

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, Düsseldorf (GER) 5.-6.2.2010

Present: S. Bosi (President), E. Schöler (Deputy President), C. Gonderinger (Vice-President for Finances), J.F. Kahn (FRA), A. Matkovic (SRB), Ivo-Goran Munivrana (HRV) (Vice-Presidents), J. Dom (General Secretary), P. Kass (Ass. Gen. Sec.), M. Evangelista (Marketing Department)(item 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9), R. Plese (CM) (item 1-4), P. Cehovin-Susin (Y&D Manager)

1. WELCOME

The President welcomed all members of the Board and expressed his feelings towards the death of Yuri Posevin. He stated that Yuri will always be remembered as a friend, part of ETTU and part of the ETTU EB.

2. REPORTS

- 2.1 The President informed the Board that he attended Yuri's funeral in Moscow. He also informed that he visited the Association of Belarus which is a candidate for the organisation of the 2011 EURO-ASIA event. During his visit he met the Minister for Sport and the Deputy-Prime Minister of Belarus.
- 2.2 E. Schöler informed that the ECL WG met in Stuttgart and that the next meeting will be organised on the 19th of March in Berlin during the German Open. This meeting will be used to draft the agenda for the ECL Work-Shop which will be organised, including the draw, during the month of June in Luxembourg. He also mentioned that he was involved in the discussions for the future of European Championships. He requested that the minutes of the EB meetings have to be addressed to all EB members for a final check before publishing.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 European Mixed Championships 2010

Organiser:	Serbian TT Association
Date:	19.-21.11.2010
City	Subotica
Venue	City Sports Hall Subotica
Accommodation:	Hotel Galleria (4-stars) and Hotel Patria (4-stars)
Hospitality:	Double room: 100 € per person/day Single room: 120 € per person/day
Transport:	Free transportation from/to Belgrade and/or Budapest airport twice a day (12:00 and 18:00) and from/to railway station in Subotica and from hotel to venue and vice versa.

- Sport facilities: A new sports hall was built and dedicated only to table tennis. In the competition hall as well as in the practice hall 10 tables will be set up.
- Entry fee: The entry fees to be paid to the organising Association is fixed to 20€ for a doubles pair.

The 2010 Mixed Championships were allocated to the Serbian TT Association.

3.2 Europe TOP-12 2012

The Association of Austria withdrew from the presentation.

The French Association was represented by Mr. Bernard Simonin (President of the "Ligue d'Alsace"), Mr. Alain Dubois (President of the French Association) and Mrs. Claude Bergeret.

- Organiser: French TT Association, in co-operation with the "Ligue d'Alsace"
- City: Strasbourg
- Venue: Rhénus Sport Hall
- Accommodation: Hotel Forum in Schiltigheim (3-stars) or Hotel Holiday Inn (4-stars)
- Transportation: The organisers will provide free transportation to and from the International Airport Entzheim Strasbourg as well as from Strasbourg railway station. There will be a regular shuttle bus between hotels and venue.
- Playing court: 4 playing courts 8m x 16m, lighting 1000 LUX minimum, floor mats – GERFLOR, reserved places for handicapped persons, practise hall, 2 VIP lounges, TV platform, press area, conference room, modular areas, parking for TV truck.

The event was allocated to the French TT Association. The ETTU Competition Manager has to travel to Strasbourg for an inspection visit of the venue as well as to check the proposed hotels. With regard to this inspection, the French Association has to provide free hospitality to the ETTU CM.

4. EVENTS

4.1 Future structure of European Championships

The EB decided to have the propositions split into 2 Congresses. During the Congress in Moscow following items should be voted:

- To stage the Individual Events of the European Championships every year, starting the new format in 2012.
- To stage the Team Events of the European Championships every second year, together with the Individual Events, starting the new format in 2013.
- To organise a qualification and promotional team competition (European Qualification League – EQL) in the period between two European Team Championships. The results to be used for the final allocation of teams into the various categories at the next EC Team Event and also to determine the seeding positions. This new event to start at the end of 2011, based on the results of the European Championships 2011 in Gdansk
- To abolish the existing European Nations League (ENL) after the final matches of the first issue at the end of 2011.
- To entrust the Executive Board with the elaboration of the necessary regulations to be put forward for decision to the ETTU Congress during the European Championships in Ostrava (September 2010), based on the deliberations within the relating WG.

4.2 European Circuit

ETTU will start in 2011 a European Circuit of Tournaments, because many national associations want to stage such an event. Being aware of the already now quite crowded calendar, it is important to always keep the calendar updated. Clashes between official ETTU events have to be avoided.

- The EB decided by majority to start the Euro-Circuit with 6 tournaments and 1 Grand Final in the first year.
- Levy for the organiser: 2.000 €
- Participation fee per player: 10 €
- The Grand Final will be played with 16 players in Singles Competition and 8 pairs in Doubles competition.
- Qualified for the final event: the winners of the 6 European Circuit Tournaments, who participated at least in 3 tournaments, plus the 10 best ranked players (special ranking for the Circuit to be established).

4.3 EURO-ASIA 2010

The Asian event was moved to 13th and 15th of April 2010; thus the European team for this step will be selected according to the January World Ranking List.

The ETTU partner CONTENTHOUSE wants to have the EURO-ASIA event played on a weekend, but unfortunately this is not possible for the Asian players. Moreover, in the contract it is mentioned that the event will take place during week days.

ETTU will propose to ATTU to slightly amend the existing contract between ETTU and ATTU in such a way that ETTU will pay the travelling costs for the European team and that ATTU will pay for the Asian team. The same principle shall apply for the payment of the prize money.

The European team staff will be reduced to 1 coach and 1 physiotherapist.

The Belarus Association applied to stage the 2011 EURO-ASIA event in Minsk.

4.4 European Youth Championships 2010, Istanbul (TUR)

The EB took notice of the written report Mr. Plese addressed to the EB members. As no reaction from Turkey was received regarding the problems pointed out in the report, the Competition Manager was asked to inspect the facilities on 2 or 3 occasions to help the organiser to provide the best possible Championships and to discuss and try to solve all problems which may arise already before the start of the competition.

The Turkish Association has to confirm in writing that all requirements are met and that they guarantee the necessary quality of all technical facilities.

4.5 European Championships 2010, Ostrava (CZE)

The ETTU Competition Manager informed that in Ostrava the main hall will be equipped with 19 tables, from which 4 show courts (18mx9m) will be set up. The remaining 4 competition tables are in the second playing hall separated from 20 practise tables.

5. FINANCES

- 5.1 The Vice-President for Finances informed the EB that there are no more any outstanding payments for the year 2007. The still missing payments for 2008 have been added once again to the invoices sent to the NA for the year 2009.
- 5.2 ETTU has cancelled the contract with the IPTV Company NETEYES.
- 5.3 With regard to the fine given to the English Association for not having forwarded the results of both their home matches in the JOOLA ENL, the EB decided to reduce the relating fine from 500 € to 250 €.

- 5.4 The EB decided to exceptionally contribute towards the exceptionally high travel expenses of the nominated umpires to the ECL match Angers - Niederösterreich (men), this because of the very late withdrawal of the originally nominated umpires team.
- 5.5 With regard to an invoice of the German NTTA (DTTB) concerning the expenses for those persons having been involved in the racket control at the EC 2009 in Stuttgart - all these persons having moreover been invited by the DTTB - the EB is of the opinion that the costs of the racket control task is part of the general organisation of an ETTU Event, like umpiring.

6. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MOSCOW

6.1 ETTU meetings

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| 24.05. | 11.00 am | EB meeting |
| 25.05. | 09:30 am | Congress
(immediately after the Congress there will be a meeting with the European members of the ITTF BoD) |
| 27.05. | 09:00 am | EB meeting |

Because the ETTU Congress clashes with the ITTF meeting for Development and Olympic Commission, a delegate to represent the ETTU President will be nominated for this meeting.

6.2 European ITTF BoD members

In order to replace Yuri POSEVIN in the ITTF BoD, the EB decided to organise elections for this vacant position during the Congress in Moscow.

The election for the vacant position of Vice-President in the ETTU will be organised during the European Championships in Ostrava.

7. ADMINISTRATION OF ETTU CLUB COMPETITIONS

The ETTU EB decided to give this task to an external service. To create a position for the Development and the Club Competitions was generally agreed. This person has to be in charge of both, the development area and the club competitions.

8. DEVELOPMENT

The ETTU Youth & Development Coordinator, Mrs. Polona Cehovin-Susin decided to stop working for ETTU. During her last meeting she presented the budget and the 2010 activities. The ETTU EB decided to contribute with 50% to the accommodation expenses for the participants in the Olympic Project.

Mrs Cehovin furthermore reported that the activities were running according to plan, that the EUROKIDS camp had a high number of participants and that the coaches seminar was successful.

The EB decided that in future the participants in the EUROKIDS camps will have to contribute for 25% in the respective hospitality cost.

The 2010 development budget has been approved by majority.

9. MARKETING

The EB members took notice of the written report provided by the Marketing Department.

10. ITTF

The EB took notice of the written report from ITTF concerning the financial contribution to some Continents in Yokohama.

11. COOPERATION WITH ATTU AND CTTA

The ETTU President informed that he will be in China at the beginning of March 2010. He was invited by the Chinese Association to discuss the future co-operation and especially to evaluate the first edition of the EURO-ASIA Challenge and to draft amendments to the present contract with regard to travel expenses and prize money.

12. PRESENTATIONS OF THE EUROPE TOP-12 2011 and EURO-ASIA 2010

11.1 TOP-12 5.-6.2.2011

Organiser: BEL TTA in cooperation with Philippe Saive Management.
City: Liège (BEL)
Venue: Country hall (capacity for a maximum of 5500 seats)
Hotel: 5-star hotel (Crowne Plaza) in the centre of Liège, 15 minutes walking distance from the hall to the hotel.
BE TV will broadcast live, RTBF will broadcast tape-delayed.

11.2 EURO-ASIA Challenge

Organiser: BEL TTA in cooperation with Philippe Saive Management.
City: Mons (BEL)
Venue: Basketball Hall
Airports: Brussels (30 minutes to Mons) or Charleroi (15 minutes to Mons).

Due to some regulation problems, the negotiations regarding both events have to continue.
