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1. Greetings from the President.



Arnulf Wahlstrøm

The General Assembly in Pilsen summarized the activity of European powerlifting in 2018. About 700 more lifters took part in European championships 2018 compared to 2017. This is a huge increase and shows that the sport is growing. The economy is sound in EPF and organizers of European championships received last year from EPF equipment and economic support of about 50.000 € plus 30€ for each lifter taking part – meaning about 65.000€. It is important to support our organizers because we expect and require championships of highest possible standard.

What is sometimes disappointing about European championships is that not all federations support the Opening ceremony. Representatives do not take part in the opening procedure, meaning the organizer must provide people to carry the country name poster and few participants attend in the audience.

Perhaps the Opening ceremony must be made more attractive or participation made obligatory?

Best is if we can stimulate the organizers to make the opening ceremony more attractive by including some kind of shows.

Some delegates at the GA expressed their frustration to decide 60 days prior to a championship the names of lifters to be nominated. The participation and anti-doping fees are based on the preliminary nomination, so they may risk to pay for lifters not able to take part. Nominating reserve lifters may partly solve this challenge, but not always.

From these discussions, the Executive committee will change the procedure from 2020.

Payment of participation and anti-doping fees will be based on the final nomination and reserve lifters not replacing preliminary nominated lifters will be allowed nomination.

Due to this, the reservation of accommodation will as well change. Only hotel bookings reserved and paid for 3 weeks (or date specified in the invitation) will be noted as championship reservations. Participants booking their own accommodation may do so, but need to pay 100€ administration fee to the organizer.

2. Report from the EPF General Assembly 2019.

22 nations and 7 EC members attended the EPF General assembly in Pilsen 27 April.

3 new EPF officials were elected:

Bjorn Astad from Norway is new Championship Secretary,

Tero Hyttinen from Finland is new chairman for the Law & Leg.

Committee and **Silva Katutyte** is new member of the Finance Committee.



Silva Katutyte from Lithuania was elected New Auditor

Leaving were **Jari Rantapelkonen** and **Thomas Högberg**.

The work of Rantapelkonen and Högberg for EPF through many years is highly appreciated. Thank you to both!

Jiri Hofirek left as Champ. Secr. and was appointed EPF Ass. Secretary. This is a new position assisting both the Secretary General and the Championships Secretary.

EPF officials re-elected for the next 4 years:
President: **Arnulf Wahlstrom**, NOR
V.president: **Sandro Rossi**, ITA
Secretary General: **Ralph Farquharson**, SPA
Treasurer: **Xavier De Puytorac**, FRA
Chair Techn. Com: **Myriam Busselot**, BEL
Chair Law & Leg com.: **Tero Hyttinen**, FIN
Champ. Secretary: **Bjorn Astad**, NOR

Several proposals were discussed and decisions made. Referees must decide latest 14 days prior to the technical meeting if they accept their duties specified in the EPF referee list posted at the EPF web. The procedure is: Available referee duties are to be nominated (by member federations) latest at the final nomination. Then the Technical chair makes up the list and post it at the EPF web. Any changes must be reported back to the Techn. chair latest 14 days prior to the technical meeting. Any referee changes required at the technical meeting or later, will trigger a 100€ fine. However, nations may change duties between their own referees latest at the technical meeting.

Another proposal that caused long discussions, was the fact that the hotel rack rate is sometimes raised during the competition and the EPF administration is not always able to correct this. Reasons are that any hotel may raise the rates up and down according to the demand. Based on these discussions, the EC will work out new procedures for 2020.

Proposals accepted at the GA will be in power from 1. January 2020 if not otherwise stated.

3. EPF Hall of Fame awards 2019.

At the General Assembly, following persons were awarded EPF Hall of Fame:

Official: **Gaston Parage**, LUX
Female lifter: **Valentina Nelyubova**, RUS
Male lifter: **Hassan El Belghitti**, FRA

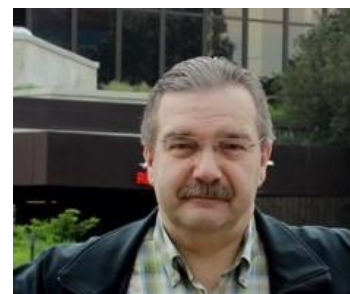
After the GA, it was known that Valentina Nelyubova tested positive in 2006 at the Bench Worlds and was suspended for 2 years. According to EPF rules, no one who have been sentenced for doping abuse shall be awarded Hall of Fame. EPF EC has then decided to disqualify Valentina Nelyubova the title of Hall of Fame.



Bjørn Astad from Norway
Elected new Championship
Secretary



Tero Hyttinen from
Finland elected new
Law & Leg. Com chair



Gaston Parage from
Luxembourg awarded
EPF Hall of Fame



Hassan El Belghitti, France awarded EPF Hall of
Fame

4. Negative doping samples.

The Cologne laboratory reports that all urine samples during the European

Classic Open, Junior and Sub Junior powerlifting championships in Kaunas 2018 are negative.

5. New European referees.

Referee examination at the European O/JR/SJ equipped in Pilsen.

Name		Nation	CAT	Written	Practical
Kvist Jouni	M	Finland	2	96,1	92,6
Kaj Mattila	M	Finland	2	95,6	88,6
Olafsdottir Asa	F	Iceland	2	96,1	89
Borisov Borislav	M	Bulgaria	2	88,2	91,6
Vasilev Todor	M	Bulgaria	2	92,6	Failed
Kailey Pardeep	M	Netherlands	1	100	93



Kailey Pardeep is congratulated by Johnny Wiklund for passing the referee 1 examination

6. Doping tested lifters at the European Classic Master PL Championships in Győr, Hungary 5-10 March 2019.

Last name	First name	Weight-class	Nat.	Test. No.	Remarks
Rasmussen	Monica	-63	Norway	4341541	ER M1 Sq
Majomi	Eno	-72	GBR	4341532	ER M1 Sq
Lombosi	Melinda	+84	Hungary	4341540	ER M1 Sq /tot
Petrov	Ivelin	-66	Bulgaria	4341536	WR M2 Sq
Baali	Kader	-74	France	4341533	WR M2 Sq/tot
Rodney	Robert	-83	GBR	4341538	WR M2 D/L ER tot
Fekete	Miklos	-93	Hungary	4341524	ER M1 no 1
Klotz	Christian	-105	Austria	4341579	ER M1 B/P
Krumov	Krum	-105	Bulgaria	4341535	WR M2 Sq ER tot
Kuusikko	Jussi	-105	Finland	4341525	ER M1 no 1
Kasperek	Gernot	-120	Austria	4341530	ER M1 B/P
Vahi	Marek	-120	Estonia	4341526	ER M1 no 1
Kerremans	Johan	+120	Belgium	4341537	ER M2 Sq and D/L
Gecas	Tadas	+120	Lithuania	4341522	ER M1 no 1

7. Doping tested lifters at the European Classic Powerlifting in Oshmiany 22-24 March 2019.

First name	Last name	Nation	Weight-class	Rem.
Inna	Filimonova	Russia	63 kg	EM1
Armen	Martirosyan	Armenia	66 kg	Rand.
Artsiom	Savelyey	Belarus	74 kg	No. 1
Yauheni	Kautsevich	Belarus	83 kg	No. 1

Serhii	Liubchenko	Ukraine	120 kg	No.1
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8. Doping tested lifters at the European Open/J/SJ Powerlifting Championships 2019 in Pilsen.

First name	Last name	Nation	Weight-class	Remarks
Mariia	Polianska	Ukraine	47 sjW	ERsj
Daria	Smirnova	Russia	84 sjW	ERsj
Soley	Jonsdottir	Iceland	+84 sjW	WRsj
Matilda	Vilmar	Sweden	63 jW	ERj
Daria	Lomatskaia	Russia	63 oW	ERo
Illia	Shertsnev	Russia	120 sjM	ERsj
Catalin	Buciuman	Romania	74 jM	Random
Klaudijus	Malevskis	Lithuania	93 jM	Random
Evzen	Sicevskyj	Czechia	105 jM	No. 1
Viktor	Hoiinei	Ukraine	+120 jM	No. 1
Illia	Marichev	Russia	59 oM	WRsj
Dariusz	Wszola	Poland	59 oM	WRM1 d
Pawel	Osmialowski	Poland	59 oM	WRM1 s
Hassan	El Belghiti	France	66 oM	WRM1
Alexander	Eriksson	Sweden	74 oM	WRo
Volodymyr	Ryeyev	Ukraine	93 oM	ERo b
Kostiantyn	Musiienko	Ukraine	93 oM	ERo s
Nicki Lentz	Nielsen	Denmark	93 oM	WRo s
Sergii	Biliyi	Ukraine	105 oM	WRo t
Danylo	Kovalov	Ukraine	105 oM	WRj b
Oleksiy	Buchkov	Ukraine	120 oM	WRo t
Gernot	Kasperek	Austria	120 oM	ERM1
Tobias	Zinserling	Germany	+120 oM	ERM1 d



