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1. Greetings from the President.



Arnulf Wahlstrom

2017 has been a great year for European powerlifting. New this year was that the European championship structure has been changed, meaning we have introduced the European classic Bench Press championships and combined the European Open, Junior and Sub Junior equipped championships. This worked out well and next year we will introduce the European Masters classic championships as a new championship.

European powerlifters have a lot of choice in which championship they shall compete. This is good for the sport but many of our member nations have limited economy meaning they must make qualification limits to let their lifters compete or the lifters must themselves pay most of their participation costs.

Economy is one of the important reasons why IPF works so hard to get IOC recognition. As soon as IPF is recognized as an Olympic sport, the situation for our member nations will be highly improved by getting economic support by their Government or national Confederation of sport. Powerlifting will get the same support as other IOC recognized sports.

IOC will next year deal with the application from 4 new international federations and IPF is most probably one of them.

At the IPF General Assembly, an unusual issue was highlighted. This resulted in that IPF suspended the Australian PF, the Oceania PF and Robert Wilks from Australia. Wilks was the chair of APF and OPF and has in their names put forward a high number of cases to the EDC and the Appeal committee accusing the IPF EC members for acting contrary to the Constitution. He did also forward cases to the Court of Arbitration in Lausanne regarding the same and finally put forward cases to the law in Luxembourg claiming dissolution of IPF with retroactive power back from about 2010.

These cases were highlighted at the IPF GA and a vote for exclusion got an overwhelming majority of votes.

This is a sad case for IPF as organization but steps are made not to harm any member federation. The Oceania region will be reorganized with a new leadership and Australia will be given the opportunity to form a new national federation.

Good news for EPF at the GA was that Slovenia PF was granted full IPF membership at the IPF GA.



Robert Wilks from Australia. A former IPF EC member and the founder of the Wilks formula for powerlifting.

2. Invitation to the EPF General Assembly 2018.

All EPF member federations are invited to the General Assembly 2018.

Place: Competition hotel (Park hotel) in Pilsen, Czech Rep.

Date: Saturday 5 May 2018

Time: 18:00 hrs.

Proposals and amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws must be sent to the Secretary General Ralph Farquharson ralph@europowerlifting.com and President Arnulf Wahlstrom arnulf@europowerlifting.com within **5 March 2018**.



Bids for organising European championships 2021 must be sent to the Secretary General and the President within **5 April 2018**. Please fill in the application form which can be loaded down from the EPF web or requested from the Secretary General.

Please be prepared to conform your bids for organizing European championships in 2019 and 2020.

AGENDA.

1. Welcome by the President
2. Roll call of Nations and Delegates.....
3. Presidents address.....
4. Minutes of the last General Assembly.
5. The Account with the balance sheet.
Treasurers report.....
Auditors report.....
Approval of budget for 2018.....
6. Secretary General report.....
7. Vice President report.....
8. Committee Reports.
9. Elections (no elections 2018)
10. Proposals
11. New member Applicants
12. Action on Delinquent Nations
13. Hall of Fame
14. Bids and confirmation on Future Championships
15. Any other Business
16. Adjournment

3. European power-lifters year 2017.

Every year EPF select 4 lifters to be awarded European power-lifter of the Year.

This title is based on the lifters performance at both the European Open and the World Open championships. The lifters must have participated in both and the ones with highest score are appointed.

The lifters are:

Classic Men: **Krzysztof Wierbicki** POL

Classic Women: **Olga Golubeva** RUS

Equipped Men: **Volodymyr Svistunov** UKR

Equipped Women: **Marte Elverum** NOR

4. Balkan.

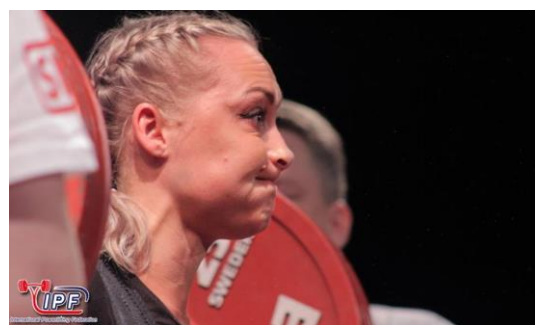
Serbia and Croatia had delegates at the IPF Worlds in Pilsen and I had the opportunity to discuss the development of powerlifting at the Balkan area with them.

Croatian PF has this year received Sport Development support from IPF with Eleiko bar, plates and rack. That was useful when organizing their national Open championship this year with 123 lifters from 20 clubs. The federation is in good progress and receive increased support and number of membership throughout Croatia.

Serbian PF was founded in 1996. From 2012 they gained new leadership and achieved within 2015 full recognition by the Sport Management and gained a good co-operation with their NADO for anti-doping seminars.



Krzysztof Wierbicki POL
European Powerlifter 2017 (classic)



Marte Elverum NOR
European Powerlifter 2017 (equipped)



Volodymyr Svistunov UKR
European Powerlifter 2017 (equipped)



Olga Golubeva RUS
European Powerlifter 2017 (classic)

They also conduct education of trainers and referees and totally, they have 58 member clubs with 295 licensed lifters. The leadership work well and have taken initiatives to organize a Balkan Championship in 2018. EPF will give them full support.

There are good powerlifting activity in all countries at the Balkan area but not all national federations are IPF members. Serbia informs that they are in good progress to assist some of these federations to apply for IPF membership, which are Macedonia, Cyprus, Bosnia and Montenegro.

The Balkan area could be a strong powerlifting area in the future if all federations co-operate within the IPF umbrella.

5. IPF Hall of Fame.

4 Europeans received the award of IPF Hall of Fame during the World Open in Pilsen. 2 are honoured for their long and timely administration work - **Eva Speth** from Germany and **Ralph Farquharson** from Spain. The remaining 2 are honoured for their long lifting career in international powerlifting and for being good role models- **Gundula Finoa von Bechaus** from Germany and **Jan Wegiera** from Poland. Congratulation to all!

6. Doping tested lifters at the European Masters Equipped Powerlifting Championships 11-15 July in Pilsen.

Last name	First name	Weight-class	Nat.	Remarks
Burroughs	Catherine	84+ Ma1	Breat Britain	1 st place
Nathalie	Feraud	52 Ma2	France	ER Ma2
Krayzel	Remy	83 Ma3	Czech Republic	WR Ma3
Griesch	Klaus	74 Ma2	Germany	ER Ma2
Hadrysiak	Mariusz	120 Ma2	Poland	WR Ma2
Ericsson	Robert	120+ Ma2	Sweden	ER Ma2
Turesson	Patrik	93 Ma1	Sweden	1 st place
Klotz	Christian	93 Ma1	Austria	random
Olar	Petro	105 Ma1	Ukraine	1 st place
Kasperek	Gernot	120 Ma1	Austria	random
Cazacu	Sorin	120+ Ma1	Romania	random

7. Doping tested lifters at the WEC 14-16 September in Luxembourg.

Last name	First name	Weight-class	Nation	Remarks
Durand	Andrea	47 kg CL	France	WJ record
Garra	Carola	63 kg CL	Italy	WJ record
Poyet	Bastien	74 kg CL	France	ER
Fredriksen	Erik	105 kg EQ	Norway	random
Bilican	Orhan	120 kg EQ	Belgium	ER

All tests are reported negative.



Gundula Finoa von Bechaus from Germany awarded IPF Hall of Fame. At right: Former IPF President Detlev Albrings



Eva Speth from Germany awarded IPF Hall of Fame. Handed over by IPF President Gaston Parage



Jan Wegiera from Poland awarded IPF Hall of Fame by IPF President Gaston Parage.

8. Doping controlled lifters at the Arnold Classic Europe 22-24 September in Barcelona.

First name	Last name	Nat.	W.cl.	Remarks
Kjell Egil	Bakkelund	NOR	83	EROD
Camille	Holland	GBR	84+	EROS
Leigh	Wetheridge	GBR	84+	EROD
Jesus	Varela	ESP	83	ERM1B

All tests are reported negative.

9. Doping controlled lifters at the Danube Cup 6 October in Trencin , Slovakia

First name	Last name	Nation	Weight-class	Rem.
Laura	Bacria	ROM	63	
Jan	Schwarz	SVK	93	

Both tests are reported negative.

10. Doping controlled lifters at the European Equipped Bench Press Championships 11-15 October in La Manga, Spain.

Last name	First name	Weight -class	Nat.	Rem.
Rantala	Hanna	52	FIN	ERO
Espevik	Anna Dorthea	84	NOR	ERJ
Krueger	Sonja Stefanie	63	GER	WRSJ
Eriksson	Alexander	74	SWE	WRJ
Savelyev	Egor	105	RUS	ERJ
Urusov	Yan	66	RUS	ERO
Selberg	Amit	74	SWE	ERM1
Leskovets	Viktor	105	UKR	No.1
Panazan	Ovidiu	83	ROM	Random

All tests are reported negative.

11. Jerome Guidez suspended for 2 months due to lack of TUE.

The lifter Jerome Guidez from France competed in the European Masters Bench press championships 2016 . His doping sample consisted of the substance Hydrochlorothiazide. Mr. Guidez uses this substance as medicine prescribed by his doctor. The substance is not strength promotional but is on the WADA prohibited list and the lifter are bound to seek TUE prior to any competition he participates in. Mr. Guidez failed to apply for this. The IPF Doping Hearing Panel has suspended Mr. Guidez for 2 months (ending 20 September 2017) and he loses his medal and placing in the championship.



Ralph Farquharson from Spain awarded IPF Hall of Fame by the IPF President Gaston Parage and IPF Secretary General Robert Keller.

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12. Remy Krayzel suspended for 4 years.

Remy Krayzel from Czech Republic tested positive on the substance Methandienone at the European Masters in Pilsen this year.

The IPF DHP has suspended him for 4 years and his results and records set in the championship are cancelled. He must also return the medals and the Federation must pay €2000 in fine to IPF.

13. Doping controlled lifters at the European Classic Open/Jun/Sub.jun Bench Press championship 9-13 August in Ylitornio.

First name	Last name	Nation	W.class	Remarks
Vladimir	Balynets	RUS	59 O	WR
Anna	Birzhevaia	RUS	57 J	WR O
Oleksandr	Chernyshov	UKR	66 M2	ER M2
Pavol	Demcak	CZE	120 M1	1st
Josef	Eriksson	SWE	120 O	ER
Stanislaw	Gasienica-Makowski	POL	120 O	ERM1
Karl	Henriksson	SWE	105 M1	1st
Sanna	Joutsela	FIN	84 M1	Rand.
Ove	Lehto	FIN	120+	ER M1
Jean-Yves	Minelle	FRA	120 M2	1st
Jemali	Nandoshvili	GEO	83 J	1st
Zsanet	Palagyi	HUN	63 O	1st
Dainis	Reinholds	LAT	120+M3	WR M3
Andrew	Rigby	GBR	93 M2	
Konstantin	Saukov	UKR	66 J	1st
Jakub	Sedlacek	CZE	93 O	ER
Tero	Seppänen	FIN	120+ M1	ER M1
Slawomir	Sledz	POL	59 O	ER M1
Fredrik	Smulter	FIN	120+	1st
Joel	Sundelin	SWE	120+ J	ER J
Agnes	Szabor	HUN	84+ O	ER
Susanna	Törrönen	FIN	72 J	WR J
Tomi	Viianen	FIN	82 M1	1st
Manuel	Virgilio	FRA	66 O	WR M1
Christian	Wackernell	AUT	120+O	Rand.
Jan	Wigiera	POL	93 O	WR M2
Sheridan	Wray	GBR	93 M1	1st
Artur	Zalotov	UKR	93J	1st

The laboratory in Cologne reports that all tests are negative.

Congratulation to all lifters tested – you keep up a good standard of fair play!



Per Marius Hole (120 kg) from Norway was best lifter by points at the European Eq. Bench Press Championships in La Manga.

At top is **Ruth Kari Krokeide** (no. 4 in 72 kg) from Norway.