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**1. Invitation to the EPF General Assembly 2015.**

The EPF General Assembly will take place in Chemnitz in Germany Tuesday 5 May at 19.00 hrs.

Proposals and amendments must be received by the Secretary General Ralph Farquharson [ralph@europowerlifting.org](mailto:ralph@europowerlifting.org) and President Arnulf Wahlstrom [arnulf@europowerlifting.org](mailto:arnulf@europowerlifting.org) within 6 March 2015.

Election of the following EPF officials will take place: President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Technical Committee chairman, Law & Legislation chairman, Disciplinary Committee chairman, Appeal Committee chairman, Women's Committee chairman and 2 Auditors as well as a member of the IPF board.

Name of candidates must be received by the Secretary General and President within 24 March 2015.

Please prepare to confirm your bids for organizing European championships and cups in 2016 and 2017 and send new bids for 2018 to the EPF Championship Secretary Jiri Hofirek [epfsecretary@gmail.co](mailto:epfsecretary@gmail.co) and the EPF President within 24 March 2015.

**2. European Powerlifters 2014.**

At the end of each year, EPF appoint one male and one female lifter as "European lifter of the year". The criteria is the Wilk's score at both the European and World championships. The lifter that achieve the highest average score at these two championships is awarded "European lifter of the year".

For 2014, the following lifters are awarded:  
**Anastasiya Derevyanko** from Ukraine and  
**Carl Yngvar Christensen** from Norway.  
Congratulation to both!

### 3. New referees.

Below the results of the referee exams during the European Masters Powerlifting championships – July 2014 – Pilsen (CZE).

NAME				Written (electronic)	Practical
Gary HILL	M	CAT 2	GBR	PASSED	PASSED 94,33%
Michael ELLENDER	M	CAT 2	GBR	PASSED	PASSED 92%
Monica DE PAOLI	F	CAT 2	ITA	PASSED	PASSED 93,6%
Vladimir GAJDOS	M	CAT 2	SLO	PASSED	PASSED 91%
Susanne DITER	F	CAT 1	DEN		PASSED 91%

Examinations were carried out by Myriam Busselot with the following comments: "I'm very happy ! One new woman CAT 2 and one woman CAT 1 referee !"

### 4. Suspended lifters from the European Masters.

**Krejca Zbyneck** from the Czech PF tested positive on cocaine and its metabolites while competing in the European Masters 2014.

Zbyneck is suspended for 12 months and his results in 120 kg category M1 at the championship are disqualified and his medals must be returned.

**Daniel Cieplak** from the Polish PF is suspended in 2 years failing the doping test at the European Masters 2014.

He competed in 83 kg M1 and was suspended due to a high T/E ratio. His results are disqualified and medals must be returned.

### 5. Suspended lifter from the Lithuanian PF.

**Virginijus Germanas** from Lithuania tested positive on an anabolic agent at the European Open in Bulgaria. He competed in 105 kg and is suspended for two years. He is disqualified from the championship and his medals must be returned to the Championship Secretary Jiri Hofirek.

### 6. Doping tests at the European Masters Championships in Pilsen.

Last name	First name	Weight-class	Nat.	Remarks
Petroczkii	Magdolna	-52 kg MA1	HUN	1st place
Buxbom	Eva	-57 kg MA1	DEN	ER MA1
Sjardijn	Carmen	-84 kg MA1	NED	1st place
Theuser	Petr	-105 kg MA2	CZE	random test
Ruso	Karel	-66 kg MA1	CZE	random test
Richard	Phillip	-74 kg MA1	GBR	1st place
Sliz	Pavol	-83 kg MA1	SVK	1st place
Cieplak	Daniel	-83 kg MA1	POL	random test
Hakkarainen	Petteri	-93 kg MA1	FIN	random test
Bak	Sune	-105 kg MA1	DEN	1st place
D'Ovidio	Claudio	-105 kg MA1	ITA	random test
Krejca	Zbynek	-120 kg MA1	CZE	1st place
Cazacu	Sorin	-120 kg MA1	ROU	2nd place
Soukal	Jaroslav	+120 kg MA1	CZE	WR MA1
Pielorz	Stefan	+120 kg MA1	GER	2nd place

Krejca Zbynek from Czechia and Cieplak Daniel from Poland tested positive!

### 7. Doping tests at the European Open Bench Press in Pilsen.

Last name	First name	Weight-class	Nation	Remarks
Sirkia	Mervi	-52 kg	FIN	random
Sommer von Bachhaus	Gundula	-63 kg	GER	WR
Lonn	Sandra	84+ kg	SWE	WR
Chuprinko	Ivan	-66 kg	UKR	WR
Andruchshenko	Andriy	-83 kg	UKR	1st place
Kuosma	Petri	-93 kg	FIN	random
Jamroz	Stefan	-93 kg	SWE	1st place
Sebestyen	Tamas	-105 kg	HUN	random
Kovalchuk	Yuriy	-120 kg	RUS	1st place
Svensson	Fredrik	120+kg	SWE	1st place
Lehto	Ove	120+kg	FIN	WR

All tests are negative!

### 8. Doping tests at Arnold Classic Europe in Madrid.

Last name	First name	Weight-class	Nat.	Remarks
Rodriguez	Perez Alberto	83 kg	SPA	Nat rec.
Pinheiro	Gil	93	FRA	No. 1
Vazques	Marfil Rosa	47	SPA	Nat. Rec.
Picot-Gueraud	Romain	83	FRA	No. 1
Ponze Ortiz	Robert Antonio	93	SPA	Nat. Rec.

All tests are negative

### 9. Doping tests at the European Masters Bench Press in Luxembourg.

Last name	First name	Weight-class	Nat.	Remarks
Maciejewski	Patricia	63 M2	FRA	No 1
Saunamaki	Jukka	83 M2	SWE	ER M2
Nokua	Katariina	84+ M1	FIN	No 1
Lange	Andrea	72 M1	GER	No 1
Hadrzyiak	Mariusz	120 M2	POL	WR M2
Waymel	Olivier	66 M1	FRA	No 1
Olausen	Ronny	105 M1	NOR	No 1
Soukal	Jaroslav	120+ M1	CZE	No 1
Myller	Jarmo	120 M1	FIN	No 1

All tests are negative.

### 10. Doping tests at the Western European Championships in Torino.

Last name	First name	Weight-class	Nation	Remarks
Steel	Ellie	-57 kg	GBR	1st place
Dechamps	Nadege	-84 kg	BEL	WR SJ
Kailey	Pardeep	-74 kg	NED	1st place
Van Heesvelde	Jeroen	-105 kg	BEL	random test
Borgland Ronning	Martin	+120 kg	NOR	1st place
Sgaramella	Massimo	+120 kg	ITA	random test

All tests are negative.

#### 11. IWGA Athlete of November 2014.

**Carl Yngvar Christensen** was awarded IWGA Athlete of November 2014. This is first time a powerlifter is awarded this prestige title.

He is also nominated as **IWGA Athlete of the Year**. You can vote by logging in to the EPF or IPF web page. It would be great for our sport if he wins this title!

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#### 12. Greetings from the President.

In 2015, one new European championship is introduced. This is the European Classic powerlifting championships for Open, Junior and Sub Junior. The experienced organizer, Vladimir Mati, will welcome lifters and officials in Pilsen in March.

As this is a new championship, we do not know the number of participants we may expect. Based on the high popularity of the Classic Worlds, about 300 lifters may take part.

At the General Assembly in Chemnitz, election of officials will take place. Every 4 year, all positions in EPF are open for re-election or election of new officers. Member federations must send in the name of their candidates within 24 March.

Voluntary people run EPF and no one receive a payment for their work. Some of the positions have a high workload and the officials use many hours almost every day the year around to keep up the work. This means that candidates must have time and be prepared to spend a large part of their time for powerlifting administration if they are elected.

Another interesting item at the General Assembly will be the discussion of the future for organizing European Classic championships. Hopefully, we can come to a good conclusion to introduce classic Europeans also for Masters and Bench Press. As bids for European championships are given 3 years in advance, 2018 will be a reasonable year to start the new structure.

I wish all athletes and officials a happy New Year!

/ text: Arnulf Wahlstrøm



**Carl Yngvar Christoffersen** from Norway is awarded "European lifter 2014"  
(Photo: Arnulf Wahlstrom)



**Anastasiya Derevyanko** from Ukraine is awarded "European lifter 2014".  
(Photo: Ralph Farquharson).

