



# INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation will be held on Wednesday 26 May 2010 at 09h00 in the Concert Hall, Cosmos Hotel, Moscow, Russia**

### AGENDA

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2. Appointment of a chairman
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- 18. Any other business
- 19. Closure

# **PRESIDENT (Adham Sharara)**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document A1**

At the 2009 AGM in Yokohama, the ITTF expanded further the size of its Executive Committee to 9 persons. For the first time in the history of the ITTF, all continents are now represented within the EC making it a true “international” cross-section of our membership. According to our Constitution, two of our newly elected Vice Presidents had to relinquish the presidency of their Continental Federation. Although this may seem to be a setback, it is in fact a step forward as it allows for new talent to rise to the helm and manage the affairs of the Continental Federation. This transfer is occurring smoothly and with full support, indicating a strong sign of maturity and development within the Continental Federations of Africa and Latin America.

### **Continental Development**

Over the last year, the ITTF’s Marketing Department has worked closely with the so-called Developing Continents by providing marketing support and television consultancy, as well as setting the stage for Competition Management at a professional level. This effort has resulted in a formal contractual agreement with Oceania, which results in an immediate benefit with TV coverage from Fox-Sports as well as multi-year sponsorship income. It is expected that similar agreements will come to fruition over the next months with Africa and Latin America, hopefully followed by North America.

### **Increased competition activity**

With the restructure of the Competition Department, the ITTF will witness a record number of ITTF events held in 2010. No less than 64 ITTF events will be held in all continents involving around 55 national host associations. The competition structure has been modified to include four types of events: ITTF Events, ITTF Recognised Events, ITTF Approved Events and ITTF Registered Events. The ITTF computer ranking has also been simplified and is in synch with the new structure as far as the allocation of “weightings” and “bonus points” are concerned.

### **Communications**

The ITTF is striving to improve its internal and external communication tools. With this regard some modifications have been made to the publications of the ITTF with more focus on the “promotion” of our sport. Table Tennis Illustrated (TTI) has been discontinued and instead the ITTF will publish the plush pictorial “Table Tennis Fascination” in 5 languages covering the ITTF’s title events; and as of 2011 it will include a Continental section. In addition, we will increase the frequency of production of our Development Magazine in order to compensate for the loss of the development sections in TTI.

The most significant change as far as communication and promotion is concerned is the incredible success of our new itTV, which is attracting millions of viewers to our ITTF events through the magic of cyber space and the Internet. All ITTF events are offered free of charge live and on-demand. In addition, the itTV service now boasts 6 distinct channels each specializing in a specific type of content providing viewing pleasure to all our fans. A 7<sup>th</sup> channel is planned specifically for Continental events within the marketing continental agreements. Our sport can now be seen in every corner of the world. Our new itTV service has been touted by experts in the field as the “best” streaming service in sport. It is also pleasing to boast that the ITTF website remains the 2<sup>nd</sup> most visited website amongst all International Federations, second only to FIFA.

Although we strive everyday to increase the visibility of our events on TV screens, and although we are making slow but sure progress, the future of sport-viewing must be through the Internet on our personal computers and laptops. This is the prediction of all experts. I am proud to be part of a Federation with a vision, as we started this process with various degrees of success already in 2005.

### **Promotion**

In order to always remain fresh and in the forefront of sport entertainment, a brand new event called “Spectacular Pairs” will be introduced to portray our sport in a more entertaining and spectacular fashion. This would be the equivalent of the “Skills” events in basketball and other sports. Our version will see top players “pairing” to produce the most spectacular rallies in table tennis. A panel of 3 judges would judge their efforts each marking the pair on one element: Consistency, Degree of Difficulty, and Spectacular effect. The first such event will be introduced at the Volkswagen Cup in Guangzhou, China.

### **Racket Control**

The ITTF has succeeded in reducing the VOC levels in rackets to less than 4 ppm. This threshold will be lowered gradually annually to 3 ppm and then 2 ppm. Already the majority of the players test at less than 2 ppm. Although we have success in reducing the harmful levels of VOCs, we now have new issues with “boosting” and “tuning”, as well as carving the racket surface or manipulating the thickness of the rubber to more than 4 mm. These illegal actions are to be expected and we see athletes trying to push the envelope in every sport in order to enhance their own performance. Shame on those who cheat, and shame on those who assist players in cheating. The ITTF will remain diligent in improving its detection tools and mechanisms, and with the improvement of the quality of the equipment, we sincerely hope that the issue of racket control and racket testing will fall into its right place as a routine function of the umpire and fully respected by the players.

### **Education and Training**

I was asked by some: “What is the necessity of having an Education and Training Department?”. Today I do not have to answer this question. Actions speak louder than

words. Just let me say: “ITTF Hopes Team”, “Hello Future Conference”, “Olympic Solidarity scholarships to players”, “Racket Testing Seminars”, “On-line Education of Young Umpires”, “Educational Programme at the Youth Olympic Games”, “International Training Centres” and more to come.

I would like to thank all those that provide voluntary and professional support to our programmes. I particularly would like to thank my colleagues the members of the Executive Committee; my Deputy President Mr. Yang Shu’an; the Executive Directors of our four Departments, our Marketing Division in Beijing, and all the professional staff for their tireless work. I also would like to thank the ITTF Committees for their contribution and synergy in their work with our professional staff. Finally, but most importantly, I would like to give special thanks to the Presidents of the Continental Federations for their hard work in developing our sport.

Respectfully submitted,

**Adham Sharara**  
**President**

# EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT (Mr Yang Shu'an)

## Report to the AGM

## Document A2

The year 2009 was a great year for table tennis. During this year, our sport gained a lot of attention from all over the world. The 2009 World Table Tennis Championships held in Yokohama achieved great success, and at the same time, we have witnessed many other excellent table tennis activities. Now I would like to report my work in the past year as follows:

### ● International Tournaments in China

An important part of my work is keeping the communication and cooperation between ITTF and CTTA smooth. In the year 2009, China fulfilled its responsibility as a major table tennis powerhouse and managed to host many international tournaments such as:

2 ITTF Pro-Tours (Suzhou & Tianjin China Open)

Volkswagen China VS World Team Challenge

Women's World Cup

2 World Junior Circuits (Chengdu & Taiyuan)

Tournament of Champions

All these events were successfully organized thanks to the joint effort of both the ITTF and the CTTA.

### ● CTTA International Promotion Plan

Along with the excellent results achieved in the world title events and the Olympic Games, the Chinese TTA has become the most successful TTA in the world. However, after many discussions with the CTTA leading officials, we have reached consensus that the CTTA would bear more responsibilities to develop world table tennis with its exceptional resources and valuable experience. In 2009, the CTTA stepped forward in initiating an International Promotion plan, which covers the organization of elite training camps with Chinese national team players, sending Chinese TT experts to conduct seminar overseas etc. In August 2009, the CTTA opened its door for the first time for foreign players to practise with the Chinese national team. Before the end of 2009, the CTTA sent Mr. Li Xiaodong, one of its best coaches, to Zagreb to conduct a seminar for ETTU Coaching conference. All these activities received very positive feedback from the attendees. In 2010, the CTTA will continue its efforts in promoting table tennis worldwide and strengthen its cooperation with ITTF and other associations.

### Attendance in ITTF Meetings

In my capacity as ITTF Deputy President, I have attended the following meetings in 2009:

ITTF EC meeting, February 20 to 21, Doha, Qatar

AGM, EC, EC+, BOD, OC meetings during WTTC, Yokohama, Japan

ITTF EC meeting, June 26 to 27, Lausanne, Switzerland

Before concluding, I want to deliver my special thanks to the colleagues in the Executive Committee and other friends in the ITTF family. With your kind cooperation as well as the hard work of all the staff, we had a wonderful year.

**Yang Shu'an**  
**Deputy President**

# **EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Khalil Al-Mohannadi)**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document A3**

After the AGM in Yokohama I attended the Executive Committee meetings in:

Copenhagen 5. – 6. October 2009

Cartagena 11. – 12. December 2009

Rotterdam 13. – 14. March 2010

Because of health reasons I was not able to attend EC meeting in:

Lausanne 26. – 27. June 2009

In the same period I officially represented ITTF at:

Men World Team Cup

Austria, 25. October 2009

Bahrain Junior Open and Youth Olympic Qualification

Bahrain, 1– 5 February 2010

In my field of responsibilities (World Championships, World Cup) I was in close contact with Mrs. Judit Farago, Executive Director (Competitions). I would like to thank Judit and complete Competition Department staff on excellent work in preparation of World Cups and especially on ongoing preparations for the World Championships in Moscow.

I appreciate very much the close co-operation with all EC members and ITTF staff in the last twelve months.

**Khalil Al-Mohannadi**

**Executive Vice-President**

# EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Chérif Hajem)

## Report to the AGM

## Document A4

Elected on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 for the first time as Executive Vice-President, I was appointed on 26<sup>th</sup> June by the President as Executive Committee Representative for the activities of following Committees: Rules, Technical and Nominations, of the Calendar Working Group and for communication with Africa.

### 1) Rules Committee:

Mr Rudolph Sporrer (Austria) and his colleagues had a rather bulky exchange of e-mails this year in order to deal with all the questions related to laws and regulations put to them and helped all those who asked for the interpretation of these laws and regulations. They also studied proposals for modifications to the rules, laws and regulations, updated the yearly handbook, co-operated with various other Committees mainly during World events and remained watchful of everything related to the service rule.

### 2) Technical Committee

This committee for the first time under presidency of Graeme Ireland, from Australia, continues to study efficiently, in co-operation with the Competitions Department, the technical proposals related to the format, playing system and schedule of competitions they have to deal with. (Mr Yao Zhenxu's succession has been successful).

### 3) Nominations Committee

Before leaving us finally on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010, the late lamented Yuri Posevin (Russia) who put his stamp on the Nominations Committee over 21 years (1989 to 1999 as a member and 2000 to 2009 as Chairman) had the heavy responsibility to study in 21 days, 258 nominations coming from 147 countries (i.e. 71% out of 207), which led to the election of 9 Executive Committee members, 6 of the Development and Continental Council, 32 of the Board of Directors and 149 members, out of which 37 are women (25%), of 10 Committees, 1 Commission and 2 Working Groups.

### 4) Calendar Working Group

Mr Khaled El Salhy (Egypt) deals very well with his tasks and, acting under the authority of the Unions which depend on his working group, he always finds appropriate solutions to the requests of some Events Organizers. Furthermore he has, to his credit, cooperated in an appropriate way with the National Associations for the organisation of 80 World, Continental and Regional events, before finally authorizing the dates proposed.

**5) Communications with Africa (45 National Associations and 85 ATTF Officials)**

See Africa Report.

**6) Missions carried out**

Qatar	From 19 to 25 February	= Pro Tour	Egypt	From 15 to 18 April	African Championships Cadet + Junior
Japan	From 25 April to 8 May	= World Championships	Switzerland	From 25 to 28 June	ITTF EC Meeting
Morocco	From 9 to 19 July	= 3 Afr.	Lebanon	From 25 Sept. to 4 October	French Speaking Com. Games
Denmark	From 5 to 7 October	= ITTF Meeting	Russia	From 16 to 18 October	Men's Singles World Cup
Congo B.	From 3 to 10 November	= Visit	Egypt	From 20 to 27 November	African Tournament Youth OG
Colombia	From 8 to 17 December	= ITTF Meeting			

**7) Local visits**

In my own country, I also attended the ITTF Junior Circuit tournament from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March, the General Meeting of the Tunisian Association on 24<sup>th</sup> April, the General Meeting of the Tunisian NOC on 12<sup>th</sup> June, the National Finals on 21<sup>st</sup> June and on 30<sup>th</sup> January, the Mini Women's Forum and the training camp for the French-speaking African players (initially planned for December).

To conclude, I would like to thank President Sharara, the 4 Committee Chairs already mentioned and Messrs Philip Males and Georgios Seliniotakis, respectively Deputy Chairs of the Rules Committee and of the Technical Committee, the new Chair of the Nominations Committee, Mr. Chan Foong Keong, and also Mrs. Jeanny Dom, assistant of Mr. Salhy and the full ITTF staff (the one in Renens as well as the one in Ottawa), and ask everybody to support the recommendations put forward by these 5 very active structures (as well during meetings as all the year through by correspondence).

**Chérif Hajem**  
**Executive Vice-President**

# **EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE) (Neil Harwood)**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document A5**

At the time of preparing this report the financial results were not available. My comments regarding this item will accompany the audited statements when they are distributed.

During the past twelve months I have continued to be involved in Umpiring/Refereeing, Integration of Para Table Tennis and preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. I have attended all the Executive Committee meetings as well as the as the IOC and IPC General Assemblies.

There has been much activity in the area of umpiring and refereeing with the URC becoming more closely involved with the Competition Department on matters relating to the appointment and performance of technical officials. The co-ordination between these two areas is positive and an improved system should be the outcome. As the majority of racket testers are from the umpire and referee pool, I believe that consideration should be given to greater co-ordination in the area of appointment of all officials. New directives for the appointment of match officials were approved by the Executive Committee in October 2009 and these directives will result in neutral referees being appointed at World Title, Olympic and Paralympic events ensuring that the capacity is there to appoint the best referees for the most important events. Following the project started by the Education and Training Department, much work has been undertaken by the URC on identifying and preparing a group of 18 young umpires for the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, a great initiative. I really thank the URC people involved in this project for the outstanding work in developing the project with limited specification and direction. The challenge that the URC faces right now is ensuring that there are trained local technical officials ready to officiate at the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and attention is already being given to this.

Preparation for the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games is on track and as the ITTF now has responsibility for both events, preparation for both events is being dealt with as one. I continue to meet with the Organisers (LOCOG) whenever the opportunity arises and am in regular email contact. The design of the Results System is almost complete and it will be ready for testing once a couple of minor points are settled. There will be a formal meeting with LOCOG, with Technical Delegates in attendance, in December of this year and there will be an Olympic Test Event in December 2011. It is envisaged that the Test Event will be an Invitation event with competition mirroring the final stages of Games competition in both singles and teams events.

Integration of Para Table Tennis is proceeding slowly, as was expected. The rules are being incorporated in the Handbook, umpiring and referee training is now part of URC

training, the PTT calendar has been incorporated into the ITTF calendar, work is being done on integrating the websites and there is great assistance being given by the Development Department. Therefore at the central level of ITTF integration is proceeding very well but the challenge now is to achieve total integration, or at least a good working arrangement as an interim measure, within national associations. In some associations, integration already exists but in others there are totally separate organisations governing each area of the sport. I urge all national associations to become actively involved in the process and ask continental federations to help wherever possible.

I also attended the IPC General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in November 2009 where the high regard in which the ITTF is held was once again evident. Indeed, in a complex and perhaps the most important decision made in recent Assemblies, the ITTF played a major role in ensuring that the right decision was taken. It is now up to us to ensure implementation of the decision as it affects the incorporation of players with an intellectual disability in the London 2012 Paralympic Games once certain requirements have been established and met.

I believe that I am involved in working with, perhaps, the two most active committees in the ITTF, the URC and PTT. The members of these committees give generously of their time and expertise and the sport would, indeed, be the poorer without them.

Finally I want to thank my EC colleagues, ITTF staff and member associations for their support and assistance over the past year.

**Neil Harwood**  
**Executive Vice-President (Finance)**

# **EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Mr Koji Kimura)**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document A6**

I attended the EC Meeting which was held on 5 May 2009 in Yokohama, Japan where I reported on the number of spectators of WTTC Yokohama as of that day with other items which included an analysis of numbers. Also, I reported some points we should note for coming future world events.

I believe that visiting sponsors, associations to express our appreciation for their support just after the event finished on behalf of the Organizing Committee, JTTC and ITTF helped cooperation for WTTC Yokohama which was held 28 April to 5 May 2009.

I decided that my focus area after the discussions with Mr. Sharara, President of ITTF would be as follows based on my focus area proposal which was considered from experience in the field of ITTF work activities as one of the EC members.

- Asia (communication and relations)
- Racket Control
- Sports Science
- Veterans

I will make an effort to promote my role.

I attended the EC Meeting which was held in Geneva, Switzerland on 26 and 27 June 2009. On 26 June 2009, the meeting was held at the Headquarters of the IOC and we got an opportunity to talk with Mr. Rogge of President of IOC. He valued how Table Tennis had expanded worldwide and it impressed me. The next day, I visited the ITTF Headquarters, Museum and IOC Museum for the first time in my life and spent meaningful time there.

I visited the Asia Youth Games which were held from 29 June to 7 July 2009 in Singapore to inspect the progress situation in preparation for the Youth Olympic Games which will be held in August 2010 as a person in charge of ITTF Asia area. As I was the Chef de Mission of the Delegation of Asia Youth Games from JOC, I combined the inspection with the ITTF inspection. Officials from the Singapore TTA reported to me on progress in the preparation for venue, equipment, setting of tables, practice area, athlete camp, and so on. I gave some advice and had discussions with them. I made a report to the ITTF person concerned about this after I returned to Japan.

I attended the EC Meeting which was held on 5 and 6 October 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark, while the IOC Olympic Congress was held from 1 to 10 October 2009. It is so regretful that the ITTF President is not a member of IOC until now and I wish to consider this being a possibility in the future.

The ITTF Cadet Challenge & Junior Circuit Finals was held from 19 to 25 October 2009 in Tokyo, Japan. Ms. Petra Sörling visited as the representative of ITTF and after she left, I represented the ITTF according to the request of Mr. Sharara.

I attended the EC Meeting & Olympic Commission Meeting from 11 and 12 in Cartagena, Colombia, while the World Junior Championships were held from 9 to 16 December 2009. Since September of 2008, we decided that a player should have registered to ITTF who moved from an association to another association and planned to participate in a world event. Also we decided the regulation for waiting a year based on their age. To drive forward further the expansion of Table Tennis in the world, we discussed ways to promote the world and Olympic events. This matter will be proposed at the Meeting in Moscow and I would like to support this.

I will attend the EC Meeting on 13 and 14 March 2010 in Rotterdam.

In conclusion, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all ITTF staff for their cooperation and valuable information.

**Koji Kimura**  
**Executive Vice President**

# **EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Petra Sörling)**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document A7**

After my election as the Executive Vice-President in May 2009 in Yokohama, Japan, I was assigned responsibility for a couple of focus areas in addition to the general duties within the Executive Committee.

### **FOCUS AREAS**

#### **Global Junior Program**

I am happy to continue following our future, the youth. The Junior Commission has been in the good hands of its chairperson, Tony Yue, and assisted by the dedicated and professional staff member, Raúl Calín. Last year, the 2009 World Junior TT Championships returned to Latin America and for the first time, Colombia hosted the competition in Cartagena. They organised it at a high-level and with a very friendly spirit. The Cadet Challenge 8<sup>th</sup> edition/Junior Circuit Finals took place in Tokyo, Japan and were, as expected, very well organized. This tournament is so much more than an ordinary table tennis tournament and this year it was also the first qualification tournament for the Youth Olympic Games 2010.

#### **Women´s Working Group**

As a former continental member of this Group, it was not all new to me, but on the other hand there were a lot of other people who also had changed their responsibilities. Therefore, I felt there was a need to have a strategic session and restart the Group. A meeting was held in Johannesburg, South Africa in November 2009, that was kindly hosted by the South African TT Board and the chairperson of the Working Group, Hajera Kajee.

During the Women´s World Cup in Guangzhou, China, I directed the traditional players' meeting. This year we added a group discussion at the end of the meeting. Overall it was a very interactive meeting with fruitful discussions and outcomes.

#### **Education & Training**

Education & Training is the newest department in ITTF, and led by a really experienced force in Mikael Andersson. During the year, among others, two successful new projects has started; ITTF World Hopes Team, where mini-cadets from around the world seek the opportunity to become part of the development team and, Young Umpires Project, with the aim to educate young umpires to be part of the umpire team during Youth Olympic Games later this year.

**Staff structure**

In this matter, I have assisted our President and last year I also had the pleasure to be part of the recruiting process of our new Equipment Coordinator.

**GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Since Yokohama, I participated in all the meetings of the EC:

- 26-27 June 2009 at the ITTF HQ Lausanne, Switzerland
- 5-6 October 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark
- 11-12 December 2009 in Cartagena, Colombia

I represented ITTF at the following events:

- Women's World Cup October 2009 in Guangzhou, China
- Cadet Challenge/Junior Circuit final October 2009 in Tokyo, Japan
- Women's Working Group meeting, November 2009 in Johannesburg, South Africa
- World Junior TT Championships, December 2009 in Cartagena, Colombia

Finally, I would like to thank the President and my colleagues in the Executive Committee for your support and, the Continental Vice-Presidents, Board of Director members and committee/working group members for your cooperation. Last, but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to our professional staff members, it is always a pleasure to work with you.

**Petra Sörling**

**Executive Vice-President**

# **EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Thomas Weikert)**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document A8**

It goes without saying that, during my first year as an EC member, I attended the meetings in Lausanne, Switzerland; Copenhagen, Denmark; Cartagena, Colombia and Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Apart from my field of responsibility (such as Athletes' Commission, Legal Matters) I was able to contribute to a number of further activities (not specified) as follows:

- Claude Bergeret and I have been working feverishly on a new "ITTF Athletes' Commission", to be presented at the AGM in Moscow, Russia during the World Championships at the latest. This "new" Athletes' Commission is to strengthen the rights of the athletes, on which all our events depend. Among others, it takes into consideration the IOC Athletes' Commission.

My special thanks go to Claude Bergeret for various drafts, productive discussions and preparing the ground so that the whole product may be voted on at the AGM.

- Together with Jordi Serra, I have checked the "ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy" which, as it were, will come into force again and we urgently remind everybody to keep to its guidelines.
- I have also checked some contractual matters.
- However, one of the highlights of the past year was undoubtedly that, at the end of November, I was honoured and pleased to be able to receive on behalf of the ITTF the award of the organisation "Peace and Sport" personally from his Serene Highness Prince Albert of Monaco.

The ITTF and its Development Department received this prestigious award for the integrative, social programmes in Afghanistan, Yemen, Jordan and Columbia. My heartfelt thanks go to all the colleagues who have pushed forward the Development Programme, first of all our President Mr Adham Sharara. International appreciation, based on bestowing this award is bound to encourage us to even extend our development programme in the future.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all colleagues and members of the staff within the ITTF. I have been accepted very warmly and I feel extremely comfortable in your midst.

**Thomas Weikert**  
**Executive Vice-President**

# AFRICA

## Report to the AGM

## Document B1

The African assessment for the year 2009 is as follows:

- I) The number of member Associations to the ITTF and to the ATTF is up to now 45 and will soon become 46.
- II) The 13 courses planned on the ITTF/AFTT budget took place in following countries:
  - Liberia: Women + Athletes + Competition Managers
  - Tunisia, Egypt and Botswana: Athletes
  - Egypt and Madagascar: Coaches Level 1
  - Senegal, Ivory Coast, Lesotho and Ethiopia: Umpires + Referees + Competition Managers
  - Morocco: International Referees courses and exams
  - Mauritius: Coaches Level 1 + Athletes
  - Tunisia: Athletes + Women + Women's Mini Forum.
- III) The courses planned in cooperation with Olympic Solidarity took place in the following 4 countries:
  - Senegal: Development of a National Sports Structure (2<sup>nd</sup> part)
  - Rwanda: Coaches Level 1
  - Sierra Leone and Central Africa: Coaches Level 1 + Athletes
- IV) 259 ITTF manuals were provided to 11 Associations: Liberia, Madagascar, Congo D.R., Cameroon, Central Africa, Rwanda, Tunisia, Sierra Leone, Mauritius, Comoros, Ethiopia.
- V) The 8 Associations hereafter received equipment: Tanzania, Morocco, Ivory Coast, Benin, Seychelles, Burundi, Somalia: 11520 balls, 480 rackets, 400 surrounds, 54 tables, 54 nets, 54 score boards and 24 umpires' tables.
- VI) During the African Competitions in Morocco in July 2009, the 13 following Associations received in total 1080 balls: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville, Congo D.R., Ivory Coast, Djibouti, Egypt, Mauritius, Nigeria, South Africa and Tunisia.
- VII) As far as Women's activities are concerned we have been happy to notice following developments:
  1. in 10 training camps organised in Liberia, Tunisia, Egypt (2), Madagascar (2) Senegal, Ivory Coast, Lesotho and Mauritius 231 men and 131 women (i.e. 36%) took part;
  2. in 7 Events organised in March 2009 in Tunisia, in April 2009 and in November 2009 in Egypt and in July 2009 in Morocco 357 men and 259 women (i.e. 42%) took part;

3. the nomination of Mrs Hajera Kajee (South Africa) as Chairperson of the ITTF Women's Working Group (she is also Vice-President of the South African NOC), which is very significant;
4. the appointment of 2 African women to the ITTF Women's Working Group (Mrs Cherine Cherif Belhareth (Tunisia) and Mrs Sherine El Alfy Meshref (Egypt)) which by the end of the year 2010 should have positive outcomes;
5. the designation of Ms Kerina Telaa (Algeria) as 1<sup>st</sup> Expert Woman which is encouraging;
6. 7 out of 20 (i.e. 35%) African members of ITTF Committees are women. Congratulations;
7. amongst 7 African umpires on duty at the World Championships in Japan, 3 (i.e. 44%) were women (2 from South Africa and 1 from Egypt). A call to all Africans to train Women Umpires;
8. 47% of the Kenyan Association's Board members are women. Well done! An example to be followed;
9. 37% of the Seychelles Association's Board members are women. Congratulations!
10. in some African competitions, 45% of the teams taking part are women's teams. A most valuable acquisition to be consolidated;
11. for both genders the awarded rewards are of the same value. A no discrimination example. To be followed at all levels!

#### **VIII) Results honouring Africa:**

1. The Tunisian bronze medal at the Junior Circuit Tournament played in Malta from 12 to 15 March 2009.
2. The Tunisian silver medal and 5 bronze medals, as well as silver the Egyptian and the bronze Algerian medals at the ITTF Junior Circuit tournament played in Tunisia from 19 to 22 March 2009.
3. The 16 Egyptian medals (4 gold, 4 silver and 8 bronze) as well as the 2 Tunisian ones (1 gold and 1 silver) at the ITTF Junior Circuit tournament played in Egypt from 9 to 12 April 2009.
4. In the World Individual Championships played in Japan from 28 April to 5 May 2009, the participation of 10 African countries: Nigeria, Egypt, Congo Brazzaville, Congo D.R., Algeria, South Africa, Angola, Uganda, Sudan and Liberia.
5. The participation in these Championships of Mr. Bassiony Refaat (Egypt) as Deputy Referee and of 7 African "Blue Badge" International Umpires (Algeria – Congo Brazzaville – Kenya – Uganda – one Egyptian woman and 2 South African women).
6. The participation on 30 April 2009 at the ITTF General Meeting in Yokohama, Japan of 32 African countries (Algeria, Benin, Congo Brazzaville, Ghana, Kenya, Somalia, Angola, Burundi, Congo D.R., Ivory Coast, Egypt, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda,

Comoros, Djibouti, Burkina Faso, Namibia, Togo, Gambia, Seychelles, Guinea, Madagascar, Rwanda and Zambia). Thank you for your support.

7. The meetings in Japan of the ATTF Executive Committee with the countries listed in point n° 6.
8. The participation of Algeria to the Mediterranean Games in Italy from 27 June to 1 July 2009.
9. The participation of Botswana, Zambia, Angola and Uganda to the University Games in Serbia from 3 to 11 July 2009.
10. The promotion of 2 Algerians as International Referees following the seminar organized in Morocco from 7 to 10 July (12 candidates from 7 countries: Algeria, Congo Brazzaville, Egypt, South Africa, Morocco, Nigeria and Tunisia).
11. The participation of 12 athletes under 12 years of age (1 boy from Algeria and 1 girl from Egypt) to the World Training Camp (with 12 athletes) in France (Strasbourg) from 21 to 31 August 2009.
12. The 18 medals won by Egypt in the following 10 ITTF tournaments in 2009:
  - Junior Circuit Bahrain from 4 to 8 February = 1 gold and 3 bronze
  - Junior Circuit Qatar from 10 to 14 February = 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze
  - Open Seniors Kuwait from 11 to 15 February = 1 silver
  - Junior Circuit Sweden from 18 to 22 February = 1 bronze
  - Junior Circuit Poland from 27 to 31 May = 1 silver
  - Junior Circuit China from 17 to 26 June = 2 gold and 1 bronze
  - Open Seniors Morocco from 7 to 10 July = 2 bronze
  - Junior Circuit Korea from 12 to 16 August = 1 bronze
  - Junior Circuit China from 26 to 30 August = 1 bronze
  - Junior Circuit India from 15 to 18 September = 1 silver
13. The participation in the “Jeux de la Francophonie” in Lebanon from 28 September to 3 October 2009 of 13 African countries: Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Cong D.R., Ivory Coast, Djibouti, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Rwanda, Seychelles, Togo and Tunisia.
14. The Egyptian gold medal and the Congo Brazzaville bronze medal at these Games.
15. The participation of 7 African Umpires at these Games (Egypt (1 man and 1 woman), Tunisia (1), Morocco (1), Togo (1), Congo Brazzaville (1) and Niger (1)).
16. The participation of Han Xing (Congo Brazzaville) at the Women’s World Cup in China from 9 to 11 October 2009.
17. The participation of Quadri Aruna (Nigeria) at the Men’s World Cup in Russia from 16 to 18 October 2009.
18. The bronze medal of the African cadets selection in the team event of the World Challenge played in Japan from 19 to 25 October 2009 (the team was composed of 4 players, 1 of Egypt, 1 of Togo, 1 of Tunisia and 1 of Ghana) coached by an Egyptian under the leadership of Mr. Khaled El-Salhy, ATTF Executive Vice-President.

19. The participation of Egypt in the World Team Cup from 22 to 25 October 2009 (Women: 9<sup>th</sup>, Men: 11<sup>th</sup>).
  20. The training camps to which took place at the African cadets selection (boys and girls) in Egypt and China in June and in October 2009 and in Japan in October 2009 (1 boy and 1 girl from Egypt, 1 boy and 1 girl from Nigeria, 1 boy from Tunisia, 1 boy from Ghana, 1 girl from Algeria and 1 girl from Mauritius).
  21. Activities of following 15 African Associations reported in the first three quarterly editions of the ITTF magazine: Senegal, Liberia, Tunisia, Gabon, Egypt, Madagascar, Djibouti, Morocco, Rwanda, Botswana, Ivory Coast, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Kenya.
  22. The participation of Egypt in the final stage of the World Junior Championships in Colombia from 9 to 16 December 2009 (Women = 9<sup>th</sup> and Men = 11<sup>th</sup>).
  23. The selection of a "Blue Badge" Umpire from Uganda for the World Cup in Russia and of another one, from Algeria, for the final stage of the World Junior Championships in Colombia has been appraised.
  24. The interest shown by the ITTF (70.000 US dollars) for improving the level of 9 African players less than 15 years of age: Egypt (3), Nigeria (2), Tunisia (1), Ghana (1), Algeria (1) and Mauritius (1), is very important.
  25. The world ranking positions on 31<sup>th</sup> December of following players:
 

Senior male player Toriola Segun (Nigeria)	=	79 (out of 1677)
Senior female player Yang Fen (Congo Brazzaville)	=	166 (out of 1206)
U-21 female player Han Xing (Congo Brazzaville)	=	36 (out of 797)
U-21 male player Omar Assar (Egypt)	=	49 (out of 992)
U-18 male player Khaled Assar (Egypt)	=	56 (out of 667)
U-18 female player Dina Meshref (Egypt)	=	64 (out of 548)
  26. Finally, the contribution of Africa to the 1<sup>st</sup> place of the ITTF on the World Challenge of 26 November 2009 in Monaco: "Promotion and Sport through Peace", due to its development programme to which the main contributors are: Adham Sharara (since 1999), Glenn Tepper (since 2000), Leandro Olvech (since 2007) and Africa that (according to M. Glenn) has continued for 10 years to organise 100% of the training camps planned by ITTF/ATTF.
- IX) The election during the ITTF Annual General Meeting in Yokohama, Japan on 30 April 2009:**
1. to the President Advisory Council (PAC), of Mr. George Segun (Nigeria) with 2 Titles, the one of co-chairperson and the one of Honorary Member (Ms. Jane Pinto of Kenya is PAC member since 2007);
  2. as Executive Vice-President (of myself representing Africa, in place of George Segun who did not renew his candidature);
  3. as members of the Board of Directors, Berté Bakary (Ivory Coast), Olabanji Oladapo (Nigeria), Henri Djombo (Congo Brazzaville), Khaled El-Salhy (Egypt),

Philippe Hao Thyn Voon (Mauritius), Ganief Fataar (South Africa) and Tom Kiggundu (Uganda).

4. as Chairpersons, Mrs. Hajera Kajee (South Africa) of the Women's Working Group, and of Mr. Khaled El-Salhy (Egypt) of the Calendar Working Group.
5. as Committee members: Veterans (Egypt), Juniors (Nigeria), Media (Egypt and a Kenyan woman), Nominations (Botswana), Rules (Ivory Coast and a South African woman), Sports Science (Nigeria and a South African woman), Umpires and Referees (Egypt), Para Division (South Africa), Calendar Working Group (Nigeria), Women's Working Group (Tunisia and Egypt).

**X) The organisation in Africa of the following events:**

1. the Censad Games (Sahel countries), in Niger from 9 to 11 February 2009 in which 6 countries took part (Benin, Niger, Guinea, Libya, Morocco and Burkina Faso);
2. the Tunisian ITTF Junior Circuit tournament from 20 to 23 March 2009 with 53 men players and 36 women players representing 13 countries amongst which there were 3 from African (Algeria, Egypt and Tunisia);
3. the Egyptian ITTF Junior Circuit tournament from 9 to 12 April 2009 with 117 men players and 92 women players representing 22 countries amongst with 10 African countries (Algeria, Burundi, Congo Brazzaville, Congo D.R., Ivory Coast, Djibouti, Egypt, Mauritius, South Africa and Tunisia);
4. the Juniors and Cadets African Championships in Egypt from 13 to 17 April 2009 with 61 men players and 49 women players representing 14 countries (Algeria, Burundi, Congo Brazzaville, Congo D.R., Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa and Tunisia) and of which the final outcome was: Egypt = 10 gold, 5 silver and 9 bronze, Nigeria = 1 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze, Tunisia = 1 silver and 5 bronze, Algeria = 2 bronze, Congo Brazzaville = 2 bronze, Ghana = 1 bronze and Mauritius = 1 bronze);
5. the Moroccan ITTF Pro-Tour tournament from 7 to 10 July 2009 where Egypt won 2 bronze medals. Following other 7 African countries took part in this tournament: South Africa, Burkina Faso, Congo D.R., Ivory Coast, Djibouti, Guinea and Morocco.
6. the African U-21 Championships, the Senior Singles African Cup and the African Club Championships in Morocco from 11 to 18 July 2009 in which 120 men players and 76 women players took part representing 14 countries (Nigeria, Egypt, South Africa, Congo Brazzaville, Algeria, Morocco, Benin, Tunisia, Ivory Coast, Mauritius, Angola, Cameroon, Djibouti, Congo D.R.) with the final medals table: Egypt = 7 gold, 2 silver and 7 bronze, Congo Brazzaville = 3 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze, Nigeria = 1 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze, Tunisia = 2 silver and 4 bronze, Algeria = 2 bronze, South Africa = 2 bronze and Morocco = 1 bronze;
7. the Arab Cup organized in Egypt from 23 to 29 July 2009 (Egypt = 16 gold, 4 silver and 9 bronze, Tunisia = 3 gold and 4 bronze, Algeria = 2 silver and 5 bronze and Djibouti = 1 bronze);

8. the West African tournament from 25 to 27 July 2009 in Ivory Coast (Ghana = 4 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze, Ivory Coast = 2 gold, 3 silver and 6 bronze, Congo Brazzaville = 2 silver, Togo = 2 bronze, Benin = 2 bronze, 6<sup>th</sup> = Burkina Faso);
9. the Senior Zone 7 Championships in Mauritius from 28 July to 2 August 2009 in which 3 countries took part: Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles;
10. the ATTF Zone 6 Championships from 7 to 9 August 2009 in South Africa (South Africa = 7 gold, 5 silver and 9 bronze, Malawi = 2 silver, Botswana = 2 bronze, Namibia = 1 bronze, Lesotho = 1 bronze and Zambia = 1 bronze);
11. the Yearly Tournament in remembrance of the late lamented Soglo Blaise (Benin) from 14 to 25 August 2009 (Ghana = 4 gold and 2 bronze, Ivory Coast = 2 silver and 1 bronze, Togo = 2 silver and 1 bronze, Benin = 1 bronze, 5<sup>th</sup> = Burkina Faso);
12. the African Youth Olympics Qualifying tournament that was played in Egypt from 20 to 23 November 2009 and in which 10 boys and 8 girls took part representing 10 countries: Egypt, Nigeria, Tunisia, Ghana, Congo D.R., South Africa, Congo Brazzaville, Kenya, Burundi and Liberia. (Qualified: 1 boy and 1 girl from Egypt, 1 boy from Nigeria and 1 girl from Algeria);
13. the African Para Table Tennis Championships organised in South Africa from 27 November to 3 December 2009 and in which 5 countries took part (Egypt = 12 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze, Nigeria = 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze, South Africa: 9 silver and 6 bronze, Libya = 2 bronze and Lesotho = 2 bronze);
14. the ATTF Executive Committee meetings in April 2009 in Egypt, in July 2009 in Morocco and in November 2009 in Egypt on the occasion of various African Competitions, as well as the meeting with following ATTF Officials Messrs Ganief Fataar (South Africa), Mokhtar Toukabri (Tunisia) and Olivier Fortuné Guezo (Benin) to study the propositions for modifications to the ATTF regulations before the final decision to be taken at the ATTF General meeting in December 2010 in Cameroon.
15. the Zone 7 Cadets and Junior Championships played in the Seychelles from 6 to 12 December 2009 with participation of Madagascar, Mauritius and the Seychelles;
16. the meeting of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa in Mozambique on 13 and 14 December 2009 about the September 2011 African Games attended by Mr. Ganief Fataar (South Africa), President of Zone 6 and ATTF Zonal Vice-President;
17. The Arab Team Championships from 22 to 30 December 2009 in Morocco in which the following African clubs took part: in women: El Ahly (n° 1) and Ezamalek (n° 2) from Egypt, La Jeunesse S from Kharrouba, Algeria (n° 3), and FUS from Rabat, Morocco (n° 4), whereas in men together with El Ahly (n° 1) also participated Tunis Air Club, Tunisia (n° 6), CS Meknessy, Morocco (n°9) and JS Kharrouba, Algeria (n° 14).

To conclude, I thank all those who support Africa and firstly I want to mention the President of all of us Adham Sharara, the ITTF and its staff represented in this report by its 4 Executive Directors, Jordi Serra (Operations), Glenn Tepper (Development), Mikael

Andersson (Training) and Judit Farago (Competitions) and its Members (of the Executive Committee, the Development and Continental Council, the Committees, the Commissions and the Working Groups), the Sports Ministries in Africa, the main sponsors of Table Tennis at national level (amongst whom the Tunisian Ministry which has supported me for over 40 years), the African National Olympic Committees, the Continental Federations, the Regional or Linguistic Unions, the National Associations, the Equipment Manufacturers, as well as all the Colleagues and Collaborators to the above mentioned Organisations, without forgetting my colleagues of the African Federation Council.

**Chérif Hajem**  
**African Table Tennis Federation**

# ASIA

## Report to the AGM

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2009 has been a busy and accomplished year for the Asia table tennis community. A series of international competitions, meetings as well as the ATTU election have been staged and conducted successfully.

### International Competitions held in Asia

#### ● **World Championships**

The 50<sup>th</sup> World Table Tennis Championships dated May 21 to 27, 2009 was successfully staged in Yokohama, Japan. The outstanding Japanese young players impressed all the audience and made a tangible threat to the dominating Chinese. However, the strong Chinese team has swept all the five titles.

#### ● **Women's World Cup**

Once again, the Women's World Cup was held by Chinese TTA in October 2009. Liu Shiwen, the newly crowned Women's World Cup champion became world No.1 by the end of 2009. The ITTF also organized a Women's Workshop to discuss the welfare for women players after their retirement.

#### ● **ITTF Pro-Tours and Junior Circuits**

As usual, the ATTU members supported the ITTF by hosting a number of ITTF events. In the year 2009, seven Asian associations hosted seven ITTF Pro-Tours and the 2009 Grand Final. In addition, eight ITTF Junior Circuits, including the 2009 ITTF Cadet Challenge and Junior Circuit Finals were also held in Asia. On October 25 2009, the ITTF World Cadet Challenge concluded in Tokyo, Japan with Asia obtaining three out of four titles and 5 admission tickets to the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.

### Asian Title Competitions

#### ● **Asian Championships**

The 2009 Asian Table Tennis Championships was staged successfully in Lucknow, India from November 16 to 23, 2009. TTFI managed to host the Championships at a very high level in terms of overall organization and hospitality. The event was also televised live in some Asian Associations — a breakthrough for ATTU. Everyone attending these championships memorized Mr. Mool Chand Chowhan, Deputy President of ATTU, who had devoted all his life to Indian and Asian table tennis but passed away two months before the Championships.

#### ● **Asian Cup**

The date and host city of 2009 Asian Cup were confirmed very late due to the withdrawal from its original host DPR Korea. In May 2009, the event was staged in the famous tourist city - Hangzhou of China.

## Asian Junior Championships

2009 Asian Junior Championships was held in Jaipur, India from July 21 to July 26, 2009. It was quite encouraging to see that besides China, both junior players from Japan and Korea claimed titles.

## ITTF & ATTU Meetings

### ● ATTU Council Meeting

ATTU Council meeting was duly held during the 2009 Yokohama World Table Tennis Championships. The new BOD members were announced during the Council meeting.

### ● ATTU EB Meeting in Beijing

ATTU held its Executive Board meeting in Beijing on September 23, 2009. The meeting focused on the preparation of Asian Championships as well as the ATTU election held in November 2009.

### ● ATTU Meetings in Asian Championships

During the Asian Championship, ATTU hosted the Executive Board, Council and Congress Meeting. Mr. Cai Zhenhua, the President of Chinese Table Tennis Association was elected unanimously as the president of ATTU in the quadrennial ATTU election of the Congress meeting.

## Development Activities

Thanks to the effort and hard work of Mr. Badiie Afshin, the ATTU has accomplished the following development activities in 2009.

<b>2009 Development Program</b>				
<b>Region</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Expert</b>
South Asia	Maldives	Tournament Organization + Training Camp	8-17.11	R. Montes
	Sri Lanka	Level 2 Coaching + School Teachers Training	28.11-9.12	S. Chormette
S. East Asia	Laos	Tournament Organization	14-19.9	Chan F.K.
	Malaysia	Level 2 Coaching	9-14.11	Ph. Molodzoff
West Asia	Jordan	ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coaching, Refugee Coaching, Club Training	10-19.8	A. Dawlatly
	Iraq	ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coaching, Training Camp	5-15.11	A. Dawlatly
Middle Asia	Iran	ITTF Level 1 Coaching & Course Conductor Training	29.11-4-12	E. Christiansson
East Asia	Mongolia	ITTF Level 2 Coaching + Training Camp	8-17.10	G. Silberschmidt
<b>Equipment Assistance</b>				
	<b>Country</b>	<b>Package</b>	<b>Status</b>	
South Asia	Pakistan	6 tables, nets, scores, 80 rackets, 8 gross balls	On way	
S. East Asia	E. Timor	6 tables, nets, scores, 80 rackets, 8 gross balls	On way	
West Asia	Iraq	10 Tables	Received	
West Asia	Jordan	6 tables, nets, scores, 80 rackets, 8 gross balls	Received	
Middle Asia	Tajikistan	6 tables, nets, scores, 80 rackets, 8 gross balls	In progress	

- ATTU website

This year, the Chinese TTA managed to reconstruct and improve the ATTU website at [www.attu.org](http://www.attu.org)

Before conclusion, I would like to thank the active members of ATTU for hosting regional, Asian title and world title competitions to make our sport more vigorous. The ATTU will work hard to provide more support and assistance to the developing associations in the future. I would also like to thank the ATTU officials for their cooperation in getting all the planned activities done. On behalf of Asia, I would like to thank the ITTF for their support and help especially in the aspect of the development program. I firmly believe that the coming year will become busier and more accomplished, with all those supporting Asian associations behind me.

**Cai Zhenhua**

**President of Asian Table Tennis Union**

# EUROPE

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### 1. **Member basis**

The total membership of the ETTU is at present 56 Associations.

### 2. **ITTF Meetings**

As Continental President in the ITTF Development and Continental Council I attended all meetings organised during the World Championships in Yokohama (JPN). Unfortunately I was not able to attend the meetings during the World Junior Championships in Colombia, however Europe was represented there through M. Gadal (FRA).

### 3. **ETTU Meetings**

Since Yokohama the ETTU Executive Board met at different occasions, such as during the European Youth Championships in Prague (CZE), during the European Championships in Stuttgart as well as during the TOP-12 in Düsseldorf (GER). Several important issues have been discussed during telephone conferences. The newly developed concept, the Olympic Project 2012-2020 is running smoothly and ETTU is looking forward to establish additional concepts to be voted on at the next Congress.

During the year 2009 I visited following Associations: Serbia, Germany, Russia, Poland, Belarus and Turkey. Already a number of different visits are planned for 2010.

### 4. **Co-operation with the ITTF**

The development of table tennis in Europe runs smoothly. During the past year, the EUROKIDS project was running with more and more interest from the Associations. Several of our member Associations were helped with some equipment assistance thanks to a development agreement we reached and renewed last year with the TIBHAR and GERFLOR companies. Of course ETTU would not be in a position to realise all these projects without the help of the ITTF and the two companies, and I really want to thank them for their financial support.

### 5. **Competitions**

Since the AGM in Yokohama several major competitions have been organised in Europe, the European Youth Championships in Prague (CZE), the European Championships in Stuttgart (GER) and the European Super Cup in St. Petersburg (RUS) as well as the newly introduced EURO-ASIA ALL STARS CHALLENGE which opened in Istanbul with the fantastic bridge ceremony. The first event took

place in Beijing (CHN) and the second event in Istanbul (TUR). All these events have been organised in a very professional way. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all Associations concerned.

*End of January 2010 the Slovak Association hosted the Youth TOP-10 In Topolcany.*

As a very positive point, the ETTU believes the activities of our Marketing Department have contributed significantly. With this help we were able to have a professional web-site dedicate to the Champions League (Men and Women) and for the respective Associations, where all necessary information about this event can be found. In addition we were able to have the clubs do the live-ticker during the matches and TV-streaming of several ECL matches could be ensured.

**Stefano Bosi**

**Continental President on the ITTF Development and Continental Council**

# LATIN AMERICA

## REPORT TO THE AGM

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### OUR DRAMATIC GROWTH CONTINUES

The year 2009 has been a very special one for our continent, marked by our continued growth in relation to raising our technical levels, as shown by the excellent results obtained by our new generation of table tennis players in their different games. This growth was also observed in the improvement of our organizational and logistics capacity, the development of our relations with the higher authorities of the ITTF and in our harmonious relations and mutual comprehension with our member Associations. In general, we can say without a doubt that this period has been very special and positive in all aspects, which has enabled us to continue our dramatic growth.

The biggest help and support in this process has unquestionably been the signing of our new **ITTF-LATTU Agreement of Understanding 2009-2012**, which, in addition to seeing its expenditure increase, has allowed us to closely monitor all activities covered by the **ITTF Development Program**. As a result of this, **six (6)** of our countries received the equipment stipulated and we were awarded **eight (8) courses ITTF-PTT for Coaches Level 1, three (3) Level 2 courses and five (5) courses for Umpires**. Notably, in 2009, **six (6) ITTF Junior Circuit events**, previously called **Junior World Circuit** events, were held in **six** of our member countries: **VEN, CHI, ESA, ECU, GUA and ARG**. These boast an excellent international participation and are increasingly positioning themselves as first-rate tournaments. Prior to these events, the corresponding **International Training Camps** were held, in addition to those that took place to prepare our teams for the **World Cadet Challenge**, held this year in the city of **Tokyo**. An important **Marketing Course** was given by **Steve Dainton, ITTF Marketing Director**, which has undoubtedly been of great importance to all our countries, given its relevance for our future development and self-sufficiency. The period also saw the enhanced consolidation of the **Chile Pro-Tour**, with a quality international participation.

Also noteworthy is the fact that our continent has continued to take full advantage of the **ITTF Global Junior Program**, which allows our young athletes to benefit from the scholarships offered by the program by participating in **International Training Camps** held on other continents.

The creation of the **IOC 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Olympic Games 2010 in Singapore** and its entire qualifying process initiated during this period, which ended with the participation of our teams in the **World Cadet Challenge** as their first qualifying phase, has given our young athletes the opportunity to compete on a wide scale to secure a place in this great event, set to take place in **2010**.

It is with great satisfaction that we can report that the working programs of our three geographical areas (**Central America, the Caribbean and South America**), have been fully completed in each of their **Activity Calendars**, made possible by the strong support of the **ITTF** and the efforts and dedication of our leaders, coaches and athletes. Each of these regions has considerably increased its activities, following the constant innovations introduced by the guidelines of the **ITTF Programs**. This means more work and effort, but ultimately marks the resoluteness of our management to quickly reach the targets that we have set ourselves.

The quest to integrate the **Latin American Table Tennis Union** and the **North American Table Tennis** into a single **Pan American Organization** to represent our sport in America has without doubt been one of the most important and continuous negotiations carried out during the period. This initiative comes from the Olympic requirement that would make us **PASO (Pan American Sports Organization)** in order to bring us into line with the other sports in the Olympic Program. Hence, several working meetings have been held, with good intentions on all sides, in a bid to determine the most appropriate way to achieve this goal. For the time being, we can report that things are moving forward and we will continue working in this direction, always with the goodwill demonstrated by all parties in order to overcome any obstacle that may arise.

The opening offered by **President Sharara** in his desire to form this Executive Committee from representatives of all continents, with the full support of the **AGM**, has given our continent a unique opportunity to have its representative sit on this Executive Committee for the first time in **ITTF** history. This has enabled us to be present in and form part of the major decisions taken on our sport and we feel very honoured by this positive move.

To conclude this report, we would like to express our appreciation to all of the Latin American leaders for their efforts and work on our projects, to our coaches and athletes for their hard work and dedication to outdo themselves in their game, but most especially, we would like to express our gratitude to **President Adham Sharara** and his **Executive Committee** for their constant support, together with its **Directors Mr. Glenn Tepper, Mr. Mikael Andersson, Ms. Judit Faragó, Mr. Raúl Calín, Mr. Steve Dainton, Mr. Leandro Olvech** and our special friend **Mr. Ian Marshall**, for his close and continuous support to all our projects.

The Latin American continent continues to grow at a dramatic pace, of that there is no doubt. And this great challenge remains strong.

**Melecio Eduardo Rivera**  
**Executive Vice-President and LATTU President**  
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# **NORTH AMERICA**

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Canada and USA continue to enjoy a strong and collegial relationship within the North American continent. Both nations face funding and philosophical developmental challenges internally that are mitigated somewhat by a spirit of cooperation. Both nations struggle with the dichotomy of pure grass root development against elite level performance programs.

We are also actively engaged in nurturing a closer relationship with our friends within the Latin American Table Tennis Union. We experienced mutually successful events through the North American Championships in Montreal, Canada in August 2009, the Pan American Youth Championships in Chile in September 2009, the Para Pan American Championships in September/October 2009 and the Pre-Cadet Championships in October 2009, both in Venezuela followed by the Youth Olympic Games Qualifications in El Salvador in February 2010. Both the Latin American Table Tennis Union and the North American Table Tennis Union are committed to finding a solution to work cooperatively within the Pan American Sports Organization.

North America was fortunate to have participated in the World Hopes Team program and the Young Umpires Project. Both programs are positive reflections on the focus and scope of ITTF and staff vision for the future. Through the NATTU Development program over 30 North American cadet players had the opportunity to train in Zhending, China for a period of 3 weeks in 2009. This same program also supported a very successful women's referee course held in Montreal, Canada. Both Canada and the USA are integrating ITTF Coaching Educational and Certification programs into their national systems. Both Canada and the USA embrace the issue of Paralympic development and administration as well as in the development and inclusion of women in leadership positions within our sport.

I have stated this in closed meetings before but never publicly. As a relative newcomer to Table Tennis but not to the world of International Federation governance, I remain VERY favorably impressed with the professional leadership and vision of those I have encountered and with the dedication of the staff to the successful implementation of the far reaching and world inclusive ITTF programs. This is directly attributable to the character and qualities in the senior leadership of President Adham Sharara and our Executive Director, Jordi Serra. It is an honor and pleasure to serve within the family you have created.

**Michael D. Cavanaugh**  
**Continental Vice-President: North America**

# OCEANIA

## Report to the AGM

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The year 2009 was noticeable with the increased level of activity seen at the Pacific Mini-Games in the Cook Islands, the excellent work done by our D.O. for his 1<sup>st</sup> year and the leading position at the ITTF development program bonus points, the inaugural Women Intercontinental Cup title captured by Miao Miao in Guangzhou, the first ever victory in a ITTF junior event for an Oceania girl, Jenny Hung at the Gold Coast, and the signature of a long-term tripartite agreement between the Oceania Table Tennis Federation, the ITTF and TMS International and a TV package deal with Fox Sport Australia

### 1. Development

This is the leading activity of the OTTF thanks to Scott Houston, our Development Officer. Thanks to a record amount of training courses financed by the Olympic Solidarity Fund and financial support from the ITTF and ONOC, no fewer than 11 training courses (of which 8 were funded by Olympic Solidarity) and logistical support given by Scott and the well-qualified coaches in the following countries; Fiji, Cook Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Guam, North Mariana, Tonga, Australia, Vanuatu, Kiribati, New Caledonia (Oceania training Centre).

2 Oceania training camps: China and New Zealand (Scott Houston)

1 WJC training camp on the Gold Coast: Australia (Emanuel Christiansson & Scott Houston)

1 Oceania women's forum: Australia (Scott Houston)

1 umpire course: Cook Islands (Dave Delpratt)

### 2. Competitions in Oceania

#### **Pacific Mini-Games in Cook Islands:**

A big increase was seen at the country level with an exceptional result for Vanuatu (5 gold); Fiji and Tahiti winning the 2 remaining gold medals. 4 countries have shared all the medals.

**World Junior Circuit in Gold Coast (AUS):** the Oceanic stage of the World Junior Circuit was held in Gold Coast, Australia. 7 countries from only 2 continents entered the event. The New Zealand junior girl, Jenny Hung, became the first New Zealander and the first player from Oceania to win an ITTF Junior Circuit Singles title.

The international training camp preceding the competition was conducted by Sweden head coach Emanuel Christiansson and by DO Scott Houston.

### **Qualification tournament for the World Cadet Challenge in Gold Coast:**

This competition was organised by the Australian TTA under the authority of OTTF and led to the qualification of boys and girls players from New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, Cook Islands, New Zealand and Australia who will play for Oceania in Tokyo.

**Open National Championships:** This is one of the big satisfactions with the increasing number of countries (6) that have opened their championships to the others of Oceania. This initiative should become widespread in 2010.

### **3. International Competitions**

#### **The World Cadet Challenge in Tokyo:**

Managed by Scott Houston and assisted by Wayne Gear and Peri Campbell Innes, Unfortunately both teams finished in 6th place but all the players took part in the three days training camp before the competition.

#### **The World Junior Championships in Cartagena:**

Australia finished 12th in the boys team event and 14th for the girls. No Oceania players were qualified for the main draw.

#### **The men's and women's world cups in Moscow and Guangzhou:**

Australia's Miao Miao took out the opposition in the first Women's Intercontinental Cup Tournament to qualify for the Volkswagen Women's World Cup in Guangzhou. Robert Frank finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the Intercontinental Cup

### **4. CONTRACT AND AGREEMENTS**

#### **With Fox Sport:**

After great effort from the Oceania Table Tennis Federation, TMS International and the ITTF Marketing Division, an agreement was signed with Fox Sports in Australia to broadcast World Title Table Tennis events, the World of Table Tennis and the Oceania Cup. Fox Sports, part of the Premier Media group, is the largest cable TV network in the country; famous for its sports content in Australia. For table tennis in the region, it means that there can be a larger focus on further professionalizing table tennis into a more commercial and marketable product.

The deal was a landmark agreement for Oceania table tennis. It was the first long term package deal for international events in the region and will now mean that from 2010 to 2012 Fox Sports will broadcast the Men's World Cup, Women's World Cup, World Team Cup, Pro Tour Grand Finals each year and also broadcast the monthly magazine program World of Table Tennis.

However and perhaps more importantly, is that due to the excellent cooperation between all the parties, Fox Sports will also broadcast the Oceania Cup each year

starting from 2011. Not only will they broadcast the Oceania Cup but in 2011 Fox has also agreed to produce the event at international standards.

### **With ITTF – TMS**

The ITTF is very proud to announce a long-term tripartite agreement between the Oceania Table Tennis Federation, the ITTF and TMS International. This new and innovative agreement will see the Oceania Table Tennis Federation taking on a new challenge with focus on television coverage and marketing of its events. The ITTF and the OTTF worked hard together in 2009 to secure a 3-year agreement with Fox Sports TV to produce and cover several events in Oceania. To sweeten the deal, the ITTF, through its Marketing Director, Steve Dainton, agreed to include in the Fox Sports package the major ITTF events such as the World Championships and World Cups. This combined Oceania-ITTF package made it interesting enough to Fox Sports to agree to a 3-year deal provided all the events carry the ITTF label and are professionally presented. I would like to thank Mr Adham Sharara, ITTF president, Mr Steve Dainton, Marketing Director of the Asia-Pacific office and Mr. Scott Houston, Oceania Development officer, for their great help in securing this agreement.

Once the TV package deal in place, the challenge is to present the Oceania events at a professional and TV-worthy level. This is where TMS International comes into the picture. TMS will provide the sponsorship guarantees for the Oceania events as well as get involved with the ITTF's Marketing Director and the Oceania TTF to give a face-lift to Oceania's events and take the presentation of the events up to the Fox Sports standards.

In order to enhance the image and satisfy the Fox Sports requirements, the Oceania TTF will be allowed to use the ITTF logo and to adopt the "brand name" ITTF-Oceania, while maintaining its own official name and identity. In addition, the main continental events in Oceania will also carry the ITTF stamp, ITTF-Oceania Championships and ITTF-Oceania Cup, and both events will be pre-requisites to the World Table Tennis Championships and the World Cups respectively.

### **5. The members**

The Federation comprises 21 members who have become more and more active in 2009 along with the stable administrative structure and convincing sporting results. OTTF is in contact with Norfolk Island to become the 22<sup>nd</sup> member.

### **6. The Management Committee**

I should like to warmly thank the members of the Management Committee who have devotedly assumed the following responsibilities:

**The Administrative Director:** Phil Males remains the key person in our Federation. He carries out the functions ascribed to him with authority and competence. He is also the

very much appreciated webmaster of our Internet site [www.ottf.org](http://www.ottf.org) and all this work is done as a volunteer.

**Umpire and Referee Committee:** The chairperson of the committee Dave Delpratt was charged to create a group of IU's who would be available to conduct umpire courses in Oceania, and to set up an umpire reference in each country, to know the needs of each country and then to select the courses that have to be conducted each year.

**AWD Committee:** This was a new committee, but unfortunately the chairman has withdrawn and has not been replaced. In the straight line of the ITTF fusion with PTT, 2010 needs to find the right goals in Oceania.

**Ranking and Classification Committee:** David Jackson manages this matter with effectiveness and professionalism. The OTTF ranking lists are now updated regularly.

**Pacific Commission:** Our Deputy President Anthony Ho is the link between OTTF and the Pacific Island countries. This is the aim of our federation and our development program, which allows them to become competitive in many areas.

**Women's coordinator:** Anolyn Lulu is in charge the women's development program in our continent.

**The Financial Director:** Graeme Ireland follows the budget and helps the ED in the finalisation of our Finances.

## 7. Meetings

**Meetings of the ITTF:** As a member of the BOD, and as Continental President, I attended the meetings of the BOD, the Olympic Commission and of the DCC in Yokohama as well as the DCC, the junior commission meeting and the Olympic and Paralympic Commission in Cartagena.

Anthony Ho and Graeme Ireland were present at the BOD in Yokohama.

**Meetings of the OTTF:** One meeting took place in Yokohama and a second one in Cook Islands for the Pacific countries.

## 8. Conclusion

I should like to thank all those who enabled Table Tennis in Oceania to prosper: The International Federation, its President, TMS International, EC and administrative staff, the ONOC for its unfailing financial support, the previous OTTD DO's Glenn Tepper and Steve Dainton for their sensible advice, the members of the OTTF for their active participation, Scott Houston the DO, the members of the Management Committee and

the Administrative Director, those responsible for Committees and those elected in international authorities for the time devoted to the service of table tennis in Oceania.

**Patrick Gillmann**

**Continental President: Oceania**

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (COMPETITONS)**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document C1**

I received a request to give a summary of activities since May 2009. This is my first report to the AGM in this function so I also give a general overview of the department of which I am in charge.

### **General responsibilities**

The Competition Department was established in September 2008 as part of the new ITTF structure to transform the ITTF's image with the public, media, sport organizations and sponsors by delivering high quality international tournaments. This was necessary due to the fast increase in the number of competitions and constant growth of the competition program.

### **Competition structure**

Our main duty is to supervise all ITTF events; to ensure the implementation of the contractual agreement between ITTF and the organizers as well as between TMS and its commercial partners; to assist the organizers in running the events according to the directives.

In 2010 all together 62 events are included in the ITTF program which means we take care of 1,2 events on average every week.

After the extremely successful H.I.S. 2009 World Championships in Yokohama, Japan, our main focus was fully concentrated on the preparation for the LIEBHERR 2010 WTTC in Moscow, Russia. Between the two highlight competitions, the city of Cartagena, Colombia hosted another memorable title event, the Volkswagen World Junior TT Championships with a warm atmosphere and enthusiastic, ambitious organizers.

We held 3 World Cups (Men's, Women's and Team) in September-October 2009 with high TV-rates and including a new Intercontinental Cup concept, which focused more attention on the continental representatives and involved more players and teams in total than before.

The ITTF Pro Tour is running with about the same number of events (15) per year and with US\$2,5 million prize money at stake in 2010. Players at the 2009 Grand Final enjoyed a professional presentation and excellent playing conditions in Macau. We plan to implement some structure and presentation changes in the near future to refresh the image of the Pro Tour.

The ITTF Global Junior Circuit also has the same number of tournaments (25) as last year, five of them connected to a qualification tournament for the Youth Olympic Games. For the first time in 2010, we introduced two tiers depending on the conditions provided: Premium and Regular JC events.

We have also several top level events, some of them new or re-introduced in the program (China v. World Challenge match, Tournament of Champions, Volkswagen Cup) featuring the world's best players and attracting reasonable media and TV-interest.

### **Coordination of the Competition Manager team**

It is hard to imagine, but this comprehensive competition program was assisted until recently only by 3 full-time Competition Managers. I am lucky to have such dedicated and professional colleagues as Didier Leroy, Raúl Calín and Karl Jindrak. Thanks for their tireless work. However, they themselves realized and accepted that we had to recruit more people to fulfil our task. From the group which participated in the Competition Manager workshop in February 2009, we assigned six people on a contractual basis to officiate as CMs at different tournaments. In the meantime Didier and Raúl have been promoted to be Pro Tour Director and Global Junior Program Director. My personal role is to coordinate their work, to plan their schedule, to assist them in contacts with organizers and to evaluate their reports.

### **Administration and cooperation**

One of the main streams in communication is the one with the National Associations. I have to ensure all year long that proper information is distributed and communicated to them by e-mail and posted on the web-site regarding the prospectus, entry forms, visa procedures in due time before the events. Furthermore announcements about applications, bids; updated directives, sport specific information and calendar dates have to be prepared within specific timelines.

Another important partner for us is the group of organizers from the moment of the inspection visits and signing agreements to helping the implementation of the directives and assisting to run the tournament.

One of the main coordination jobs is to plan and to update from time to time the ITTF officials' attendance at our events, to define the events in the Racket Control and Doping Control program, to take care of ITTF representation and press and web coverage. Here I have to mention that my cooperation is very close and effective with the Executive Directors of other departments, the ITTF committees, officials and staff colleagues, let it be Calendar planning, Technical matters, Referee and Umpires nomination, Ranking issues, Equipment matters, IT and web arrangements, Global Junior Program projects, or recently Para Table Tennis (sorry if I forgot something). As you probably know, ranking functions

were gradually transferred during the past one year to the Competition Department including the policies on World Ranking inclusion of the events and Ranking Default.

I represent the department at the Executive Committee meetings by submitting reports on the events and proposals for competition structure and playing systems.

### **Travel**

Since May 2009 besides taking part in all ITTF and other side meetings I was part of the group undertaking inspection visits for 7 different forthcoming events and I attended 10 competitions.

### **Acknowledgement**

Finally I wish to thank the Executive Committee for trusting me and supporting my ambition and all ITTF officials, professional staff colleagues for helping and advising me in this challenging position. I am grateful to the national associations for being partners to reach our common goal: to show the best image of our sport, no matter if someone is a participant or an organizer.

**Judit Faragó**

**Executive Director (Competitions)**

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (DEVELOPMENT)

## Report to the AGM

## Document C2

### 1. Continental Development Agreements of Understanding 2009-2012

- Africa, Europe, Latin America, North America, Oceania have all signed the agreements and they are operating fully
- Asia asked to wait until November 2009 when their elections would take place and so modified program was operated by ITTF in 2009. However the agreement is now in place for 2010.
- Budget of over US\$920,000 per annum.

### 2. ITTF Development Program 2009

- 86 courses were completed including coach education, training camps, URC courses, tournament organization, women's courses and marketing courses.
- 21 major equipment packages were distributed.
- 850 ITTF Coaching Manuals were distributed for courses.
- A bonus points system was implemented according to the number of new members, number of Olympic Solidarity courses and the percentage completion of agreements.

### 3. International Olympic Committee-Olympic Solidarity

- ITTF maintains an excellent relationship with the International Olympic Committee and Olympic Solidarity and meets them regularly in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- During the last quadrennial 2005-2008, 53 technical courses, 20 scholarships for coaches and 15 "Developing a National Sports Structure" courses were completed with a budget of over US\$1,000,000 [funding from IOC and in addition to ITTF funding].

### 4. ITTF Coach Accreditation System

- ITTF Advanced Coaching Manual in English, French, Spanish, Arabic were completed in preparation for the commencement of the ITTF Level 2 in 2009 and ITTF Level 3 Courses in 2011.
- ITTF Level 2-Level 3 Course Conductor training was completed for each language group.
- ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coaching Manual is available in English, Spanish, French, Arabic [as well as self-funded versions are available in Portuguese, Estonian and Farsi].

### 5. Goodwill Projects-Peace and Sport "Ping Pong Paz" Project

- The ITTF was among the first 4 International Federations to sign an agreement with Peace and Sport.

- The first project targeted 3 underprivileged regions in Columbia nameily Bogota, Cali and Cartagena and also worked with a local Non-Government Organisation, Colombianitos.
- Leandro Olvech participated in the planning visit in 2008 and commencement visit in November, 2009, both of which were very successful.
- Equipment for the project was donated by Butterfly [300 rackets, 30 gross balls, 600 T-shirts].
- Concrete and other tables are now in place in each region.
- Some of the children from each region attended the World Junior Championships and were involved in promotional activities, some coaching and friendly matches, including sessions with former World Doubles Champion, Peter Karlsson and Miss Colombia.
- ITTF is continuing discussions regarding future projects in East Timor, Haiti and Palestine in 2010.
- PingPongPaz can be translated to Peace through PingPong.

## **6. Peace and Sport Award**

- At the prestigious Peace and Sport Awards held in Monte Carlo, Monaco, the ITTF received the “Best Peace Project by an International Sports Federation” for the work of the ITTF Development Program in general and focusing on the Colombia “PingPongPaz” Project.

## **7. Women’s Development**

- The 4th International Women’s Forum was held in Yokohama, Japan with the theme “Player today, Leader tomorrow”.
- Women’s courses held in all continents.
- Women’s Working Group Strategic Planning Meeting was held in Johannesburg, South Africa with a new direction “from awareness to implementation”.

## **8. University of Leipzig Course**

- In conjunction with German Embassies, the German Government and German Table Tennis Federation, the University of Leipzig offers a 5 month course for different sports and different languages.
- Participants only need to pay their airfare as hospitality and all tuition fees are paid.
- Following extended discussions, table tennis was included on a trial basis in 2008 with an English language course.
- Following the success of the trial course, table tennis was accepted as a full course on a rotation basis with other sports with the first course in Spanish running from 1September 2009 to 31 January 2010.
- 12 coaches from Latin America attended including coaches from Uruguay, Peru, Mexico, Colombia, Honduras, Ecuador, Chile, and Bolivia.
- The second course will be in French from September 2011 to January 2012.

- The ITTF Level1 will be the entry requirement and participants will be awarded ITTF Level 2 on completing the course successfully.

## **9. International Conferences**

- The ITTF Development Department was represented as speakers at the following International Conferences:
  - International Council for Coach Education in Canada;
  - International Sports Federation Seminar in Switzerland;
  - Peace and Sport Conference in Monaco.

## **10. Thanks!**

- Thanks to the hard-working Development Staff: Leandro Olvech, ITTF Development Manager, and Continental Development Officers: Afshin Badiie [Asia], Polona Susin [Europe], Evelio Alvarez [Latin America], Scott Houston [Oceania].
- Thanks to ITTF President, Adham Sharara, for his vision, and support.
- Thanks to ITTF Executive Vice-President responsible for development, Mr Melecio Rivera, for his support, guidance and efforts to develop table tennis worldwide.
- Thanks to all course conductors and ITTF staff connected with the Development Program.

**Glenn Tepper**  
**Executive Director (Development)**

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION AND TRAINING)

## Report to the AGM

## Document C3

### Shaping the Future

The ITTF Education and Training Department came alive on 1 January 2009. Much of the work in the first year of operation revolved around identifying areas of need and to form well defined projects to address these identified areas. Most of the projects now active are closely tied to ITTF development in general and the ITTF Global Junior Programme specifically.

Once fully operative, there is no doubt that the ITTF Education & Training Department will have a strong impact on overall athlete and elite coaching development in table tennis, and also drive well defined, supportive projects related to those areas.

### Overall Mission Statement

*The ITTF Education & Training department will play a fundamental role in improving the sport of table tennis by securing sound and constructive pathways for athlete's development, solid officiating and event management.*

Projects completed or in full swing are:

#### ITTF Hopes Programme

Dealing with a very young age group of 11-13 years old, the overall goal is to support national associations in regard to proper Talent Identification. The ITTF will promote a few "Hopes" events worldwide, organize training activities and also work with a yearly selection of athletes to be included in the ITTF World Hopes Team (WHT) powered by Butterfly. In 2009, close to 170 athletes from 40 countries were nominated for the ITTF WHT. Eventually ten selected young athletes and their coaches participated in ITTF managed activities in China and France with significant success. It is expected that the interest for the ITTF WHT specifically and the ITTF Hopes in general will continue to grow.

#### Young Umpire Project

Surely one of the ITTF success-stories of the year. Some 283 umpires expressed interest to participate in an online learning process and specific evaluations controlled by the URC. The target is to select nine young umpire candidates to umpire at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. Although still in progress, knowledge and experiences could transform the ITTF training process of match officials for the future. The project is partly outsourced to the Catalan Table Tennis Federation in Barcelona and has third party involvement from the online learning company Ticalia and the Open University of Catalonia.

## **Racket Control Officials**

Initiation and set up work connected to two ITTF Racket Control seminars in Bremen, Germany during the ITTF German Open and later at the European Championships in Stuttgart, Germany was undertaken. In order for the ITTF Racket Control process to become fully functional and reliable, several steps need to be taken: better and more comprehensive training process of officials; rules and sanctions need to be very clear, a basic Information package to athletes to coaches should be provided and finally the coordination function needs to be 100% handed over to ITTF staff. With new staffing functions within the ITTF, improvements are now possible. Expanding in the idea of educating athletes and coaches in relation to rubber manufacturing techniques, a “clean sport project” has been discussed with the German manufacturer ESN. Final conclusion is still pending.

## **ITTF Athletes Development**

Only in 2010 did the ITTF actively support some thirty-two athletes grouped together under the “With the Future in Mind” label. The overall goal is to work actively with athletes’ development towards the Olympic Games. The introduction of the Youth Olympic Games inspired additional activities funded in cooperation with Olympic Solidarity for Pan America and Africa. Two young athletes from Oceania also received scholarships to participate in the qualification process. Extra financial support was allocated for several qualification events combined with training and coaching education. Out of a total budget of US\$220,000, close to 60% of the support in 2009 was earmarked for athletes aiming for the Youth Olympic Games.

## **Athletes and Coaching Education - General Terms**

Preparations are underway to launch a specific education programme in relation to athletes’ development and coaching education. For the moment, it is most realistic to look at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore (mid August 2010) as the launch pad for several initiatives. The goals are to have clear guidelines for athletes and coaches in terms of expectations, a professional approach to our sport and to discuss openly and explain high performance pathways.

In submitting this report I would like to acknowledge the faith and belief shown by the ITTF Executive Committee towards my professional capacity to contribute actively to the development of our sport. I would also like to thank dear ITTF colleagues and friends for the support and cooperation during an intense year of growth and new circumstances. Quality contributions from Dejan Papic, Head coach of the ITTF World Hopes Team, and Zita Pidl, Manager of the ITTF WHT, should also be recognized.

With the Future in Mind

**Mikael Andersson**

**Executive Director (Education and Training)**

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS AND OLYMPIC GAMES)

## Report to the AGM

## Document C4

### 1. 2009: Year of consolidation and preparation for the future

The year after the successful Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games was a year of consolidation and preparation for the future.

Consolidation in a double sense: internally, it was the year where we saw the consolidation of the new Departments created by the ITTF, Competitions and Education, joining the existing ones of Operations and Development. Consolidation also of our new Beijing Office and its marketing role with the Marketing Director appointed. It was also a year of consolidation with the new Para Table Tennis Division, on its way to the full integration of the para table tennis in the ITTF. Externally, it was a very good year with excellent and well consolidated World Championships held in Yokohama and Cartagena de Indias (Junior), World Cups in Moscow (Men), Linz (Team) and Guangzhou (Women) and the Junior and Pro Tour Circuit events.

Preparation with new events and new Olympic Games already on the horizon. 2009 was a year of preparation for the new Youth Olympic Games to be held in Singapore in August 2010, a year where we started discussions with IOC and LOCOG for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the year of the IOC Session where table tennis was confirmed together with 27 other sports on the sports programme of the 2016 Olympic Games, the year of the election of Rio de Janeiro as a host of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Later, in 2010, the city of Nanjing was selected to host the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

Finally, regarding our governing bodies, ITTF started a new cycle with a new Executive Committee, a new Board of Directors for the period 2009-2013 and new Committees elected till 2011 through the process concluded in Yokohama.

Consolidation and preparation for the future: these are, in summary, the 2 key elements of the year 2009.

### 2. Communication

During 2009 we published the updated *Handbook 2009-2010*, the *Rules Booklet 2009-2010* and the *Directory 2009-2010*.

Through our Media Co-ordinator, Mr. Marius Widmer, 15 e-newsletters were sent by e-mail during 2009. Table Tennis Illustrated was published 4 times under the editorial direction of Mr. Ian Marshall.

The ITTF website continued to improve and an increasing number of visits confirmed it as one of the most powerful communication tools in the ITTF. According to the web information company *Alexa* (measuring web traffic metrics), the ITTF website is number 2 on the ranking list of IFs websites, after FIFA. The new itTV channels offer the possibility for everybody to follow up most of our events live or recorded.

### **3. Staff**

In 2009 two new staff members came to the ITTF Headquarters: Mrs. Alison Burchell, Projects Manager and Mrs. Evidriki (Vicky) Eleftheriade, Equipment Coordinator. Two staff left the ITTF: the Projects Manager, Mrs. Lilamani de Soysa and the Media Co-ordinator, Mr. Marius Widmer. A new Media and Promotions Manager is in the process to be appointed to replace Mr. Widmer.

26 full time employees are now working for ITTF: 6 in the ITTF Headquarters in Renens/Lausanne, 6 in the President's office in Ottawa, 9 from home-offices and 5 in the ITTF Asia Pacific Office.

### **4. Meetings**

During 2009, the Executive Committee met 6 times: in Doha (20 and 21 February 2009), in Yokohama two times (27 April and 4 May 2009), in Lausanne (IOC HQ on 26 June 2009) in Copenhagen (5 and 6 October 2009) and in Cartagena de Indias (11 December 2009).

The Olympic and Paralympic Commission (OPC), the Annual General Meeting and the Board of Directors were held in Yokohama on 28 April, 30 April and 2 May 2009 respectively. Meetings of the OPC and the Development and Continental Council were also held in Cartagena de Indias on 12 December 2009.

### **5. International relations**

The ITTF was present at the SportAccord Convention held in Denver (USA), from 23-27 March 2009, where we met with the organisers of the next Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, and Youth Olympic Games. We attended the General Assemblies of IMGA, AGFIS and ASOIF and the meeting of IF Summer Olympic Federations with the Executive Board of the IOC.

We also attended the IOC Congress and the IOC Session held in Copenhagen from 1 to 9 October 2009.

The ITTF was also present at the Peace and Sport International Forum held in Monaco, from 25 to 27 November 2009, where the ITTF Development programme was selected as the best Peace project from an International Sports Federation.

As usual I have made sure that during the visits of the ITTF President to Lausanne, he had the opportunity to meet with IOC officers and the local, regional and international sports authorities. In 2009, particularly, all Executive Committee members were able to meet in the IOC offices with the IOC President.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you very much for your continued support, for your consistent advice and assistance and for your confidence.

**Jordi Serra**  
**Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games)**

# EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

## Report to the AGM

## Document D1

At the last count of approved/authorized equipment we had:

Balls	60	(last year 69)
Tables	85	( “ “ 90)
Sport floors	9	( “ “ 5)
Nets	43	( “ “ 49)
Coverings	1159	( “ “ 1107)

### Racket Control

This has dominated our activities in 2009 with about 35 events being covered. The predecessor of the enez® device did not meet our expectations and was cancelled. We then turned to our backup system, RAE. This is more advanced, but to a much higher cost. The supplier has been asked to provide a simpler version.

To meet the demand for Racket Controllers we have had two seminars (Bremen, Germany and Lucknow, India) plus a follow up seminar for the RAE device (Stuttgart, Germany). The target is to have 100 educated in total.

Our Equipment Coordinator, Vicky Eleftheriade, started in our Lausanne office this autumn, and started building up the required routines for our advanced Racket Control. The calibration of units by RAE was particularly important. We have an on-going evaluation for our processes, so we will improve anything we feel is not working properly.

### Other equipment

Revision of some of our Technical Leaflets is being continued.

Approval activities run as usual.

### General

Each year we express our gratitude to our Lausanne office, and each year we mean it.

### Odd Gustavsen

# MEDIA COMMITTEE

## Report to the AGM

## Document D2

### **New Media co-ordinator or manager**

The ITTF is again without a media co-ordinator. After two years employment, Marius Widmer did not want to renew the contract by 1 January 2010. Hopefully we will soon have a new person to serve the media on a daily basis all over the world. In the first decade of the millennium, we have had three media managers/co-coordinators. Let us hope the next decade will bring more continuity.

Hubert Gueriau from France will be event manager in Moscow and will work for the ITTF in Singapore during the Youth Olympic Games.

### **The World Championships in Yokohama, Japan**

The World Championships in Yokohama, Japan were very successful. The media facilities were excellent and the best in many years.

#### Number of international journalists and photographers:

China:	71	
Rest:	63	
Scholarships:	3	
Total:	137	(Journalists: 101, Photographers: 36) Japanese journalists several hundreds

Spectators: 60,000 during the whole event.

#### Website:

The number of visitors to the website during the World Championships has doubled from Zagreb, Croatia in 2007. In Yokohama, the ITTF website had 53,557,688 (total hits), 15,322,568 (total page views), 622,100 (total sessions).

	Yokohama 2009	Zagreb 2007
Total Hits	53,557,688	24,379,671
Total Page views	15,322,568	5,121,356
Total Sessions	622,100	326,482

The Press Tribune was very spacious in Yokohama and there were 180 seats with free internet connection and 226 seats all over. The internet connection was perfect throughout the event and free of charge. The working environment in the Press Centre was ideal. The carpet like floor panels guaranteed a good acoustics, the air conditioning made the temperature agreeable, the space between the tables was very generous; the numerous lockers (about 100) were used intensively. 112 chairs were at disposal for the

journalists and 80 were connected to the internet. 6 printers and copy machines were at their disposal, 3 huge flat screens showed table tennis feeds live, the pigeon holes were updated regularly with the latest information.

### **Media Service**

During the event, through several tools, by e-mail and on our website we promoted our sport to fans and media.

Before the event, information was circulated through press kits, a Table Tennis ABC and articles on the website

During the event, articles on the website, a photo gallery, daily press releases and a Picture of the Day were accessible.

### **Scholarships**

The three media scholarships winners were Mr. Wojciech Osinski of Poland, Ms. Deng Feifei of China and Ms. Julia Wolf of Germany.

### **Table Tennis Illustrated**

The Executive Committee decided at its meeting in Copenhagen in October 2009 during the IOC Congress to discontinue the Table Tennis Illustrated and instead concentrate on issuing the Table Tennis Fascination. A special development magazine will also be published.

### **Added value**

All sports try to find added value to keep the interest of the television viewers. In tennis, they measure speed in the service, in soccer you will have the distance to the goal and sometimes how far the players have been running during a match.

The media committee has discussed which added value could improve the presentation of the game and improve television productions. We think it could be interesting to measure spin (rotation). With the new super slow-motion cameras, you can see the rotation of the ball. An added value could be how many rotations in a second. The same with speed or may be much more interesting, the reaction time for the players.

People can see what is happening, but why does it happen, they would like to know. The placement of services, and various tactical elements can be shown to give a better understanding of the complexity of the game. We have to be innovative and find new ways for improving the viewing experience of the sport.

### **Match statistics**

The committee has contributed to develop new match statistics for the next Olympic Games in London. Here we will have statistics about:

Duration of matches

Points won on own service, and points lost on own service

Most consecutive points won

Greatest deficit overcome

Biggest lead

Longest rally, average rally

Game progress, every two points

Different margins in matches, different point margins in games, game duration.

We hope these statistics will be useful for the media and also useful for our own analyses of the game.

### **Minimum Media Requirements**

The requirements for ITTF events will be updated after the World Championships in co-operation with AIPS (The international Sports Press Association).

**Arne Madsen**

# **RANKING COMMITTEE**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document D3**

As you know, a very long and successful period ended in May 2009 at the World TT Championships when André Damman – who was one of the longest serving ITTF officials – announced his retirement and vacated his position as Chairperson of the ITTF Ranking Committee which he served since 1981.

It was also proposed in Yokohama, Japan to dissolve the Ranking Committee, but finally the Board of Directors decided that the committee should remain active until the end of May 2010 due to the fact that several associations nominated members to this committee before the proposed changes. I was entrusted to be the Chairperson of the Ranking Committee for a one year term and to help the transition process.

It was my greatest honour to be appointed and – even if only for a short time – to be the follower of Mr. Damman who was/is a mentor and an advisor for most of us. I have definitely a longer history as a player (being on the Hungarian national team between 1975 and 1988 and 3-times European champion) than as an official (committee member since 2007), but I hope the committee can contribute to the successful transition and we will say good-bye to the ITTF family with a positive feeling during the WTTC in Moscow.

At the same time with Mr. Damman's retirement a transition period started with the transfer ranking functions to the Competition Department for the implementation to be done by the ITTF Staff. We are lucky to have very dedicated and experienced officers, Mr. Tim Gautreau (ITTF Results and World Ranking) and Mr. David Jackson (ITTF Ranking Consultant), many thanks for their tireless work. No doubt it was a long way to reach such an increase in figures on the World Ranking since introducing the computer ranking system in 1991. The latest World Ranking listed not less than 1677 men's and 1206 women's players, this is about 10 times more than on the first list!

During the transition period the ITTF approved several adjustments and improvements to the 2010 Ranking System. The official documents for the ITTF World Ranking System were distributed by e-mail and posted on the ITTF web-site. These changes have been in effect from 1 January 2010, so they appeared for the first time on the Ranking List of February 2010.

The main adjustments:

- reducing the digits on the rating points to 4 digits and avoiding fractions
- yearly adjustment in the form of compression of Rating values to reduce the gaps between rated players
- reducing the rating points categories (weightings) from 4 to 3

- reducing the bonus points categories from 5 to 4
- increasing the bonus points in general
- excluding players from ranking after 12 months of inactivity

Finally I want to thank all ITTF officials who had confidence in me and who helped my committee members to understand our special status and to the ITTF professional staff who shared their knowledge and experience with me.

**Zsuzsanna Olah**

# RULES COMMITTEE

## Report to the AGM

## Document D4

In the season 2009-2010, our Committee primarily had to deal with following tasks:

### Interpretation of Rules

The Rules Committee had to reply to about 620 questions and enquires about table tennis laws and regulations. Table tennis equipment (rackets, rubbers, blades, advertisement) took the top position in terms of the number of requests, followed by questions regarding the service rule.

### Propositions to the AGM and Board of Directors Meeting 2010

The Rules Committee provides written explanations to propositions and resolutions received by the ITTF Head Office in due time. Our Committee itself is presenting some propositions in order to improve consistency of existing rules.

### The Service Rule

It seems that the implementation of the present service rule causes fewer problems than former ones. Nevertheless, there were ongoing discussions among players, coaches, umpires and other experts regarding this subject. Currently one of the main topics seems to be the “near vertical projection” of the ball at service. It was proposed to replace this by a projection within an angle of 45°.

### Eligibility Cases

Although eligibility regulations with a special registration procedure for World Title events were introduced in 2008, there were obviously fewer eligibility problems than in former years. However, there are still a few open questions regarding the jurisdiction of national associations and accordingly nomination to individual events of the ITTF Pro Tour and other International Open Championships.

### Review of Rules and the ITTF Handbook

We were constantly trying to discover possible contradictions as well as inconsistencies of our rules and to correct them by preparing relevant propositions or editorial amendments.

### Meetings

As usual two meetings of the Rules Committee were scheduled during the World Championships 2009. At the first one, propositions for the AGM and the BoD meeting were finally discussed; at the second one, the results of these major ITTF meetings were considered and a possible wording for the new rules passed was proposed.

I am much obliged to the Committee members for their valuable contributions, and my special thanks go to the Deputy Chair, Phil Males, who assisted in managing the Committee in a most efficient way, whenever necessary.

I also would like to take the opportunity to express my sincere thanks to my predecessor Colin Clemett, P.A.C. member, who was always ready to provide his valuable advice.

**Rudi Sporrer**

# SPORTS SCIENCE COMMITTEE

## Report to the AGM

## Document D5

### 1. Meetings

#### ITTF

I attended the Board of Directors meeting on 2 May 2009, the Sports Science Committee meeting on 3 May 2009, and the Executive Committee meeting (in part: item regarding a positive doping test result) on 5 May 2009 in Yokohama, Japan.

I also attended the meeting of the Chairpersons of the Medical Commissions of International Federations on 31 October 2009 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

#### IOC

I attended a symposium on sudden (non traumatic) death in sports organized by the NOC on 26 January 2010 in Paris, France.

#### WADA

The Anti-Doping Organization Symposium for the International Federations on 13-14 April 2010 in Lausanne is a meeting that I will attend.

### 2. Fight against doping

Doping control: from January to December 2009, I received 204 results of tests at national and international level, including for Para TT players. 25 tests have been conducted out of competition with the help of WADA and/or IDTM. 10 samples (8 in competition, 2 out of competition) were declared positive: in one case, the player neglected to apply for a TUE and has been sanctioned. Besides, 4 missed tests have been reported.

As of 1 January 2010 important changes concerning the application for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) have come into effect. Detailed information can be obtained on the ITTF website and on the WADA website: [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org).

### 4. Medical service during the Individual World Championships 2009 in Yokohama:

A medical team led by Dr. K. Ogino (internal medicine) was permanently present on site and there has been no particular health problem with players and officials (see below).

Swine flu: the Japanese authorities provided all members of the Mexico delegation with individual thermometers and specific information in case of fever. They also provided me with a mobile phone whose number was largely communicated to all participants through a one page document written in English and in Japanese. People were recommended to wash their hands as frequently as necessary, to gargle, and to wear masks. Hand gel sanitizers and masks were available on request in the medical room of the Arena.

On 1 May morning, I attended a meeting with Mr. K. Kimura (JTTA and Organizing Committee), Mr. Y. Nishiyama (Director of Sports Promotion Department of Yokohama), and a doctor. We agreed to use a thermographic camera at the players and officials entrance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Arena. The camera was also used inside the venue. A Japanese doctor was permanently beside the camera. In the end, no case of swine flu was reported during and after the 2009 WTTC in Yokohama.

The doping control station was under the control of Dr. Shiro Matsuo, member of the ITTF Doping Control Panel together with Dr. Michael Scott and Mrs. Tyra Parkins. There was also a very well trained team of Japanese Doping Control Officers and chaperones, and the station was perfectly equipped, including with an internet connection. One player tested positive to cannabis. This player was immediately suspended for 6 months.

**Dr. Jean-François Kahn**

# TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

## Report to the AGM

## Document D6

The main responsibilities of the Technical Committee are:

- To advise the Board of Directors on the organisation of World Title competitions and to make recommendations on the system of play;
- To provide advice and assistance to the World Championships organisers on the organisation and management of World Championships;
- In co-operation with the Rules Committee, to assist the referee with any question of interpretation of rules at World Championships;
- To be responsible for the World Championships draw;
- To approve the playing schedule prepared by the World Championships organisers;
- To set up a roster of its members so that at least one of them is available in the playing hall on each day of World Championships during all hours of play;
- To act as Jury members at World Championships; and
- To assist with the competition format and schedule for the Olympic Games.

More recently a number of these responsibilities are handled in close co-operation with the Competition Department.

The emphasis in 2009 has been on the Olympic schedule and format, as the format and system of play for the World Championships in Moscow had already been set.

### 1. Competition Format

- The format must take three things into account: the image of the event, the promotional opportunities and the Olympic Spirit;
- The format should be favourable to the development of table tennis and help it to compete with other sports;
- The format should give priority to TV broadcasting, public attendance at events, and wide exposure for the sponsors;
- The format has to meet the needs of each Association; and
- The format should be fair, transparent and equal for all.

### 2. Competition Schedule

- The competition schedule should be made very carefully as it is key to the success of the event;
- Once published, the schedule should not be changed;
- The schedule should treat all players or teams equally;

- The schedule should take into account live TV broadcast, with the most important and exciting matches arranged at a time that has the highest potential audience participation;
- The schedule should meet the demands of the venue and should consider the ingress and egress of spectators between sessions, the time needed to arrange the court, the time needed for the transition of workers, etc. At the same time, it should fit the preferences of the local audience;
- The schedule should not fully utilise all tables; contingency should be allowed in case of emergency or incident;
- If there is a need to change the schedule (e.g. for a TV broadcast), a notice should be published in advance, and the changes should be advised to the players or teams affected as expeditiously as possible.

The above points are made to assist the organisers of future competitions.

**Graeme Ireland**

# **UMPIRES' & REFEREES' COMMITTEE**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document D7**

### **Meetings**

The URC had 2 meetings during the World Championships 2009 in Yokohama. The rest of the communication was done by e-mail and sometimes by telephone. The URC chair attended a meeting in Lausanne to talk about procedures to be handed over to the new URC project coordinator Ms. Alison Burchell.

### **Umpires Education, Training and Certification**

In 2009, five (5) Advanced Umpires Training courses were conducted with 88 participants, and 612 field of play evaluations were conducted in 14 events. At the end of 2008 there were 192 Blue-Badge certified umpires. During 2009 that number increased by 31 to 223 Blue Badge umpires at the end of 2009, 37 of them did not manage to maintain their certification. As part of the ITTF Development Programme, trainers were sent to conduct the ITTF Certified Umpire Course in the development countries.

### **Referees Education, Training and Certification**

Referee schools and examinations were conducted in Budapest, Hungary and Rabat, Morocco. Both schools had the maximum of 12 participants. In total, 8 participants qualified as ITTF International Referees.

The 3 days Basic Referee Course (National Referee) was adapted to an additional 1 day very basic course for beginners. As part of the ITTF Development Programme, trainers were sent to conduct the Referee courses in the development countries.

The update of the Handbook for Tournament Referees has been started and is expected to be available mid 2010.

### **International Umpires Examination**

The examinations to certify International Umpires are held bi-yearly in the even years. For that reason there was no examination in 2009. Preparations for the 2010 IU examinations are underway.

### **Nomination & Selection of Umpires and Referees Procedures**

The approach of "open invitations" has been adopted by more and more organisers and the URC helped them by providing standard invitations and published these on the URC section of the ITTF website.

The URC selection panel completed the selection of umpires and referees for the 2009 World Championships (Yokohama), 2009 World Junior Championships (Cartagena) and

several other World title events. At the end of 2009, the URC started up the selection for the 2010 World Team Championships (Moscow).

### **Youth Olympic Games**

The URC worked closely with the Education and Training department to develop an online training module for the training and selection of young umpires for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.

### **Planning 2010**

The URC will continue the work done in 2009. Priority will be given to further developments on the referee side, resulting in 2 more IR schools and examinations, one of them in Latin America, and an updated Handbook for Tournament Referees.

Special attention will be given to the project to design a procedure to evaluate and improve the performance of referees during tournaments.

The web-based URC-database will be finalised and implemented as part of the ITTF website.

In conclusion I wish to thank my fellow members of the Umpires and Referee Committee. A special word of thanks for the support of the ITTF office.

**Albert Rooijmans**

# VETERANS COMMITTEE

## Report to the AGM

## Document D8

### 1. Committee meetings

Chairperson	Mr. Chan Foong Keong
Members	Mr. Houshang Bozorgadeh Mr. Galal Ezz Mrs. Olga Fenigold-Kahan Mr. Ronald Garrett Mr. Yildirim Turkeri
Coopted members	Mrs. Diane Schöler Mr. Hans Westling

### 2. Committee meeting

The 2nd ITTF Veterans Committee meeting was held during the World Championships in Japan as follows:-

Date: 15 May 2009

Time: 15h00

Venue: Yokohama, Japan

Present: Chan Foong Keong, Diane Schöler, Hans Westling, Houshang Bozorgadeh and Dr. Azmy Ibrahim (representing Olga Fenigold-Kahan)

### 3. World Veterans Championships

- 3.1 The 15th World Veterans Championships will be held in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China on 7 - 12 June 2010
- 3.2 Diane Schöler reported that the Inner Mongolia organisation had already started the preparatory work very professionally and that the championships will be organised successfully.
- 3.3 The Swaythling Cup International together with the World Veterans Championship Committee will necessitate another visit to the venue later to ensure the smooth organisation of the championships.

### 4. Continental Veterans' Activities

- 4.1 Mrs Olga Fenigold-Kahan has submitted reports on the veterans' activities in the USA.
- 4.2 Mr. Hans Westling has submitted reports on the veterans' activities in Europe.

**Chan Foong Keong**

# **ATHLETES COMMISSION**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document D9**

The last Athletes Commission meeting led by Zoran Primorac the former chairperson was held on 3 May 2009 in Yokohama, Japan during the last HIS World Championships. Also in Yokohama, the Executive Committee decided to suspend the activities of this commission for a while and I was asked to fill in for the “interim” period and requested by the President to review the status of this commission completely with the principle aim that the players should feel and be more involved.

After an inquiry made to the IOC and all the Olympic International Federations and after many drafts sent to the players and discussed by the EC, the definitive proposal will be submitted at the BOD in Moscow. The main and most important changes proposed are the following:

- 11 members (5 athletes elected by the players themselves, 1 athlete from Para TT, 5 athletes nominated by the EC)
- The elections will be held every 4 years during the World Championships
- The Athletes Commission is represented at the EC by its chairperson (or his/her representative) ex officio without voting rights

If the proposal is accepted, then the voting process to be used during the WC will be defined taking into account what it is already done at the Olympic Games.

The next step will be to communicate with the National Associations and the players especially about this new Commission. With that aim in mind, all National Associations with players (men and women) in the best 100 in the World Ranking were asked to send the email addresses of these players in order for us to communicate directly with them.

At the moment I am writing these lines Haiti is suffering... ITTF has decided to set up a Goodwill Fund for Haiti TT Community... I contacted all the players I have in my database asking them to make a special effort to assist by giving a shirt to be sold ...then the money will go to the Fund for Haiti.... I know that our players are always ready to help. They already proved it in other circumstances and I would like to thank them officially for their actions.

I also would like to thank the Executive Committee members for their positive attitude facing this new and “revolutionary” project and the ITTF staff who are always ready to answer and help with a big heart.

**Claude Bergeret**

# **JUNIOR COMMISSION**

## **Report to the AGM**

## **Document D10**

### **THE ITTF JUNIOR CIRCUIT**

2009 was an historical year for the Global Junior Programme. The barrier of the 20 events organized in one year was passed for the first time, with a total of 25 successfully implemented tournaments all around the World. Not less than six new organizers (Malta, Slovakia, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Korea and Argentina) hosted an event for the first time, showing the growing interest that this ITTF program has generated among all our affiliated Associations.

Another historical moment was the achievement of 100 events organised in total in the short history of the Circuit. The Ecuador Junior Open held in September 2009 in Guayaquil had the privilege to get this number, and the fact that two Singaporean players were crowned there maybe had some symbolism, reflecting the fact that in 2010 for the first time there will be Youth Olympic Games... in Singapore. What this surely represents is that this Programme has no frontiers, and the "Global" word was needed to define from now on the "Global Junior Circuit".

### **THE ITTF CADET CHALLENGE & JUNIOR CIRCUIT FINALS**

Japan hosted in a very professional way the renovated Cadet Challenge and Junior Circuit Finals. The change of the Cadet Challenge came in the guise of the fusion of Latin America and North America selections in the Panamerican Team, so there were 5 continental delegations plus Japan as host. Being the singles events qualification tournament for the Youth Olympic Games, the interest and excitement was higher than ever. Changes came also to the Junior Circuit Finals, now with 16 participants instead of 12 and ensuring representation from each continent.

### **THE VOLKSWAGEN WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

When talking about history, how can we forget the special moment when the ITTF family - gathered in Latin America in December 2003 for the first ever World Junior Championships - came back to this continent for a mature seventh edition in Colombia?

The meeting point was the beautiful Cartagena, and the result: The best ever World Junior Championships, with an organizing committee which took care of all the details, live TV coverage for the first time in a WJTTC and the welcome appearance of Volkswagen as Title Sponsor, joining the continuous support of Butterfly, Joola and Stag, the three equipment sponsors of the Global Junior Programme.

But 2009 had other positive news. During 2009 Board of Directors in Yokohama, Japan the "ITTF Hopes Project" was launched with the aim of promoting the early identification of

talent all around the world. Twelve scholarships were allocated in a difficult selection process among the 169 applications received from more than forty national associations. Of course this would not have been possible without the close cooperation with the Education & Training Department and the Development Department.

Last but not least, I like to thank all the ITTF staff and people who were involved to make this year so special.

**Tony Yue**

# OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION

## Report to the AGM

## Document D11

As part of the integration process of Para Table Tennis, the Olympic Commission assumed the responsibilities related to the table tennis events at the Paralympic Games last year and integrated the Chairperson of the Para Table Tennis Division or his appointee as a full member of the Commission which was also re-named the Olympic and Paralympic Commission with effect from 1 September 2009.

### **Meetings of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission (OPC)**

In 2009, the Commission met in Yokohama on 28 April 2009, and in Cartagena de Indias (Colombia) on 12 December 2009. The main points discussed at the first meeting were related to the report and recommendations presented by the ad-hoc Olympic working group created after the Beijing Olympic Games to study new proposals for London 2012 and the competition system for the Youth Olympic Games.

The main points discussed and the decisions taken during the **meeting held in Yokohama** were as follows:

#### ***London 2012 qualification system:***

##### **For singles:**

- To reduce the quota of places allocated for teams to 14 (from 22) and to increase the number of players directly qualified from the world ranking from 20 to 28.
- To take the direct qualifications from the world ranking issued immediately after the 2011 World Championships.
- To change the current system for the world qualification tournament where all players would compete from the first stage.

##### **For teams:**

- To qualify a maximum of 16 teams with one place reserved for the host and one for each Continent. All NOCs which qualify 3 players before the Final World Qualification would qualify directly for the team event.
- After the World Qualification, the teams with 3 players qualified would have one place in the team events. If the quota of 16 teams was exceeded, the ranking of the 2012 World Team Championships would decide the final 16 places qualified.
- If there were some places remaining to allocate, the teams with 3 players qualified after the Final World Qualification Tournament would qualify following the ranking of the 2012 World Team Championships. Then the teams with 2 players qualified would be considered in the same way until the quota was filled.

## **Games Competition System**

- The singles events would be played before the team events.
- The team events would be played using a direct knockout system and the doubles would be one of the first 3 matches.

## **Appointment of Technical Delegates for 2012 Olympics and Paralympics**

Technical Delegates for Olympic Games were appointed: The Chairperson of the Technical Committee, Mr. Graeme Ireland, and the Competition Manager of the previous Games, Mr. Yao Zhen Xu.

Technical Delegate for Paralympic Games was appointed: Mr. Nico Verspeelt, Vice-Chairperson of the PTT Division.

## ***Youth Olympic Games in Singapore 2010***

The venue proposed by the Organisers and the competition system was approved.

The main points discussed and the decisions taken during the **meeting held in Cartagena de Indias**, on 12 December 2009 were as follows:

## ***London 2012 Olympics***

### **Schedule**

A proposal to increase the number of competition days to 12 has been presented to LOCOG and IOC. A draft schedule for the Olympic competition in London was presented pending the approval of the increase in the competition days.

### **Equipment for Olympic and Paralympic Games**

- Double Happiness will provide tables, umpires chairs, nets, manual score boards and surrounds
- Nittaku will provide balls
- Tinsue will provide the floor mats.

### **Number of entries per NOC**

The Commission will recommend to the BoD the following proposal regarding the number of entries per NOC:

- Men's team: 1 (3 players)
- Women's team: 1 (3 players)
- Men's singles: 2
- Women's singles: 2

## **2 bronze medals for 2016?**

The Commission resolved to recommend again to the IOC that two bronze medals be awarded in all table tennis events for 2016.

## ***Youth Olympic Games, Singapore 2010***

The final competition format, the sport explanatory booklet, the result system and the qualification system and the schedule have been finalised and approved by the IOC. The information is published in the ITTF website (Youth Olympic Games Section). The Education and Cultural Programme for ITTF is in progress.

Mr. Ronald Wee was appointed as Referee for the Youth Olympic Games.

## ***Paralympic Games***

19 events would be organised in London 2012 with 8 tables for all competition days.

Mr. Steve Lee was appointed as Assistant Technical Delegate. The nomination of International Technical Officials and National Technical Officials will follow the same selection system for both Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**Jordi Serra**

**ITTF Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games)**

# PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION

## Report to the AGM

## Document D12

The formal integration of Para Table Tennis took place during the AGM in Yokohama, Japan 2009. The new “committee” was finally given the name Para Table Tennis Division, PTTD, with 8 elected full-members and 6 elected corresponding members. The PTT Division met for the first time in Genova, Italy, during the European Championships June 2009. This was a historical 2-day meeting with Division members from all the four PTT regions. The former “PTT committee” also met in Lausanne January 2009, to do the final preparations for the AGM in Yokohama.

During 2009, PTTD organized 4 Regional Championships in Italy, Venezuela, Jordan and South Africa. In addition we organized 16 international tournaments, giving a total of 20 tournaments during 2009. This number of tournaments is a fairly good number, with an average of more than 100 players in each tournament.

The main challenge for PTTD is to promote the integration process within the national associations as quickly as possible. Some nations have already finished the integration process, while others have not even started. We still have a long way to go, but we are moving in the correct direction.

The year after every regional year is the World Championship year or the Paralympic Year. In 2010 the WC will be organized in Gwangju, Korea. 304 players will qualify for the World Championships, an important goal for our best players.

I would like to thank my PTTD colleagues for their hard work and support. I also would like to thank the President and his team, the staff, and also our players, officials, organizers and national associations. It has been a pleasure to co-operate with you all, making our common dream “one sport – one family” finally come true!

**Øivind Eriksen**

# CALENDAR WORKING GROUP

## Report to the AGM

## Document D13

The ITTF Calendar Working Group aims to follow up the great expansion of the table tennis calendar with numerous items/events, and our main goal is to include all available information to support better planning by National Associations and Clubs for them participate smoothly in the maximum number of activities possible.

The major focus is on the ITTF World Title Competitions and ITTF Sanctioned Events with cooperation from the ITTF Executive Director of Competitions. Then we highlight all Continental, Regional and other international events for all categories.

We have also had very good contact with the Veterans Committee and receive their up-to-date list of events. For the first time, all events of Para TT have also been added to our calendar to provide complete information on all Table Tennis activities.

The calendar for 2009 was very busy due to the start of the Youth Olympic Games Qualification process, plus of course the other prestigious events (i.e. Tournament of Champions and Volkswagen China vs. World Team Challenge) - even the ITTF 2009 Pro Tour Grand Finals were played in January 2010 in Macau.

The calendar for the current year 2010 is available on the website including the following:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Olympic Games (Singapore in August) with its prior qualification tournaments (4 continental qualifications and 5 other international qualification tournaments).
- ITTF Pro Tour circuit will be 15 events compared to 14 successful events in 2009 (after the cancellation of the Brazil, Russia and Sweden Pro Tour events in 2009 due to emergency reasons for the host associations), plus the Grand Final should be held during December 2010.
- ITTF Junior Circuit will be 24 events compared to 25 successful events in 2009, and it covers the following continents (2 Africa, 5 Asia, 10 Europe, 6 Americas and 1 Oceania), while the Junior Circuit Finals together with the Cadet Challenge is expected to be in India in November 2010 and the Volkswagen World Junior Table Tennis Championships will be in Slovakia in December 2010.
- There will be additional prestigious events (Volkswagen Cup 1 & 2) in March and August 2010 respectively.
- All available Continental, Regional Championships, Multi Sports Games and other International Open Events have been included.
- The Veterans and Para TT Calendar has been uploaded as well.

We are so proud of and thankful for the full support of Ms. Judit Farago, the ITTF Executive Director (Competitions) for planning the World Title and Sanctioned Events earlier.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my colleagues in the Calendar Working Group, who represent all continents. Special thanks also for Anders, Mikael, Raul, Etsuko and Mo for their great efforts to bring you the final product.

**Khaled El-Salhy**

# WOMEN'S WORKING GROUP

## Report to the AGM

## Document D14

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ITTF Board for re-appointing me as the Chairperson of the Women's Working Group (WWG).

My report will cover the period May 2009-April 2010.

Having chaired this committee for the past two years (2007-2009), it was prudent of me to analyse the successes and challenges encountered during this period. It was evident that the WWG's primary focus was on creating awareness through Continental Forums and Workshops without clear outcomes and converting ideas into action. In view of these conclusions it became necessary to revisit the WWG's programme for the quadrennial 2009-2012.

A meeting was held on 14 August 2009 at the ITTF office in Lausanne that was attended by the following:

Ms Petra Sörling	ITTF Executive Vice President (responsible for women)
Mr Glenn Tepper	ITTF Executive Director Development
Miss Alison Burchell	ITTF Project Coordinator from 1 September 2009 responsible for the WWG

Mr Adham Sharara, ITTF President, welcomed the members present and wished us well in our deliberations through Skype. The outcomes of this meeting are set out below.

### 1. Role of WWG

The role of the WWG for the next quadrennial was debated at length. A key conclusion was agreed that the WWG would become redundant over time. For this to happen, it is crucial for an enabling environment to be created which allows the mainstreaming and full inclusion of women and girls into our structures. It was underscored that the desired outcomes can only be achieved through regular monitoring and evaluation.

To chart the way forward for the period 2009-2012, a Strategic Planning Workshop with full member participation was held in Johannesburg, hosted by the SA Table Tennis Board, from 28-29 November 2009.

WWG members who attended were:

Ms Petra Sörling	ITTF Executive Vice President
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Ms Hajera Kajee	Chairperson WWG
Ms Christina Chee	Vice-Chairperson
Ms Norma Jara	Latin America
Ms Sachiko Yokota	Asia
Mireille Tallon	North America

Apologies were noted from Cherifa Cherif Belhareth (Africa), Alejandra Gabaglio (PTT), Anolyn Lulu (Oceania), Beatrice Romanescu (Europe) and Shereen El Alfy (Africa).

## **Outcomes of the Strategic Planning Workshop – Johannesburg, 28-29 November 2009**

After rich and robust discussions the planning workshop concluded with Programme Strategies laid out below followed by the recommendations assessed as critical for implementation:

- 1. Increase the percentage of women in executive positions**
- 2. Increase the number of women technical officials and coaches**
- 3. Increase participation of women in table tennis**
- 4. Support and mentoring programme to be put in place**
- 5. Increase HIV/AIDS education**

For the above outcomes to be successful, the following are all important:

1. Important role of men in the implementation of the outcomes above – in order for the above outcomes to become real and generalized, men must be fully engaged in the mainstreaming process.
2. At executive level, continental Presidents and their structures are to be encouraged to support, integrate and mainstream women's issues into the work of the continental associations.
3. In the event of no women being elected at executive levels the option of co-opting needs to be exercised.

I would like to acknowledge Ms Petra Sörling ITTF Executive Committee Member, members of the Women's Working Group, Mr Glenn Tepper ITTF Executive Director Development and Ms Alison Burchell ITTF Project Coordinator for their proactive,

progressive and visionary thinking in the mainstreaming of the briefs of the WWG into the ITTF and its members structures and programmes.

I would like to thank the President, Mr Adham Sharara for his unconditional and active support in this important endeavour of mainstreaming gender issues.

**Hajera Kajee**

## 2/3 majority required

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Rules Committee</b></p> <p><i>To amend 1.6.3 and 1.11.1 (nomination and number of Committee members):</i></p> <p>1.6.3 The AGM shall appoint, in odd numbered years, the full <b>and corresponding</b> members of Committees and Commissions, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee.</p> <p>1.11.1 The number of persons serving <b>as full and corresponding members</b> on each Committee shall be determined by the Board a year before the nomination of Committee members.</p> <p>Rationale: By this the status of full and corresponding Committee members should be clarified.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To add a new Constitution Law 1.6.6</i></p> <p><b>Any past President of the ITTF shall be automatically bestowed the title of “ITTF Honorary President” with a set of privileges decided by the Executive Committee from time to time. This title can only be revoked by a majority vote of the ITTF’s General Meeting.</b></p> <p>Rationale: This is done by the IOC and a number of international Federations to ensure the experience of the previous President is available to the ITTF.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee and the Athletes Commission</b></p> <p><i>(a) To modify 1.5.2.1</i></p> <p>The board shall consist of the President, Executive Vice Presidents, Presidents of Continental Federations or their appointees, <b>the Chairman of the Athletes Commission or its appointee</b> and 32 Continental Representatives.</p> <p><i>(b) To modify 1.5.3.1</i></p> <p>The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and 8 Executive Vice-Presidents of which one shall be nominated by the President and Deputy President and another one shall be responsible for finance. <b>The Chairman of the Athletes’ Commission, or his appointee, shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee with no vote.</b></p> <p><i>(c) To modify 1.13.1</i></p> <p>1.13.1 The Board shall appoint:</p> <p>1.13.1.1 an Athletes' Commission to advise the Board on the development of table tennis, <del>consisting of 1 representative nominated by each Continent and 2 former players nominated by the Executive Committee.</del></p> <p>Rationale:</p>

	<p>By this modification the Athletes Commission would have the right to vote at the BOD. Why only this commission? Because the athletes are the most important aspect of our activities and we cannot have a successful event without the players. As we are starting a new structure within the Athletes Commission it will be a good sign to our players that ITTF officials are taking them into a real consideration. It is also the aim of the IOC to give more importance to the athletes.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To add a new clause 1.18.1.3</i></p> <p><b>1.18.1.3 Upon request by a Continental Federation and approval by the ITTF's Executive Committee, a Continental Federation may be allowed to use the ITTF name and logo as part of the "brand name" of the Continental Federation.</b></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i>  <i>This will enable continental federations to be more closely linked to the ITTF, to benefit from marketing initiatives.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Chinese TT Association</b></p> <p><i>To add a new Constitution Law 1.20.6</i></p> <p><b>1.20.6 Any amendment regarding equipment and racket control regulations should be scientifically analyzed and discussed by the ITTF together with its member associations and the representatives of equipment suppliers and players. These amendments should be finally approved by the ITTF BOD meeting or AGM before being implemented. After the final approval, unless an important incident happens, the new regulations regarding equipment and racket control should be kept stable in at least 4 years before being amended again.</b></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The change of equipment and racket control regulations will directly affect the performance of players. In order to protect the players, and at the same time make the racket control policy more transparent and stable, the regulation concerning equipments should be studied scientifically and finally approved by the BOD or AGM meeting. Currently, the racket control regulations are decided by the Equipment Committee and announced through the Technical Leaflet, which is not transparent enough and could easily get neglected.</li> <li>- If the equipment and racket control regulations are approved by the BOD or AGM meeting, they will be comparatively stable, and that will help the ITTF member associations to implement the regulations more thoroughly. The stability in the regulations will help the member associations to avoid wasting money in purchasing expensive testing equipments.</li> </ul>

# Propositions to the AGM 2010

## 3/4 majority required

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Rules Committee</b></p> <p><i>To amend 2.4.8 (replacement of the racket)</i></p> <p>2.4.8 At the start of a match and whenever he <b>can change</b> <del>changes</del> his racket during a match, a player shall show his opponent and the umpire the racket he is about to use and shall allow them to examine it.</p> <p>Rationale: By this, a possible confusion with regulation 3.4.2.3 shall be avoided (“A racket shall not be replaced during an individual match unless it is accidentally damaged so badly that it cannot be used...”).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Rules Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify 2.6.2</i></p> <p>2.6.2 The server shall then project the ball <del>near vertically</del> <b>within an angle of 45°</b> upwards, without imparting spin, so that it rises at least 16cm after leaving the palm of the free hand and then falls without touching anything before being struck.</p> <p>Rationale: By this change the law should become more practical and easier to judge by match officials, without affecting any principal intention of <i>the</i> service rule.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Rules Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify 2.6.6 and 2.6.6.1 and to delete 2.6.6.2 and 2.6.6.3 (Service)</i></p> <p>2.6.6 It is the responsibility of the player to serve so that the umpire or the assistant umpire can be satisfied that he complies with the requirements <del>for a correct service</del> <b>of the law, and either match official may decide that a service is illegal.</b></p> <p>2.6.6.1 If either the umpire or the assistant umpire <del>is doubtful of</del> <b>is not sure about</b> the legality of a service <del>he they</del> may, on the first occasion in a match, interrupt play and warn the server; <b>but any subsequent service by that player or his doubles partner which is not clearly legal shall be considered illegal.</b></p> <p><del>2.6.6.2 Any subsequent service of doubtful legality of that player or his doubles partner will result in a point to the receiver.</del></p> <p><del>2.6.6.3 Whenever there is a clear failure to comply with the requirements for a correct service, no warning shall be given and the receiver shall score a point.</del></p> <p>Rationale: This would not change <i>the</i> intention of the rule but should improve its logical consistency.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Finnish TT Association</b></p> <p><i>To modify 2.9.1.1</i></p> <p>2.9 A Let  2.9.1 The rally shall be a let  2.9.1.1 if in service the ball, in passing over or around the net assembly, touches it, provided that the service is otherwise correct or that the receiver or his partner obstructs the ball, <b>moves the playing surface, touches the net or touches the playing surface with a free hand.</b></p> <p>Rationale:  At present, if the ball in service touches the net and is obstructed by the receiver, the rally is a let. For consistency, any other action by the receiver which would otherwise incur the award of a point to the server, such as moving the playing surface or <i>touching</i> the net, should similarly result in the rally being a let.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Para TT Division</b></p> <p><i>To modify 2.9.1.5.1</i></p> <p>2.9.1.5.1 <del>leaves the receiver's court after touching it in the direction of the net after touching the receiver's court returns in the direction of the net;</del></p> <p>Explanation:  The service is a let as soon as the ball returns in the direction of the net.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 2.10.1.6</i></p> <p>2.10.1.6 if an opponent strikes the ball twice <del>successively</del>; <b>in succession. However an inadvertent double touch of a ball during one continuous stroke at the ball shall not be a fault.</b></p> <p>Rationale:  Under current rules,  - if the player touches the ball with the hand and the racket together it is not a fault;  - If the ball first touches the hand and then the racket it should be a fault.  - if a player strikes the ball with the racket hand or by the racket edge is not a fault.</p> <p>In 99% of the situations the observation if the double touch was successively or not is impossible. In most of the situations the player who makes a double touch gives the point to the opponent: the umpire just has to acknowledge it agreeing that he did not see.</p> <p>This is to accept a double touch just as we accept playing with the racket hand. A double hit made by purpose or achieved by 2 clearly separated actions (and not in one straight move) shall be a fault so that intentional double hits will not be tolerated.</p> <p>This is in line with interpretation of double hit by other racket sports:</p> <p>Tennis: "If the player has one continuous stroke at the ball" - there is no fault.</p> <p>Badminton: "A stroke is a forward movement of the player's racket" and "It shall be a fault if in play the shuttle is hit twice in succession by the same player. However a shuttle hitting the head and the stringed area of the racket in one stroke shall not be a fault."</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 2.10.1.8</i></p> <p>2.10.1.8 if an opponent, or anything an opponent wears or carries, <del>moves the playing surface</del> <b>physically displaces or lifts the tabletop;</b></p> <p>Rationale: This rule was introduced when only standing tables (type 1 in T1) existed. Today tables are designed differently, and a slight push moves the playing surface, which normally returns to its initial position. Especially in wheelchair play, it happens very often that our modern less rigid tabletops move slightly. According to the current rule, the umpire shall call fault, but normally he does not, otherwise play will be often interrupted during a match. The purpose of the modification is to adjust the rule to the reasonable practice.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Para TT Division</b></p> <p><i>To modify 2.10.1.13.1 and 2.10.1.14</i></p> <p>2.10.1.13 if both players or pairs are in a wheelchair due to a physical disability and</p> <p>2.10.1.13.1 <del>if any part of the wheelchair of a doubles opponent protrudes across the imaginary extension of the centre line of the table;</del> his opponent does not maintain a minimum contact with the seat or cushion(s), with the back of the thigh, when the ball is struck;</p> <p>2.10.1.13.2 and 2.10.1.13.3 <i>[No change]</i></p> <p><b>2.10.1.14 as provided under the order of play (2.8.3).</b></p> <p>Explanation: This brings the current laws for Para TT into ITTF Laws.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify 2.15</i></p> <p>2.15.1 <del>Except where both players or pairs have scored</del> <b>If at least 9 points 18 points have been scored during a game,</b> the expedite system shall come into operation <del>at any earlier time</del> <b>if a game is unfinished after 10 minutes or at any earlier time or scores</b> at the request of both players or pairs <del>or if a game is unfinished after 10 minutes' play.</del></p> <p>2.15.1.1 <i>[No change]</i></p> <p>2.15.1.2 If the ball is not in play when the <b>expedite system comes into operation,</b> <del>time limit is reached,</del> play shall resume with service by the player who received in the immediately preceding rally.</p> <p><b>2.15.1.3 The order of serving and receiving in the match shall be in accordance with Law 2.13.6</b></p> <p>2.15.2 <del>Thereafter</del> <b>Once the expedite system is in operation,</b> each player shall serve for 1 point in turn, until the end of the game and if the receiving player or pair makes 13 returns <b>in a rally</b> the receiver shall score a point.</p> <p>2.15.3 <i>[No change]</i></p> <p>Rationale: The idea was always not to introduce the expedite system once 9-9 or 8-10 is reached: there should be no delay of play at such crucial moment of a game. The last part of the current paragraph 2.15.01 refers only to</p>

<p>the time and not to the score: we shall refer to both the earlier time and earlier scores as the intent of the rule.</p> <p>2.15.1.3 (proposed) reminds that the order of first server / receiver in a game is maintained during the match.</p> <p>As the expedite system can come into operation because of time or because of the request of both players, the text under 2.15.2 shall reflect both possibilities. The changes in 2.15.2 are due to the addition of 2.15.1.3 and to a useful clarification where and when 13 returns are made.</p>
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<b>ORGANISER</b>	<b>Qatar Table Tennis Association (QTTA)</b>
<b>CITY</b>	<b>Doha</b>
<b>MOTIVATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to make table tennis and sport in general more popular in Qatar</li> <li>- to develop international table tennis from organisational and technical aspects</li> <li>- to strengthen the spirit of friendship</li> </ul>
<b>POLITICAL SUPPORT</b>	<p>The project is fully supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Qatar Government</li> <li>- The Qatar Olympic Committee</li> <li>- The ASPIRE Academy for Sports Excellence (letter of support to be presented)</li> </ul>
<b>VISA</b>	<p>Entry visa is guaranteed to all participants and granted free of charge to associations without Embassy in their country.</p> <p>No visa problem at the yearly Qatar Pro Tour event, process is easy.</p>
<b>HEALTH</b>	No health certificate is required.
<b>AIRPORTS</b> Distance/accreditation	Doha International Airport – 30 min. maximum from any hotel
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>	16-23 February 2013 (Saturday-Saturday)
<b>VENUE</b>	<p>ASPIRE Dome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Built for 2006 Asian Games</li> <li>- World’s largest indoor multi-purpose hall</li> <li>- Modern equipment, high technology</li> <li>- Hosting 2010 IAAF World Indoor Champs</li> </ul>
<b>Spectators</b>	<p>Total 15,500 seats in 13 separate sports halls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Playing hall No.1 with 4,000 seats</li> <li>- Playing hall No.2 with 1,200 seats</li> </ul>
<b>Price tickets</b>	Entry will be free of charge
<b>Number of tables</b>	<p>Playing hall No.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- with playing area of 3,720 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>- permanent track and field stadium</li> <li>- equipped with giant video screen and score board</li> </ul> <p>Playing hall No.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- with playing area of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>- permanent hall for ball game sports</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- equipped with video screen</li> </ul> <p>Any of these could be used as centre court. Total 34</p>
All the facilities	Changing rooms, toilets, offices, rest areas on the highest standard and in more quantity than required
TRAINING HALL	Additional ball game and gymnastic halls could be used as needed up to 45 tables with same playing conditions
PRESS	Press centre and working area can be set-up on the field of play, using some of the halls and according to the needs
MEETING ROOMS	Venue offers any number of meeting rooms required by the ITTF
AGM	Congress hall in the official ITTF hotel or nearby. More options are available, all of them with required capacity and facility
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical service provided by ASPIRE own health care team</li> <li>- Wide options for VIP service and seats</li> <li>- Space for museum and exhibition area</li> </ul>
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	
Hotels	All hotels are within 15 kms radius from venue. 5-star options: ASPIRE Zone Hotel, Ritz Carlton, Sheraton, Intercontinental, Marriott, Grand Regency 4-star options: Doha Seef, Retaj, Merweb
Meals	Breakfast: in the hotels Lunch, dinner: catering in the venue
Cost extra person	EUR 150 per person per day in double room EUR 180 per person per day in single room
EXPERIENCE	Since 1998 ITTF Pro Tour (Premium event) 2000 Asian Championships 2004 World Team Championships 2006 Asian Games
<b>TV</b>	
Host broadcaster	Qatar TV – produced all table tennis events before Domestic coverage: estimated 40-60 hours

## APPLICATION TO HOST THE WTTC 2013 IN PARIS (FRA)

<b>ORGANISER</b>	<b>Federation Francaise de Tennis de Table (FFTT)</b>
<b>CITY</b>	<b>Paris</b>
<b>MOTIVATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to promote top level table tennis in France (FFTT registers 200,000 players)</li> <li>- to host WTTC again in Paris after 10 years and to look for French success 20 years after Gatién became World Champion</li> <li>- to attract big audience, to involve table tennis fans as volunteers, to have a tt-festive in the capital</li> </ul>
<b>POLITICAL SUPPORT</b>	<p>The project is fully supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Sport</li> <li>- Regional Council (Ile de France)</li> <li>- City of Paris</li> </ul> <p>(letter of support to be presented by mid-February)</p>
<b>VISA</b>	Ministry of Sport and Ministry of Foreign Affair provide visa to all participants (letter of guarantee from Ministry of Sport is presented)
<b>HEALTH</b>	No health certification is required
<b>AIRPORTS</b> Distance/accreditation	<p>Paris Roissy (CDG) – 30-60 min. depending on traffic</p> <p>Paris Orly – 20-40 min. depending on traffic</p> <p>Paris TGV Train Station – depending on the train stations</p>
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>	13-20 May 2013 (Monday-Monday)
<b>VENUE</b>	<p>Palais Omnisport Paris Bercy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Same venue as for 2003 WTTC</li> <li>- Built in 1986</li> <li>- Hosted Men's Handball World Champs</li> </ul>
<b>Spectators</b>	<p>13,500 spectators in the main arena</p> <p>200 spectators/mobile seats in the second hall</p> <p>The target is to reach a total audience of 80,000</p>
<b>Price tickets</b>	<p>Daily tickets: from 18 to 44 EUR</p> <p>Season tickets: from 55 to 165 EUR</p>
<b>Number of tables</b>	<p>Main arena:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 20 competition tables (2700 m<sup>2</sup> area)</li> <li>- Centre Court concept: min. 2 show-courts</li> <li>- Giant screen in use in the arena</li> </ul> <p>Second hall:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 9 competition tables (1250 m<sup>2</sup> area)</li> <li>- Used as ice rink all year long</li> <li>- Position of lights has to be improved</li> </ul>
All the facilities	Sufficient number of changing rooms, toilets, offices, rooms, rest areas is provided. Maintenance work is planned and needed
TRAINING HALL	19 practice tables (1050 m <sup>2</sup> area) Tent is requested outdoor at the parking area for additional 10 practice tables on the first days
PRESS	The proposed permanent press centre has good location
MEETING ROOMS	1 room in Bercy, 3 rooms in hotel connected to Bercy
AGM	Congress hall in ITTF official hotel with capacity of more than 350 persons and required technical facilities. Meeting room for BoD meeting is available in the same hotel
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Place for sales and exhibition stands on the corridors of the public area.</li> <li>- VIP and VVIP service area is available.</li> <li>- Space for ITTF Museum has to be identified</li> </ul>
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	
Hotels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hotel Marriott Rive Gauche **** - ITTF hotel (same as in 2003, completely re-built)</li> <li>- approx. 6 Accor Group Hotels **** and *** (Novotel Bercy, Novotel Bagnolet, All Seasons, etc.)</li> </ul> Distance from the venue is between 1 min. walking and 30 min. drive or 20 min metro
Meals	Breakfast: in hotels Lunch, dinner: catering in the venue
Cost extra person	US\$ 180 per person per day in double room US\$ 200 per person per day in single room
EXPERIENCE	1999 Pro Tour Grand Finals in Paris 2003 WTTC in Paris 2006 Men's World Cup in Paris 2007 French Open Pro Tour in Toulouse
<b>TV</b>	
Host broadcaster	No domestic coverage, TV-company has to be hired to produce the championships



## INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday 28 May 2010 at 09h00 in the Saturn Hall, Cosmos Hotel, Moscow, Russia

#### AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening address
2. Roll call and new members
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the BoD held on 2 May 2009 in Yokohama, Japan
4. Appointment of Chairperson of the Nominations Committee
5. Update reports
  - 5.1 Athletes' Commission (document D9)
  - 5.2 Calendar Working Group (document D13)
  - 5.3 Junior Commission (document D10)
  - 5.4 Women's Working Group (document D14)
  - 5.5 Veterans' Committee (document D8)
6. Propositions and Resolutions (*pages 88 to 102*): (document F1)
7. World Junior Championships
  - 7.1 World Junior Championships 2010 (Slovakia)
  - 7.2 World Junior Championships 2011 (Bahrain)
  - 7.3 World Junior Championships 2012 (South Africa)
  - 7.4 World Junior Championships 2013
8. Global Junior Programme
9. World Title events and Pro Tour
10. Olympic and Paralympic Games 2012

10.1 2012 Olympic qualification and competition system

11. Personal honorary membership

12. Vacancies on the Board of Directors

13. Next meeting: to be held in Rotterdam in May 2011

14. Ratification of the work done by the Executive Committee and committees

15. Any other business

16. Adjournment

## Propositions to the Board of Directors Meeting 2010

### Simple majority required

15	<p><b>Proposed by the Japanese TT Association</b></p> <p>To modify 3.2.4.2</p> <p>3.2.4.2 A Racket Control centre shall be established at all ITTF World Title and Olympic events as well as at a select number of ITTF Pro Tour and Junior Circuit events and may be established at Continental and Regional competitions. The Racket Control centre will test rackets, according to the policy and procedure established by the Executive Committee on recommendation from the Equipment Committee, to ensure that rackets abide by all ITTF regulations including, but not limited to, racket covering thickness, flatness and presence of harmful volatile substances.</p> <p><b>The Racket Control test should usually be carried out after the match at random, but from the quarter finals on, Racket Control tests should be carried out before all the matches of individual events and the selected individual matches in all team matches.</b></p> <p>Rackets that do not pass the Racket Control test <b>before the match</b> cannot be used in the above listed competitions <del>and the player will be liable to penalties according to the policy and procedure in place at the time. But as the result of the random Racket Control test after match, the player who used the illegal racket in the match</del> In the case where rackets do not pass a random Racket Control test after the match, <b>the offending player will be liable to penalties including disqualification according to the policy and procedure in place at the time.</b></p> <p><b>All players are entitled to have their rackets tested voluntarily without any penalties before the match according to the procedure given in the event.</b></p> <p>Rationale: Currently, players not called for Racket Control testing before the match may believe that they are not subject to racket control and therefore may carry out an illegal act prior to the match, allowing the player to partake in the match with an illegal racket. Due to this, we believe there is a need to clearly state in the rules that players may be subject to a random test after the match.</p>
16	<p><b>Proposed by the Rules Committee</b></p> <p>To modify 3.2.5.3 (advertisements on surrounds)</p> <p>3.2.5.3 <b>With the exception of LED (liquid emitting diodes) advertisements on surrounds</b> fluorescent or luminescent colours shall not be used anywhere in the playing area; <b>LED advertisements on surrounds shall not move at any other time than before the start and after the end of a match and during</b></p>

	<p><b>regular intervals (3.4.4).</b></p> <p>Rationale: By this change the use of movable LED surrounds would be permitted.</p>
<b>17</b>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee</i></b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 3.2.5.12</i></p> <p>3.2.5.12 Advertisements on umpires' clothing shall be contained within a total area of 40cm<sup>2</sup>. <b>Only advertisements approved by the URC may be displayed on an umpire's clothing.</b></p>
<b>18</b>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee</i></b></p> <p><i>To add a paragraph to 3.3.2 (match officials responsibilities)</i></p> <p>3.3.2.3.12 <b>or controlling the number and identity and role of the persons admitted at the playing area.</b></p> <p>Rationale: The umpire and the assistant umpire have such responsibilities.</p>
<b>19</b>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee</i></b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 3.3.2.8</i></p> <p>3.3.2.8 <b>Players and team officials shall be under the jurisdiction of the umpire from the time at which they arrive at the playing area until they leave it.</b></p> <p>Rationale: The umpires and assistant umpires should have control over the people on the bench.</p>
<b>20</b>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee</i></b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 3.3.3.5</i></p> <p>3.3.3.5 In an individual event an appeal may be made only by a player participating in the match in which the question has arisen; in a team event an appeal may be made only by the captain of a team participating in the match in which the question has arisen. <b>The name of the team captain, playing or non-playing, shall be designated beforehand to the umpire.</b></p> <p>Rationale: This is to ensure that the umpire knows well in advance the designated person who has the right to make a legal appeal.</p>
<b>21</b>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee</i></b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 3.5.1.1</i></p> <p>3.5.1.1 In a team event, players may receive advice from <del>anyone</del> <b>any designated persons allowed at the playing area.</b></p> <p>Rationale:</p>

	Only designated persons are allowed on the bench and give advice.
<b>22</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 3.5.1.7</i></p> <p>3.5.1.7 These regulations shall apply only to advice on play and shall not prevent a player or captain, as appropriate, from making a legitimate appeal, <b>nor prevent access of a medical person if needed</b>, nor hinder a consultation with an interpreter or Association representative on the explanation of a juridical decision.</p> <p>Rationale: To allow players receive medical assistance as required.</p>
<b>23</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To add 3.5.2.11</i></p> <p>3.5.2.11 <b>Following 4 accumulated failures on any aspect of racket testing over 4 calendar years, a player shall be suspended for 12 months.</b></p> <p>Rationale: To provide for sanctions for racket testing infringements.</p>
<b>24</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To add 3.5.2.12</i></p> <p>3.5.2.12 <b>If a player is disqualified from a match, event or competition for any reason, he shall automatically forfeit any title, medal, prize money or ranking points.</b></p> <p>Rationale: To provide for sanctions in line with the Anti-Doping Code.</p>
<b>25</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To delete 3.7.1.4, to replace present 3.7.1.3 and to renumber following paragraphs</i></p> <p><del>3.7.1.3 A player may compete in such Open International Championships only with the permission of his Association, but such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.</del></p> <p><del>3.7.1.4 A player may not take part in a restricted or invitation tournament without the permission of his Association, unless general permission has been given by the ITTF or, where all the players concerned are from the same Continent, by the appropriate Continental Federation.</del></p> <p>3.7.1.3 <b>Players from affiliated ITTF member Associations, when competing internationally, can only participate in ITTF events, ITTF approved events and ITTF registered events entered through their national association, as well as in ITTF recognized events entered through their National Olympic</b></p>

	<p><b>Committee. Participation in any other type of event can only be allowed with the express written permission of the national association of the player and the ITTF.</b></p>
<b>26</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Rules Committee</b></p> <p><i>To delete 3.7.2.2 (Organisation of Competitions – Representation):</i></p> <p><del>3.7.2.2 A visiting Association shall be entitled to nominate at least one representative to the management committee of any international match in which it is taking part.</del></p> <p>Rationale: This rule certainly cannot be applied anymore to present-day competitions</p>
<b>27</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee</b></p> <p><i>To add a new paragraph 3.7.2.3</i></p> <p><b>3.7.2.3 During a team match the association is represented by its team officials, as captain, coaches or advisers and by its players. Not more than 2 team officials and no other players than appointed for the team competition may sit at the playing area.</b></p> <p>Rationale: To define persons allowed on the bench.</p>
<b>28</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To add a new paragraph 3.7.3.3</i></p> <p><b>3.7.3.3 Players from affiliated ITTF member associations, when competing internationally, can only participate in ITTF Events, ITTF Approved events and ITTF Registered events entered through their national association, as well as in ITTF Recognized events entered through their National Olympic or Paralympic Committee. Participation in any other type of event can only be allowed with the express written permission of the national association of the player and the ITTF.</b></p> <p>Rationale: This reflects the classification of events and provides for associations to enter players in all such events offered by the ITTF.</p>
<b>29</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Finnish TT Association</b></p> <p><i>To modify 3.7.6.3.1</i></p> <p>3.7.6 Team Match Systems</p> <p>3.7.6.3 Best of 5 Matches (Olympic system, 4 singles and 1 doubles)</p> <p>3.7.6.3.1 A team shall consist of <del>2, 3 or 4</del> players <b>3 players</b>; each player shall compete in a maximum of 2 individual matches.</p> <p>3.7.6.3.2 The order of play shall be</p> <p>1) A v X</p>

	<p>2) B v Y  3) doubles C &amp; A or B v Z &amp; X or Y  4) B or A v Z  5) C v Y or X</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To amend 4.1.9.7 (to take effect from 2011)</i></p> <p>4.1.9.7 Each Association shall be entitled to 5 entries in each singles event, with one additional <b>player entry</b> in the appropriate event for each <del>place held by its</del> player in the first <b>20</b> places of the first issue of the ITTF world ranking list in the year of the Championships up to <b>a limit of 2 men and 2 women in singles 7 players in each individual event with 2 men and 2 women pairs in the doubles, 2 pairs in the mixed doubles.</b></p> <p>4.1.9.7.1 The host Association may enter up to <b>2 7pairs</b> in the mixed doubles, <b>7 men and 7 women in the singles events</b> and <del>7 players in each other individual event</del> <b>and 2 pairs in the men and women doubles.</b></p> <p>4.1.9.7.2 <del>Different players may be entered in each doubles event. However, the number of players entered in doubles must not exceed the number of players entered in the corresponding singles. In mixed doubles, the number of pairs entered must not exceed the number of players nominated in the men's or women's singles, whichever is the lower. All players may be different.</del></p> <p>Rationale:  The number of entries according to the ranking list is extended to allow more Associations to participate.  The number of entries for the host is restricted.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Junior Commission</b></p> <p><i>To modify 4.2.8.1, 4.2.8.2 and 4.2.8.3 (World Junior Championships)</i></p> <p>4.2.8.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairman of the ITTF Junior Commission, <del>the Chairmen of the ITTF Ranking and Rules Committees, a representative of the Umpires &amp; Referees Committee, the ITTF Junior Programme Manager, the ITTF Competition Manager,</del> <b>a representative of the ITTF Competition Department, a representative of the ITTF Global Junior Program,</b> the Championships Director (or his equivalent), a representative of the organising committee and the referee; the referee shall have the right to speak but not to vote.</p> <p>4.2.8.2 If the Chairman of <b>the ITTF Junior Commission,</b> <del>the Chairmen of the ITTF Ranking and Rules Committees</del> is unable to attend a meeting of the Jury he may nominate an appointee to attend in his place <del>another member of his Committee</del> who shall have the right to speak and to vote.</p> <p>4.2.8.3 The Chairman of the Jury shall be appointed by the Chairman of the ITTF Junior Commission or in his absence by the <b>representative of the ITTF Global Junior Program Manager.</b></p> <p>Rationale:</p>

	To modify the composition of the Jury to the new ITTF structure.
<b>32</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Junior Commission</b></p> <p><i>To modify 4.2.9.1.1</i></p> <p>4.2.9.1.1 <del>With the exception of mixed doubles events,</del> Both players of a doubles and a mixed doubles shall be from the same Association.</p> <p>Rationale: To allow better scheduling of the matches, mixed doubles have to be composed by players from the same association only, same rule as for the senior WTTC.</p>
<b>33</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To meet the requirements of 4.2.9.2 with effect from the 2010 World Junior Championships</i></p> <p><b>Team event playing system:</b></p> <p>a) 1st stage, qualification round-robin matches in 4 groups of 5 teams each</p> <p>b) Teams finishing on 1-3 places advance to championships main draw for 1- 12 places</p> <p>c) Teams finishing on 4-5 places advance to main draw for 13-20 places</p> <p>d) 2nd stage, progressive K.O. main draws for 1-12 and for 13-20 places, playing for all positions except for positions 3-4. Both losers in semi-finals will be equally third. Each team has minimum 6, maximum 8 team matches, all teams have a chance to be World Champion.</p> <p>Rationale: A change is needed due to the fact that from 2010 on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the number of teams has been increased from 16 to 20;</li> <li>- the total number of participants remains the same: 96 (80 for teams + 16 for individuals) for the boys and girls category;</li> <li>- the continental distribution of team quotas is: Europe 5, Asia 5, Africa 3, North America/Latin America 4, Oceania 2, host association 1 with a provision that any unused quota is given to the U-18 World Team Ranking.</li> </ul>
<b>34</b>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To add a new paragraph 4.3.7</i></p> <p><b>4.3.7 Jury</b></p> <p><b>4.3.7.1</b> The Jury shall consist of the ITTF Executive Vice-President responsible for World Cup, the ITTF Competition Director, a representative of the organising committee and the referee; the referee shall have the right to speak but not to vote.</p> <p><b>4.3.7.2</b> If either the ITTF Executive Vice-President responsible for World Cup or the ITTF Competition Director is unable to attend a meeting of the Jury he may nominate an appointee to attend in his place who shall have the right to speak and to vote.</p> <p><b>4.3.7.3</b> The Chairman of the Jury shall be appointed by the ITTF Executive Vice-</p>

	<p><b>President responsible for World Cup.</b></p> <p><b>4.3.7.4</b> Any Association directly affected by a matter under consideration at a Jury meeting shall be entitled to be represented at that meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.</p> <p><b>4.3.7.5</b> The Jury shall have power to decide any question of appeal within the jurisdiction of a tournament management committee and to authorise team changes.</p> <p><b>4.3.7.6</b> The Jury shall meet before the start of the tournament to be informed of all draw alterations requested up to that time and the Jury shall meet again only when it has to consider appeals against its administrative decisions or decisions of the referee.</p> <p>Rationale: To provide for a Jury in the World Cup.</p>
<p><b>35</b></p>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Executive Committee</i></b></p> <p><i>To add a new paragraph 4.4.7</i></p> <p><b>4.4.7</b> Jury</p> <p><b>4.4.7.1</b> The Jury shall consist of the ITTF Executive Vice-President responsible for the World Team Cup, the ITTF Competition Director, a representative of the organising committee and the referee; the referee shall have the right to speak but not to vote.</p> <p><b>4.4.7.2</b> If either the ITTF Executive Vice-President responsible for World Cup or the ITTF Competition Director is unable to attend a meeting of the Jury he may nominate an appointee to attend in his place who shall have the right to speak and to vote.</p> <p><b>4.4.7.3</b> The Chairman of the Jury shall be appointed by the ITTF Executive Vice-President responsible for World Cup.</p> <p><b>4.4.7.4</b> Any Association directly affected by a matter under consideration at a Jury meeting shall be entitled to be represented at that meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.</p> <p><b>4.4.7.5</b> The Jury shall have power to decide any question of appeal within the jurisdiction of a tournament management committee and to authorise team changes.</p> <p><b>4.4.7.6</b> The Jury shall meet before the start of the tournament to be informed of all draw alterations requested up to that time and the Jury shall meet again only when it has to consider appeals against its administrative decisions or decisions of the referee.</p> <p>Rationale: To provide for a Jury in the World Team Cup.</p>
<p><b>36</b></p>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Chinese TT Association</i></b></p> <p><i>To modify following items in the World Championships' official prospectus and bulletin:</i></p> <p>The size of an association's delegation is limited to:</p>

	<p>1 doctor, 2 physiotherapists, 1 chief of delegation, the President of the Association, 2 AGM delegates plus the number of players selected by the Association and eligible for the competition. <b>The number of coaches cannot exceed 1/3 of the total number of the selected players. ...</b></p> <p>Explanations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suppose that an association has 5 or more players participating in the individual Championships, one coach is far from enough to take care of all players since many matches will be scheduled at the same time. To limit the number of coaches proportionally to one third is both reasonable and necessary.</li> <li>- The competition will not be a fair play if one player has the chance of being directed by a coach while the other one has not.</li> <li>- With the guidance from coaches, the competition can be more challenging, tactical and exiting, which is good for the audience and media.</li> </ul>
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## Resolutions to the Board of Directors Meeting

### Simple majority required

<b>37</b>	<p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Proposed by the Sports Science Committee</b></p> <p><i>To accept the <b>Revised 2010 ITTF ANTI-DOPING RULES</b> (ITTF Handbook, chapter 5) - as attached</i></p>
<b>38</b>	<p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Proposed by the Hong Kong China TT Association</b></p> <p><i>To implement the "Eagles Eye" monitoring system in of some important matches &amp; events, such as the Olympic Games and World Title events. The Jury will make final judgment according to the Eagles Eye's record while having arguments.</i></p> <p>Rationale: The "Hawk-Eye / Eagle Eye" is now part of the adjudication process for the sports of Tennis and Cricket. When there is any argument about the play, the system could replay the video records, and help the Umpire to make the final judgment. The aim for installing such a system is to reduce the possibility of faulty judgment and heated contentions during critical points in the play, and to ensure that the games are played under the highest degree of fairness.</p>

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">39</p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Swedish TT Association</b></p> <p><i>To rescind the ban of pimples without friction by deleting the first sentence of item 1.4.4 of Technical Leaflet T4:</i></p> <p>1.4.4. Friction for pimples – out: <del>The minimum friction level is 25 <math>\mu</math>N.</del></p> <p>Rationale:  The decision to ban the pimples without friction has led to a lot of problems in table tennis without gaining any positive effect. The use of frictionless pimples created a new playing style where defence close to the table was made possible. To ban the frictionless pimples instead of learning how to play against them seems to be the easiest way to meet something new and it definitely stops development. The development of new technique/rubbers/blades from time to time gives life to table tennis and creates interest.  Here are some of the problems which the ban has created:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The friction limit is not possible to control in an objective way. Arbitrariness rules.</li> <li>- The ban has caused conflicts between players and between players and officials.</li> <li>- The ban has led to widespread cheating against the new rules. Players bring down friction with different methods and the players who do not, have lost the joy in playing or even stopped entirely to play.</li> <li>- The ban has led to big problems for players, sellers and producers when rubber sheets repeatedly have been banned with very short notice and without explanation.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">40</p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Sports Science Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify 8.2.1 of Technical Leaflet T13</i></p> <p>8.2.1. ITTF has identified a Registered Testing Pool of those players who are more specifically subject to out-of-competition testing: this pool includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>30</b> players in the top places of the men’s and women’s ITTF world ranking list, <b>with a maximum of 5 men and 5 women per National Association</b></li> <li>b) the first 10 players of the boys’ and girls’ ITTF under 18 world ranking list</li> <li>c) all players qualified for the Olympic Games</li> <li><b>d) 10 men and 10 women from Para Table Tennis from the ranking list.</b></li> </ol>

**Revised 2010 ITTF ANTI-DOPING RULES**  
(proposed by the Sports Science Committee)

**INTRODUCTION**

**Preface**

At the ITTF Board of Directors meeting held on 2 May 2009 in Yokohama, ITTF accepted the revised (2009) World Anti-Doping Code (the "Code").

**Scope**

These Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to ITTF, each *National Association* of ITTF, and each *Participant* in the activities of ITTF or any of its *National Associations* by virtue of the *Participant's* membership, accreditation, or participation in ITTF, its *National Associations*, or their activities or *Events*. **Any Person who is not a member of a National Federation and who fulfills the requirements to be part of the ITTF Registered Testing Pool, must become a member of the Person's National Federation, and must make himself or herself available for Testing, at least six months before participating in International Events or events of his/her National Federation.**

**5.4.2.1 Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods**

Unless provided otherwise in the *Prohibited List* and/or a revision, the *Prohibited List* and revisions shall go into effect under these Anti-Doping Rules three months after publication of the *Prohibited List* by WADA without requiring any further action by ITTF. As described in Article 4.2 of the *Code*, ITTF may request that WADA expand the *Prohibited List* **for the sport of table tennis. ITTF may also request that WADA include additional substances or methods, which have the potential for abuse in the sport of table tennis, in the monitoring program described in Article 4.5 of the Code.** As provided in the *Code*, WADA shall make the final decision on such requests by ITTF.

**5.4.4.2** ~~Subject to Article 5.4.4.3,~~ *Athletes* included by ITTF in its *Registered Testing Pool* and other *Athletes* participating in any *International Event* must obtain a TUE from ITTF (regardless of whether the *Athlete* previously has received a TUE at the national level). The application for a TUE must be made as soon as possible (in the case of an *Athlete* in the *Registered Testing Pool*, this would be when he/she is first notified of his/her inclusion in the pool) and in any event (save in emergency situations) no later than **30** days before the *Athlete's* participation in the *Event*. **A TUE granted by ITTF shall be reported to the Athlete's National Federation, and to WADA through ADAMS.**

~~5.4.4.3~~ The only exception to Article 5.4.4.2 is that, in accordance with Article 7.13 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, *Athletes* not in ITTF's *Registered Testing Pool* who inhale Glucocorticosteroids and/or formoterol, salbutamol, salmeterol or terbutaline to treat asthma or one of its clinical variants do not need a TUE in advance of participating in an *International Event* unless so specified by ITTF. Instead, if necessary, any such *Athlete* may apply for a Retroactive TUE after the *Event* in accordance with Article 7.13 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* and Article 5.7.1.3 of these Anti-Doping Rules.

**5.4.4.3 Athletes who are not included by ITTF in its Registered Testing Pool and/or who do not participate in an International Event identified by ITTF must obtain a TUE from their National Anti-Doping Organization or other body designated by their National Federation, as required under the rules of the National Anti-Doping Organization or the National Federation. The application for a TUE must be made as soon as possible (in the case of an Athlete in the Registered Testing Pool, this would be when he/she is first notified of his/her inclusion in the pool) and in any event (save in emergency situations) no later than 30 days before the Athlete's participation in the Event. National Federations shall promptly report any such TUE to IF, and WADA through ADAMS.**

~~5.4.4.4~~ TUE's granted by ITTF shall be reported to the *Athlete's National Association* and to WADA. Other *Athletes* subject to *Testing* who need to use a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* for therapeutic reasons must obtain a TUE from their *National Anti-Doping Organization* or other body designated by their *National Association*, as required under the rules of the *National Anti-Doping Organization*/other body. *National Associations* shall promptly report any such TUE's to ITTF and WADA.

**5.4.4.4** The ITTF Executive Committee shall appoint a panel of physicians to consider requests for TUE's (the "TUE Panel"). Upon ITTF's receipt of a TUE request, the Chair of the TUE Panel shall appoint one or more members of the TUE Panel (which may include the Chair) to consider such request. The TUE Panel member(s) so designated shall promptly evaluate such request in accordance with the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* and render a decision on such request, which shall be the final decision of ITTF.

~~5.4.4.6~~ WADA, at the request of an *Athlete* or on its own initiation, may review the granting or denial of any TUE by ITTF. If WADA determines that the granting or denial of a TUE did not comply with the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* in force at the time then WADA may reverse that decision. Decisions on TUE's are subject to further appeal as provided in Article 5.13.

**5.4.4.5 WADA, on its own initiative, may review at any time the granting of a TUE to any International-Level Athlete or athlete entered in an international event for which a TUE pursuant to the ITTF's rules is required or national-level**

**Athlete who is included in his or her National Anti-Doping Organization or National Federation's Registered Testing Pool. Further, upon any request of any such Athlete who has been denied a TUE, WADA may review such denial. If WADA determines that such granting or denial of a TUE did not comply with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, WADA may reverse that decision. Decisions on TUE's are subject to further appeal as provided in Article 5.13.**

## **5.5 TESTING**

### **5.5.1 Authority to Test**

All Athletes under the jurisdiction of a National Association shall be subject to *In-Competition Testing* by ITTF, the Athlete's National Association, and any other Anti-Doping Organization responsible for Testing at a Competition or Event in which they participate. All Athletes under the jurisdiction of a National Association, including Athletes serving a period of ineligibility or a Provisional Suspension, shall also be subject to *Out-of-Competition Testing* at any time or place, with or without advance notice, by ITTF, WADA, the Athlete's National Association, the National Anti-Doping Organization of any country where the Athlete is present, the IOC during the Olympic Games, and the IPC during Paralympic Games. ~~Target Testing will be made a priority.~~

~~[Comment to Article 5.5.1: Target Testing is specified because random Testing, or even weighted random Testing, does not ensure that all of the appropriate Athletes will be tested (e.g., world class Athletes, Athletes whose performances have dramatically improved over a short period of time, Athletes whose coaches have had other Athletes test positive, etc.). Obviously, Target Testing must not be used for any purposes other than legitimate Doping Control. The Code makes it clear that Athletes have no right to expect that they will be tested only on a random basis. Similarly, it does not impose any reasonable suspicion or probable cause requirement for Target Testing]~~

**All Athletes must comply with any request for Testing by any Anti-Doping Organization with Testing jurisdiction.**

### ~~**5.5.2 Responsibility for ITTF Testing**~~

~~The ITTF Anti-Doping Panel shall be responsible for drawing up a test distribution plan for the sport of Table Tennis in accordance with Article 4 of the International Standard for Testing, and for the implementation of that plan, including overseeing all Testing conducted by or on behalf of ITTF. Testing may be conducted by members of the ITTF Anti-Doping Panel or by other qualified persons so authorized by ITTF.~~

### **5.5.2 Test Distribution Plan**

In coordination with other *Anti-Doping Organizations* conducting *Testing* on the same *Athletes*, and consistent with the *International Standard for Testing*, ITTF and its *National Federations* shall:

5.5.2.1 Plan and conduct an effective number of *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition* tests on *Athletes* over whom they have jurisdiction, including but not limited to *Athletes* in their respective *Registered Testing Pools*.

5.5.2.2 Except in exceptional circumstances all *Out-of-Competition Testing* shall be *No Advance Notice*.

5.5.2.3 Make *Target Testing* a priority.

5.5.2.4 Conduct *Testing* on *Athletes* serving a period of *Ineligibility* or a *Provisional Suspension*.

*[Comment to Article 5.5.2.3: Target Testing is specified because random Testing, or even weighted random Testing, does not ensure that all of the appropriate Athletes will be tested (e.g., world-class Athletes, Athletes whose performances have dramatically improved over a short period of time, Athletes whose coaches have had other Athletes test positive, etc.). Obviously, Target Testing must not be used for any purposes other than legitimate Doping Control. These anti-doping rules make it clear that Athletes have no right to expect that they will be tested only on a random basis. Similarly, they do not impose any reasonable suspicion or probable cause requirement for Target Testing]*

~~5.5.3.1 Blood (or other non-urine) Samples may be used to detect *Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods*, for screening procedure purposes, or for longitudinal hematological profiling (“the passport”). If the Sample is collected for screening only, it will have no consequences for the Athlete other than to identify him/her for a urine test under these anti-doping rules. In those circumstances, the ITTF may decide at its own discretion which blood parameters are to be measured in the screening Sample and what levels of those parameters will be used to indicate that an Athlete should be selected for a urine test. If however, the Sample is collected for longitudinal hematological profiling (“the passport”), it may be used for anti-doping purposes in accordance with Article 2.2 of the Code.~~

5.5.4 Coordination of *Testing*

~~ITTF and *National Associations* shall promptly report completed tests through the WADA clearinghouse to avoid unnecessary duplication in *Testing*.~~

5.5.4.1 *Event Testing*

The collection of *Samples* for *Doping Control* shall take place at both *International Events* and *National Events*. However, except as otherwise provided below, only a single organization should be responsible for initiating and directing *Testing* during the *Event Period*. At *International*

Events, the collection of *Doping Control Samples* shall be initiated and directed by the international organization which is the ruling body for the *Event* (e.g., the International Olympic Committee for the Olympic Games, IF for a World Championship, and Pan-American Sports Organisation for the Pan American Games). At *National Events*, the collection of *Doping Control Samples* shall be initiated and directed by the designated *National Anti-Doping Organization* or *National Federation* of that country.

5.5.4.1.1 If ITTF or its *National Federations* nevertheless desires to conduct additional *Testing of Athletes* at an *Event* for which they are not responsible for initiating and directing *Testing* during the *Event Period*, ITTF or its *National Federations* shall first confer with the ruling body of the *Event* to obtain permission to conduct, and to coordinate, any additional *Testing*. If ITTF or its *National Federations* are not satisfied with the response from the ruling body of the *Event*, ITTF or its *National Federations* may ask WADA for permission to conduct additional *Testing* and to determine how to coordinate such additional *Testing*.

*[Comment to Article 5.5.4.1.1: The Anti-Doping Organization "initiating and directing Testing" may, if it chooses, enter into agreements with other organizations to which it delegates responsibility for Sample collection or other aspects of the Doping Control process.]*

#### 5.5.4.2 *Out-of-Competition Testing*

*Out-of-Competition Testing* shall be initiated and directed by both international and national organizations. *Out-of-Competition Testing* may be initiated and directed by: (a) WADA; (b) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee in connection with the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; (c) ITTF or the *Athlete's National Federation*; or (d) any other *Anti-Doping Organization* that has *Testing* jurisdiction over the *Athlete* as provided in Article 5.5.1 (Authority to Test). *Out-of-Competition Testing* shall be coordinated through ADAMS where reasonably feasible in order to maximize the effectiveness of the combined *Testing* effort and to avoid unnecessary repetitive *Testing* of individual *Athletes*.

*[Comment to Article 5.5.4.2: Additional authority to conduct Testing may be authorized by means of bilateral or multilateral agreements among Signatories and governments.]*

#### 5.5.4.3 Report

ITTF and National Federations shall promptly report completed tests through the WADA clearinghouse in accordance with article 5.14.3 to avoid unnecessary duplication in Testing.

5.5.9 An Athlete who is not a regular member of ITTF or one of its National Federations will not be permitted to compete unless he or she is available for Sample collection and where applicable, he or she provides accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information as part of the ITTF's Registered Testing Pool at least one month before he or she expects to compete.

#### **APPENDIX 1 - DEFINITIONS**

~~Retroactive TUE. As defined in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.~~