



## EPF Newsletter no. 2 - April/May/June 2012

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### 1. Sanction against the Organizer of the European Open.

Due to several shortcomings regarding the organization of the European Open in Mariupol, the Ukraine PF has received the following sanction:

1. The UPF is fined a sum of 1500 Euro and may not appeal for organizing any European championship for a period of 2 years.
2. The UPF must provide new medals of high standard for all overall winners at the European Open. This means 15 gold, 15 silver and 15 bronze medals.

The sanction is based on EPF Bylaws 105.4.2 and 105.17. The signed contracts regarding the organization (Promoters contract and the Organizing checklist) were not in all respect fulfilled. Most severe were the hotel accommodation but also some technical details were not fulfilled.

Apart from the above shortcomings, the organizing crew worked hard and showed great hospitality and the venue were really big with several thousand seats. Unfortunately, only a "handful" of people watched the competition. Big credit must be given to the organizer for a really good banquet.

### 2. Name of doping tested lifters at the European Open 2012.

First name	Last name	Nation	W.cl	Remarks
Valentina	Vermenjuk	Russia	47	ER
Konstantin	Danilov	Russia	66	WR
Mariya	Chepil	Ukraine	57	ER
Patrick	Constantine	Great Br	59	WR M1
Antonietta	Orsini	Italy	63	WR M1
Philip	Richard	Great Br	74	WR M1
Antonina	Knyazeva	Ukraine	72	ER J
Pjotr	Van Den Hoek	Netherl.	93	ER M1
Per	Nilsson	Sweden	105	ER
Anibal	Coimbra	Luxemb.	105	WR M1
Heidi Hille	Arnesen	Norway	84	WR M1
Olga	Gemaletdinova	Russia	+84	1. pl
Kapandzhiev	Ivaylo Hristov	Bulgaria	120	Random
Igor	Gagin	Russia	120	WR M1
Carl Yngvar	Christensen	Norway	+120	WR

The Cologne laboratory confirms by their analyzes that all samples are negative.

### 3. Referee Examination.

At the European Open in Ukraine the following referees passed the examination:

Cat. 1. Pål Nilsen, Norway

Cat II.: Oleg Kravchenko and Vladimir Lapikov from Ukraine.

And further: during the European Juniors in Denmark the following referees passed the examination:  
 Cat. 1: Inger Blikra, Norway  
 Cat 2: Terje Sandbo, Norway and Bjarke Kollits Olsen, Denmark  
 Congratulation to all!

#### 4. Election of new President and Secretary General in the Ukraine Powerlifting Federation.

Sirazhutdin Bazaiev was elected new UPF president and Tetyana Akhmamyetyeva Secretary General during the Electional Conference of the Ukraine PF 7 July.  
 Congratulation to both which have long experiences in both active lifting and administration. Akmamyetyeva was awardee European Lifter 2011.

#### 5. Doping tests at the European Juniors in Herning, Denmark.

F. name	Last name	Nation	W. cl.	Rem.
Veronika	Oglezneva	Russia	43 sj	WR
Matti	Christensen	Denmark	59 sj	WR
Maxim	Melikov	Russia	59 sj	ER
Ekaterina	Osipova	Russia	52 sj	1.pl
Hubert	Dudziak	Poland	120 sj	1.pl
Vichet	Duong	France	66 j	1.pl
Maria	Gudilova	Russia	72 j	1.pl
Adrien	Poinson	France	74 j	WR
Alexander	Huber	Austria	83 j	1.pl
Tanguy	Penasse	Belgium	83 j	2.pl
Artur	Dimmel	Germany	93 j	2.pl
Erik	Gunham	Sweden	93 j	ER
Alex-Edv.	Raus	Estonia	105 j	1.pl
David	Lupac	Czech R.	120 j	Rand.
Rait	Sagor	Estonia	120 j	3.pl.

The Cologne laboratory reports that all tests are negative.

#### 6. Perfect organization of the European Juniors.

Helge Laursen and his crew organized a nearly perfect European Junior championship in Herning, Denmark. This relatively small city (48.000 inhabitants) had a great sport hotel and a big cultural centre used for this championship. All technical facilities were in place and the crew worked hard and accurate to make this a great success both for the lifters and the organizer.  
 Also the quality of the lifting was high with a high number of records being broken.  
 Lifters and officials as well as the spectators had a great time in Herning – thank you all for making this possible.

#### 7. Referee dressing.

In the Technical rules, the dress code for referees are stated. It is noted that some referees do not strictly follow this code. In the future, EPF and also IPF will focus on this. It is important for the reputation of our sport that the referees are proper dressed as proper dressing is a mirror of the reliability of our sport. So referees, no more jeans, sandals etc. Light grey trousers and nice shoes together with the jacket and tie (scarf) is the obligatory dressing.

#### 8. Greetings from the President.

The Powerlifting sport is facing several challenges and the way forward regarding unequipped or equipped lifting is not clear. Equipped lifting may have developed too far as some supportive shirts increase the performance by up to 50%. On the other hand, handling big weights stimulates the athletes and impresses the audience and to use the equipment in a reasonable way is part of the game.  
 It is important to evaluate and take the time to find out what will be the future for our sport. To rush into raw lifting may not be the best solution - but if equipped lifting shall survive the manufacturers must be controlled not to develop gears that "lift more than the athletes".

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Inger Blikra from Norway passed the International Cat I examination in Herning.



Helge Laursen is President of the Danish PF and a successful meet director of the European Juniors in Herning.



Igor Fillippov from Russia was the champion in 120+ category at the European Juniors in Herning.

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