

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DES SPORTS DES SOURDS

MINUTES

CISS 24th CONGRESS

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CISS 24th CONGRESS, Hotel Parc, Bucharest, 16th July, 1977, 9 a.m.

1. Welcome address and opening of the congress.

- 1.1 Mr. J.M. Jordan, President, declared the congress open.
- 1.2 Mr. G. Miclea, President of the Rumanian Federation, welcomed all the delegates to Bucharest, to CISS's 24th congress. The Rumanian government as well as his own federation expressed the hope that the congress would be successfull.
- 1.3 Mr. J.M. Jordan, President, in turn welcomed everybody and expressed the hope all delegates were able to follow the negotiations.

He thereafter paid tribute to the memory of 3 persons who had died since the last congress:

Pierre Bernhard	FRA	President, 1961-71
Roger Lonnoy	BEL	Interpreter, 1957-73
Alfred Fuchs	BRD	Technical delegate, soccer

The meeting commemorated them by observing 1 minute silence, standing

Mr. J.M. Jordan further reported that 2 members of the Executive Committee were absent. F. Rubino was still indisposed after having had an operation last winter, and F. Waldow had been hospitalized in Bucharest immediately after his arrival, due to a heart disease - he was now better.

A special welcome was addressed the former members of EC: Antoine Dresse, BEL, and L.G. Dronckers, HOL.

^ Oswald Dahlger, SUE,

2. Approval of proxies.

EXEDENTIALS

It was established by roll-call that 34 countries were present. All ~~proxie~~ proxies were approved and there were thus 74 votes including the 6 EC-members present. (A list showing each country's representative is attached as enclosure).

3. Applications for membership of CISS.

Two countries have applied for membership of CISS:

- Costa Rica
- Bangladesh

The Executive Committee has examined their articles of association etc., and recommended admission. Both countries were unanimously admitted as members of CISS.

CISS has consequently 43 member-countries.

4. Discussion regarding the relations of member-countries to CISS.

4.1 Membership subscriptions.

Only 2 countries have not yet paid their subscription-fees for 1976 and 1977: Brazil and Uruguay. The Executive Committee has decided to wait a little longer before any decision is made in regard to a possible exclusion.

4.2 Annual reports.

37 countries have submitted their annual reports stating the composition of their boards, number of clubs, etc. 6 countries have

not yet complied.

These 6 countries plus some who have submitted their report too late (1st May, at the latest) will be fined Dkr. 100,-.

4.3 Teams withdrawn - World Games.

17 teams had been withdrawn up to 16th July before the finals in the different team-games. This created big problems for the organizers - and it is also wrong towards other teams entered that so many teams are withdrawn - some even at the last moment.

If this
The Executive Committee has decided that the fine of US\$ 300,- per team, as previously approved, must be paid before 31st December, 1977. ~~Are these fines~~ not paid before this date, the country concerned, and its clubs, shall be excluded from all international arrangements until such fine is paid.

B. Petani pointed out that many countries depended on their governments, and were, actually, not to blame that teams entered had to be withdrawn. It would be a problem for many countries to pay such heavy fines.

J.M. Jordan replied that the size of the fine could only be changed at a future congress. He wished to add that government approval was essential before any team was entered for qualifying matches.

5. The Rubens-Alcais Cup award.

The Executive Committee had decided to award West-Germany the cup in recognition of the efforts of this country during the past 2 years, f.ex. by winning the European Championship in shooting in 1976 and Alpine skiing in 1977.

As previously approved a diploma will be designed proving that the cup has been awarded.

6. The CISS medal awards.

J.M. Jordan announced that CISS has now instituted its own medal to be awarded at the congress in connection with the summer games. The 6 medals were awarded the following:

Gold: Francesco Rubino, 1st Vice President

Silver: Knud Sondergaard, Secretary-General

Bronze: Gheorghe Miclea, President of the Organizing Committee *XIII WCL*
Simon Carmel, President of Organizing Committee of the
VIIIth Winter Games

Kazimierz Diehl, member of the Executiv Committee

Marcel Alie, President of FSSF

7. Approval of the minutes of the 23rd congress of the CISS in 1975.

B. Petani could not approve the membership of South Africa in 1975 and moved that this country be excluded from the CISS.

at this
J.M. Jordan replied that this item of the agenda did not allow for discussions in relation to its contents - only the actual minutes. The affairs of a country should not be discussed unless this country is present (in accordance with the articles of the CISS), and South Africa had not been able to obtain permission to enter Rumania. The question of a possible exclusion could not be discussed ~~by the congress.~~

L. Markov wished to state 3 things:

1. That he was against the cancellation of the team-tournament in table-tennis.
2. Wanted an alteration of the entry-procedure re wrestling.
3. Wanted the exclusion of South Africa.

K.Søndergaard pointed out that, in accordance with the articles of CIO, the affairs of a country or its exclusion cannot be discussed before this country has had an opportunity to defend itself during the congress.

The minutes were approved by everybody with exception of: BUL - DDR - HUN - ROM - CZR. *URS, YUG, POL,*

8. Executive-Committee report for 1975 -76.

L.Markov suggested that team-competitions in table-tennis as well as shooting ~~were~~ *be* re-introduced.

Several other delegates supported this suggestion.

J.M.Jordan pointed out that proposals could be discussed and approved only if they have been submitted to CISS 6 months before the congress. Possible proposals should, therefore, be submitted 6 months before the next congress.

L.Markov further made the following statements:

1. Bulgaria would have liked to have brought some international referees to Bucharest but this had been refused by the organizers. They had even been willing to pay for these. Would like the congress to discuss if not all countries should take international referees along at future world games.
2. Bulgaria wanted, to re-introduce hearing-tests.
3. Bulgaria wanted the football tournament altered. Proposed arbitrary drawing of lots as a substitute for zonal-divisions. We also must follow the FIFA-rules.
4. The fine for the withdrawal of a team before the games should be increased to US\$ 500,-.

J.M.Jordan replied that EC had already several times discussed hearing-tests - and a possible limit for participation. It had not yet been possible to agree to a decibel-limit. Mr. D.Vucotic has previously carefully examined the problem - but ~~he~~ did not arrive at any result, either. We are still working at the problem within the EC, and in relation to these games a possibility has been introduced making it possible to test many in regard to their hearing-ability. *to acquire data.*
In relation to the referees Mr. Jordan thought that that would create the same situation as in relation to the technical committees - several countries ~~would~~ *could* not pay.

G.Miclea stated that the organizers had had several inquiries re international referees - but there was no possibility of paying these!

H.Compere agreed that the football qualifying-tournament should be improved. But more matches cost money!

B.Petani expressed his surprise that not all countries followed the rules in regard to replays and possible penalty competition after drawn games in football.

The medical commission of the WFJ organizing committee has made

F. Abraham opined that not all countries (like Bulgaria) could afford to take own referees. And found the zonal-division system cheaper re football.

H. Förster was very surprised to see that only 7 -8 contries submitted their best results to "The best of the year" in regard to athletics and swimming.

Thought that CISS should demand that every country should submit their best results.

C.E. Scheepstra proposed a fine every time the best results were not submitted.

P. Andersson proposed that the results were collected from the various newspapers.

C.E. Martola pointed out that this was difficult - would like to have the results submitted - did not agree with fining.

J. Began suggested the technical committees re-introduced instead the technical delegates.

J.M. Jordan replied that experience showed that technical delegates were preferable - they co-operated better than the committees. But the technical delegates were permitted to ask for assistance from others!

M.Z. Caicedo thought that CISS should be free of politics and racial separation as was the case in South Africa.

The report (statement) was unanimously approved.

W. Mikulasek wanted suggestions for the programme for the following World Games submitted in good time before the congress in order to allow for planning.

9. Adoption of the accounts for 1975 and 1976.

K. Søndergaard pointed out that the accounts had been converted into US\$. The originals, though, were in Danish kroner.

J. Began asked for CISS year books.

K. Søndergaard replied that he had 60 copies with him t^h Bucharest. Sold at US\$ 2,- each.

The accounts were adopted unanimously, for 1975 and 1976.

10. Report on the approved World- and European-records established in 1975 and 1976.

K. Søndergaard stated that the records-committee had some problems:

1. Many submitted their record-^{applications} questionnaires too late.
2. Some forgot to sign the questionnaires.
3. Many forgot to enclose programmes and other documents.

M. Alie a record in 4x200m running which had not been recognized for France, due to alleged late submission. It ruined the spirit of the sportspeople if they did not have their records recognized.

J.M. Jordan reported on the circumstances in regard to the cancelled

record - it is the duty of each country to have their record questionnaire in readiness.
application

F. Bonora mentioned the problem of getting qualified time-keepers - it was not always reliable people. Authorized referees should be used (auditory).

J.M. Jordan replied that it was difficult to formulate such demands - not all countries had uniformed rules.

Esa Kauppinen raised the question if the sportspeople, who were setting these records, were deaf.

J.M. Jordan replied that the president and secretary always had to sign to the effect that the record-breaker was deaf.

K. Søndergaard explained that new record-^{applications} questionnaires with explanations in 4 languages would soon be ready.

11. Proposed amendments to:

11.1. Dresse Cup:

J. Francois explained that, during a meeting in Rome, it had been agreed to go in for a change of rules for the Dresse Cup. Therefore the proposed amendments.

O. Dahlgren asked for a more exact explanation of some expressions - the English version was not always clear. If more than 6 countries are entered - does that mean qualifying matches?

F. Francois replied in the positive. No.s 1 and 2 from the last tournament + the organizer are always obvious. Other entries will have to compete for the remaining 3 places.

K. Søndergaard was not quite convinced that this would ease the financial situation.

J. Francois replied that the rules could always be altered again.

The proposed amendments unanimously approved.

11.2. Maere Cup:

The proposed amendments to the rules unanimously approved

11.3. Proposed new sports branches:

1. Skittles (Rumania).

G. Miclea explained briefly about the game. ^{elderly} sportspeople should also have a chance of taking part in the World Games.

A vote taken showed that 11 countries played skittles.

B. Petani wanted to know if the proposed game was skittles or bowling. E. Kauppinen, P. Andersson, and W. Mikulasek seconded the proposals re bowling ^{rather than} respectively skittles.

G. Miclea thought that bowling was too easy - skittles a more difficult game.

K.Søndergaard stated that bowling is more difficult. Asked the congress to consider this before voting - we have seen it before that new sportsbranches were proposed and only few participants entered for the following World Games. As f.ex. now judo!

H.Compere found skittles a good idea for the elderly.

W.H.McGovern reported that many professional players could be found in Canada and the USA. Could these take part?

H.Nordentoft suggested that the decision re adoption of skittles and/or bowling be postponed until the next congress. Until then the different countries must show that they compete within these sportsbranches - we can see that by way of the bulletin.

M.Alie: Bowling is expensive - skittle-players numerous.

J.M.Jordan stopped the discussion here. Only amateurs can take part in the World Games. A vote taken showed that 30 votes were for Nordentoft's proposal so that the decision is now postponed for 2 years.

Suggested that perhaps bowling should be introduced as a demonstration-sport during the next Winter Games.

2. Badminton (New Zealand):

D.Beech stated that it was for men as well as women. Badminton is an important sport in New Zealand.

A vote taken showed that 6 countries play Badminton.

P.Andersson: Is it indoor? Suggested that badminton be included in the programme for the Winter Games.

H.Nordentoft stated that many Danes play badminton. Best during the winter.

As ^{with} for skittles it was agreed to postpone the decision ^{on badminton} until next congress. Before then it must be apparent that badminton is played internationally (through the bulletin).

12. Proposed increases of subscriptions etc.

K.Søndergaard explained that we had to follow the price-trend. the new rates will not be valid until 1980.

After a few unimportant comments all proposals were adopted at following majorities:

- a) Subscriptions: 29 - 7
- b) Fees for internat.matches: 30 - 0
- c) Competitor fee at World Games: 36 - 2
- d) Fines for non-starters (teams and individuals) 26 - 14

13. Report from the VIII Winter Games, 1975.

Simon Carmel reported briefly and referred to the written report. Finished by presenting CISS with a cheque to the amount of US\$ 2.000,- as a share of the surplus from the games!

15. IX Winter Games, 1979. (Items 15 and 17 on the issued agenda)

M. Alie reported on France's efforts in regard to the arrangement of the games at such short notice. After several negotiations France's government has now said "yes". The games will be held at Meribel at the end of January/beg. of February, 1979.

A budget has to be worked out and preparations are in full swing.

The individual disciplines have not caused many problems - only ski-jump and skating could create problems.

Several proposed and supported the fact that France got the games and that she could manage.

The programme will be the same as in 1975 and only one proposed amendment had been submitted:

1) Finland proposed that the 4x10km relay-race was introduced into the programme instead of 3x10kms for men.

A. Krüger could not recommend this - not many countries had 4 long-distance runners.

A vote was taken and the result was 10 for - 10 against. The motion was rejected, and 3x10kms relay-race remains.

16. Decision as to time and place for the 14. World Games for the deaf, 1981.

1. E. Efrant proposed and recommended Turkey.

2. W. Kliever proposed and recommended West-Germany.

3. F. Sartipi proposed and recommended Iran. Further stated that Iran would pay for lodging - the participants for meals.

All 3 applicants could produce documents from their national governments and Olympic Committees, which supported the applications.

A vote taken gave the following result:

Iran	41 votes
West-Germany	28 votes
Turkey	3 votes

Consequently Iran has been appointed host-country for the World Games for the deaf, 1981.

B. Beech stated that New Zealand was prepared to apply for the games in 1985.

S. Takeshima stated that Japan would also apply for the games in 1985.

18. World Championship and regional championship, 1978 and 1979

The congress was informed that applications have been submitted for the authorization of the following championships:

- 1) Dresse and Maere Cups Paris FRA July, 1978.
- 2) Europ. championship, volley ball, Finland FIN ? , 1978.
- 3) Pan-American Games Santo Domingo ? , 1979.
As Santo Domingo does not qualify as a member of CISS she can not be allowed to hold the championships.
- 4) Europ. championships, swimming and water-polo Rotterdam HOL July, 1979.
- 5) Europ. championship, tennis, Copenhagen DEN July, 1979.
- 6) Europ. championship, table-tennis^{nics} Budapest HUN ? , 1979.
As Hungary was not able to guarantee Israel's participation these championships could not be allowed.
- 7) Europ. championship, athletics, West-Ger. BRD 1979.
- 8) Europ. or world champ. ship, wrestling, Italy ITA 1979/80.
- 9) Europ. champ. ship., shooting, Zürich ? SUI 1980.
- 10) Europ. champ. ship, hand-ball, ? SUI 1980.

13. Election of 5 members for the Executive Committee.

J.M.Jordan conducted the voting and the following were ~~elected~~ ^{appointed} vote-counters: John M.Lovett, Jan Rydicher, and Osvald Dahlgren.

F.Rubino had stated that he did not want re-election, while the other 4, who were up for re-election, had no objection to be re-elected.

During the congress in 1975 the Executive Committee was reduced from 10 to 8 members, and at that time only 3 were elected - all for a 4-year period. This time, therefore, 5 should be elected out of which the 4 with the highest number of votes are elected for 4 years, and the last one for only 2 years.

N.Molosag proposed	G.Miclea
E. Kauppinen -	C.E.Martola
I.Taritcky -	F.Abraham
Grajek -	K.Diehl
J.Began -	L.Markov
B.Petani -	B.Petani
E.Kauppinen -	F.Bonora
R.H.v.Perlsten -	H.Compere

All would accept election.

The ballot gave the following result:

C.E.Martola	57 votes	elected for 4 years
G.Miclea	51 -	-
K.Diehl	46 -	-
<u>F.Abraham</u> - - -	44 -	-
F.Bonora	41 -	
H.Compere	41 -	
L.Markov	37 -	
B.Petani	31 -	

Therefore, a second ballot was taken between F. Bonora and H. Compere:

F. Bonora	38 votes	elected for 2 years
H. Compere	31 votes	

All in all 74 votes were cast and it was necessary to get at least 37 votes in order to be elected.

19. Miscellaneous.

N. Molosag:

1. After Rumania had been assigned the arrangement of the 13. World Games, in Malmoe, 1973, there had been a series of problems. They had had a lot of letters from CISS. Found it incorrect that the Organization Committee got so much work due to this.
2. Could have wished that all the South American countries had taken part in the games.
3. The Rumanian hand-ball-girls were very sorry that their 3 opponents had withdrawn their teams at the last moment.

J.M. Jordan: The correspondance with Sweden prior to the World Games in 1973 had been much more extensive than that with Rumania.

G. Wöller congratulated Iran with the games in 1981 - but mentioned that if South Africa takes part in 1981 DDR would then not take part. Thought that this applied to ~~many~~ ^{some} other countries.

W.H. McGovern: Canada had in April submitted a proposal in regard to getting curling on the programme for the winter games 1979 - could this not be done?

K. Søndergaard stated that a proposal to be dealt with during a congress must be submitted at least 6 months before the congress. In this case the proposal should have been submitted before the 1. February, 1977.

C.E. Martola: J.M. Jordan is attacked from all sides due to ~~CISS's attitude to~~ the South Africa question. This is wrong - in this respect the entire Executive Committee is just as much ~~to-blame.~~ ^{responsible}

K. Søndergaard stated that more proposals had been submitted but that they arrived too late. One of them was a proposal from France to change the name of CISS, so that it contained the word "deaf" instead of "silent". Begged to consider this before a possible proposal was made for discussion during the congress in 1979.

V. Fufaev stated that the Soviets had the same attitude to the participation of South Africa as that of the DDR. Was going to propose that only 3 participants were sufficient to carry out any sport of diciplin.

Jo-Anne Robinson suggested that CISS should send J.M. Jordan to South Africa to ~~see if it were true that there was no racial discrimination!~~ ^{investigate their observance of CISS statutes.}

J. Began was against this proposal - it was a waste of money.

H. Compere supported this.

A vote taken showed 11 votes for the proposal - 20 against. The proposal was rejected.

M. Alie asked the organizers in Bucharest to give France permission to give a demonstration in Judo and diving in between the official competitions.

O.Dahlgren criticized the Rumanian organizers of the Wold Games for, having sent out too little information about the games - and far too late!

20.Finish.

At 4.50 pm the president, Mr. J.M.Jordan, declared the congress closed. He thanked everybody for a good and business-like congress.

Approved /

J.M.Jordan,
President

Reporter: Knud Søndergaard.