

MINUTES

ITTF Annual General Meeting

Shanghai, China, 1st May 2005, at 09.00 hours

1. Welcome and opening address

The delegates gave a standing ovation to the Shanghai organisers for the opening ceremony held the previous evening.

Mr. Yang Xiaodu, Vice-Mayor of Shanghai, welcomed the delegates to Shanghai and thanked the ITTF for the confidence placed in them to organise the WTTC and wished the meeting success.

Awards were presented by the ITTF to the sponsors; Volkswagen, Liebherr, JCB of Japan, Double Happiness of Shanghai and Nittaku of Japan.

The ITTF President, Adham Sharara, thanked the Chinese Table Tennis Association and the Shanghai government and said that the AGM had record participation in delegates and proxies.

2. Appointment of Chairman of Meeting

The ITTF President, Adham Sharara, was appointed Chairman of the Meeting.

3. Roll call and verification of proxies

Roll call was taken and proxies verified. 134 associations present with delegates and 32 proxies for a total number of 166 votes.

4. Appointment of scrutineers

Scrutineers were appointed as nominated by the Continental Vice-Presidents.

5. Minutes of previous General Meeting (Doha, March 2004)

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held in Doha, Qatar, were signed by the President as a true record of the meeting.

6. Presentations

6.1 Merit Awards

The ITTF Merit Award was presented to Mr. Yuri Posevin for outstanding and long service rendered to the Russian Table Tennis Association.

Mr. Adham Sharara explained that Mr. Hans Giesecke had been requested to take over the responsibilities of the Merit Award nomination group, from Mr. Jimmy McClure who passed away earlier in the year.

6.2 Other presentations

The following players from the Chinese Table Tennis Association were inducted to the Hall of Fame:

Liu Guoliang, Li Ju, Wang Liqin, Zhang Yining and Qiao Hong.

Ms Claude Bergeret was officially handed over the certificate received from the IOC for her nomination for the IOC Women's Award.

Mr. Pierre Albertini, Mr. Han Sang Kook and Mr. Nils Bergström who were to retire from the Executive Committee were presented with a token of appreciation by the President.

The President nominated Mr. Rabie al Turk, now retiring from the Board of Directors after long years of service, to the President's Advisory Council. Mr. Rabie al Turk thanked the AGM for its support over the years.

Mr. Han Sang Kook said he was happy that he was able to leave knowing that the ITTF was in a healthy financial situation and thanked the Executive Committee, the President and the Professional staff for their support and co-operation.

On the request of the President the AGM participants observed a moment of silence in memory of those lost in the Tsunami and all ITTF family members who passed away in the past year.

7. Report of Nomination Committee (document A20)

Mr. Yuri Posevin presented his report and the list of members eligible for election to committees. Mr. Posevin elaborated on the statistics related to nominations to committees highlighting the low number of nominations of women.

A short film, "Breaking down barriers with table tennis balls", produced by the ITTF and filmed in Afghanistan in collaboration with the IOC, was shown to the AGM.

8. Membership applications

The AGM approved the applications for membership from Afghanistan, Djibouti and St Kitts and Nevis, bringing the total of ITTF member associations to 200.

TMS International made a visual presentation on marketing activities of the ITTF. It was said that the presentation was available to the national associations for adaptation and own use. DVDs of the presentation were distributed to all delegates.

9. Executive Committee Reports

9.1 President - A. Sharara (document A1)

The President gave an extensive explanation of the P4 plan (Popularity, Participation, Profit Financing and Planning) saying that the P4 plan was the point of reference for all ITTF plans and activities and the underlying philosophy of the ITTF. He explained the priorities, general goals, achievements and planning timelines for 2005-2009. (See document attached).

9.2 Deputy President - P. Albertini (document A2)

The Deputy President's report was accepted as presented.

9.3 Executive Vice President - G. Segun (document A3)

The report of the Executive Vice-President (Research and Development) was accepted with the correction to line 3, paragraph on research: 3 players (instead of 2). Mr. George Segun gave a brief description of the ongoing research at the C.A.R research centre in Barcelona.

9.4 Executive Vice President - N. Bergström (document A4)

The report was accepted as presented.

9.5 Executive Vice President - Yang Shuan (document A5)

The report was accepted as presented.

9.6 Executive Vice-President - J. Faragó (document A6)

The report was accepted as presented.

9.7 Executive Vice President (Finance) - Han Sang Kook (document A7)

The report was accepted as presented.

10. Continental Vice Presidents' Reports

10.1 Africa (document A8)

The report was accepted as presented.

10.2 Asia (document A9)

The report was accepted as presented.

- 10.3 Europe (document A10)**
The report was accepted as presented.
- 10.4 North America (document A11)**
The report was accepted as presented.
- 10.5 Latin America (document A12)**
The report was accepted as presented.
- 10.6 Oceania (document A13)**
The report was accepted as presented.
- 11. Executive Director's Report (document A14)**
The report was accepted as presented.
- 12. Reports from Committees and Commissions**
 - 12.1 Equipment (document A15)**
The report was accepted as presented.
 - 12.2 Media (document A16)**
Mr. Adham Sharara announced that the position for Media Coordinator had been advertised and over 50 applications had been received.
The report was accepted as presented.
 - 12.3 Ranking (document A17)**
It was reported that there was now a computer ranking for all age categories and teams as well as junior teams.
 - 12.4 Rules (document A18)**
The report was accepted as presented.
 - 12.5 Sports science (document A19)**
The report was accepted as presented.
 - 12.6 Technical (document A21)**
The report was accepted as presented.
 - 12.7 Umpires & Referees (document A22)**
The report was accepted as presented.
 - 12.8 Athletes' Commission (document A23)**
The report was accepted as presented.
 - 12.9 Junior Commission (document A24)**
Mr. Tony Yue thanked the Table Tennis Association of Japan for hosting the Junior World Championships in Kobe and Mr. Mikael Andersson for his good work. The report was accepted as presented.
 - 12.10 Olympic Commission (document A25)**
The report was accepted as presented.
- 13. Financial Statements**
 - 13.1 Audited Financial Statements**
The audited financial statements for 2003 and 2004 were presented by the Executive Director. It was reported that field and system audits were conducted in the Head Office and in Ottawa, in April 2004 and in April 2005. The consolidation of the Lausanne and Ottawa operations

were conducted in June 2004 and April 2005 by the audit firm of Price-Waterhouse-Cooper. Income and expenditure statements were explained and the adjusted budget for 2005 and 2006 was presented. Mr. Jordi Serra thanked Mr. Han Sang Kook for his work as ITTF Vice President for Finance. Mr. Serra presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the ITTF's financial situation.

Mr. Ranga Ramanujan requested the ITTF to consider giving new life to the developing associations by helping these countries to participate in the world championships.

The 2003 and 2004 audited financial statements were approved as presented.

13.2 Appoint Auditors for 2005

Price-Waterhouse-Cooper was appointed ITTF auditors for 2005.

13.3 Budget

The adjusted 2005 and 2006 budgets were approved as presented.

14. Proposition and Resolutions (document A28)

Propositions to the AGM

2/3 majority required.

1	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee:</p> <p>To insert new paragraphs 1.3.2, 1.3.3 and 1.3.3.1 and to renumber subsequent paragraphs</p> <p>1.3.2 The ITTF is committed to providing a sport and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Each individual has the right to participate and work in an environment, which promotes equal opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices.</p> <p>1.3.3 The ITTF is committed to providing a sport environment free of harassment on any basis without exception.</p> <p>1.3.3.1 The Executive Committee shall impose appropriate disciplinary sanctions from warnings to exclusions from all kind of activity in the ITTF, when a complaint of harassment has been substantiated. The same disciplinary sanctions shall be imposed if a false accusation has been substantiated.</p> <p>By this an ITTF anti-harassment policy would be introduced.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
2	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To insert a new paragraph 1.4.1.12</p> <p>1.4.1.12 to encourage and to support the promotion of women in sport at all levels and to ensure significant representation of women in ITTF Committees, Commissions and Working Groups.</p> <p>This would define a new object within the ITTF Constitution.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>The "Research & Development Advisory Board" shall be renamed: "New Technologies and Research Advisory Board" (1.5.2.3).</p> <p>Remark: Not many of Development assignments have been carried out directly by this group since inception in the year 1997. Development matters are now being handled by all, with the President in the forefront and a Development Manager handling all the technicalities. Research matters, on the other hand, are on-going all the time as experience has shown. New technologies are being introduced daily and ITTF needs to be abreast with these for more rapid development.</p> <p>ACCEPTED, to come into effect at the next BOD.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>1.10.1 The number of persons serving on each Committee shall be determined by the Board a year before the nomination of Committee members.</p> <p>This would lead to a change from a fixed number of Committee members to a number according to the actual requirements.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To insert a new paragraph 1.10.4 and to renumber subsequent paragraphs</p> <p>1.10.4 Each Committee shall take interest in Continental and Regional Federations' activities in their various fields and shall advise the Federations through the ITTF Executive Committee on ideas for further development.</p> <p>Remark: This proposition is beneficial to all parties. ITTF will help to develop Committees at the Continental/Regional level while ITTF will benefit from more information worldwide.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>1.10.5 The Chairman of each Committee shall submit to the Board a semi-annual report and to the Executive Committee a quarterly semi-annual report of the activities of the Committee, drawing attention to any recommendations that the Committee wishes to make; acceptance of the report shall not automatically imply acceptance of such recommendations.</p> <p>Remark: This proposition is aimed at updating the information on the activities of each Committee and this is to be sent to the Executive Committee which will be acting on behalf of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>ACCEPTED with the amendment: semi-annual report (instead of a quarterly report).</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>1.10.9 The Nominations Committee shall check the qualification and validity of nominations for office, shall supervise the allocation of</p>

	<p>nominees to Committees and shall recommend to the AGM the composition of Committees and Commissions; provided that sufficient number of female nominations is made for a committee, at least 25% of the full number of that Committee or Commission should be selected out of female nominees.</p> <p>By this an IOC principle would be applied by the ITTF.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
8	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee To insert a new paragraph 1.13.3</p> <p>1.13.3 ITTF staff members are to be appointed by the Executive Director to serve as coordinator of each Committee.</p> <p>Remark: Experience has shown that where staff members are involved good coordination work has been affected.</p> <p>By this a professional coordinator for each Committee would be instituted.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
9	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>1.18.4.1 The agenda for an AGM shall include . . . 1.18.4.1.2 a roll call of the Associations present or represented by proxies (1.18.7);</p> <p>This would include the announcement of proxies into the agenda of an AGM.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>

3/4 majority required

10	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>2.4 THE RACKET 2.4.2 At least 85% of the blade by thickness shall be of natural wood; an adhesive layer within the blade may be reinforced with fibrous any other material such as carbon fibre, glass fibre or compressed paper, but shall not be thicker than 7.5% of the total thickness or 0.35mm, whichever is the smaller.</p> <p>By this 15% of the blade by thickness could be of any material, not only of wood or other fibrous material.</p> <p>DEFEATED.</p>
11	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>2.5.6 The free hand is the hand not carrying the racket; the free arm is the arm of the free hand.</p> <p>This would formally define "the free arm".</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>

<p>12</p>	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>2.5.8 A player <i>obstructs</i> the ball if he or anything he wears or carries, touches it in play when it is above or travelling towards the playing surface and has not passed beyond his end line, not having touched his court since last being struck by his opponent.</p> <p>By this a superfluous addition would be deleted.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Proposed by the USA Table Tennis Association</p> <p>2.6.4 From the start of service until it is struck, the ball shall be above the level of the playing surface and behind the server's end line, and it shall not be hidden form the receiver, the umpire and the assistant umpire by any part of the body or clothing of the server or his doubles partner; as soon as the ball has been projected, the server's free arm shall be removed from the space between the server's body and the net.</p> <p>2.6.5 It is the responsibility of the player to serve so that the umpire or the assistant umpire can see that he complies with the requirements for a good service.</p> <p>Justification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The introduction of the free arm position during service has created confusion for the player, coaches, umpires, and officials. * The position of the free arm may not have any relation to hiding the ball. A free arm that is resting of the chest of the server after projecting the ball upward is not hiding the ball, however that is now illegal. A free arm that is under the table resting inside the body of the server is not hiding the ball from the receiver. * The logic raised by players and coaches in the above mentioned examples and other ones, makes it impossible for the umpires and officials to justify the rule of the position of the free arm. * Referees are trying different interpretations and instructions, during umpires' briefings that complicated the rule rather than make it simple. * Coaches use the free arm position as one of the main elements of the balance for every stroke. A rule to restrict it is physically and mentally confusing to the players, especially to those who have mastered it as a fundamental base in their strokes. * A year has passed since the introduction of the free arm position, but unfortunately 75% to %80 of the players' service could be judged as fault. * Appeals for leniency for the young players, and references to the fact that umpires can make their estimates when they do not see the ball, is extremely puzzling. How can an umpire make a judgment about the service if he does not see it? * The service to day is very complicated and there are other requirements besides the free arm position. It is impossible for an umpire to make a judgment without seeing what they are judging. * The above mentioned proposal is simple, clear, easy to understand and apply by players, coaches, umpires, and officials. <p>This would require a service in front of the body.</p> <p>WITHDRAWN.</p>

<p>14</p>	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>To replace "A Good Service" by "The Service" (in the headline) and "a correct service" (within the text of the paragraph)</p> <p>2.6 A-GOOD THE SERVICE</p> <p>2.6.5.3 Whenever there is a clear failure to comply with the requirements for a goodcorrect service, no warning shall be given and the receiver shall score a point.</p> <p>2.6.6 Exceptionally, the umpire may relax the requirements for a goodcorrect service where he is satisfied that compliance is prevented by physical disability.</p> <p>This should analogously be applied to 2.8.1, 2.8.2, 2.9.1.3, 2.10.1.1, 2.10.1.3</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>2.6.4 From the start of service until it is struck, the ball shall be above the level of the playing surface and behind the server's end line, and it shall not be hidden from the receiver by any part of the body or clothing of the server or his doubles partner and by anything they wear or carry.</p> <p>2.6.5 As soon as the ball has been projected, the server's free arm shall be removed from the space between the server's body ball and the net.</p> <p>This would also cover the situation where a player is hiding the service by his racket.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>2.7 A-GOOD THE RETURN</p> <p>This should analogously be applied to 2.8.1, 2.8.2, 2.9.1.3, 2.10.1.2, 2.10.1.3, 2.15.2</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>Proposed by the Oceania Table Tennis Federation and the Table Tennis Associations Australia, Brazil, South-Africa and Spain</p> <p>To integrate following principles of the International Paralympic Table Tennis Committee into ITTF rules 2.6 and 2.7 (Service and Return):</p> <p>The Doubles Play in Wheelchairs: When two players who are in wheelchairs due to a physical disability are a pair playing doubles, the server shall first make a good service, the receiver shall then make a good return but thereafter either player of the disabled pair may make good returns. However, no part of a player's wheelchair shall protrude beyond an imaginary extension of the centre line of the table. If it does, the umpire shall award the point to the opposing pair.</p> <p>By this the modified rules for players in a wheelchair would become part of ITTF rules.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>

<p>18</p>	<p>Proposed by the Oceania Table Tennis Federation and the Table Tennis Associations Australia, Brazil, South-Africa and Spain</p> <p>To integrate following principles of the International Paralympic Table Tennis Committee into ITTF rule 2.9.1 (Let):</p> <p>The Service against Players in Wheelchairs: When a player who is in wheelchair due to a physical disability is receiving a service in singles, the rally shall be a let if the ball: leaves the table by either of the receiver's sidelines (on one or more bounces) or after bouncing on the receiver's side, returns in the direction of the net or comes to rest on the receiver's side of the playing surface. However, if the receiver strikes the ball before it crosses a sideline or takes a second bounce on his or her side of the playing surface, the service shall be considered good and no let shall be called. When a player who is in wheelchair due to a physical disability is receiving a service in doubles, the rally shall be a let if the ball: after bouncing on the receiver's side, returns in the direction of the net, or comes to rest on the receiver's side of the playing surface. However if the receiver strikes the ball before it takes a second bounce on his or her side of the playing surface, the service shall be considered good and no let shall be called.</p> <p>By this the modified rules for players in a wheelchair would become part of ITTF rules.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>2.9.2 Play may be interrupted 2.9.2.3 to warn or penalise a player or adviser;</p> <p>By this the rule would be brought in line with the current practice.</p> <p>ACCEPTED.</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>Proposed by the Finnish Table Tennis Association</p> <p>2.15.1 Except when 18 points or more have been scored where both players or pairs have scored at least 9 points, the expedite system shall come into operation if a game is unfinished after 10 minutes' play or at any earlier time at the request of both players or pairs.</p> <p>DEFEATED.</p>

15. Future World Championships

15.1 Update 2006 Bremen

Representatives of the German Table Tennis Association made a comprehensive update report on the organisation of the Bremen WTTC and showed a film of the high quality facilities in Bremen, including the AWD Dome where the event will take place.

15.2 Update 2007 Zagreb

Mr. Ivo-Goran Munivrana reported that according to decision taken by AGM, the 2007 WTTC will be organised in Zagreb and that work was in progress and that an update report would be presented in Bremen.

15.3 2008 China

It was reported that, except for a late bid from Denmark for the City of Copenhagen (later postponed for a later year), one bid from China had been received by the deadline date. Mr. Yang Shuan said it would be a pleasure for the Chinese TTA to host the WTTC in the city of Guangzhou.

15.4 Bids for 2009 and 2010

It was reported that the deadline date for presenting bids for 2009 was September 2005 and the decision would be made in Bremen. For 2010 the deadline date would be September 2006 and the decision would be taken in Zagreb. It was said that Denmark, Japan, Brazil and Austria were interested to bid for 2009.

16. Election of Board of Directors

The BOD was elected as follows:

7 members from Africa: Henri Djombo, Berthe A. Bakhary, Khaled El-Saihy, Jane Pinto, Philippe Hao Thyn Voon, Olabanji Oladapo, Ganier Fataar

7 members from Asia: Cai Zhenhua, M. C. Chowhan, Shahrokh Shahnazi, Park Do Cheon, Michel de Chadarevian, Chan Foong Keong, Choo Wee Khiang

9 members from Europe: Radivoj Hudetz, Alexander Murdoch, Gérard Velten, Eberhard Schoeler, Andrzej Grubba, Goran Vukobratovic, Zdenko Kriz, Polona Cehovin Susin, Walter Rönmark

5 members from Latin America: Keith Neblett, Alaor G. P. Azevedo, Jairo Orlando Paez H., Melecio Eduardo Rivera, Juan Carlos Garcia

3 members from Oceania: Graeme Ireland, David R. Jackson, Anthony Ho

1 member from North America: Sheri Pittman

17. Election of Committees

The following Committee members were elected.

Rules Committee	Sports Science Committee
Phil Males (AUS)	Zheng Xiaoping (CHN)
Rudolf Sporrer (AUT) - Chairman	Hung Tsung-Min (TPE)
Nabil Al-Mamoon (EGY)	Dr. Mohamed El-Shobary (EGY)
Matti Kolpannen (FIN)	Dr. J.-F. Kahn (FRA) - Chairman
Ruben Kairy (PER)	Dr. Yutaka Tsuji (JPN)
Josep Maria Miro (ESP)	Olugbile Femi (NGR)
Borje Karlsson (SWE)	Dr. Miran Kondric (SLO)
Azmy Ibrahim (USA)	Dr. Yuriy Pokholenchuk (UKR)
<i>Corresponding members</i>	<i>Corresponding members</i>
Samuel Haroutunian (ARM)	Luiz Henrique Vitani (BRA)
Tony Kiesenhofer (CAN)	Stan Syajkowski (CAN)
Chen Ching-Chin (TPE)	Dr. Wolfgang Friedrich (GER)
Joel Chaillou (FRA)	Peter Sim (MAS)
Dr. Fumihiko Akutsu (JPN)	Vladimir Tarasov (RUS)
Ms Jung Hyoun Suk (KOR)	Dr. Ms Daminda Attanayake (SRI)
	Michael Scott (USA) - Special Advisor

Equipment Committee	Media Committee
Ron Keyhoe (AUS)	Chandra Madosingh (CAN)
Yu Bin (CHN)	Arne Madsen (DEN) – Chairman
Hosny Sonbol (EGY)	Moutaz Ashour (EGY)
Dr. Joachim Kuhn (GER)	Manfred Schillings (GER)
Nobuyuki Shirakawa (JPN)	Afshin Badiie (IRI)
Paul Schiltz (LUX)	Michel de Chadarevian (LEB)
Odd Gustavsen (NOR) – Chairman	Svenn-Erik Nordby (NOR)
Federico Lineros (ESP)	Tim Boggan (USA)
<i>Corresponding members</i>	<i>Corresponding members</i>
Ri Chol Ho (DPR)	Asko Rasinen (FIN)
Chandana Perera (SRI)	So Kan Yuen (HKG)
Abdel Rahman Al Silawi (SUD)	Ms Christina Chee Shin Lian (MAS)
Yaldiz Gurhan (TUR)	Sultan Al-Mohannadi (QAT)
Thomas Kiggundu (UGA)	Andrei Konokotin (RUS)
John Muringani (ZIM)	Zdenko Kriz (SVK)
Ranking Committee	Technical Committee
André Damman (BEL) – Chairman	Graeme Ireland (AUS)
Marles Martins (BRA)	Ioto Drianovsky (BUL)
Liao Wen-Hsiung (TPE)	Yao Zhenxu (CHN) - Chairman
Ms Jill Parker (ENG)	Georgios Seliniotakis (GRE)
Hubert Hustache (IND)	D. R. Choudhary (IND)
Egils Purins (LAT)	Khalid Al-Mawlawi (QAT)
Mohamed Abdulla Saleh (QAT)	Milorad Trpkovski (SER)
Dusan Osmangic (SER)	Mats Gustafsson (SWE)
<i>Corresponding members</i>	<i>Corresponding members</i>
Berthe Bakhary (CIV)	Tony Chatwin (ENG)
Radevoj Hudetz (CRO)	Park Chong Dae (KOR)
Viljar Kasemaa (EST)	Ju Jong Chol (DPR)
Miguel Vicens (FRA)	Tan Kheng Hong (MAS)
David R. Jackson (NZL)	Ms Polona Cehovin Susin (SLO)
T. Reza Latiff (SRI)	Mokhtar Tukabri (TUN)
Nomination Committee	Umpires & Referees
Ivam Passos Vinhas (BRA)	Mike Skinner (CAN)
Ms Sirje Lubi (EST)	Fernando Aguilar (CRC)
Chan Foong Keong (MAS)	Aksel Beckman (DEN)
Cosmas Maduka (NGR)	Patrick Ringel (FRA)
Abdulla Al-Mulla (QAT)	Ms Cindy Leung Wan Yin (HKG) - Chairwoman
Yuri Posevin (RUS) - Chairman	Albert Rooymans (NED)
Nenad Batovanja (SER)	Reto Bazzi (SWI)
Ulf Lonnqvist (SWE)	<i>Corresponding members</i>
<i>All Continental Vice-Presidents are ex-officio members of the Nomination Committee.</i>	Lindsay Drummond (AUS)
	Richard Scruton (ENG)
	Michael Zwipp (GER)
	Cyril Sen (MAS)
	Emmanuel O. Lajide (NGR)
	Gaj Vidmar (SLO)

18. Election of Executive Committee

It was requested by the delegate from Brazil that a letter sent by the Brazilian Association with regards to the election procedure should be attached to the present Minutes. The president indicated that the correspondence to be provided by the Brazilian TTA could be sent at the same time as the minutes but that it would not be an integral part of the minutes since it is not part of the work of the AGM. The President called upon Mr. Rudi Sporrer, Chairman of the Rules Committee to conduct the election.

The members of the Executive Committee vacated their seats on the podium to allow the election process to begin.

18.1 President

There being only one candidate, Mr. **Adham Sharara** of Canada was elected by acclamation President of the ITTF for the period 2005-2009.

18.2 Deputy President

Outgoing Deputy President, Mr. Pierre Albertini, said a few words of farewell and thanked the AGM for the welcome extended to him on arrival to the ITTF and permanent support throughout his mandate.

There being two candidates for the position of Deputy President, Mr. George Segun (Nigeria) and Mr. Khalil Al-Mohannadi (Qatar) an election by secret ballot was conducted.

Mr. **Khalil Al-Mohannadi** of Qatar was elected Deputy President of the ITTF for the period 2005-2009.

18.3 Executive Vice-President (Finance)

There being only one candidate, Mr. **Neil Harwood** of Australia was elected Executive Vice-President (Finance) of the ITTF for the period 2005-2009.

18.4 Executive Vice-Presidents (4)

Mr. Nils Bergström, outgoing Executive Vice-President, said a few words of farewell and thanked the AGM for their support.

Mr. Paek Myung Youn of Korea addressed the AGM and announced his withdrawal from the election in favour of the Asian candidates.

There being seven candidates for the position of Executive Vice President, an election by secret ballot was conducted.

The following Executive Vice-Presidents were elected:

Yang Shuan (CHN)

Koji Kimura (JPN)

Claude Bergeret (FRA)

Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO)

Were not elected :

Judit Farago (HUN)

Alaor Azevedo (BRA)

Jairo Orlando Paez H. (COL)

19. Election of Continental Vice Presidents

Continental Vice-Presidents were elected as follows:

Asia:	vacant (to be decided after the Asian TT Union AGM in August)
Africa:	Chérif Hajem (TUN)
Europe:	Stefano Bosi (ITA)
Latin America :	Miguel Delgado (GUA)
North America:	Bruce Burton (CAN)
Oceania:	Patrick Gillman (NCL)

20. Next AGM – Bremen, May 2006

The next AGM will take place in Bremen in May 2006. The exact date will be communicated in due course.

21. Any other business

- The delegate from Sri Lanka thanked the ITTF, all manufacturers, the Norwegian and Swedish Table Tennis Associations and Ms Lilamani de Soysa for the assistance given to table tennis Tsunami victims in Sri Lanka.
- A representative of the " Jeux de la Francophonie" gave a brief report of the last qualification tournament of the 5th Jeux de la Francophonie that took place in Paris, 19/20 March 2005 with the technical help of the French Table Tennis Federation. She officially invited the President to attend the 5th Jeux de la Francophonie to be held in Niamey, Niger 7-17 December next.

22. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 16h35.

Meeting Chairman, Adham Sharara

ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT AT 2005 AGM (134)

Afghanistan	Iraq	Scotland
Albania	Ireland	Senegal
Algeria	Isle of Man	Serbia
Angola	Israel	Seychelles
Armenia	Italy	Singapore
Australia	Jamaica	Slovakia
Austria	Japan	Slovenia
Bahrain	Jersey	Somalia
Barbados	Jordan	South Africa
Belarus	Kazakhstan	Spain
Belgium	Kenya	Sri Lanka
Benin	Korea DPR	Sudan
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Korea R	Sweden
Botswana	Kosovo	Switzerland
Brazil	Kuwait	Syria
Brunei	Kyrgyzstan	Tahiti
Bulgaria	Laos	Tajikistan
Burkina Faso	Latvia	Tanzania
Burundi	Lebanon	Thailand
Cambodia	Lesotho	Tunisia
Canada	Liechtenstein	Turkey
China	Lithuania	Turkmenistan
Chinese Taipei	Luxembourg	Uganda
Colombia	Macao	Ukraine
Congo	Malaysia	United Arab Emirates
Costa Rica	Maldives	Uruguay
Côte d'Ivoire	Malta	USA
Croatia	Mauritius	Uzbekistan
Cuba	Mexico	Venezuela
Cyprus	Moldova	Vietnam
Czech Republic	Montenegro	Wales
Denmark	Morocco	Yemen
East Timor	Nepal	
Ecuador	Netherlands	
Egypt	Netherlands Antilles	
El Salvador	New Caledonia	
England	New Zealand	
Estonia	Nigeria	
Finland	North Mariana Islands	
France	Norway	
Germany	Palestine	
Ghana	Panama	
Greece	Peru	
Guatemala	Philippines	
Honduras	Poland	
Hong Kong	Portugal	
Hungary	Qatar	
Iceland	Romania	
India	Russia	
Indonesia	Rwanda	
Iran IR	Saudi Arabia	

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Argentina	Guyana	San Marino
Aruba	Haiti	Solomon Islands
Azerbaijan	Macedonia	St Lucia
Bolivia	Madagascar	St Vincent
Cameroon	Monaco	Suriname
Central African Republic	Nicaragua	Trinidad & Tobago
Cook Islands	Niger	Vanuatu
Dominica	Oman	Zambia
Fiji	Pakistan	
Gabon	Palau	
Gambia	Paraguay	
Guam	Puerto Rico	