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1. Report from the EPF General Assembly 2015.

At the EPF General Assembly in Chemnitz, delegates from 20 member nations plus 6 EC members took part.

This year, election of new EPF officials took place (every 4th year) and two new officials were elected. *Linda Høiland* from Norway was elected new treasurer and new auditor is *Thomas Høgberg* from Sweden. Reminding officials were all re-elected unanimous.

EPF Hall of Fame were awarded to *Sandro Rossi* from Italy (official), *Mervi Sirkkiä* from Finland and *Kenneth Sandvik* from Finland (both lifters).
Congratulation to all!

From 2017, European Classic championships in Bench Press are introduced. New is that from 2017 the Juniors will take part in the European Bench Press championships both in classic as well as equipped – it will be combined bench press championships for Open, Masters and Juniors.

From 2018, the Masters will get their European Classic powerlifting championship and from this year the whole EPF Calendar is slightly revised with regard to which months of the year the different Europeans are organized. World and European championships in classic and equipped must be organized with a reasonable gap between.

Minutes from the GA will be published at the EPF web.

2. New member in the EPF Technical Committee.



Johnny Wiklund from Sweden is appointed new member of the EPF Technical committee. He will support the TC chair, Myriam Busselot, at European championships and with EPF technical matters.

Johnny is also a member of the IPF Technical Committee and President of the Swedish PF.

3. Doping tests at the European Classic in Pilsen.

| Last name | First name | Weight-class | Nat. | Remarks |
|------------------|------------|--------------|------|-------------------|
| Shteinke | Viktoria | 52 sjr | RUS | ER |
| Szymczak | Klaudia | 57 sjr | POL | Random |
| Kaaselainen | Henna | 72 sjr | FIN | No 1 |
| Torronen | Susanna | 84 sjr | FIN | ER |
| Rusztyn | Klaudia | 52 jr | POL | No 1 |
| Makarevich | Viktorya | 63 jr | BLR | Random |
| Koteles | Maria | 84+ jr | HUN | ER |
| Valciukas | Egidijus | 53 jr | LIT | ER |
| Kommisarov | Boris | 53 sjr | RUS | ER |
| Beilmann | Viktor | 74 sjr | GER | ER |
| Kasperkiewicz | Pawel | 74 sjr | POL | ER |
| Glowienke | Szymon | 83 sjr | POL | ER |
| Kiploks | Uldis | 93 sjr | LAT | ER |
| Peltonen | Roni | 105 sjr | FIN | ER |
| Juricek | Tomas | 66 jr | SZC | ER |
| Lintulaasko | Akseli | 66 jr | FIN | ER |
| Georgiev | Bozhidar | 74 jr | BUL | ER |
| Poyet | Bastien | 74 jr | FRA | ER |
| Hubbard | Owen | 83 jr | GBR | ER |
| Novopismennyi | Anatolii | 83 jr | UKR | ER |
| Potomkin | Maksym | 105 jr | UKR | No. 1 |
| Zhuk | Uladzislau | 120+ jr | BLR | Random |
| Otchenashko | Aleksandra | 47 | BLR | No 1 |
| Horna | Ivana | 63 | SLO | Blood |
| Strik | Ielja | 84 | NET | No 1 |
| Szabo | Agnes | 84+ | HUN | No 1 |
| Savolainen | Antti | 66 | FIN | ER |
| Grynkewic-Sudnik | Aleksander | 74 | BLR | Blood + urine. ER |
| Poinson | Adrien | 74 | FRA | ER |
| El Belghitti | Hassan | 74 | FRA | ER |
| Nieminen | Sami | 74 | FIN | ER |
| Giligashvili | Levani | 83 | GEO | Blood + urine ER |
| Adov | Borislav | 93 | BUL | ER |
| Ivaylo | Hristov | 120 | BUL | ER |
| Rønning | Martin | 120+ | NOR | ER |
| Kovalchuk | Artem | 120+ | RUS | ER |
| Kruze | Martins | 120+ | LAT | ER |
| Koch | Kevin | 120+ | GER | ER |

4. Doping tests at the European Junior and S. Junior in Oroshaza, Hungary

| Last name | First name | W. class | Nation | Remarks |
|------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Valciukas | Egidijus | 53 SJ | LIT | |
| Ducky | Markus | 93 SJ | SLO | |
| jhlykovich | Krystsina | 57 SJ | BLR | |
| Melinkova | Natalia | 52 J | RUS | |
| Linytska | Mariya | 57 J | UKR | |
| Bruvere | Milda | 57 J | LIT | |
| Engmark | Erle | 63 J | NOR | |
| Ronnqvist | Elina | 72 J | SWE | |
| Arnadottir | Arnhildur A. | 72 J | ICE | |
| Hoås | Katrine | 84 J | NOR | |
| Kasperska | Kamila | 84 J | POL | |
| Koteles | Maria | 84+ J | HUN | |
| Eriksson | Alexander | 74 J | SWE | |
| Olak | Harri | 74 J | EST | |
| Lebediev | Aleksandr | 83 J | UKR | |
| Gunhamn | Erik | 83 J | SWE | |
| Kiekstins | Marks | 93 J | LAT | |
| Gonge | Jonathan | 105 J | DEN | |
| Stasiulis | Jokubas | 105 J | LIT | |
| Valach | Robert | 120 J | SLO | |
| Pavlenko | Dmytro | 120 J | UKR | |
| Jaeger | Kevin | 120 J | GER | |
| Malashkin | Vasily | 120+ J | RUS | |

5. Doping tests at the European Open I Chemnitz, Germany

| Last name | First name | W. class | Nation | Remarks |
|--------------------|-------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Salnikova | Natalia | 52 | RUS | ER |
| Derevyanko | Anastasiya | 52 | UKR | ER |
| Sommer v. Bacchaus | Gunda Fiona | 57 | GER | ER |
| Soloviova | Larysa | 63 | UKR | ER |
| Gladkikh | Sergey | 66 | RUS | ER |
| Sorokin | Alexey | 83 | RUS | ER |
| Gaishinetc | Sergei | 74 | RUS | ER |
| Turesson | Patrik | 83 | SWE | ERM |
| Bilyi | Sergeii | 93 | UKR | No. 1 |
| Van den Hoek | Pjotr | 105 | NET | ERM |
| Semenenko | Dmytro | 105 | UKR | ER |
| Bilican | Orhan | 120 | BEL | ER |
| Sandvik | Kenneth | +120 | FIN | ERM |
| Jaeger | Kevin | 120 | GER | Random |
| Svistunov | Volodymyr | +120 | UKR | Random |

6. New EPF treasurer elected.

Alain Hammang stepped down as EPF Treasurer after 11 years in service. Under his period, the economy in EPF has been solid and increasing. He has all these years done an outstanding work as both treasurer and board member.

At the General Assembly in Chemnitz, **Linda Høiland** from Norway was elected new EPF Treasurer. Linda has served for 4 years as President of the Norwegian PF and 2 years as President of the Nordic



PF. She is also a good lifter of international level and her profession is as Leader of Maintenance in the Norwegian oil company Statoil.

EPF will keep the bank account in Luxembourg and the former Treasurer Alain Hammang will run the EPF in/out transactions until Linda has signed all the necessary authorizations.

7. Arnold Classic Europe.

Powerlifting will again take part in the Arnold Classic Europe (ACE) in 2015.

The competition will be from 25 to 27 September in Madrid and EPF/IPF will invite about 12-14 lifters in each category of classic and equipped.

The invitation to be issued in June.

8. New EPF Auditor.



At the EPF GA in Chemnitz, **Thomas Högberg** from Sweden was elected new Auditor. He replaces Marina Kail, which stepped down after 6 years in service.

EPF has two auditors and Pavol Müller from Slovakia accompanies Högberg. Müller has been auditor since 1999 and was re-elected at the GA this year.

9. Norbert Wallauch has passed away.



Norbert Wallauch from Austria passed away 28 April at the age of 73 years.

He was IPF president from 1999 to 2007 and during his presidency, the IPF made big steps toward a modern and more involved federation. He also took the initiative to start the process of getting IPF IOC recognized. Norbert was a widower and his only child died very young.

The good memory of Norbert will live in our heart.

10. Greetings from the President.



At the General Assembly in Chemnitz, two new EPF officials were elected. *Linda Höiland* from Norway was elected new treasurer and *Thomas Högberg* from Sweden new auditor. Both are experienced athletes and officials at national level. I wish them both welcome to work for European powerlifting!

I myself, am also both proud and humble to gain the confidence to be your President for another period. I accepted to keep on the work to lead the daily administration of EPF – this means hours of computer work each day, but I also accepted to use my experience and my time to support you all in the best way.

The EPF board work as a team and has daily contacts and 2 or 3 meetings a year. Each official has his/her specific duties to keep up and the workload of some officials are extensive. I am very proud to be part of such a team!

What can we expect for the next 4 years in European powerlifting?

One of the highlights from the EPF board will be to organize live streamings of high quality from all Europeans. This streaming shall be of TV standard and we work to offer the streaming to TV companies like Eurosport and Sky Sport as well as all national TV companies. Powerlifting must be watched at TV to gain the popularity it deserves.

To get powerlifting into TV is important for our IOC recognition as well.

The economy is a limit when it comes to live streaming and TV production. This year EPF put more than 40.000 Euro into live streaming from 2 Europeans (the European Juniors and the European Open).

This has been a big successful as the quality was outstanding and we think this will stimulate our sponsors to offer more money and also attract new sponsors.

Works are done in cooperation with Viva TV (the streaming company) to gain more sponsorship.

IPF keeps on the work to gain IOC recognition and EPF is a strong part of this work. We urge each member federation to help with this work by working hard to stop doping abuses, focus on Media to invite them to your competitions and highlight your best lifters. In every member federation, we have strong male and female lifters and the top stars should be promoted towards the Media at any opportunity. By focusing on our good profiles, then Media, Sponsors, IOC and everybody will better recognize us and learn more about what powerlifting really is.

I wish all a pleasant Summer!

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Victory ceremony at the European Open in Chemnitz in the 84 kg category. From left: **Johnny Wiklund** (SWE), **Yevheniia Tishakova** (UKR), **Heidi Hille Arnesen** (NOR), **Inger Johanne Ruud** (NOR) and **Maria Pia Moscianese** (ITA).



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Stian Walgermo from Norway was the winner of 105 kg at the European Open 2015.



A happy team from Denmark at the European Open in Chemnitz.



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