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1. Election of new IPF President.

At the IPF GA in Puerto Rico, election of a new IPF President takes place.
Detlev Albrings withdrew as IPF President 1 September and for the moment Johnny Graham from USA is the interim President.

For the election of a new IPF President, 3 candidates are put forward. These are Johnny Graham from USA, Gaston Parage from Luxembourg and Dietmar Wolf from Norway.
All are well qualified with long experience within powerlifting at national and international level.



Gaston Parage (left) and Dietmar Wolf (right)

Johnny Graham from USA has acted well as IPF Vice President for some years and is the IPF interim President from 1 September.

He has a long and broad experience from powerlifting as lifter, coach and administration.

Gaston Parage has been the IPF Treasurer since 1999 and the IPF Champion Secretary since 2003. In these two functions he does a very good job and he will not be easy to replace if he is elected the next President.

Gaston is able to share his time between his ordinary work and IPF work in an efficient way and always act fast to get the work done.

To allocate enough time for the IPF work is of vital importance for any position within the IPF administration and especially for a president.

Parage is an international cat. 1 referee and honoured by IPF Hall of Fame.

Dietmar Wolf is a former weightlifter and powerlifter of international level.

He is born in Germany and moved to Norway in the middle of 1990.

Wolf is educated weightlifting trainer and has the highest level of trainer education in Norway with powerlifting as speciality. Wolf has been the EPF Secretary General since 2005 and IPF Disciplinary Com. Chairman since 2003 and done an outstanding work in both.

Dietmar is focused on fair play and ethics and has strong ideas how IPF must proceed to get powerlifting forward. In case of being elected as President he will be new in the IPF Executive team to strengthen the whole team.

2. Suspended lifter.

Laura Locatelli from Italia is suspended for 10 years due to a positive doping test of the substance Chlortalidone (diuretics) at the European Masters Championships.

This is third time Locatelli faces a doping sentence because she neglected to apply for a TUE in due time previous to taking part in competitions.

IPF DHP has granted her the right to take part in FIPL administration during her suspension time.

3. Doping tested lifters at the European Masters held in Pilsen.

L. name	F. name	Nation	W. cl.	Rem.
Feraud	Nathalie	FRA	47	2nd
Locatelli	Laura	ITA	63	WR MA1/2
Ilves	Virve	FIN	72	Rand.
Steidle	Susanne	GER	84	2nd
Wulffeld	Thomas	SWE	59	ER MA1
Kallya	Ivan	RUS	74	WR MA2
Hansicke	Peer	GER	93	Rand.
Theuser	Peter	CZE	105	WR MA2
Schnurr	Mario	GER	93	1st
Persson	Håkan	SWE	105	1st
Dagbjartsson	Fannar	ISL	120	1st
Haasler	Kay	GER	+120	Rand.

The Cologne laboratory informs that Laura Locatelli tested positiv. All other tests were negative.

4. Doping tests at the European Open Bench Press held in Terni.

L. name	F. name	Nation	W. cl.	Rem.
Schwengl	Ilka	AUS	47	ERM1
Nelyubova	Valentina	RUS	72	Random
Hugdall	Hildeborg	NOR	+84	WR
Cuczella	Alphonse	FRA	74	ERM1
Kiseleva	Valentin	RUS	93	WR
Jamroz	Stefan	SWE	105	Random
Janes	Stanislav	SLO	120	Random
Sandvik	Kenneth	FIN	+120	1st.

The Cologne laboratory reports that all tests are negative.

5. Doping control at the Western European Championships held in Luxembourg.

L. name	F. name	Nation	W. cl.	Rem.
Pelitta	Francesco	ITA	120	
Combra	Anibal	LUX	105	
Richard	Phillip	GBR	74	
Dechamps	Hadege	BLE	84	

6. Greetings from the President.

Election of IPF President at the GA in Puerto Rico will be interesting.

The resigning president Detlev Albrings has done a very good job as President since 2007 and IPF has made big improvements in many aspects under his leadership.

The successor of Albring's faces many challenges and he needs to have good qualities and be able to stimulate the whole IPF organization.

As the European PF is the strongest region within IPF, most European federations like to see a President from Europe. But what are most important are the skill and the ability of the new President to bring powerlifting forward independent from which country or region he is. The new President must be able to stimulate and cooperate with the remaining IPF administration and he must be prepared to dedicate most of his time for this important job.

All 3 candidates are well qualified and each national federation must discuss and decide to whom they like to give their vote.

I wish all good luck with the election.

/ text and photo Arnulf Wahlström



Poland has nominated Jaroslaw Olech for IPF Hall of Fame. The decision is published at the General Assembly in Puerto Rico.

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