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1. Election of new EPF Officials.

The EPF General Assembly was organized in Plzen with representatives from 19 nations present. Election of officials for the next 4 years took place and all present officials were re-elected:

President:	Arnulf Wahlström, Norway
V. President:	Ralph Farquharson, Great Britain
Secr. General:	Dietmar Wolf, Norway
Treasurer:	Alain Hammang, Luxembourg
Techn. Com. Chairman:	Myriam Busselot, Belgium
Law & Leg. Com. Chairman:	Sandro Rossi, Italy
Disciplinary Com. Chairman:	Pavol Müller, Slovakia
Appeal Com. Chairman:	Morten Novum, Norway
Women's Com. Chairman:	Maria Pia Moscianese, Italy
Auditors:	Pavol Müller, Slovakia and Maria Kail, Germany

2. EPF award of Merits.

The following persons have received the EPF's "Award of Merit" in gold (medal and diploma) for more than 25 years of good work for the Powerlifting sport in their national federations:

Ivan Zbandut from Ukraine and **Wolfgang Zimmermann** from Czech Republic. Congratulations!

National federations may order EPF's "Award of Merit" medals from the EPF Secr. Gen. to honour members that have developed and served Powerlifting over a long period in their national federation.

Link: [Award of Merit Application Form](#)

3. EPF Hall of Fame

At the EPF General Assembly, Hall of Fame were awarded to **Alain Hammang** from Luxembourg as official, **Ielja Strik** from Netherlands and **Anibal Coimbra** from Luxembourg as lifters. Congratulation!

4. Tested lifters at the Danube Cup were all negative.

4 lifters were tested at the Danube Cup and the Deutsche Sporthochschule in Cologne analyzed the samples and reports that all samples are negative.

5. Tested lifters at the European Open 2011.

First name	Last name	Nat.	Weight-class	Remarks
Raija	Jurkko	FIN	47	WRM1
Inna	Filimonova	RUS	57	WR
Laura	Locatelli	ITA	57	WRM2
Tetyana	Akhmanyetyeva	UKR	63	WR
Antonietta	Orsini	ITA	63	WRM1
Karolina	Arvidson	SWE	72	ER

Annette	Pedersen	DAN	72	ERM1
Galina	Potseuleva	RUS	72	WR
Inger	Blikra	NOR	72	WRM2 /ERM1
Olena	Kozlova	UKR	84	ERJ
Olga	Gemaletdinova	RUS	84+	WR
Inna	Orobets	UKR	84+	ERM1
Irina	Lugovaya	RUS	84+	WR
Hassan	El Belghitti	FRA	66	WR
Rostislav	Petkov	BUL	74	ERJ
Jaroslav	Olech	POL	74	WR
Tomas	Martin	GB	83	WR
Sergii	Bilyi	UKR	93	ERJ
Margus	Silbaum	EST	93	ER
Vadym	Dovganyuk	UKR	105	ER
Jacek	Wiak	POL	105	Random
Ivaylo	Hristov	BUL	120	1. place
Andrey	Konovlov	RUS	120+	ER
Volodymyr	Svistunov	UKR	120+	ER
Audunn	Jonsson	ISL	120+	Random

The Cologne laboratory reports that all tests were negative.

6. World Games 2013.

World Games 2013 take part in Cali in Colombia and the Powerlifting competitions start 30 July and ends 1 August. Lifters and officials may arrive 2 days prior to the competition and stay 1 day afterwards.

All together 80 lifters will be nominated to take part and the qualification will be at the Worlds 2012. The 3 best lifters in each weight class will automatically qualify and further nominations will be based on Wilk's points. The Regions may nominate 2 additional lifters – one of each sex.

7. New Referees.

At the European Open in Plzen and the European Juniors in Northumberland, referee examinations were carried out by Myriam Busselot.

At the European Open the following passed the category 2 examination:

Märvi Sirkkiä(FIN), Tatyana Akhmamyetyeva (UKR), Klaus Jensen (ICE), Josef Weiss (GER), Sarik Tomas (CZE), Lukas Doubeil (CZE), Ivan Vesely (UKR), Vasyi Orobets (UKR).

During the European Juniors, Patrik Thur (SWE) passed cat. 1 examination and the following passed the cat. 2 examinations: Adam Reilly (GB), Rebecca Li Chin Yeon (GB) and Benjamin Banks (GB).

Congratulation to all!

8. Tested lifters at the European Juniors.

First name	Fam. name	Nat.	W. class	Remarks
Frida	Leandersson	SWE	63 sj	1 pl
Vitchet	Duong	FRA	66 sj	ER WR
Ilya	Orel	RUS	74 sj	ER
Jarkko	Perttula	FIN	83 sj	3 pl
Nadege	Dechamps	BEL	84 sj	1 pl
Irina	Klishina	RUS	52 j	1 pl
Janna	Mdodozhan	UKR	57 j	1 pl
Tutta K.	Hansen	NOR	63 j	ER WR
Teemu	Lappanen	FIN	105 sj	ER WR
Antonina	Marochko	UKR	72 j	2 pl
Alexandra	Tichy	AUS	84 j	Rand.
Dimitri	Didon	FRA	66j	ER
Aleksandr	Mdin	RUS	66 j	1 pl
Mykda	Barannik	UKR	74 j	1 pl
Artem	Puzirnikov	RUS	83 j	ER
Krzysztof	Wierzbicki	POL	83 j	3 pl
Jakub	Sedlacek	CZK	83 j	Rand.
Eugeny	Kuzmin	RUS	93 j	ER
Stephen	Manuel	GB	93 j	Rand.
Dmytro	Semenko	UKR	105 j	ER WR
Matiss	Peca	LAT	105 j	Rand.
Carl Y	Christensen	NOR	+120	ER WR

9. Greetings from the President.

At the EPF General Assembly in Plzen, election of EPF officials took place. All present officers were re-elected with great majority, which gives a good mandate for the new Executive board and the Committees.

European powerlifting is in forefront worldwide but the process to improve and renew a sport is a never ending job. The new EPF officials have a lot of important work to do.

Part of the work is to look at more popular sports to see how they organize championships and highlight their athlete's superiorities. A sport must be fun and interesting to practice for the athletes but must also be interesting to watch for spectators and media. Powerlifting has still a long way to go to be a popular sport for "the man in the street" and hard work is needed to reach that goal.

The work to get IOC recognition must be given highest priority by all levels within the powerlifting organization. Such recognition gives higher status to powerlifting and more money for the national federations. Money is a vital part of developing a sport. I will ask all national federation to carefully answer the questionnaire distributed by IPF for renewing the IOC application. IOC has asked for updated information and it is extremely important that IPF is able to provide such information in due time.

/ Arnulf Wahlström



Meet director Vladimir Mati offered really good service to lifters and officials at the European Open. Her he serves coffee to the jury: Myriam Busselot, Gaston Parage and Sandro Rossi.



Tetyana Akhmamyetyeva from Ukraine was this year European champion in 63 kg cat. and did also pass the category II referee examination during the European Open.



Myriam Busselot performed a referee clinic at the European Open. Candidates are sitting at the left and Myriam Busselot at the fare right.



At the European Open, Mervi Sirkiä from Finland was the bronze medalist in category 52 kg and she did also pass the category 2 referee examination.

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