

# Executive Committee (second meeting)

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## Minutes

of the Executive Committee Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation, held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2001 at the Rihga Royal Hotel, Osaka, Japan, at 10:00.

### 1. Roll Call

#### Present

Adham Sharara	President
Pierre Albertini	Deputy President
George Segun	Executive Vice-President
Nils Bergström	Executive Vice-President
Han Sang Kook	Executive Vice-President (Finances)

#### In Attendance

Jordi Serra	Executive Director
Lilamani de Soysa	Administrative and Project Co-ordinator

#### Apologies for Absence

Yang Shuan	Executive Vice-President
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### 2. Osaka World Championships

#### 2.1 Update and Issues

Mr. Nils Bergström reported that there were no major problems and the championship was running smoothly.

#### 2.2 Meetings with OOC

A daily breakfast meeting was held between the ITTF and the OOC.

#### 2.3 Seating during Finals

The seating arrangements for the finals were discussed and finalised.

#### 2.4 Medal Presentations

Medal presentation procedures were finalised.

### 3. Olympic Direct Continental Entries

Mr. Adham Sharara referred to a request from South Africa who wished that the Continental Champions should be directly qualified for the Olympic Games. The item was referred to the Olympic Commission.

### 4. WTTC 2005+

It was decided that the Executive Committee would propose to Council and recommend the separation of the WTTC, 2005 for individual events and 2006 for team events, and that bids should be opened immediately.

### 5. Committee Chairmen

#### 5.1 Umpires & Referees

*(Items 5.1 and 5.2 discussed together)*

It was stated that there was an uncomfortable feeling as 7 out of the 8 Committee Chairmen were from the European Continent. Therefore, this fact should be borne in mind when electing the Chairman for the Umpires & Referees Committee. Mr. George Segun proposed that a member of the EC could chair this Committee for a period of two years together with a secretary for the umpires and one for the referees.

- 5.2 **Recommendations** (see above)
- 5.3 **World Veterans**  
 Mr. Adham Sharara reported that the Swaythling Club was concerned about the proliferation of veteran groups around the world and it was their wish that the ITTF should be more involved in World Veterans affairs and in the future make it a legitimate ITTF Committee. It was decided to propose to the Board of Directors the formation of a Veterans Working Group. A discussion also took place about the ITTF becoming a member of the Master Games, which was an event gaining increased importance.
6. **World Team Cup & World Cup events**  
 Mr. Adham Sharara informed the EC that the ITTF was negotiating at the moment with a potential sponsor for the World Team Cup and World Cup events. If a contract were signed it would be for a four-year period and would commence as of 2003.
7. **Euro-Asia (Men & Women)**  
 Mr. Adham Sharara referred to a proposal made by Mr. Yao Zhenxu to hold a "Euro-Asia" one-day event between the European Champion (Men) and the Asian Champion. The prize money would be US\$ 80'000 for the winners and US\$ 40'000 for the losers and a US\$ 30'000 sanction fee to the ITTF. The formula would be slightly different for the women: an all star European women's team against the Asian champions (China) with US\$ 40'000 for the winners and US\$ 20'000 for the losers. The men's match will be played on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2001. The date for the women's match will be decided soon.
8. **Representations**
- 8.1 **Club Championships (Women: Macao, Men: China)**  
 The Women's Club championships will take place in Macao from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. The ITTF will be represented by Mr. Yang Shuan and Mr. Nils Bergström.  
 The Men's Club Championships will take place in China from the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. The ITTF will be represented by Mr. George Segun.
- 8.2 **Other**  
 Mr. Pierre Albertini would attend the Mediterranean Games in Tunisia and Jordi Serra would attend as the Technical Delegate in September 2001.  
 Mr. Adham Sharara and Mr. Jordi Serra would attend the ASOIF meeting in Lausanne on 15-18 May 2001.  
 Mr. Adham Sharara would be attending the Francophone Games in Ottawa in July 2001. Mr. Pierre Albertini would be leading the French delegation to Ottawa.  
 It was necessary to find a representative for the Universiade in Beijing, China in August 2001. Mr. Pierre Albertini would be able to attend part of the event.  
 All other representations will be decided in due course.
9. **Development Officers**  
 Mr. Jordi Serra said that the Workshop with the Development Officers would be starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May.
10. **Any Other Business**  
 Mr. Adham Sharara said that he would be discussing with each Vice-President in order to assign specific duties to them.  
 Mr. George Segun thanked the President for the allocation of funds for research and said that he would be presenting a budget so that more experiments could be carried out in the future. He said that he would also be asking for independent reports from those who participate in the experiments as well. He also informed that the Cambridge University was interested in

conducting research on behalf of the ITTF and that he would be putting forward a proposal to the Cambridge University Research Committee for further research.

Mr. Han Sang Kook said that the ITTF should insist on receiving reports regarding equipment and development support from the Continents.

It was decided that a working group would be formed to study the World Youth Championships.

**11. Next Meetings**

The next Executive Committee Meeting will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 at 10:00.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12.05.

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Adham Sharara, Meeting Chairman