is still a lot to do and improve, the Roller World must change for the better as it has been said by all the prominent international authorities who have attended this event.

Traditional disciplines such as Roller Artistic Skating and Roller Rink Hockey shall be changed in order to make them more appealing for youngsters and media. Numerous meetings and international stages for managers, coaches and judges/referees of all the roller disciplines shall be organized, just like it has been done for Roller Artistic Skating this year.

The streaming broadcasting has been a success and for this reason the final product has to be more and more improved: this is the reason behind the establishment of a Protocol Commission headed by Mr. Carmelo Paniagua that will assess the quality of the FIRS events.

The way of working shall be changed, the FIRS needs the cooperation of companies that can bring the quality and the efficiency such as Filmmaster, that was able to create in one night a project for Tokyo 2020 allowing Aracu and Marotta to showcase it to the IOC the day after.

Another company that is helping the FIRS is the JEC, that is working on our new corporate image and website.

The tv production is also important and shall be improved and supported by everyone: from Rosario (Argentina) 39 hours of the 2014 FIRS World Roller Speed Skating Championships have been broadcasted by satellite all over Europe and the Pan-American continent. In occasion of the 2017 World Roller Games there is surely going to be the need of a further increase of the quality and therefore of further economic resources that demand the right sponsors to which the FIRS needs to sell a high-quality product.

A right product could be a World Cup around the World, in 6/8 different countries, important capitals in different Continents where Roller Sports can be presented.

Aracu is sure that three years from now Roller Sports competitions will be broadcasted in each African country, and for this reason will travel around the World to make the African countries get more power by speaking with their National Olympic Committees and Governments to bring help to the countries who need it. The African Confederation has been put under a conservatorship because of lack of transparence in the elections to which the strongest countries were excluded from, but this is the past, we shall look to the future now: the FIRS is ready to go to the different countries and launch seminars there to make athletes and coaches grow, to create roller skating schools teaching PE teachers how to teach roller skating to the kids. This is the type of investments that the countries really need, not receiving skates as charity.

The FIRS is not in debt anymore, there is a positive balance sheet now, not very high but still useful to run other projects.

Congresses are important and constitute an amazing showcasing opportunity for the FIRS to promote its disciplines.

Aracu introduces the topic of the establishment of the FIRS official headquarters in another country, an issue that has already been addressed in the past, also in the FIRS Executive Board held the day before, because of several requests in this regard: everyone agrees on the importance of being closer to the IOC headquarters. The idea is to establish the new headquarters somewhere else than Rome because the place should be more international. Aracu proposes the Maison du Sport in Lausanne (Switzerland), because of the proximity with the IOC and everyone agrees with this proposal.

There is the need a more young and fresh brand new logo. (THE NEW LOGO IS SHOWN).

Our experts will later introduce to you all the innovations: a new FIRS website, a new Intranet system that will allow everyone to access the FIRS system to register athletes, pay annual fees, register to the Championships, etc.

For the first time in the history of the FIRS, the International Federation has used the new bidding procedures whose implementation has brought the assignment of the Roller Games and the World Championships. The FIRS has changed, it is now a new and modern Federation that everyone must believe in.

There will also be new FIRS Statutes that will grant more strength but also more responsibility to the FIRS President. The Presidents of the National Federations shall be given the opportunity to grow so that in the future there can be a competent new FIRS President.

Aracu concludes by thanking everybody and asks for his report to be put to vote so as to know if his ideas and programme are shared by the Assembly.

FIRS Secretary General Roberto Marotta puts President Aracu's report to vote.

Approved unanimously.

4. Presentation of the FIRS new logo and website

JEC's Lorenzo Giannakoulas takes the floor and makes a presentation on the new FIRS logo and Federico Dioniso explains the new Intranet platform and the new Sports Event Management System (SEMS).

5. Report of the FIRS Secretary General

Mr. Marotta says that, during his 25 years as FIRS Secretary General, never had he witnessed the amount of work that the International Federation shall carry out now, therefore the work of the FIRS Secretariat has exponentially grown.

Mr. Marotta hopes that in the future internal conflicts of a Federation will be solved within that same Federation without the involvement of the FIRS, seeing that they are national conflicts.

Great effort from the FIRS Secretariat has been put towards the participation of the FIRS in the SportsLab of the Youth Olympics of Nanjing, where Roller Sports have been really successful. Also successful were the annual World Roller Speed Skating Championships in Rosario (Argentina) and World Roller Artistic Championships in Reus (Spain). In 2014 the FIRS Secretariat has also been called to compile the IOC Questionnaire for the Agenda of Tokyo 2020; in 2017 Roller Sports will be main actors of the World Games to be held in Wroclaw (Poland), where a new rink will be built. Roller Sports have always demonstrated to be a vital part of the World Games therefore all Federations are invited to attend.

The gates of the FIRS are now open also to those disciplines that today the National Federations do not control: therefore all National Federations are invited to open specific sections to all the 9 different roller disciplines. The FIRS has received 5 new requests of affiliation and 8 affiliations with all the proper documentation duly submitted shall be ratified.

6. FIRS Financial report 2014 and FIRS budget 2015

The financial report is included in the folder given to all the attendees.

Although the document has only informative value, President Aracu asks to put it to vote.

Mr. Marotta adds that in the future will be established a new fee to be applied to sporting products to be sanctioned by the FIRS for the FIRS World Championships.

Unanimously approved.

7. Report of the FIRS Vice Presidents and of the Chairmen of the Technical Committees

Before giving the floor to his fellow colleagues, Marotta informs them that their speech shall not last more than 2 minutes seeing that their reports are already included in the folder.

Quintanilla does not intervene.

Claro greets all the attendees and says that his report can be found at page 153 and 154 of the folder.

Ferreira observes how the FIRS is becoming a new Federation and how the Olympic objective seems closer. He expresses appreciation for President Aracu in the way he leads the Federation and thanks him on behalf of the whole South America. The American continent is the only one who has a direct relation with the Olympic Committees. Roller Sports are part of the Olympic World thanks to their presence in the different organized Olympic Games, first of all the Pan-American Games, the Continental Games, the Caribbean Games, the Bolivarian Games, etc. This is the direct way that allows Roller Sports to be present. The new disciplines shall be accepted. The Pan-American Games will take place in Toronto (Canada) this year in July, and on July 8th it will be resolved whether Lima (Perù) will be the hosting city of the Games in 2019; Roller Skating has always been present in the Games with 40 athletes and 6 gold medals for Roller Speed Skating and 20 athletes and 2 gold medals for Roller Artistic Skating.

The Olympic Games' reform that has been established in Munich with the possibility for the hosting city of the Olympics to invite a non-Olympic sport gives the FIRS the chance to get to work in view of Tokyo 2020.

Last year a great activity has been carried out in the American continent with some events and competitions thanks to the existing good relations with the ODEPA, and the FIRS has participated also in the Pan-American Olympic Festival of Sports. In November the city of Veracruz (Mexico) has hosted the Central American and Caribbean Games. Ferreira recalls the role that Vasquez Raña had in enabling the presence of Roller Sports in the Pan-American Games and hopes that the same will continue with his successor so as to make possible for roller skating to be present in the Pan-American Games of 2019.

Marotta says that as African Commissioner he has sent to all the African Federations a questionnaire to verify who carries out activity and who does not, who is recognized by the Olympic Committee so as to be able to convene a General Assembly of the African Confederation of Roller Sports in order to choose its board and approve their Statutes.

Strucksberg invites everyone to read his report in the folder. He mentions how during the past year the economic crisis had influenced the sporting world and that today the economic situation is still very complex. He asked the FIRS offices to find a solution to this problem both on the bidding procedures and the contracts for the

Federations that want to organize the World Championships. He is afraid that it is not going to be easy finding new candidates, but he recognizes that the system shall change and in the future there will be the need to have meeting also with the President of the European Confederation to seek common solutions.

He has also included in his report a proposal on how to run the competitions during the World Roller Games that can be later discussed.

Brooks mentions her report in the folder and the FIRS Judges Seminar that will be held in Riccione (Italy) in April 2015; around 32 countries will attend the event and it is the first time that such a seminar is organized. Very soon everyone will get new information on the 2015 FIRS World Roller Artistic Skating to be held in Cali (Colombia).

Pascal introduces himself as organizer of Freestyle events and says he will do his best to develop Freestyle and Skateboarding as disciplines that hopefully can get Olympic recognition.

Zistler says that Inline Alpine is born several years ago and it finally has its own Technical Committee within the FIRS together with the Downhill: in 2014, the World Championship in Oberhundem (Germany) was a great success and gathered the attendance of many countries. The 2018 World Championship will take place in Nagano (Japan).

8. Ratification of the new appointments

Marotta lists all the new appointments made by President Aracu and approved by the FIRS Executive Board.

Before proceeding with the appointment of the new FIRS Auditor, Marotta thanks Mr. Muñoz for the great work carried out during the past years.

The new appointments are:

- Auditor: Marcelo Martinez, President of the Argentinean Federation of Roller Sports, official auditor recognized by the Argentinean Government.
- Protocol Chairman: Carmelo Paniagua for his dedication and his inflexibility in making the rules be respected.
- CIC Chairman: Jorge Roldán, a man with a vast experience.
- Inline Aggressive Chairman: Olivier Pascal for a new and young discipline.

President Aracu takes the floor to announce the city that will host the 2016 FIRS World Roller Artistic Skating Championships. Two excellent candidatures, one from Florence (Italy) and one from Novara (Italy), have been submitted and it was a really tough choice to make: Novara has been awarded the organization of the event. The city of Florence has already organized a World Championship and it is right giving this opportunity to others.

9. Propositions concerning alterations of the Statute

Marotta explains that the change of the FIRS Statutes has started in occasion of the 2013 FIRS Congress but the FIRS Executive Board has considered to make some further amendments to some of its parts. On the left there is the new text, on the right the old one

Art. 2 – The reasons behind this amendment is the need of coordinating the schedule of the international activity of our Federation giving a gradualness of importance of each different competition. Such gradualness is listed in clause **g)** that has been included in the new version.

Vote:

Unanimously approved.

Art. 7 – The Protocol Commission, headed by Carmelo Paniagua, has been included in the FIRS structure. In **clause c)** Technical Committees with voting rights have been included, and these rights have been awarded to all the FIRS disciplines with a total of 9. Inline Alpine and Downhill have been merged into a single committee.

Technical Committees with voting rights are therefore as follows:

- Artistic Skating
- Freestyle
- Inline Aggressive
- Inline Hockey
- Rink Hockey
- Roller Alpine & Downhill
- Roller Derby
- Skateboarding
- Speed Skating

Clause f) listing the Protocol Commission has also been added.

Moacyr Neuenschwander, President of the Brazilian Federation of Roller Sports notices that the Spanish version of the FIRS Statutes is different from the English one and that may generate confusion. In the organigram of the Spanish version the FIRS President comes first, followed by the Congress, while the correct version is the English one where the Congress comes before the FIRS President.

Marotta apologizes for the mistake, there have been no further changes and Article 7 remains in force as it was.

Vote:

Unanimously approved.

Aracu requests a derogation because some of the denominations of the Technical Committees may change. Olivier Pascal, also under pressure of the media, has

suggested for Inline Aggressive to change name. The FIRS is looking for a new name, therefore I ask the Assembly the possibility of changing it freely.

Art. 8 – Clause e) report from the FIRS Auditor and **clause g)** presentation of the FIRS accounts.

Aracu wants everybody to notice that the old Statutes absurdly envisaged the submission of the budget of the FIRS but not its financial report of the prior year, and these are data that the Assembly needs to know.

Vote:

Contra: 0

Abstentions: 5

Approved by majority.

Art. 10 – The President's powers with the inclusion of clause e).

Marotta gives the floor to Aracu that is going to explain this amendment made and approved by the FIRS Executive Board that fundamentally changes the philosophy of the FIRS.

Today the FIRS has 9 Technical Committees, with 9 Chairmen who sit in the FIRS Executive Board and who have been elected by the Assemblies of their respective Technical Committees.

Instead of voting the Chairmen as above mentioned, the Assembly decides that the Chairmen will be appointed by the President who will present the list of the Chairmen whom he is going to appoint together with his/her candidature.

Aracu repeats the principle: the candidate for President will be free to nominate the Chairmen of the Technical Committees, presenting them in a list together with his/her candidature and he/she will eventually be free to replace them during his/her mandate.

Vote:

Pro: 143

Contra: 8

Abstentions: 0

Approved by majority.

Marotta stresses how this amendment has been approved in principle and will now be examined article by article.

Strucksberg speaks about Art. 8) 8. b) states implies that, if there are 9 World Championships will increase also the number of votes of each National Federation.

Marotta reaffirms that with 9 disciplines with voting rights, the votes will increase based on the participation of each National Federation in the World Championships with a maximum of 10 votes.

Strucksberg does not agree with this notion, seeing that National Federations are required to pay the fees only for 4 disciplines and not more.

Aracu adds that what Strucksberg says is true, however, in this phase the Congress may contemplate having for example the Chairman of a discipline that does not organize valid World Championships (Skateboarding, as example). It will be the FIRS who will decide and recognize which World Championship will award voting rights. In the future everything will have to be done on a regular basis and under the supervision of the Chairmen and the FIRS Secretariat.

Marotta goes back to Art. 10 to which clause e) has been added stating that the President has the power to nominate the Chairmen of the Technical Committees. Marotta restate that the previous approval was on general indications of the FIRS President, but the Statutes need to be approved article by article.

Art. 10 – clause e) is put to vote

Unanimously approved.

Art. 11.3. The names of the 4 traditional Technical Committees have been deleted, considering as Executive Board members all the Technical Committee Chairmen. Additionally, the Protocol Manager and the Auditor have been added to **clause 4** as Executive Board members with no voting rights.

Clause 7 now states that in order for the elections of the Vice Presidents of the Continental Confederations to take place, countries are required to have attended at least one World Championship in the 2 years prior to the Assembly. This has been done in order to boost the participation in the World Championships.

In **clause 9**, the Athletes' Representative will be elected by the FIRS Athletes Commission every 4 years. This specification was missing from the previous Statutes, therefore it has been included.

In **clause 10** the Executive Board will gather at least once every 2 years and the quorum will be reached by the half of the total number of members plus one. Therefore, the line in the Spanish version that says "5 members with voting rights plus one" shall be deleted.

Vote:

Unanimously approved.

Art.13 – Composition of the Executive Committee, composed by the FIRS President, the FIRS First Vice President, the FIRS Technical Committee Chairmen, Athletes' Representative, FIRS Secretary General, FIRS Protocol Manager and FIRS Medicine Commission Manager.

Vote:

Unanimously approved.

Art.18 – Marotta quotes the whole article and Ignacio Gonzales, delegate of the Spanish Federation of Roller Sports, asks for clarification on how to establish which is

the oldest Federation in a country that has two different National Federation. It may happen that a Federation is the oldest in its country but has a more recent affiliation to FIRS. This is not specified in the current Statutes.

Marotta finds this observation appropriate and asks to add to the phrase “[...] with most seniority in its affiliation” the words “to FIRS” that is missing in the Spanish version.

Aracu adds that this is a very important amendment for the support of a candidate that needs the backing of at least 10 Federations.

Vote:

Unanimously approved.

Art.19 – Amendment of **clause 1**. The part regarding the election of the Technical Committee Chairmen has been taken out because no longer in accordance with the articles that have been previously amended.

Vote:

Unanimously approved.

Art. 21 – This article is about the new Technical Chairmen. In **clause 3** it is clearly indicated that the candidates for Presidency will submit together with their candidature the names of the Technical Committee Chairmen they have chosen. **Clause 4** is amended accordingly.

Vote:

Unanimously approved.

President Aracu informs all the attendees that the FIRS Legal Department and the FIRS Secretariat will re-elaborate the FIRS Statutes with the appropriate technical adjustments without altering what the Assembly has voted on.

10. Ratification and affiliation of new National Federations

Marotta apologizes to the FIRS Executive Board members for having told them that 3 National Federations that had requested the ratification did not submit their Statutes, but it was a mistake. The Statutes of Liberia, Senegal and Tanzania were duly submitted to the FIRS Statutes and therefore the Federations can be ratified.

The ratification of the following National Federations is put to vote singularly:

- CYPRUS
- GUINEA CONAKRY
- IRELAND
- LATVIA (Skateboarding)
- LATVIA (Speed)
- LIBERIA

- MALAYSIA
- MAURITIUS
- NEPAL
- SENEGAL
- SUDAN
- TANZANIA
- TUNISIA

All the ratifications are unanimously approved.

Macedonia has requested the affiliation but has not provided the documentation required. Its affiliation was therefore denied.

11. Miscellaneous

Aracu takes the floor telling that for the first time in history the FIRS will be part of the 2017 Universiade. A memorandum has been signed that will be soon perfected with the FISU, and this is a very important achievement since many Federations did not manage to get in. The next Universiade will be held in Taipei City in 2017, and for the first time Roller Sports will be participating thanks to the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee and the Chinese Taipei Roller Sports Federation that has been very active in the pursuit of this objective.

Marotta takes the floor to inform everybody of the change of dates of the 2017 World Games that will take place from July 20th to 30th.

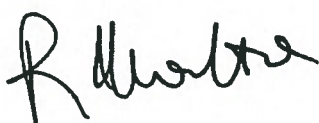
The Agenda of the FIRS Congress has been completed.

Aracu thanks everybody and says he is very happy for this very important day for the FIRS and for all the changes that have been made. The FIRS is one single body and if all its members will speak the same language its future will be brighter. The FIRS shall find a way to generate business and create projects that also Governments can found appealing. The next Congresses are going to be longer, there will be the need to spend more time with all the Presidents of the National Federations.

He also stresses once again how many important international authorities have attended the Congress and says that Roller Sports deserve more and more to be included in the Olympic Programme.

Congress ends around 5.00 PM.

Roberto Marotta
Secretary



Sabatino Aracu
General President

