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## **President's Report to the General Assembly September 23, 2010 in Hotel i Zagreb, Croatia**

According to the Statutes, each Executive Board reports about its activities to the General Assembly. I want to submit this report and also to present give some ideas of the Board.

### **1. Activities of the Board:**

In the short time of existence, the ialc has developed into a strong well-respected organisation. I always look forward again to the positive feedback from our members. But constructive criticism is always welcome.

The Board has met six times since the World Cup in Germany to handle the outstanding problems and the deal with the association duties.

In addition, the delegations outside ialc Board held bilateral meetings to exchange information with the host country, with the sponsors and with other countries that would like to host WLC.

The Technical Committee, under the direction of Daniel Kleger, got together for meetings to advise on the technical problems and to fix them.

Representatives of the Board have participated on several meetings with the ialc Sponsoring pool.

With our website we have created an interesting platform for first-hand information. We ask all of you to check this website from time to time and to obtain the necessary information electronically. The following three addresses were created:

**[www.ialc.ch](http://www.ialc.ch);    [www.ialc.info](http://www.ialc.info);    [www.ialc-online.com](http://www.ialc-online.com)**

The Technical Committee has carried out the training of the referees in Croatia this year. On the two training events, 40 referees have been trained, tested and certified as international referees of the ialc.

### **2. Problems to be solved**

Permanent Sponsors of the ialc:



**Bank account:** Address of the Bank: Basellandschaftliche Kantonalbank, Rheinstrasse 7, CH 4410 Liestal  
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We have experienced, from sports side, a well-organized WLC in Tripsdrill, Germany. That more we have worried to see Germany in the end having to overcome financial problems, caused by various circumstances. The ialc tried within its possibilities to buy the tools for the German association and to provide additional financial resources available. Once again, we have found out that the young ialc does not have enough own funds for such emergency cases.

I do not want to refrain from sincerely thanking Germany for the successful, and up to now, at least in sports side, the best World Cup ever, and I am pleased that the WLC 2008 still could be completed as reasonably acceptable. All the more, Germany has more than deserved, by good performance of the whole team, the prestigious title of the world champion team in their country.

The bad economic situation and the banking crisis have not gone without leaving a mark on ialc too. We have lost one sponsor, who wanted to reorganise allocation and use of his financial resources Sponsoring and thus, ended our cooperation. We would like to thank the company Dolmar again at this point for years of good cooperation and sincerely regret very much that the commitment of the company ended after such a short time. All the more, through this disengagement, we have lost one member (USA), which was sponsored primarily by Dolmar.

Currently, ever falling euro gives to ialc and other companies and organisations lots of headache.

The bad economic situation became evident also with the host country Croatia. To start with, sponsoring money did not flow as usual. The ialc Sponsoring pool has proved to be a reliable partner, and despite the crisis situation contributed with a considerable amount to the WLC in Croatia and we would like to thank for that generous support.

Unfortunately, the ialc Sponsoring pool could not make, because of the current economic situation, long-term assurance for the sponsoring money. The result is, that the nations which will like to host a WLC, mostly cannot count on secured figures regarding the sponsorship when signing the contract. This would be all the more important because the nations have to start early with the organisation and planning. And local sponsors should be sought early. The work can begin only when the budget is made and necessary resources for the implementation secured.

Most probably, the financing of a World Cup will pose for the host country in longer-term, in spite of strong support from the sponsors and the ialc, ever larger problems. For this reason it is extremely important to have a strong ialc, in good financial condition so that it can better support the host country.

The duties to the ialc coming from the membership obligations of nations were carried out differently. There are problems, especially with the payment of membership fees, which should ideally be paid annually. Despite reminders, the contributions of individual nations are not paid on time and paid, often just before the World Championship. I ask all nations to remit the contributions on an annual basis. It is important to note that the ialc does not have financial obligations only shortly before the World Cup, it does need money continuously. We would like to state that the membership fees are due in the first quarter of the year.

More and more to discuss about, is for ialc to check who is right in one country to nominate a national team.

Acceptance procedures are regulated in the statutes of the ialc, in the article 5.2.

I will limit myself to the following from the decisions of the Board and to quote the mentioned Article 5.2 about the legitimacy of a national team.

***All applications for ialc admission must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee.***

***Each application shall include:***

- a document bearing witness to the applicant's legal right to set up a national team;
- proof of payment of the admission fee, which entitles ialc membership for the first 12 months;
- the nomination of a representative, who will speak and vote on behalf of the applicant.

**The Executive Committee shall review these documents. If membership applications are successful, a written confirmation of acceptance will be sent. If applications are unsuccessful, the Executive Committee shall send a letter justifying their decision.**

**After receiving said letter from the Board of Directors, unsuccessful applicants shall have the right to appeal to the General Assembly, whose decision is final and binding.**

This article actually states that the Board has to perform check before admission. We have admitted most of the members at the WLC in Italy. In the following years, only few other countries have become the members of the ialc.

As the ialc Board does not have the necessary human and financial resources, let alone want to interfere in national decisions and probably also cannot, as the necessary legal foundations are missing, the Board made the following decision on admission of a team:

**Where the nation applies for admission in the ialc, and all documents from Art. 5.2 are included, the Board ialc accepts the nation as a provisional member.**

**All new nations will be introduced and accepted on the General Assembly. By doing so, all members have the possibility to refuse the admission. This is not provided in the statutes for in our opinion, and also it is not compliant to Swiss association law, on which the ialc is founded, but necessary.**

**If there is an admission problem with some nation, because someone doubts that the organisation behind the member is not entitled to nominate the national team, the ialc will conduct the check regulated in Article 5.2.**

It is an aggravating factor that a nation can also apply to a WLC with an entry fee. This poorly worded and incomplete article makes ialc anything but happy.

I think that the Executive Board will revise the statutes after the WLC Croatia, to create more transparency and clarity in this field.

After all, I would like to point out that anyone who wants to form a national team must make at least brand-neutral qualifications in the country.

But again, if someone complains, the ialc will investigate the matter and make additional check.

### **3. Development of membership and information to members.**

As mentioned above, we have lost the USA as a member. Despite intensive efforts, we have still not found a partner with whom we could negotiate a new membership.

There are new countries entered are **Spain** and **Lichtenstein**.

Therefore, a membership has increased to 25 nations. The Board would like recommend to the General Assembly to include these two new nations in our circle.

To all countries that have paid the entry fee to start at the World Championships, we would recommend it to apply for membership, and thus to save costs, to acquire a voting right, and to be better informed about our activities.

For the first time a team from Japan will participate in the championship. We would be happy if at the next championship Japan could be included as a member, and that they organise national championship and brand-neutral qualifications in the country in the meantime.

Also during this World Cup ialc will display our precise measuring instruments and take orders on request. I think that when we shop together, we can produce the equipment cheaper. I therefore make that offer to the nations.

Unfortunately, we get to our correspondence we send to the nations very rarely a feedback. We also regret ialc is not informed about the address changes in the nations. The necessary information often does not arrive at the correct address or cannot be delivered. I therefore call on all nations to immediately report the change of address to the ialc office in the future.

We also ask all members to keep with the specified dates. For example, the teams should be applied for the World Cup in time. From the WLC 2012, we will no more allow the entries of teams after the specified deadline. Please bear in mind that we must plan on the basis of these applications. The rooms have to be reserved, competition lanes planned, meals organised, referees trained in sufficient numbers and so on.

The ialc will make available specially developed evaluation software to the members free of charge. This program will be set on our website. From there, members can download the program with a password assigned by us.

This program is intended for personal use of members for the purpose of national championships, or qualification of national teams. It is forbidden to give this program to third parties or to resell it.

#### **4. Personal Situation in Executive Board**

The Board is still not complete and according to Organization specified functions, not all post are occupied.

Unfortunately, we received no applications to our call to nations to nominate interested persons to work on the Board. There will be no competition for the coming elections.

This is all the more regrettable because Juhani Pöllänen will resign from the Board. I would like to cordially thank Juhani for his cooperation and thank him for their new life after his retirement a lot of joy; I wish him good health and many grandchildren, allowing him to spend his newfound free time.

We will reconsider our new organisational chart, and eventually distribute the work to less people, or to outsource them.

Such measures have already been prepared and included in the budget to be approved.

#### **5. Thanks**

I am happy to conclude my report, with words of thanks to several people.

First I would like to warmly thank the Sponsors of the ialc the companies Aspen, Husqvarna and Stihl. Without their valuable financial support, the implementation of a World Cup would be hardly possible.

Thanks go also to my colleagues on the Board that undertake their tasks voluntarily. This means a fairly large time commitment and no doubt the use of lot of their free time. Thank you for the efforts that cannot to be underestimated and a pleasant cooperation.

I want to thank once again to host country for accepting the organisation of the 2010 World Cup in Croatia.

My thanks go finally to all that have participated in any way in organisation of the World Cup. Starting with the Organizing Committee, the referees, the support staff, to the IT Office.

I hope I forgot no one and please everyone - even if not specifically mentioned, to accept my best thanks.

Our Honorary President Dr. Silvius Wodarz currently has minor health problems. He must undergo a small non-life-threatening surgery. For this reason, he may not regrettably be with us at this WLC. He has instructed me but, to warmly greet all of you all and to wish you a nice and successful WLC. We would wish to you Silvius all the best, a good course of your recovery and hope that we will be able to greet you again by the next WLC in 2012.

**International association logging  
championships, President ialc**



**Max Fischer**

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