



## IFSC PLENARY ASSEMBLY 2016: A BRIGHT FUTURE

The 11th Annual Plenary Assembly of the IFSC will be held on 20th February next. This highly anticipated event comes while thousands of athletes are preparing the upcoming season, just 2 months before the start, and 6 months before the official announcement of the selection of possible new events/sports for Tokyo 2020. Sport Climbing is in the shortlist.

### First time in Iran

In the Middle East for the first time, the 11th Plenary Assembly of the IFSC will take place in Tehran (IRI). After the European city of Baden (Switzerland) in 2015, the Plenary Assembly is moving to a new continent for the event. 50 national federations from all over the world will be represented at the meeting, with a total of about 70 participants.

### A rich agenda for an exceptional year

The agenda features a wealth of topics related to the future of Sport Climbing, promising some exciting discussions. *"The meeting is a great occasion for looking ahead to the oncoming year, without forgetting the legacy of 2015"*, says Marco Maria Scolari, IFSC President, *"in 2016 we'll be back to Paris Bercy for the IFSC Climbing and Paraclimbing World Championships, in Shanghai for the World University Championships and in Guangzhou for the IFSC World Youth Championships: those will be the leading events, although a rich World Cup Series, with some inspiring new entries, will bring great excitement"*. The program of the Assembly touches on many important matters. The topics up for discussion will include, among others, membership, governance, finances, continental councils, paraclimbing and sporting issues.

### Tokyo 2020 and new heights for the IFSC athletes

The future may hold some surprises for the IFSC, the most important of which concerns the decision of the International Olympic Committee. Next August, the IOC will vote on the inclusion of new events/sports in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The entire IFSC, as well as all those passionate about climbing, are looking forward to this decision. Scolari expresses the IFSC sentiment: *"We will hold the Plenary Assembly in Tehran waiting and hoping for a positive answer from Rio de Janeiro regarding the Olympic Games 2020. A great job was done last year, but we won't stop there; we are living a unique moment for the development of the sport. Therefore, being climbers, our passion pushes us towards new heights"*

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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