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1. Invitation to the EPF General Assembly 2012.

The EPF General Assembly will take place in Mariupol in Ukraine 7 May 2012.

Proposal and amendments must be received by the EPF Secretary General, Dietmar Wolf, within 7 March 2012.

Please prepare to confirm your bids for organizing European championships and cups in 2013 and 2014 and send new bids for 2015 to the EPF Secretary General within 23 April.

Welcome to the EPF General Assembly!

2. Result from the WEC doping analyses.

4 lifters were tested at the WEC and the analyzes of the samples show they are all negative.

3. Tested lifters at the European Masters Bench press championships.

Last name	First name	Nat.	W. cl.	Remarks
Maciejewski	Patricia	FRA	63	No. 2
Duheim	Leila	FRA	+84	No. 1
Mingot	Sylvie	FRA	57	No. 1
Griesch	Klaus	GER	74	No. 2
Falk	Hans-Peter	GER	-120	No. 3
Mackey	Mathew	GB	+120	No. 2
Saarimaa	Marko	FIN	66	No. 1
Semskij	Klaus	GER	105	No. 1
Karner	Markus	AUS	120	No. 1

4. Positive lifter at the European Masters Bench.

Mathew Mackey from Great Britain competed in the European Masters Bench in Luxembourg in October and his doping sample was positive by the forbidden substance of Stanozolol. Mackey competed in Master 2 category 120+ achieving second place. He is suspended for 2 years and his result at the championship is disqualified.

5. Doping control of European records.

According to IPF Antidoping Rules, all World record breakers in Sub-Junior, Juniors, Open and Master1 must be doping tested. Master II to Master IV record holders may be tested. The same rule is valid for European records.

This means that if European records are broken at World championships and the lifter is not called for doping control, he/she must him/her self notify the doping controller and ask for a doping test. EPF will pay for the test.

6. EPF Award of Merits.

The French federation has ordered the EPF Award of Merits in silver to honour the following persons;

Stephane Hatot, Marc Duhem and Gérard Hernandez for their long and good work for Powerlifting in their own federation. Congratulation!

7. National Antidoping report.

According to the IPF antidoping rules 14.2, all national federations must report their national antidoping activity in 2011 within 31 March 2012.

Please send the report to the IPF President Detlev Albrings with a copy to EPF President Arnulf Wahlström.

The report must be specified in:

- 1) Name of the reporting National federation:
- 2) Total number of doping tests:
- 3) Number of ICT/OCT tests:
- 4) Number of Men/Women tested:
- 5) Number of positives and the reason:
- 6) Name of the analyzing laboratory

Please make the report in time to avoid any sanction.

8. European Powerlifters 2011.

European Powerlifter of the Year is awarded to one male and one female lifter based on the Wilks points at both the European and World Open.

Following lifters are awarded for 2011:

Tatyana Akhmamyetyeva from Ukraine and **Jaroslav Olech** from Poland.

Congratulation to both lifters.



For 9th time Jaroslav Olech is awarded European Powerlifter.
Photo: Heinrich Janse van Rensburg



Tetyana Akhmamyetyeva is awarded European Powerlifter 2011.

9. Greetings from the President.

I am pleased to see that only one lifter is found positive out from the totally 94 doping tests carried out at European championships in 2011. The total number of IC (in competition) tests carried out at European championships are lower in 2011 than previous years. But this is compensated with OC (out of competition) tests carried out by IPF.

Totally 49 OCTs have been carried out in 2011 and the majority was from European lifters.

No European sportsmen – independent of which sport they practice – are taken serious if they are not from a nation with high credibility regarding antidoping. A strong pressure is imposed by the WADA and IOC on former nations with low credibility regarding antidoping. In e.g. Russia, an intensive control is imposed by WADA testing many kind of sports (including powerlifting) with unexpected OCT tests in 2011.

EPF welcomes all initiatives that stimulate and control the credibility of the nations antidoping work. Good antidoping attitudes and controls are most effective done at national levels.

IPF is now working with an update of the IOC membership application which will be posted at the beginning of year 2012. But we all know that only a decrease in the number of positive powerlifters - at international as well as national level – is an undebatable requirement by IOC to grant IPF membership.

/ Arnulf Wahlström



Larysa Soloviova from Ukraine made incredible 682 Wilks points at the Open Worlds 2011.

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