



## International Federation of Sport Climbing

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### Extraordinary Plenary Assembly of the UIAA CLIMBING ICC

January 27<sup>th</sup> 2007 Frankfurt Germany

HSG Training Center

#### MINUTES

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#### National Member Federations present or represented

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AUSTRALIA	SCA	<i>proxy</i> Debbie Gawrych
AUSTRIA	OeWK	<i>proxy</i> Thomas Urban
BELGIUM	CAB/BAC	Marc Van de Walle
BELGIUM	VBSF	Tuur Ceuleers
BRAZIL	CBME	<i>proxy</i> Rodolfo Dominguez
BULGARIA	BAC	KIRIL RUSEV
CANADA	ACC	David Dornian
CHINA	CMA	Li Zhixin
CHINESE TAIPEI	CTAA	Chung-Da HO
CROATIA	HPS	DARKO BERLJAK
CZECH REPUBLIC	CHZ	Jindrich Prazak
DENMARK	DB	Jan Elleby
DENMARK	DCF	Peter Harremoës
ECUADOR	FEDAN	<i>proxy</i> Nestor CARVAJAL
FINLAND	FCA	HENRIK SUIHKONEN
FRANCE	FFME	Pierre Henri Paillason
GERMANY	DAV	Thomas Urban
GREAT BRITAIN	BMC	Graeme Alderson
GUATEMALA	FNAG	<i>proxy</i> Rodolfo Dominguez
HONG KONG, CHINA*	HKMU	Fredrick Yu
HONG KONG, CHINA*	HKSCU	Kwok Kit CHING
HUNGARY	MHSSZ	Peter Farkas
INDONESIA	FTPI	<i>proxy</i> Li Zhixin
IRAN	I.R. IMF	Homayoun BAHKTIYARI
ISRAEL	IOSC	Ariel Kunik
ITALY	FASI	Ariano Amici
JAPAN	JMA	Toru Kobinata
KAZAKHSTAN	MCFRK	BAGLAN ZHUNUSSOV
KOREA	KAF	JAE WOOK KIM
LATVIA	LAA	<i>proxy</i> Ariano Amici
LUXEMBOURG	FLERA	Eugene Berger
MALAYSIA	PMM	<i>proxy</i> Li Zhixin
MEXICO	FMEM	Alfredo Velzquez Iñiguez
NETHERLANDS	NKBV	Frits Vrijlandt
NEW ZEALAND	NZSF	<i>proxy</i> Debbie Gawrych
NORWAY	NK	Christopher Brodersen
PHILLIPINES	SCAPI	<i>proxy</i> Anthony Seah
POLAND	PZA	Tomasz Kugler



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<b>PORTUGAL</b>	<b>FPME</b>	<b>José A. Barros Basto</b>
<b>RUSSIA</b>	<b>CFR</b>	<b>Dmitry Bychkov</b>
<b>SERBIA</b>	<b>SCFS</b>	<b>Aleksandar Brborovic</b>
<b>SINGAPORE</b>	<b>SMF</b>	<b>Anthony Seah</b>
<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	<b>JAMES</b>	<b>Igor Koller</b>
<b>SPAIN</b>	<b>EMF</b>	<b>Txomin Uriarte</b>
<b>SPAIN</b>	<b>FEDME</b>	<b>JOAN GARRIGOS TORO</b>
<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>SKF</b>	<b>Ake Nilsson</b>
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>SAC</b>	<b>Condrau Leo</b>
<b>THAILAND</b>	<b>TSCA</b>	<b>proxy Anthony Seah</b>
<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>TDF</b>	<b>NEJAT AKINCI</b>
<b>UKRAINE</b>	<b>UMF</b>	<b>ARTUR PECHII</b>
<b>USA</b>	<b>USA Climbing</b>	<b>Debbie Gawrych</b>
<b>VENEZUELA</b>	<b>FEVED</b>	<b>Nestor CARVAJAL</b>

\*Hong Kong federations HKMU and HKSCU share one vote for Hong Kong

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### Executive Board Members

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President	Marco Sclaris
Vice-President	Alexander Piratinskiy
Vice-President and Treasurer	Helmut Knabl
Secretary-General	Reindert Lenselink

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### Management Committee Members

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	Debbie Gawrych
	Lluís Giner
	Pierre Henri Paillason
	Wolfgang Wabel
	Homayoun Bahktiyari
Athletes Commission	Jérôme Meyer
North American Council	David Dornian
Asian Council	Li Zhixin
Central South American Council	Rodolfo Dominguez

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### Commission candidates

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Disciplinary, Anti-doping Commission	Ian Alderson
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### Auditor

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Andrea Barabino

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### UIAA Guests

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Secretary-General & Treasurer  
Office Manager

Jan Bonding  
Judith Safford

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### Federation Guests

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Bulgaria  
Bulgaria  
Spain

BFCC  
BFCC  
FECC

Malcho MALCHEV  
Iliyana PETROVA  
Josep Climent

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## MINUTES

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### 1. Welcome

09.00 President Marco Sclaris opens the meeting. Marco Sclaris welcomes members back to the HSG center, thanking the members for helping us to have a record attendance.

The attendance is announced for the meeting:

National Federation Members Present	41*
Total Votes Present or Represented	48*
Two Thirds Majority	32
Simple Majority	25
Special Quorum (50% of NF Members with vote)	28

*\*At start of meeting 9am 39 NF present and 46 Vote present or represented, Hungary and France representatives arrived soon after.*

UIAA Secretary General and Treasurer reads a special letter from UIAA President Mike MORTIMER addressed to the members of UIAA Climbing ICC. The letter is attached at the end of the minutes. Wishes were also received from many personalities, including Paola Gigliotti, UIAA Board member.

### 2. Call to order and Scrutineers' Appointment

Ian Alderson and Lluís Giner are unanimously appointed as scrutineers.

### 3. Minutes Plenary Assembly Banff 13 October 2006

The Dansk Bjergklub (DB) of Denmark requested an update to attendance list of the draft 2006 Plenary Assembly Minutes Banff to include Dansk Bjergklub as represented by Jan Elleby.

Vote to approve the Banff 2006 PA Minutes including amendments sent by Denmark DB

*For: 44*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

***Minutes are Approved***

Sclaris presents two requests by national federation members to approve a transfer of membership

Austria VAVOe requests to transfer membership to Österreichischer Wettkletterverband OeWk

New Zealand Alpine Club NZAC requests to transfer membership to New Zealand Sport Climbing Federation

There are no comments.

Vote to accept the transfer of membership as requested



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*For: 44*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

***Transfer of membership is APPROVED***

### **4. Financial statements 2006**

Marco Sclaris introduces the financial preparations for the EPA. The 2006 statements were finalized and audited in early 2007 in order to close all open points regarding the ICC. Sclaris explains that the financial results of 2006 are not as we hoped and introduces the Treasurer Helmut Knabl to explain in more detail.

Knabl presents the balance from 2006, including more detail than the usual financial statements, in order to describe better the issue of late payments and outstanding balances. At the end of 2006 there were still more than €100.000 outstanding invoices.

Knabl explains that with our current financial structure, we are too dependent on fee system, and with our increased levels of activity this is not sustainable. He explains that most income comes from the 8 largest federations. Knabl explains that we went over budget in some areas according to decisions made by the members (development of the event in Bardonecchia during the Olympic period) and the Board (support for the Malaysia World Cup in the form of a loan to be paid in 2 years). The cost for routesetters travel significantly increased and will be watched closely for 2007.

Hong Kong asked what action will be taken against federations with outstanding accounts.

Knabl answered that unpaid invoices will result in competitors not being allowed to compete in competitions.

There is discussion of the need to have reserves sufficient to cover one year of operations.

Auditor Andrea Barabino makes a report on the financial statements, that bookkeeping and documents are in order.

Vote to approve the 2006 Financial Statements

*For: 39*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

***Financial statements are APPROVED***

Sclaris thanks FASI for the financial commitment to the IF project in the last two years, including the event in Bardonecchia (Torino 2006) and Lignano (EYOF 2005).

### **5. Foundation of International Federation, Adoption of Statutes**

Sclaris gives a brief summary of the background and dates leading to this meeting and creation of the new federation. He reviews the process of creation and review of the proposed statutes, rules and



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regulations of the new federation. He explains the opportunity we have to create simple and modern statutes.

Scolaris explains the recent updates to the statutes (name and acronym) according to the feedback from the IOC Sports Department.

Scolaris explains our top priorities,

1. Continuation of recognition by international sports community
2. OMGA (Olympic Mission Gap Analysis) report as a basis for strategic plan

The creation process just started and to implement there might be a need to form a working group to revise financial system and make it efficient, prepare long term financial plans, review the management of the IF, consider the sharing of annual meetings with UIAA. This working group might prepare proposals for October 2007 PA. Possible constitutional amendments recommended could result in new elections.

Leo Condrau suggests a composition for the working group, proposing President Marco Scolaris, Vice-President and Treasurer Helmut Knabl, MC representatives Wolfgang Wabel and Debbie Gawrych, Anthony Seah.

Russia asks if there will be different working groups for different issues and suggests inclusion of Vice-President Alexander Piratinskiy to the proposed working group.

Scolaris suggests this discussion take place following the discussion of the statutes.

There is discussion among the members as the best way to proceed with the discussion and voting of the statutes: page by page or as a block.

Scolaris requests that federations bring up their individual proposals for the statutes, to be followed by discussion and vote.

Pierre Henri Paillasson makes a comment to section 6.3, to add '...PROVIDED THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE RELEVANT IFSC NATIONAL MEMBER (6.1)'

Txomin Uriarte comments that they would like to preserve the rights of associate members, asking they receive the right to vote in certain situations and to make motions to the assembly.

Scolaris suggests that the working group review this issue, to be presented in Matsumoto. He explains that this section was included to manage our existing situation and that Associate members must remain the exception to the rule, which is one country one federation.

Ian Alderson presents some corrections to the preamble (grammar and spelling) and to Article 36.

Scolaris requests a vote on the statutes as presented with amendments

Vote to approve IFSC Statutes with proposed amendments

*For 46*



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*Against 0*

*Abstentions 0*

**IFSC statutes APPROVED**

Scolaris calls for comments from members on the proposed bye-laws. Hong Kong thanks the Executive Board and Management Committee for their work on these documents. He explains briefly the situation in Hong Kong regarding two federations, and that this situation was created by the UIAA byelaws. He asks that this mistake not be continued with the new membership criteria.

Scolaris explains that the bye-laws regarding membership manage the historical situation but this must be seen as a temporary issue only and will be addressed by the working group. We are moving in the direction of one country / one federation, but we must do our best together to solve the existing situation.

Hong Kong asks if there will be a deadline for this solution, as they would like to bid for Asian Championship next year. He requests setting a deadline for 2007 PA Japan.

Vote to approve Bye-laws, as proposed

*For 46*

*Against 0*

*Abstentions 2*

**IFSC Bye-laws APPROVED**

Wolfgang Wabel thanks Marco Scolaris and the Board for their democratic and consensual approach to the development and review process for the new federation. Members applaud.

Scolaris closes the first part of the meeting. Break.

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## MEETING PART II

### 1. Welcome

11.30 President Marco Sclaris welcomes members back for the first official Plenary Assembly of the new federation IFSC. He reminds members that the agenda for today's meeting was drawn up together with our Swiss lawyer. The first part was the dissolution of ICC and creation of the new IF, and the second part is the first meeting of the IFSC.

The attendance for the meeting is confirmed as above for part I.

### 2. Call to order and Scrutineers' Appointment

Ian Alderson and Lluís Giner are unanimously appointed as scrutineers.

Auditor Andrea Barabino reminds members that we must vote to Transfer powers, credits and assets from UIAA Climbing-ICC to IFSC

"All powers and assets including bank accounts, saving accounts and credits, formerly belonging to UIAA Climbing-ICC are now transferred to IFSC"

*For 46*

*Against 0*

*Abstentions 1*

**Motion APPROVED**

Marco Sclaris reads a letter of congratulations from Jordi Colomer of ISMC. He then recognizes Yuri Skurlatov for years of service and involvement.

Secretary-General Reindert Lenselink announces the re-application for membership of Belarus Alpine Federation and Mongolia Mountaineering Federation. Both were members of the ICC but were expelled by the UIAA.

Vote to accept the applications for membership

Mongolia Mountaineering Federation

Belarus Alpine Federation

*For: 45*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 1*

**Membership APPROVED**

### 3. Acceptance of the WADA Code

Sclaris proposes a vote to accept the WADA code.

Vote to accept WADA Code

*For: 47*



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*Against: 0*

*Abstention: 0*

**APPROVED**

### 4. Commissions

Scolaris introduces the regulations for commissions and urges federations to consider the situation in their home countries and their responsibilities in promoting and enforcing these rules, with special attention to the Athletes.

Athletes are more and more important in the management of the sport.

Scolaris introduces the Anti-doping rules and thanks Renato Nicolai, President of the Anti-doping commission under the ICC (UIAA Climbing), for his hard work over the years in developing this commission, and for his work with the rules and regulations of the commission in the new IF.

Vote to approve IFSC Anti-doping Rules as proposed

*For: 48*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

**Anti-doping rules APPROVED**

Scolaris introduces the Athletes regulations and the President of the Athletes commission under the ICC (UIAA Climbing), Jerome Meyer. Thank you to Jerome for the work on the regulations, together with the other members of the commission.

Vote to approve Athletes Regulations as proposed

*For: 48*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**Athlete regulations APPROVED**

Scolaris introduces the regulations for the Disciplinary, Appeals and Anti-doping commissions and thanks Ian Alderson for his hard work on these regulations as well as his overall commitment to the review process of the IFSC documents.

Vote to approve Disciplinary, Antidoping Appeals Regulations as proposed

*For: 48*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**APPROVED**

Vote to approve proposed Anti-doping commission members as proposed

*For: 47*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 1*

**Membership APPROVED**

Scolaris makes a request for two more people for the TUE committee. Persons proposed must be doctors with no relation to their National Federations.



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Ian Alderson, previous President of Disciplinary Commission under UIAA Climbing and candidate for IFSC Disciplinary commission, explains the membership requirements for the Disciplinary commission, suggests eventually to add another lawyer and member of the athletes commission.

Vote to approve proposed Disciplinary commission members as proposed

*For: 47*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 1*

**Membership APPROVED**

Regarding the Appeals commission, Sclaris explains that at the moment there are no candidates and that we can manage this way, as disputes would go to the CAS (court of arbitration for sport). However, to facilitate the process, he and Alderson request to give MC a mandate to appoint members to the Appeals commission with final ratification by the Plenary Assembly. This person must be a lawyer.

Vote to give MC the mandate to appoint members to Appeals commission with final ratification by the Plenary Assembly

*For: 48*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**MC Mandate APPROVED**

Sclaris describes how the development and composition of the Paraclimbing commission is still under discussion and should be reviewed as well with the IPC. He requests a vote to authorize the MC to pursue the development of this commission.

Vote to give MC mandate to move forward with formation of Paraclimbing commission and regulations

*For: 48*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**MC Mandate APPROVED**

### 5. Updated logo

Sclaris explains the process to select the proposed logo. The considerations were the limited amount of time available for a new design and the positive feedback of the UIAA Climbing logo, as well as the decision to have continuity through a logo with few changes. The logo was shared with UIAA President and members of the UIAA Board who gave feedback considering the similarities with the UIAA logo.

Sclaris thanks Secretary-General Reindert Lenselink for his work on the logo.

Members discuss the logo and the alternative of the logo with or without the global lines. Members suggest that they would prefer a “new” logo, less like the UIAA logo and with no reference to the mountain. Members suggest the alternative logo with no global lines is preferable.

Sclaris requests a vote on the two different logo (global lines and no global lines) where a “no” vote is a rejection of both.



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Vote to select official IFSC Logo  
*Proposed logo with global lines: 7*  
*Proposed logo without global lines: 27*  
*Against both proposed logos: 12*  
*Abstentions: 1*

***Proposed logo without global lines approved***

Scolaris thanks members for the heated discussion on this.

### **6. Web domain:**

Scolaris announces to members the new web domain which will be [www.ifsc-climbing.org](http://www.ifsc-climbing.org) AND [www.ifsc-climbing.com](http://www.ifsc-climbing.com) effective by Monday morning.

[www.uiaaclimbing.com](http://www.uiaaclimbing.com) will be redirected for a year or so.

- Break for lunch -

### **7. “Future Development” and External Relations**

Scolaris announces the status of the Olympic Mission Gap Analysis project (OMGA). IFSC consultant has completed the first draft of the final report which the President and Sport Manager are reviewing and will be distributed to all members by mid-February.

For member review, Sclaris distributes an OMGA Executive Summary.

This report has been very well done and will become the basis for our strategy and IF decision-making.

Alexander Sergeyev is introduced by Vice-President Alexander Piratinskiy. Sergeyev is an ex-athlete from the Climbing Federation of Russia, member of the Sport Development Commission, and Head of HYDRO-OJK Sales and Marketing. He introduces his project to organize climbing events on Hydro dams around the world. This is interesting and appealing to athletes and spectators as well as the media. He presents the possible sites where he is in contact with the local national federation and governments. He requests that federations contact hydro company PR managers in home countries, and contact Piratinskiy for more detailed recommendations and support. He shows a promotional video.

Scolaris thanks Sergeyev and encourages federations to seriously consider this event: it is a great show and a potential source of revenue and sponsorship. It promotes speed, which is a vehicle to introducing climbing to the general public.

#### a. Future Development and External Relations: IOC

Scolaris gives a short summary of the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with the IOC Sport Department and explains the steps we will take immediately following this meeting and creation of the new IF, also regarding the recognition and relations with other international bodies AGFIS, ARISF, IWGA.

#### b. Future Development and External Relations: World Games



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The next World Games 2009 will be in Kaohsiung 16-26 JULY, and will be the second edition for climbing. The Asian Championships 2006 were a pre-event and were very successful, thank you to the Taipei federation and to the Asian Council.

The membership in the IWGA is currently with the UIAA for competition climbing. However the UIAA no longer governs a sport that is eligible for the World Games, and therefore there is a motion on the floor to ask the UIAA to request a transfer of membership to the IFSC at the Beijing meeting in April.

Scolaris asks UIAA Secretary-General Jan Bonding his opinion on this matter, Bonding responds that he does not see any problems with it.

### ***IFSC motion to the UIAA for IWGA transfer of membership***

The IFSC was created on January 27th, 2007, following the decision of the UIAA General Assembly to cease governance of Competition Climbing and to support the creation of a new IF.

Considered that:

Competition Climbing was in the programme of Duisburg 2005, and is in the programme of Kaohsiung 2009

the remaining UIAA sports are not eligible to enter the World Games (being winter sports)

In order to facilitate the preparation of the future World Games and to improve the relationships with the IWGA and the other IFS, the IFSC members respectfully ask the UIAA to request the IWGA to transfer the membership to the newly created IFSC, as the IF governing competition climbing.

Vote on above motion; to ask UIAA to transfer IWGA membership

*For: 48*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

***Motion APPROVED***

#### c. Other Multi-Sport Events

IFSC is working to enter the Mediterranean games which will be in Pescara Italy in 2009.

### **8. Vote to apply to continue IOC recognition**

A motion is distributed to all members:

#### ***IFSC official request for continuation of IOC recognition***

The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) was founded on January 27th 2007 in Frankfurt, Germany.

The IFSC is a continuation of the UIAA Climbing - ICC International Council for Competition Climbing (same athletes, same calendar and events, same officers, same officials...), a body of the UIAA, that managed autonomously competition climbing activities since 1997 inside the UIAA itself.

On October 15th, 2006, the UIAA decided, with a large majority, to cease governing competition climbing and to support the creation of an independent International Federation, now the IFSC.

The IFSC, from its founding, has 66 affiliated federations and 10 in the process of affiliation, on the five continents.

The IFSC is focused on the development and promotion of competition climbing worldwide, the promotion of the Olympic spirit, and the promotion of this sport as a healthy and educational activity for the youth.

The IFSC also promotes special programmes and competitions for disabled individuals (Paraclimbing).



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The Statutes and Regulations of the IFSC comply with the Olympic Charter.

The IFSC has accepted the WADA code and runs regular anti-doping controls and educational programs.

The active participation of the athletes in the decisional process of the IFSC is guaranteed by Statutes.

Female participation in IFSC events is high: their number reached – in 2006 - 39% of the total field.

Women are also present in the steering bodies of the IFSC.

The members of the IFSC respectfully ask the IOC to continue to recognise the sport of Competition Climbing (“Escalade de Compétition” that was recognised in 1993 via the UIAA), accepting in the Olympic movement the new born IFSC.

Vote on IFSC official request for continuation of IOC recognition

*For: 48*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**Motion APPROVED**

Scolaris explains that when we are ready to officially apply for the Olympic Games, the IOC will want to know when our members expressed this interest. He requests we have a vote to “show interest” in applying for the Olympic Games.

Vote to “show interest” in participating in the Olympic Games

*For: 47*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 1*

**APPROVED**

### 9. Relations with the UIAA

It is reiterated that a positive relationship between the IFSC and the UIAA is a priority for both organizations. The two Ifs can begin to work together on common ground following the consolidation of our structure, strategy and future.

### 10. PA 2007 location: decision and officially informing JMA

JMA President Tanaka has officially extended the welcome to the IFSC to attend the Matsumoto meetings (UIAA) in October 2007. JMA only requests that the events of the two organizations be arranged so as not to conflict or compete.

Members discuss the proposal.

Vote to accept the invitation of the JMA

*For: 47*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**JMA invitation APPROVED**

Scolaris thanks JMA for the consideration and invitation.

### 11. Any other Business



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Lluís Giner of FEDME makes a presentation to members regarding the request by FEDME to move the 2007 World Championships from Marbella to Aviles. There are many insurmountable problems with the Marbella government and FEDME does not believe a successful World Championship can be guaranteed. Aviles had a successful World Cup in 2003, has a large modern venue and has full support of the government.

Discussion about the importance of the World Championship for the image of our sport. Sclaris reminds members that we must work to improve for each edition with more visibility and more participation.

Vote to approve the change of venue for 2007 World Championship, as proposed by FEDME

*For: 48*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**Change of venue APPROVED**

Sclaris thanks BMC and Graeme Alderson for hosting the European Bouldering Championship 16-18 March in Birmingham. Alderson presents an overview of the agenda for the event.

Sclaris closes the meeting at 15.00. This is a good start, but just the beginning!

As the members remain seated, he reminds members about the motto from the Torino 2006 games, – “PASSION LIVES HERE”

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