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## MEETING MINUTES

### IFSC PLENARY ASSEMBLY 2017

Approved by the IFSC Plenary Assembly on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Saturday 11 March 2017, 08.45-18.00  
Delta Hotel, Québec City (CAN)

Members present or represented:

	COUNTRY	FEDERATION	REPRESENTATIVE	ADVISOR(S)
1	Argentina	FASA	Martin Lascano	Marcelo Romillo
2	Australia	SCA	Proxy - SMF	
3	Austria	KVÖ	Eugen Burtscher	Heiko Wilhelm; Michael Schöpf
4	Belgium	CMBEL	Tijl Smitz	Arthur Ceuleers
5	Botswana	Botswana	Falco Filotto ( <i>Developing Continental Member</i> )	Véronique Gosselin
6	Canada	CEC	Nicolas Valence	
7	China	CMA	Ding Xianghua	Li Guowei
8	Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Wei-Chi Huang	
9	Croatia	HPS	Proxy - PZS	
10	Czech Republic	CHS	Proxy - PZS	
11	Cyprus	CMCF	Pavlos Georgiades	
12	Denmark	DKF/DCA	Christian Nicolai Oerum-Petersen	Niels Staun
13	Finland	FCA	Proxy - NCF	
14	France	FFME	Pierre You	Vincent Caussé ; Damien You
15	Germany	DAV	Burgi Beste	
16	Great Britain	BMC	Colin Knowles	Robert Adie
17	Greece	HFMCU	Proxy - FEDME	
18	Hong Kong	CHKMCU	Shu Chung Lo	Kam Hung Anthony Kwok; Wai Ting Shirman So

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19	Hungary	MHSSZ	Mate Radics	
20	Ireland	MI	Proxy - BMC	
21	Italy	FASI	Ariano Amici	Vincenzo Adinolfi
22	Japan	JMA	Kuniaki Yagihara	Hiroshi Yasui ; Yoshiko Nishitani
23	Kazakhstan	MSCFRK	Kazbek Valiyev	
24	Korea	KAF	Gyeonghun Oh	
25	Latvija	LAA	Normunds Reinbergs ( <i>Associate Member</i> )	
26	Malaysia	PMM	Proxy - SMF	
27	Mongolia	MNCF	Zoljargal Banzragch	
28	Nepal	NMA	Deebas Bickram Shah	
29	Netherland	NKBV	Maaike Romijn	Rikke Halskov Vestergaard
30	Norway	NCF	Reino Horak	
31	Poland	PZA	Arkadiusz Kaminski	
32	Portugal	FPME	Proxy - NKBV	
33	Romania	FRAE	Iglika Avramova	
34	Russia	CFR	Dmitrii Bychkov	Evgenii Chernyshev
35	Singapore	SMF	Rasip Isnin	
36	Slovenia	PZS	Bojan Rotovnik	
37	South Africa	SANCF	Proxy - CEC	
38	Spain	FEDME	Francisco Dura Sempere	Lluís Giner
39	Spain	FEEC	Marcial Aleman ( <i>Observer Member</i> )	Quim Hernandez
40	Sweden	SKF	Proxy - NCF	
41	Switzerland	SAC	Markus Weber	Hanspeter Sigrist
42	Thailand	SCAT	Somboon Uthavian	Kasorn Uthavian
43	Ukraine	UMF	Arthur Pechii	
44	USA	USAC	Kynan Waggoner	Chris Danielson ; Peter Torcicollo



IFSC Executive Board:

Name	Role
Marco Maria Sclaris (MMS)	IFSC President
Debra Gawrych (DG)	IFSC Secretary General
Helmut Knabl (HK)	IFSC VP Sport/Events
Pierre-Henri Paillason (PHP)	IFSC VP Finances and Treasurer
Li Zhixin (LZ)	IFSC VP Communication
Anthony Seah (AS)	IFSC Asian Council President
Wolfgang Wabel (WW)	IFSC European Council President
Maria Izquierdo (MI)	IFSC Pan-American Council President
Romain Thevenot (RT)	IFSC Oceania Council President
Sean McColl (SMC)	IFSC Athlete Representative

IFSC Staff:

Name	Role
Anne Fuynel (AF)	IFSC Marketing & Communications Director
Francesca Jengo (FJ)	IFSC Administration Director
Jérôme Meyer (JM)	IFSC Sport Director
Lisa Sönnichsen (LKS)	IFSC Communication Assistant
Larisa Stoica (LS)	IFSC Administrative Assistant

Other attendees:

Name	Role
Andrea Barabino	IFSC Auditor
Alexander Piratinskiy	IFSC Honorary Member
Yuriy Skurlatov	IFSC Honorary Member



GREETINGS OF THE AUTHORITIES

Mr. Steve Verret, Québec City Counsellor and member of the Executive Board, opens the meeting and welcomes the IFSC Plenary Assembly.

MMS pays tribute to Susi Knabl, passed away in 2016.

1 - CALL TO ORDER (REF. SLIDES 8-10)

a - Enforcement Article 18 of the IFSC Statutes

The following NFs will not be entitled to vote due to liabilities prior to 31 December 2016:

- Indonesia (FPTI)
- Israel (IOSC)
- Kyrgyz Republic (FMRICK)
- Mexico (FEMED)
- Venezuela (FEVME)

b - Members present and voting rights

Members present or represented	44
Members present or represented with voting rights	40
Quorum for amendments	28
Majority for amendments (2/3 of votes cast)	27

c - Scrutineers Appointment

Vincent Causé (FFME) and Lluís Giner (FEDME) are appointed scrutineers.

MMS proposes to change the order of the points in the agenda, including to anticipate the elections to the morning session. This is unanimously approved.

2 - APPROVAL OF THE LAST PA MINUTES (TEHRAN, FEBRUARY 2016) (REF. SLIDE 11)

a - Approval of the PA 2016 minutes

Vote on the approval of the last PA minutes						
In favour	39	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED





3 - MEMBERSHIP (REF. SLIDES 13-26)

a - Review Article 6 of the IFSC Statutes

Report by DG.

The IFSC Executive Board recommends changing the existing membership structure, removing the Associate Member status and making the benefits of the different membership levels fairer.

N. Reinbergs (LAA) complains that the proposed amendment to Article 6 is unfair for small NFs with a low budget.

I. Avramova (FRAE), on behalf of BCMF (Bulgaria) and MSCF (Macedonia), opposes to the amendment, stating that higher membership fees would prevent participation of small NFs.

MMS says that, although the financial constraints may be an issue, the situation is now changing; the proposal should be seen as an opportunity, not a penalty. DG adds that all NFs shall work to obtain contributions from their NOCs and learn how to grow in a different way. Many NFs are still structured as multi-sport/activity Federations/Associations; all the NFs have to grow the sport on the national level and work on a development plan.

R. Horak (NCF) proposes to delay the new proposed membership structure after 2020, and set a transition period from 2018 to 2020, asking the Associate Members to pay 500 € more each year until 2020.

P. You (FFME) and P. Georgiades (CMCF) underline that their NFs fight to grow their budget and get funds from their NOCs.

The vote on amendment to Article 6 is postponed after the lunch break.

b - New Members

Bahrain

Report on the current situation.

The IFSC is currently in contact with the NOC in Bahrain to obtain the full dossier to proceed with the membership application (recommended Developing Continental Membership).

DG asks the Full Members to contact the IFSC if they want to support Bahrain.

c - Membership review

Kyrgyz Republic

The *Federation of Mountaineering Rock and Ice Climbing of Kirgiz Republic* (FMRICK) requested to move from Full to Continental Membership due to lack of financial resources. The EB supports their request.

Vote to ratify the EB decision to move <i>Federation of Mountaineering Rock and Ice Climbing of Kirgiz Republic</i> (FMRICK) from Full to Continental Membership						
In favour	37	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Mongolia

The *Mongolian National Climbing Federation* (MNCF, former *Mongolian National Mountaineering Federation*) requested to move from Associate to Full Membership. The EB supports their request.

Mr. Telmuun Bayarsaikhan, third Secretary of Mongolian Embassy in Canada, is invited to speak and expresses his gratitude for the development of the sport in Mongolia.

Vote to ratify the EB decision to move <i>Mongolian National Climbing Federation</i> (MNCF) from Associate to Full Membership						
In favour	39	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED





Philippines

The *Sport Climbing Association of the Philippines* (SCAPI) requested to move from Associate to Continental Membership due to lack of financial resources.

Vote to ratify the EB decision to move <i>Sport Climbing Association of the Philippines</i> (SCAPI) from Associate to Continental Membership						
In favour	39	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Update of the votes cast after the membership updates:

Members present or represented	44
Members present or represented with voting rights	41
Quorum for amendments	28
Majority for amendments (2/3 of votes cast)	27

4 - FINANCES (REF. SLIDES 28-39)

a - 2016 Financial reports and Audit – approval and discharge to the Treasure and the Executive Board

Report by PHP.

Presentation of the financial reports 2016.

2016 closed with no deficit, thus increasing the level of reserves.

Report by Andrea Barabino, IFSC Auditor.

Vote to approve the 2016 Audit and financial reports						
In favour	40	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

b - Fee System 2018

Vote to approve the 2018 Fee System *						
In favour	19	Against	9	Abstained	11	REJECTED

\* After legal consideration, the fee system is considered as approved (refer to pages 12-13).

c - Golden Members awards and NFs support

Recognition of the major supporting NFs and awarding of the 2016 Golden Members (CMA; FASI; FFME; JMA). MMS presents the annual award to the Presidents/Representatives of the four Golden Members.

5 - ELECTIONS (REF. SLIDES 41-43)

a - IFSC Executive Board: President, Vice-President Sport/Events, Vice-President Treasurer/Finances, Vice-President



Media /Communication, Secretary General

MMS informs that being all candidates unopposed it is possible to proceed by acclamation, as it happened in 2013, if unanimously accepted.

Each candidate to the Executive Board delivers a speech:

- Marco Maria Sclaris, candidate for the President position
- Kobinata Toru, candidate for the Vice-President Sports/Events position
- Pierre-Henri Paillason, candidate for the Vice-President Treasurer/Finances position
- Li Zhixin, candidate for the Vice-President Media/Communication position
- Debra Gawrych, candidate for the Secretary General position

All the candidates leave the room.

CMBEL asks to vote by secret ballot.

Results of the IFSC Executive Board elections:

Role	Candidate	Votes in favour	Result
President	Marco Maria Sclaris	34	ELECTED
Vice-President Sports/Events	Kobinata Toru	41	ELECTED
Vice-President Treasurer/Finances	Pierre-Henri Paillason	40	ELECTED
Vice-President Media/Communication	Li Zhixin	30	ELECTED
Secretary General	Debra Gawrych	40	ELECTED

MMS thanks HK for the outstanding support throughout the years.

MMS presents the Presidents of the Continental Councils, voted by their respective Plenary Assemblies:

- Anthony Seah, IFSC Asian Council
- Wolfgang Wabel, IFSC European Council
- Romain Thevenot, IFSC Oceania Council
- Maria Izquierdo, IFSC Pan-American Council

b - Auditor

Role	Candidate	Votes in favour	Result
Auditor	Andrea Barabino	38	ELECTED

c - Statutory Commissions: Anti-doping, Disciplinary, Appeals, Paraclimbing

Role	Candidate	Votes in favour	Result
President – Anti-Doping Commission	Renato Nicolai	40	ELECTED
President – Disciplinary Commission	Ian Alderson	40	ELECTED
Member – Disciplinary Commission	Sarun Lorhpiat	40	ELECTED
Member – Appeals Commission	Massimiliano Traina	37	ELECTED
President – Paraclimbing Commission	Sébastien Gnacchi	40	ELECTED
Member – Paraclimbing Commission	Maria Letizia Grasso	40	ELECTED
Member – Paraclimbing Commission	Craig De Martino	40	ELECTED

## 6 - STATUTES AMENDMENTS (REF. SLIDES 45-64)

a- Article 14



P. Torricollo (USAC) suggests removing « Technical » in all the other articles (Article 33) for consistency to amendment Article 14.

**“Article 14**

*The IFSC functions through eight bodies, each with separately defined powers and duties:*

- Plenary Assembly
- Executive Board
- Continental Councils
- Sport Department
- Commissions
- Anti-doping, Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions
- Athletes' Commission
- Paraclimbing Commission”

Vote to amend Article 14 of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

b- Article 21

No vote due to suspension of review Article 6.

c- Article 26

**“Article 26**

*The Executive Board is responsible for implementing all the policy directives and decisions made by the Plenary Assembly. This includes in particular:*

- a) to prepare the agenda of the Plenary Assembly meetings;
- b) to prepare the annual accounts (consisting of the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet);
- c) to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about:
  - a. the long-term strategies of the IFSC;
  - b. regulations and rules to be decided by the Plenary Assembly;
  - c. the candidates to be appointed by the Plenary Assembly as members of Anti-doping, Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions;
  - d. the admission and expulsion of Member associations;
  - d) to decide about the composition and functioning of the Sport Department;
  - e) to set up the calendar of IFSC approved competitions and to coordinate schedules of International and Continental competitions;
  - f) to decide the terms and conditions of contracts between the IFSC and organisers of IFSC approved competitions;
  - g) to recommend any proposed changes to the IFSC Statutes;
  - h) to appoint and remove persons (employees) entrusted with the management of IFSC's day-to-day operations;
  - i) to make recommendations on the terms and conditions of contracts to be concluded with third parties outside IFSC;
  - j) to decide on membership issues between Plenary Assembly meetings;
  - k) to decide the official means of information of the IFSC;
  - l) to control IFSC finances;
  - m) to appoint an IFSC delegate for IFSC events as necessary;
  - n) to initiate and undertake negotiations with third parties.

*All statements and contracts which bind the IFSC must be signed by the President and the General Secretary, or one Vice-President. In case of absence, the President may be replaced by one Vice-President.*

*The Executive Board is responsible for the functioning of the administrative office of the IFSC. All permanent employees are hired by the Executive Board and employed in accordance with the annual budget.”*

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Vote to amend Article 26 of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

d- Article 33

P. Torricollo (USAC) suggests rewording the proposed amendment.

**“SPORT DEPARTMENT**

**Article 33**

*The Sport Department will form the Technical Commissions related to sport management, such as sport regulations, calendar, Athletes and Entourage, Athletes’ health, officials, etc.*

*These Technical Commissions are subject to approval by the Executive Board.*

*Members of these Commissions are proposed by Member associations. Their membership expires at end of the term of the Executive Board.*

*One member of each Commission is appointed by the Athletes’ Commission.*

*Each Commission is directed by one of its members (Director), who is appointed by the Executive Board.”*

Vote to amend Article 33 of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

e- Article 34 (new)

**“COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS**

**Article 34**

*The President, in accordance with the Executive Board, may create permanent or other standing or ad hoc commissions and working groups whenever it appears necessary, for the purpose of advising the Plenary Assembly, the Executive Board or the President.”*

Vote to include Article 34 in the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

f- Article 39 (new Article 40)

**“Article 40**

*The individuals who serve on the IFSC bodies are volunteers. However, considering the work carried out, some of them are entitled to receive financial compensation as presented in the related policy approved by the Executive Board. The expenses of the Executive Board are borne by the IFSC, according to regulations of the Executive Board. Within approved budgets, the Plenary Assembly of the IFSC and the Executive Board are empowered to authorise payment of fees and expenses to individuals and/or organisations to provide specific professional service or advice.”*

Vote to amend Article 39 (new Article 40) of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	40	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

MMS illustrates the IFSC Compensation Policy and chart.

IFSC - FINANCIAL COMPENSATION POLICY

*“The IFSC’s officials are volunteers. However, according to current policy, the execution of the functions listed below is compensated by fixed amounts. These amounts may vary depending on the various functions (see table).*



Travels and accommodation expenses during the execution of the IFSC's functions are covered by the IFSC.

This policy, which is in line with the legal status of the IFSC as a not-for-profit organization, is applicable to the following IFSC's Officials:

1. President
2. Executive Board Members
3. Commission Chair

Type of compensation		Amount (in Euro)		Note		
Yearly administrative support - Commissions Directors		500.00				
Daily indemnity:				Official meetings and events		
• President		250.00				
• EB Members		200.00				
Indemnity to cover the time of travel, the day before and after the related meeting, for > 4h journeys		100.00		Official meetings and events		
Daily indemnity for special IFSC missions		200.00		Upon request of the IFSC President		
Meal allowance :				Only if not paid by the event organizer		
• Lunch		25.00				
• dinner		40.00				
Vote to approve the IFSC Financial Compensation Policy						
In favour	36	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

g- Article 41 (new Article 42)

**“Article 42**

*The Plenary Assembly of the IFSC shall receive and approve annual budgets detailing the forecast income from all sources and the proposed annual expenditure and shall establish and maintain financial accounting system and produce annual accounts audited by the accredited Auditor, appointed by the Plenary Assembly of the IFSC, meeting international recognized standards.”*

Vote to amend Article 41 (new Article 42) of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

h- Article 45 (new)

The PA suggests asking the lawyers if Members have automatic right to use IFSC logo and designation.

**“VII. SYMBOLS AND LOGOS**

**Article 45**

*The symbols, logos and their production, as well as the name “International Federation of Sport Climbing” and the abbreviation “IFSC” are the exclusive property of the International Federation of Sport Climbing and may not be used without its consent.”*

Vote to include Article 45 in the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

i- Bye-law Article 33



**"Bye-law to Article 33**

*Sport Department*

*The Sport Department is coordinated by the Vice-President Sport / Events and its purpose is to advise the Executive Board on sport matters.*

*The Sport Department meets once a year, with at least all the Directors of the Technical Commissions, and an Athletes' Commission representative."*

Vote to amend bye-law Article 33 of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

j- Bye-law Article 34 (new)

C. Knowles (BMC) suggests deleting the last sentence "No meeting of any commission or working group may be held without the prior written consent of the President."

**"Bye-law to Article 34**

*Commissions and Working Groups*

*For Commissions and Working Groups, the President appoints their Members, sets the terms of reference and decides their dissolution once he considers that they have fulfilled their mandates, except where otherwise specified in the IFSC Statutes or in the Executive Board regulations."*

Vote to include bye-law Article 34 in the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

k- Bye-law Article 38 (new Bye-law Article 39)

K. Waggoner (USAC) asks what "non-commercial" rights are.  
The vote is suspended.

l- Bye-law Article 40 (new)

DKF suggests rewording the proposed bye-law.

**"Bye-law to Article 40**

*Executive Board members' compensations are described in the relevant Indemnity Policy, subject to approval by the Plenary Assembly. Each Continental Council is responsible for the Indemnity Policy implementation for their relevant officers."*

Vote to include bye-law Article 40 in the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

**7 - 2017 BUDGET (REF. SLIDE 66)**

a - Approval of the 2017 Budget

Report by PHP.



The proposed budget is conservative.

Communication incomes include signed agreements only.

T. Smitz (CMBEL) asks why the Sport Department budget is lower than in 2016. The reason is the absence of the WCH in the 2017 Calendar.

Vote to approve the IFSC Budget 2017						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

The CMA and the delegation from Guangzhou present the China Open 2017 programme.  
Signature of the China Open Event Organiser Agreement.

Lunch Break

MMS rewards the 2017 Partners:

- Force Climbing
- Entre-Prises
- Kailas
- Luxov

Presentation by Eric Surdej, CEO of Entre-Prises and Denis Garnier, CEO of Luxov.

Speech by Walter Sieber, Board Member of the Canadian Olympic Committee and Member of the IOC Programme Commission. W. Sieber encourages all the NFs to get in contact with their NOCs and the sports authorities, and invites them to grow the sport in schools and raise awareness of the Athletes for anti-doping compliance.

MMS resumes the discussion on Statutes amendments, in particular review of Article 6.

FRAE and LAA suggest freezing the proposed amendments to Article 6.

R. Horak (NCF) proposes the following:

*"The suggestion from the Norwegian Federation is a Transition time for currently Associate Members to reach full membership according to the below schedule.*

*The reason is to give the Federations with very small budgets the chance to adapt and work towards full membership with their governments, National Olympic Committees, members etc.*

*But instead of freezing it, there should be an annual increase of €500.00 to impel the Federations to active work for reaching the goal of Full Membership. Current Associate members are "grandfathered" in until December 31, 2019. After this date, this membership category is eliminated and will give these members a fair chance to improve their finances"*

Membership	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Member	2000 €	2000 €	2500 €	-	-
Associate	1000 €	1000 €	1500 €	2000 €	2500 €

M. Schöpf (KVÖ) points out that the proposed Fee System 2018 was rejected. P. Torricollo (USAC) answers that votes cast should count only "voting" persons ("yes" and "no" votes), not the abstentions. As a consequence, the fee system shall be considered as approved.

Vote to approve the review of amendment Article 6 according to the proposal of the NCF						
In favour	36	Against	4	Abstained	1	APPROVED

Fee System 2018 - RECONSIDERATION



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Vote to approve the 2018 Fee System						
In favour	19	Against	9	Abstained	11	APPROVED

Article 6 with an appropriate rewording to be proposed in 2018.

8 - STATE OF THE ART (REF. SLIDES 68-79)

a - President's report on the activity

The IFSC was finally approved as Member of the IPC – International Paralympic Committee. However, this does not imply the IFSC inclusion in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.

MMS encourages all the NFs to support CAC – Climbers Against Cancer.

Paris WCH 2016 was a great event. MMS thanks Pierre You, President of the FFME, for the excellent organization of the event.

Recently the IFSC applied to become Associate Member of ASOIF – Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (to be approved by ASOIF General Assembly in April 2017). Being part of ASOIF will give the IFSC the opportunity to get in contact with other IFs.

9 - BUENOS AIRES 2018 AND TOKYO 2020 (REF. SLIDES 81-98)

a - Event preparation

MMS reports on Tokyo 2020 preparation. The final word on any matter concerning the Olympic events belongs to the IOC and not the IFSC.

Presentation of the Olympic venue.

Athletes' quota has been fixed to 20 men and 20 women, there will be two events (1 for men, 1 for women). The IFSC proposed an event regrouping the three different disciplines.

OBS – Olympic Broadcasting Services – recommended that:

- The format must allow thrill until the last minute
- The ranking calculation must be extremely simple
- The last event must award the Gold Medal

b - Olympic competition format

In December 2016, 7 NFs (Austria, China, France, Italy, Japan, Russia and Spain) tested the proposed Olympic format in Voiron (FRA) and made a common proposal to the IFSC. The Executive Board, after consultation with the Athletes Commission, then formulated the format guidelines:

- Each Athlete selected for the OG participates in all three disciplines. The sequence of the events (speed – bouldering - lead) is fixed. The IOC already agreed on such sequence for various reasons, including TV exposure.
- Three days of qualification, one day for the finals.
- The aggregate scoring (=multiplication for the scoring) qualifies the six best Athletes for the finals. The three disciplines will have the same weight in the aggregate scoring.
- The aggregate scoring of the finals awards the gold medal.

R. Horak (NCF) asks if the speed route will change before the OG, MMS answers that the EB agreed that there is no time to change it before 2020.





H. Wilhelm(KVÖ) asks the perspective of the Athletes in having all the three disciplines together in the finals. SMC answers that it is very important that each selected Athlete competes in all the disciplines. Although combining the 3 finals in the same day may be hard, this is generally considered acceptable.

Vote to approve the proposed Sport Climbing Olympic Format						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

c - Qualification process and criteria

IOC guidelines on Tokyo 2020 qualification system are expected in July 2017. MMS illustrates the main principles for Tokyo 2020 qualification:

Athletes	a- Best Olympic combined b- Best overall
Representation	a- Ranking b- Universality: <i>the IOC reserves the right to appoint Athletes coming from developing countries that usually do not have the possibility to attend the events.</i>
Timing	a- 2019 b- 2020 (spring)
Events / Ranking	a- World Championships b- Continental Championships c- World Cup Overall ranking d- Special events
NOC limit	Maximum 2 Athletes per NOC per gender

Buenos Aires 2018 qualification guidelines are already available and approved by the IOC:

Athletes	a- Youth A in 2017 (17-18 years old at YOG) b- Olympic Combined
Representation	a- Ranking b- Universality: <i>the IOC reserves the right to appoint Athletes coming from developing countries that usually do not have the possibility to attend the events.</i>
Timing	a- 2017 b- 2018 (spring)
Qualifying events and slot distribution	a- Youth World Championships 13 + 13. <i>Innsbruck YWCH 2017 will have two additional days for the Olympic format to qualify the Athletes for the YOG.</i> b- Continental Championships 5 + 5 c- Hosting Country (ARG) 1 + 1. <i>ARG has the right to fill the 1 + 1 slots only if their Athletes compete in the YWCH 2017; otherwise, the slot(s) is/are given to the other Pan-American countries</i> d- IOC Universality 1 + 1

IFSC Partners:



NOC limit	Maximum 2 Athletes per NOC per gender
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Innsbruck YWCH will have two additional days for the Olympic format to qualify the Athletes for the YOG.

P. You (FFME) insists on the importance of an Olympic format qualifying event to select the Athletes and on the Overall ranking (only best Athletes shall attend qualifying events). H. Wilhelm (KVÖ) adds that the WC overall ranking should be maintained.

A. Kaminski (PZA) asks if the IFSC plans to change the rules for the YWCH quota. MMS answers that the quota increase is under consideration, and that a 2-day Olympic event, will be added to Innsbruck YWCH programme.

On Tokyo 2020 qualification system, M. Schöpf (KVÖ) remarks that the group of 7 NFs recommended that only the best Athletes from the Overall ranking are selected for the Olympic qualifying event. D. Bychkov (CFR) adds that the group guarantees the possibility to organize a special Olympic qualifying event.

P. You (FFME) suggests that the PA votes on the principle that all Athletes shall qualify through an Olympic combined event.

R. Adie (BMC) complains that most NFs did not have time to discuss the Olympic format. In the future, this kind of information should be made available to all the NFs at the same time.

Vote to approve the principle that all the Athletes competing in the OG shall qualify through an Olympic combined format event						
In favour	38	Against	2	Abstained	1	APPROVED

MMS presents the list of the qualifying events for the YOG 2018:

Date	Location	Event	Slots
09/07/17	Singapore (SIN)	Youth Asian CH YA	1 + 1
10/09/17	Innsbruck (AUT)	Youth World CH YA	13 + 13
01/10/17	Montreal (CAN)	Youth Pan-Am CH YA	1 + 1
15/10/17	Nouméa, New Caledonia	Youth Oceania CH YA	1 + 1
26/11/17	Saint-Etienne (FRA)	Youth European CH YA	1 + 1
26/11/17	Saint-Etienne (FRA)	Youth Africa CH YA	1 + 1
31/03/18		Hosting Country ARG	1 + 1
31/03/18		IOC Universality	1 + 1

Qualifying events must follow a priority order, so that in case the best ranked in one YCCH already obtained a slot through the YWCH, the quota place will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete at the relevant YCCH not yet qualified.

P. You (FFME) says that the FFME is not available to organize the qualification event for Africa in St Etienne.

T. Smitz (CMBEL) asks what mandate the EB gave to the 7 NFs and if the Rules Commission was somehow involved. MMS informs that the 7 NFs spontaneously offered the possibility to analyse and test some possible formats, the EB agreed within some guidelines and this is what they did in early December 2016. This work is now concluded. JM explains that the Director of the Rules Commission is part of the Sport department and was aware of the Olympic Format discussions.

H. Wilhelm (KVÖ) recommends that the Technical Commissions Directors communicate more within the relevant Commissions. MMS encourages all the NFs to speak with their delegates in the Technical Commissions and be more involved.

10 - CONTINENTAL COUNCILS - REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES (REF. SLIDES 100-141)





a - Asian Council

Report by AS.

The new Board of the Asian Council was elected on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 by the Asian Council Plenary Assembly in Bangkok (THA). Anthony Seah was re-elected President of the Asian Council.

Report on the 2016 Asian Calendar.

Presentation of the 2017-2018 Asian Calendar. Asian K championships are addressed to youth C-D, it is a different format.

Sport climbing is confirmed to be part of the programme of the Asian Games 2018 (Indonesia) with 10 medals.

Asian judges and route-setters training course is scheduled in July 2017 in Singapore.

The Asian Councils welcomes two new partners for the 2017 season: Kailas and Geckoking.

The next Asian PA will take place in Philippines in February / March 2018.

b - European Council

Report by WW.

Report on the 2016 European Calendar.

Presentation of the 2017 European Calendar.

The new Board of the European Council was elected on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 by the European Council Plenary Assembly in Québec City (CAN). Wolfgang Wabel was re-elected President of the European Council.

WW presents the Strategic Plan 2017-2020 approved by the European Council PA.

c - Oceania Council

Report by RT.

The new Board of the Oceania Council was elected on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 by the Oceania Council Plenary Assembly in Wellington (NZL). Romain Thevenot was elected President of the Oceania Council.

Report on the Oceania Athletes participation in the 2016 IFSC events and the 2016 Oceania Lead / Speed Championships.

Description of activities of Australia (SCA) and New Zealand (CNZ), Full Members of the OCSC and IFSC.

The Oceania Council currently faces some difficulties, mainly due to limited resources and long distance.

Presentation of the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan.

d - Pan-American Council

Report by MI.

Report on the 2016 season.

Main targets for the future are:

- Activation of the Pan-American Sport Department
- Creation of a resource database available for all Pan-American countries
- HR development

The new Board of the Pan-American Council was elected on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 by the Pan-American Council Plenary Assembly in Québec City (CAN). Maria Izquierdo was re-elected President of the Pan-American Council.

11 - MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING (REF. SLIDES 143-164)

a - 2016 Report





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Report by AF on the 2016 activities:

- Broadcasting
- Webcasting
- Social Media
- Media

b - 2017 Developments

The main goal for the 2017 season is to benefit from the Olympic exposure to increase global reach and attractiveness of the sport.

- Broadcasting
- Webcasting: in 2017 the webcasting crew will count on two more people for each event
- Social Media
- Media management: new human resources
- Sponsorship strategy

12 - SPORT DEPARTEMENT (REF. SLIDES 166-211)

a - 2016 Activities

Report by JM on the 2016 Calendar of Events: World Cups series, University World Championships, World Championships, Youth World Championships.

b - 2017 Calendar

Presentation of the 2017 Calendar.

The IFSC has two new resources dedicated to the Event Management: an Event Officer and a Sport Advisor. The IFSC has launched the « World Climbing » project, aimed at delivering a series of services (including route setting courses, route setting services, athlete training, event management) to the NFs.

c - New rules for 2017 season

Report on the new Rules for the 2017 season:

- Time in bouldering finals reduced to 4';
- No speed route change;
- No more false start in speed;
- Time in bouldering finals reduced to 6'.

d - 2017 Youth World Championships, Innsbruck (AUT)

Presentation of the YWCH postponed to the end of the Plenary Assembly.

e - 2018 Youth World Championships, Central Saanich (CAN)

Vote to ratify the EB decision to have the YWCH 2018 in Central Saanich (CAN)						
In favour	39	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

f - Multi-Sport Events





The IFSC to take part in the following multi-sport events:

- World Games 2017, Wroclaw (POL)
- Asian Games 2018, Jakarta (INA)
- ANOC World Beach Games 2019, San Diego (USA) – to be confirmed
- Pan-American Games 2019, Lima (PER)
- Master Games 2020 (winter edition)

g - World Championships 2019/2020

JMA may host the WCH 2019. In case JMA cannot organize it, the CMA is available to do that.

Vote to move back the WCH to odd years starting from 2019, due to the new Olympic status						
In favour	39	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

h - 2019 Youth World Championships vote

The IFSC received a late application from FASI. USAC was also interested. The EB decided to postpone the decision to 2018.

**13 - ATHLETES COMMISSION (REF. SLIDES 213-215)**

a - Activities and projects

MMS officially appoints Jorg Verhoeven (NED ) and Sebastian Halenke (GER) as Members of the Athletes Commission.

Report by SMC.

The Athletes Commission elections took place in 2016, during Paris WCH. The AC currently includes 12 members and 1 President.

SMC recently attended a video conference with the IOC Athletes Commissions and other IFs Athletes Representatives.

**14 - ANTI DOPING COMMISSION (REF. SLIDE 217)**

a - Activities and projects

Report by JM.

The main goals for 2017 are:

- WADA compliance;
- Implementation of a statistical project to target possible anomalies in terms of Athletes results.

**15 - PARACLIMBING COMMISSION (REF. SLIDE 219)**





a - Activities and projects

More Paraclimbing competitions to be organized to grow the discipline.  
PHP invites all the NFs who want to help the paraclimbing movement to give 500 € / year to support the related activities.

16 - DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS COMMISSIONS (REF. SLIDE 221)

a - Activities and projects

No disciplinary cases to report.

17 - GOVERNANCE (REF. SLIDE 223)

a - Universal Principles of Good Governance ("PGG"): transparency, accountability, tools, evaluation

The EB will evaluate the creation of an ad-hoc Commission.

18 - FUTURE MEETINGS(REF. SLIDES 225-227)

a - 2018 Plenary Assembly, Innsbruck (AUT)

KVÖ proposes to host the PA 2018 on 17 March 2018. No objections.

a - 2019 Plenary Assembly

Vote postponed to the PA 2018.

19 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CONCLUSIONS

E. Burtcher (KVÖ) proposes to nominate HK as IFSC Honorary Member.  
The EB and the PA unanimously agree.

M. Schöpf (KVÖ) presents the YWCH 2017.

*End of the meeting*