

MINUTES OF THE 55th ORDINARY CONGRESS DUBLIN 2014

A. Congress

FIRST SESSION

Monday, June 9, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

President Mr. Ottavio Cinquanta in the Chair

1. Opening of Congress by the President

The President made the following remarks:

“Dear Delegates, dear Honorary Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is as usual a privilege and an honor to open a Congress of the International Skating Union.

First of all in the name of all people in attendance I would like to address words of warm gratitude to Ms Karen O’Sullivan, President of the Ice Skating Association of Ireland, for hosting the major ISU meeting here in green Dublin. It is the first time that an ISU Congress is held in Ireland and we are all confident that Ms O’Sullivan will put us in the condition to conduct a constructive meeting.

At the very beginning of my speech I feel committed to honor in your name the memory of a great friend of the ISU, who is no longer with us. All our highest sentiments are dedicated to remember the ISU Honorary Member Mr Charles De More. He has indeed contributed a lot, for many years, to the formation and development of the ISU sport disciplines as well as of the ISU reputation. With our gratitude we wish to confer him our highest appreciation and I kindly ask you to stand for a moment of silence in his honor. We will never forget his devoted example.

Also best sentiments are extended to all people of the Country of those ISU Members victims of negative and sad situations that resulted in National mourning.

I wish to thank you a lot for your sincere, touching participation.

This is our 55th Congress, that we hope like the many previously held will be conducted with constructive spirit so to develop the ISU activity and increase its reputation, in line with the terrific progress that accompanies the world of Sport.

Some Members have newly elected Presidents, to whom goes our welcome as well as good luck for their future tasks.

I would also like to mention that exactly one hundred years ago, as of today, the Italian National Olympic Committee was founded in Rome. Congratulations therefore go to the CONI, on behalf of the ISU Congress, for such an important achievement. Equal expressions of gratitude and congratulations go to the other entities that have reached a significant anniversary.

We are conscious that the Ice Skating Association of Ireland is moving its first steps to develop ice skating and our massive presence here wants to demonstrate that they are not alone; like all new ISU Member Federations they must feel that the ISU is available to help in the way to further development, also thanks to modern technology and fast communications.

Ladies and Gentlemen, together with the ISU Honorary Members and all the participating Members' Delegates, I have the great honor and privilege to declare the 55th International Skating Union Congress in Dublin, Ireland, officially open."

2. Verification that Congress has been duly convened according to the Constitution

Fredi Schmid referred to ISU Circular Letter No. 611 of April 9, 2013 and Article 29, paragraph 1 of the ISU Constitution. The Delegates agreed that the Congress had been duly convened.

3. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of Congress Meetings

The President proposed Fredi Schmid as Secretary of the meeting who was accepted.

4. i) Verification of the qualifications of representatives and of their right to vote through circulation of a list of representatives among Congress Delegates and subsequent confirmation by the Congress

Fredi Schmid informed the Congress that the Cyprus Skating Federation had been accepted as a full Member for the Figure Skating Branch during the Council meeting that took place before the Congress on June 8, 2014. Fredi Schmid stated that a list with all Delegates names had been distributed at the time of registration/accreditation and an updated version has been distributed on the tables of the Delegates in the morning of June 9, 2014. He asked if there were any comments or objections. There were no comments and no objections.

The following Delegates attended the Congress:

Andorra	Figure	Monica Lopez, Raquel Puigcernal
Argentina	Speed	Jorge Mario Fazio, Jose Ignacio Fazio, Marnix Koolhaas (transl.)
	Figure	Maria Dolores Cazorla, Cecilia Nikolic
Armenia		Emil Danielyan, Karen Grigoryan, Melanya Stepanyan, Aram Vlasyan, Ararat Zakarian, Hayk Jaghacpanyan (transl.)
Australia	Speed	Frank Anderson
	Figure	Lisa Jelinek, Catherine Taylor

Austria	Speed Figure	Michael Hadschieff, Hannes Wolf Christiane Mörth
Azerbaijan		Igor Lukanin
Belarus		Mikalai Ananyeu, Alexandre Gorodjanov, Julia Komleva
Belgium	Speed Figure	Antoine Van Vossel Peter Riskin, Rita Zonnekeyn
Bosnia & Herzegovina		Vladimir Kezunovic, Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou
Brazil		<i>Not present</i>
Bulgaria		Biliana Pironkova, Evgenia Radanova, Tatiana Yordanova
Canada	Speed Figure	Ian Moss, Gregg Planert, Marie-Claire Rouleau Leanna Caron, Patricia Chafe, Benoit Lavoie, Dan Thompson, Shae Zukiwsky
China		Shuo Xing, Dong Yang, Haiyan Yu
Chinese Taipei		Chia-Han Hua, Ya-Li (Jenny) Yu
Croatia		Melita Juratek Cipek, Morana Palikovic Gruden
Cyprus	Figure	Andreas Georgiades

Czech Rep.	Speed	Petr Novak Jr., Petr Hercik (transl.)
	Figure	Karel Oubrecht, Stanislav Zidek
Denmark		Ingelise Blangsted, Maria B. Kjaer, Karin Rigas, Mariann Vasbo
DPR Korea		Hyok Chol Jon, Chol Un Ri
Estonia		Maire Arm, Gunnar Kuura, Jana Kuura
Finland	Speed	Pertti Niittyliä, Sauli Pollari
	Figure	Marie Lundmark, Susanna Rahkamo, Laura Raitio, Tarja Ristanen, Mika Saarelainen
France		Didier Gailhaguet, Alain Daniel Hostache, Katia Krier, David Molina, Alexis Sodogas
Georgia		Mariam Giorgobiani
Germany	Speed	Gerd Heinze, Christel Petzschke, Uwe Rietzke, Günter Schumacher
	Figure	Udo Dönsdorf, Elke Treitz
Great Britain		Karen Archer, Stuart Horsepool, Ken Pendrey, Hilary Selby, Nicholas Sellwood, Alistair Wilson, Peter Worth
Greece		Anna Chatziathanasiou, Slobodan Delic

Grenada	Figure	<i>Not present</i>
Hong Kong		DingDing Liu, Siu Yin Yip
Hungary		Csaba Balint, Ferenc Batho, István Darázs, Lajos Kosa
Iceland	Figure	Margrét Olafsdóttir
India		Rakesh Arora, Bhavnesh Banga, Harsh Wardhan Batra, Rajinder Gupta, Batra Rajni, Srikhanta Rao
Indonesia		Wiwin Darmawan Salim
Ireland	Figure	Yvonne Brett, Cindy Mundow, Karen O’Sullivan, Alan Seabrook
Israel		Boris Chait
Italy		Sergio Anesi, Elisabetta Boschetto
Japan		Seiko Hashimoto, Hidehito Ito, Tatsuro Matsumura, Masaru Morozumi, Toshihiko Nitta, Yuya Oikawa, Yukiko Okabe
Kazakhstan		Radik Bikchantayev, Madygali Karsybekov, Vassiliy Krylov, Kairgeldy Zhanpeissof
Latvia		Marika Nugumanova, Edvins Silovs, Arta Strautmane
Lithuania	Speed	Virginija Oguleviciene, Audrius Ogulevicius
	Figure	Laimute Krauziene, Dovile Pervazaite

Luxembourg	Speed Figure	Heidi Backström <i>Not present</i>
Malaysia		Laila Abdullah
Mexico		<i>Not present</i>
Monaco	Figure	Pascal Camia, Valérie Gallo, Frank Nicolas
Mongolia		<i>Not present</i>
Morocco	Figure	Malik El Karim, Brahim Zazoui
Netherlands		Jenneke Bogerd, Albert Hazelhoff, Rhian Ket, Arie Koops, Wilf O'Reilly, Jeroen Prins, Paul Sanders, Karen Venhuizen
New Zealand	Speed Figure	Pamela Gray, Rosemarie Nye Jeanette King, Sandra Williamson-Leadley
Norway		Rune Gerhardsen, Lise Røsto Jensen, Halvor Laustad, Marcel L. Vanberg
Philippines	Figure	Manuelito Resultay, Manuel Veguillas
Poland	Speed Figure	Marta Jarecka, Grzegorz Kalowski, Kazimierz Kowalczyk Zenon Dagiel, Ewa Kierzkowska

Puerto Rico	Figure	<i>Not present</i>
Rep. of Korea		So Young An, Hwan Kook Chai, Myung Sub Han, Seong Soo Hwang, Jae Youl Kim, So Hee Kim, Sung Hee Koh, Sang Il Shim, Seung Hoon Bae (transl.), Chang Hoon Lee (transl.)
Romania		<i>Not present</i>
Russia	Speed Figure	Alexey Kravtsov Alexander Gorshkov, Alexander Kogan, Sergey Kononykhin, Valentin Piseev, Sergey Sviridov
Serbia		Vesna Rakovic, Vojislava Vasovic
Singapore		Sonja Chong
Slovak Rep.	Speed Figure	Jan Magdosko Felicita Babusikova, Jaroslav Burian, Martin Letenay
Slovenia		Daria Gabrovsek Polajnar, Breda Marinsek, Ivan Pfeifer
South Africa	Speed	James Stuthridge, Teresa Stuthridge
South Africa	Figure	Vincenzo D'Aguzzo, Neil Garrard
Spain		Daniel Delfa, Gloria Estefanell, Jorge Lafarga, Carme Nadeu, Maria Teresa Samaranch

Sweden		Speed Figure	Roger Bodin, Karl Skoog Katarina Henriksson, Malin Jarl, Peter Levin
Sweden		Stockholm Club	<i>Not present</i>
Switzerland			Thomas Haeni, Roland Wehinger
Switzerland		Davos Club	<i>Not present</i>
Thailand			Srihasak Arirachakaran, Suwana Silpa-Archa, Varawut Silpa-Archa
Turkey			Almila Arikan, Dilek Okuyucu, Cenap Mengu Tuncay, Umit Ucar
United Arab Emirates (UAE)		Figure	Hamel Alqubaisi, Zsolt Kerekes
Ukraine		Speed Figure	Sergiy Brodovych Evgeniy Larin
USA		Speed Figure	Tim Bostley, Ted Morris, Susan Sandvig-Shobe Samuel Auxier, John Coughlin, David Raith, Patricia St. Peter, Gale Tanger
Uzbekistan			Evgeniy Rokhin

List of those present, Council, Technical Committees, Disciplinary Commission, Honorary Members, Director General, Treasurer, Legals Advisors, Sports Directorate, Medical Commission and Development Coordinator

1. Council

President:	Ottavio Cinquanta	Italy
1 st Vice President Figure Skating:	David M. Dore	Canada
2 nd Vice President: Speed Skating:	Jan Dijkema	Netherlands
Members: Figure Skating:	Marie Lundmark Junko Hiramatsu Phyllis Howard Tjasa Andréa-Prosenec	Finland Japan USA Slovenia
Speed Skating:	György Martos German Panov Lan Li Roland E. Maillard	Hungary Russia China Switzerland

2. Technical Committees

Single and Pair Skating Chair	Alexander Lakernik	Russia
Members	Fabio Bianchetti Rita Zonnekeyn Susan Lynch Patrick Meier David Paul Kirby	Italy Belgium Australia Switzerland USA
Ice Dance Chair	Halina Gordon Poltorak	Poland
Members	Robert Joseph Horen Gilles Vandembroeck Alla Shekhovtsova Sylwia Nowak-Trebacka	USA France Russia Poland

Synchronized Skating

Chair	Christopher Buchanan	Great Britain
Members	Mika Saarelainen	Finland
	Karen Wolanchuk	USA
	Philippe Maitrot	France
	Helena Ericson	Sweden
	Catharine Ann Dalton	Canada

Speed Skating

Chair	Tron Espeli	Norway
Members	Nick Thometz	USA
	Alexander Kibalko	Russia
	Jae-Seok Choi	Rep. of Korea
	Christian Breuer	Germany
	Jildou Gemser	Netherlands

Short Track Speed Skating

Chair	Stoytcho G. Stoytchev	Bulgaria
Members	Reinier Oostheim	Germany
	Ji-Hoon Chae	USA
	Nathalie Lambert	Canada
	Satoru Terao	Japan

3. Disciplinary Commission

Chair	Volker Waldeck	Germany
Members	Fred Benjamin	USA
	Egbert Schmid	Austria
	Allan Böhm	Slovak Republic
	Susan Petricevic	New Zealand

4. Honorary Members

	Jean Grenier	Canada
	Joyce Hisey	Canada
	Maria Bialous-Zuchowicz	Poland
	Monique Georgelin	France
	Myong-Hi Chang	Rep. of Korea
	Gerhardt Bubník	Czech Republic
	James L. Hawkins	USA

5. Director General	Fredi Schmid	Switzerland
6. Treasurer	Ulrich Linder	Switzerland
7. Legal Advisors	Béatrice Pfister Michael Geistlinger	Switzerland Austria
8. Sport Manager Figure Skating	Peter Krick	Germany
9. Sports Directors Figure Skating	Krisztina Regöczy Charles Cyr	Hungary USA
10. Sports Director Speed Skating and Event Coordinator Short Track Speed Skating	Hugo Herrnhof	Italy
11. Medical Commission		
Chair	Jane M. Moran	Canada
Members	Harm Kuipers Hiroya Sakai	Netherlands Japan
12. Development Coordinator	György Sallak	Hungary

ii) electronic roll call of Members to establish the presence of Members and corresponding majorities

Fredi Schmid performed an electronic roll call. The following Members who had notified their intention to attend were not present at the time: Armenia Figure, Ukraine Figure and Israel (both Branches).

In addition, the following Members had not sent their notification of attendance: Brazil, Grenada, Luxembourg Figure, Mexico, Mongolia, Puerto Rico, Romania, Stockholm Club, Davos Club. This resulted in a total number of 104 votes at the time of the first roll call and maximum 108

votes during the Congress (The Delegates of Armenia Figure, Ukraine Figure and Israel arrived during the Congress).

5. Election of two scrutineers of the minutes of Congress Meetings

The President proposed Marie Lundmark and German Panov as scrutineers of the minutes of Congress meetings and they were accepted.

6. Election of a drafting committee, consisting of at least three members, to draft the final text of the Proposals adopted concerning the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions and the General Regulations.

The President proposed a Drafting Committee composed of Ottavio Cinquanta (ITA), David Dore (CAN), Jan Dijkema (NED), Michael Geistlinger (AUT) Béatrice Pfister (SUI) and Fredi Schmid (SUI). The Congress approved these persons.

7. Approval of the Agenda

The President referred to ISU Communication No. 1863, Agenda of the 55th Ordinary Congress, Dublin 2014 and to Communication No. 1867, Urgent Matters. He pointed out that the Council had reviewed all 12 Urgent Proposals included in Communication No. 1867 and proposed to accept all Urgent Proposals to be included in the Congress Agenda. The Congress agreed and the Agenda was accepted as per Communication Nos. 1863 and 1867.

8. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Congress

The Minutes of the 54th ordinary Congress, held in Kuala Lumpur, from June 11 to 15, 2012 were approved unanimously.

The President informed the Congress about the first ISU Forum which will take place after point 8 and that it would be moderated by Marie Lundmark and Roland Maillard.

Marie Lundmark proposed a short break before the start of the Forum.

SECOND SESSION

Monday, June 9, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

9. Forums/Workshops

Forum on the following topics as decided by Council (as per Art. 29, paragraph 6) based on Proposals from Members:

The Forum was moderated by Council members Marie Lundmark and Roland Maillard and included 3 presenters identified by the Council, namely Mr. Tatsuro Matsumura (JPN), Mr. David Raith (USA), and Mr. Sergei Sviridov (RUS) and the following Topics were discussed:

a) The on-going activities of the ISU Sport disciplines

- i) develop and improve the participation of the ISU Members and their Skaters, Officials etc. in the ISU activities;**
- ii) improve the interest for the ISU Sports and their attractiveness for spectators, sponsors and media.**

b) ISU Elections 2016/2018

Discussion of possible steps to find the right persons (candidates) for the right tasks (positions) within the ISU Bodies

- i) develop a strategy and procedure;**
- ii) logistical way of presentation;**
- iii) learning by doing.**

At the end of the Forum, the Moderators presented the following Summary of the Forum:

Topic 1.a)

Develop and improve the participation of the ISU Members and their Skaters, officials in the ISU activities

1. Form Working Groups (engage Members)
 - a. Access / Management of Facilities
 - b. Platforms on how Members can share experiences
 - c. Access to Coaches education
2. Synchronized Skating as Olympic Discipline
3. Explore Global Sponsor Ideas
4. Strategic Plan for Immediate future and beyond

Topic 1.b)

Improve the interest of the ISU Sports and their attractiveness for Spectators, Sponsors and Media

1. Form Working Groups – “Less Waiting”
 - a. Working Group Calendar
 - b. Format of the Championships
 - c. Presentation of Events and Results
 - d. Simplification of Rules (Figure)
 - e. Media Relations and Services to Members
 - f. Integration of Technology and Social Media
2. Explore “ISU Skating Games”
3. Retain External Marketing Consultant

Topic 2

ISU Elections 2016 and 2018

Discussion of possible steps to find the right persons (candidates) for the right tasks (positions) within the ISU Bodies

1. Explore concept of Nomination Committee
2. Update the candidate form to include the candidate’s vision for this position
3. Creation of job description for all elected positions
4. Creation of job description for all appointed positions
5. Identify types of competencies desired for the Council and TC Chairs
6. “Meet the candidate” session before the elections take place.

c) Workshop Technical Rule amendments Figure Skating Branch (as per Art. 32, paragraph 9.i) & iv)

Vice President Figure Skating David Dore moderated discussions in the Figure Skating Branch. Single and Pair Skating Technical Committee Chair Alexander Lakernik, Ice Dance Technical Committee Chair Halina Gordon Poltorak and Christopher Buchanan presented a summary of the Technical Rule Proposals received and the proposed amendments to the respective Technical Rules.

d) Workshop Technical Rule amendments Speed Skating Branch (as per Art. 31, paragraph 9.i) & iv)

Vice President Speed Skating Jan Dijkema moderated discussions in the Speed Skating Branch. Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair Tron Espeli, and Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair Stoytcho Stoytchev presented a summary of the Technical Rule Proposals

received from Members and the proposed amendments to the respective Technical Rules.

A. Congress

THIRD SESSION

Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

President Mr. Ottavio Cinquanta in the Chair

10. Biennial report by the President

The President made the following report:

“Dear Delegates, dear ISU Honorary Members, dear ISU Office Holders, Ladies and Gentlemen,

So far we have spent long periods to evaluate the development of the International Skating Union and recently we have been focusing a lot on this vital component of our policy. After Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, we are glad to be here in Dublin, Ireland, to continue our mission towards those Countries that we expect will show an evident development in the future. From these words, that some of you might consider optimistic, allow me to point out that this approach of the ISU is probably new and in particular full of motivation.

No doubt, as I have already had the occasion to express, that sport is going in a modern direction, involving more and more the sponsors, the televisions/media and the spectators. This constitutes the new frontier, or better the new reality if an International Sport Federation aims at progress, in line with acknowledged changes.

It is not a new concept that in the ISU we tend to assert that ice skating cannot be conducted using the same methods as it was more than 90 years ago. Today it is evident that huge resources are absolutely needed to sustain a demanding and progressing activity. Therefore it is also a necessity that the International Skating Union be in a position to propose attractive ice skating programs to the interested parties; to accomplish this a strict cooperation with all the ISU Members is essential. Regretfully there are still many Members that are unable to pursue what we require. This is the reason why we intensively act in favour of many Members, so that the ice skating activity might indeed be performed in more Countries.

The sport activity of the International Skating Union has been very intensive in the past two seasons and we can also be proud of the outstanding results obtained on the occasion of the Olympic Winter Games of Sochi 2014. The ISU was very active at the Games and in all Events that were part of the ISU Branches. The ISU was highly congratulated for the outstanding conduct and result of the new event: the Figure Skating Team Event.

It is now a good moment to express to the Russian entities all our appreciation for what they made available in Sochi 2014 to the Winter Sports globally; it is a memorable page of the history of Sport that the ISU will never forget.

The two ISU Vice Presidents Mr David Dore and Mr Jan Dijkema will report more precisely on the details related to other events.

I wish however to insist more on the necessity to adequately pave the way for the ISU of the future. No doubt that young people have the best characteristics, the enthusiasm and all that is needed to perform the required tasks. But sometimes professionalism can be intended as something above passion. I believe that the ISU is an entity having to conduct a sport activity that is much different from a business activity, where good administrative skills, commercial experience and professionalism are needed but at the same time are enough, i.e. not necessarily requiring also passion, but this fortunately is not the case with the ISU.

The problem however remains always the same. Sport is an activity mainly based on progress; constantly innovative performances and new world records are more imposed than expected by all those following a sport. In a few words, “progress must go on”. The ISU can offer a quite complete range of sport identities, i.e. the Speed Skating Branch frequently conducted on the basis of the time performed, with the use of electronic time keeping, and Figure Skating where no technology is available to determine the final result, that on the contrary is decided by human entities. You clearly understand that what said before regarding passion becomes of paramount importance for all the sport disciplines in the Figure Skating area. We have one Branch with the opportunity to count on technology (electronic time keeping) and others (F.S. and also Short Track) committed to form the ranking mainly on the basis of an individual interpretation. But together the two areas form an element that is vital to obtain the major goal

of sport, that is also our success, i.e. the unity, not easy to be obtained but that grants a lot of power to the ISU when the Union is in a position to present a global activity founded on two well different Branches.

However, to continue with the mission of further developing, the ISU Council approved the inclusion in the Congress of a Forum, that here in Dublin has been conducted yesterday and that constitutes another positive initiative of the recent term, with three important presenters, each from one of the most important geographical areas for the ISU activity: Mr Tatsuro Matsumura (Asia), Mr Sergey Sviridov (Europe) and Mr David Raith (North America). The Forum tackled issues of really great importance for the future of the Union, with the presence of many Delegates from ISU Members, as well as Mrs Marie Lundmark and Mr Roland Maillard, both ISU Council Members, as the coordinators of the Forum thanks to their knowledge of aspects related to the two ISU Branches.

As you all know, the Sports Directorate concluded its experience the day before the start of this Congress. We wish to extend to the members of the entity which will continue the work of the Sports Directorate the very best success and we also take the opportunity to extend congratulations and gratitude to the Sports Directorate for the productive and constant activity it conducted in favour of the ISU with many Proposals and solutions that were indeed needed for the most adequate performance of the Union.

What can be considered of truly paramount importance is the presence in the ISU of individuals who might dedicate their interest and efforts to the area of marketing. Marketing is used here as a word comprising all the activities related to commercial aspects. Of course in the near future the ISU Council may determine whether it is better to assign such a responsibility to a dedicated company or to have aboard as ISU Office Holders individuals with the relevant skills. To this end of course two main questions come to surface: (1) such an activity requires an intensive work, practically daily conducted, (2) the proper evaluation of the cost of an activity that has as a prime purpose to get more money than what spent to carry it out.

Now I wish to inform the Congress on the pillars on which the ISU can count to perform the said initiative in the future. The Olympic Winter Games of Sochi 2014 gave the evidence of the emotions transferred to the spectators, that truly led to the appreciated enthusiasm noted in all sessions where the ISU sport disciplines were present. And this also thanks to the presence of top Skaters, to whom the ISU intends to deliver compliments

and gratitude.

We are all conscious that behind the Skaters' performances there is the great merit of the respective Members, as well as that of all the components of the so-called technical staff. The competence, the skills, in a few words the standard of the technical staff are essential to accompany the progress of athletes who spend their best years in extremely technical and difficult sport disciplines, as the ones comprised within the ISU range.

You do imagine how complicated our world is. We need truly talented Skaters who must follow very demanding training programs, we need to evaluate a performance either using top technical systems or having available Officials with the skills and experience to fairly judge performances. And all this, dear Delegates, is not a problem, but it is for sure a very high commitment to be respected.

Allow me now to thank all those who devoted their passion on the occasion of the many seminars that the ISU, in cooperation with the ISU Members, conducted during the past periods. It is not difficult to affirm that such a productive program will be confirmed also for the future, but like any other effort that must be done you have certainly grasped that in my report I have already mentioned very important activities as related to marketing, technology and evaluation of the performance, that remain essential goals to be achieved.

You do recall that people with great passion for ice skating developed activities to sustain Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branches also in the area of Skaters who cannot be defined "young". It is with great admiration that at the end of May 2014 the ISU assisted to an event for Adults (Figure Skating Branch) to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Oberstdorf as the site having in particular supported Adult Figure Skating. What started as an adventure is now in front of us as a reality that deserves to be followed with more adequate attention. Evidence should be given to the spirit existing among Adults since they truly compete according to a superb style that is certainly far from jealousies, exaggerated motivation, in a few words it is an area where the amateerial spirit prevails. Even if Masters (Speed Skating Branch) are no longer cooperating with the ISU, we wish anyhow to extend to them the high sense of admiration together with best wishes for a successful future.

To focus more on marketing, it is essential to consider that financial

resources are needed, but in order to spend the money it is also normal to expect that the economic conditions are in favour of the ISU. That is why we cannot hope that commercial entities are available to financially sustain the ISU when the programs of the Union cannot be adequately used by the same entities. What shall we therefore do? My opinion, but full respect is given to the yesterday's discussion at the Forum as well as to the Forums that will be organized in the future, is that high and constant attention has to be given to the programs of competitions and other manifestations, so that the ISU sport disciplines can truly progress in line with the expectations of the already famous three entities: sponsors, TV/media and spectators, who will certainly maintain a very demanding approach.

I now would like to inform you of something you have already had the opportunity to read in the ISU Communication n° 1797, i.e. that the ISU Council unanimously decided during its meeting in Wien to buy a new ISU office in Lausanne; the quotation of 5.400.000 CHF represents an interesting price for a real estate object of approximately 540sq.m., in a good area of Lausanne.

It is now the moment for me to have the pleasure to deliver congratulations and gratitude to those dear friends that with the ISU Member associations formed a very constructive team. I wish to mention the Members of the Council, the Legal Advisors, the Treasurer and the Director General with his staff in Lausanne and all the ISU bodies for their precious work. Thank you Simonetta and also the best sentiments to Milena for your wonderful cooperation.

Since I am now emphasizing the merit of bodies and people allow me to express sincere compliments to the ISU Honorary Members, who with devotion are always ready to deliver proper suggestions without forgetting that they have been for long periods part of the Union adventure. Bravo! We want here to reiterate our admiration and still consider you sincere friends of the ISU.

Some more words on the future. In this report I already mentioned what I consider essential to be done. But allow me to repeat that more and more life will be extremely difficult. The famous entities that are asked to provide the conditions to sustain an International Sport Federation activity must be put in the condition to deliver what they can and what the ISU needs.

To accomplish such a result it is absolutely necessary to count on very

attractive ISU sport disciplines and for that purpose everybody must provide the personal best. The athletes normally do it as part of their everyday commitment. I am on this point referring to all the other people who are in or next to the ISU.

Please help us, since we need to confirm that the International Skating Union founded in 1892 will remain enthusiastically available for many, many years to come in order to fulfil a dream of success that is daily expressed by the ISU family and by all those who love the ISU.

You have understood, dear Delegates, that I am about to conclude, but before doing so I would like to express the highest consideration to all the ISU Officials, since the Union activity is mainly based on competitions and without the Officials we could not conduct a competitive activity. We are proud to affirm that the ISU can count on about 1600 Officials and this eloquent figure proves that the ISU Members are not only active to recruit and form Skaters, but they are doing the same in the area of Officials with a result that the ISU considers more than positive, so that a great expression of thanks is delivered to the Officials and the ISU Members, who with all the ISU bodies, which I would like to thank again, form a wide number of people daily working for the reputation of the International Skating Union.

From this report of mine you certainly grasped that in my opinion the ISU should take adequate steps in the future in order to maintain the position gained in many years of activity.

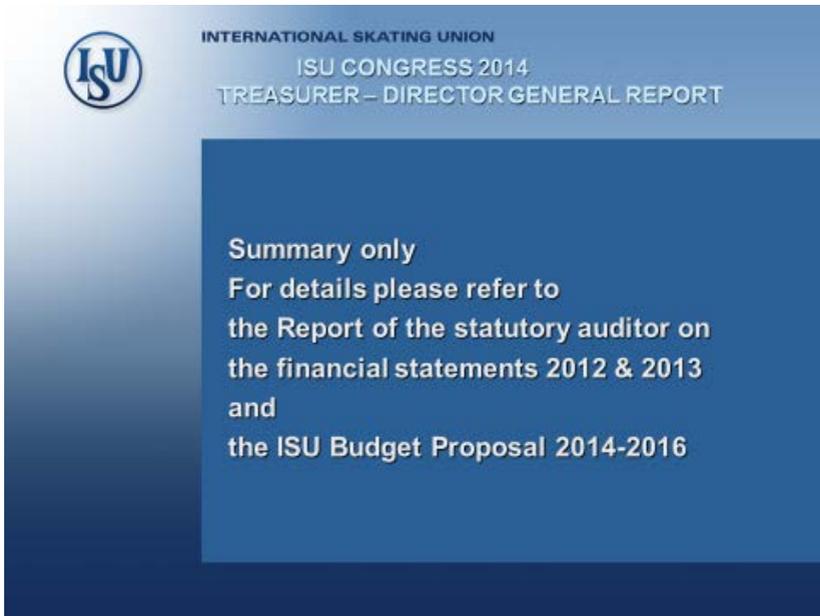
However, allow me to reaffirm that in the ISU the opinion of the Congress has been always respected and there are no reasons to ask for a different approach.

Thanks for your attention and best gratitude for your help.”

The President thanked the major ISU bodies for their hard work.

11. Report by the Treasurer/Director General

The Treasurer, Uli Linder presented the Treasurer/Director General Report by commenting the following charts:



The image shows a presentation slide with a blue gradient background. In the top left corner is the ISU logo, which consists of the letters 'ISU' inside a circle. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION', 'ISU CONGRESS 2014', and 'TREASURER – DIRECTOR GENERAL REPORT'. Below this, in a darker blue rectangular box, is the following text: 'Summary only', 'For details please refer to', 'the Report of the statutory auditor on', 'the financial statements 2012 & 2013', 'and', 'the ISU Budget Proposal 2014-2016'.



▪ FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
2012 & 2013



INCOMES

in Million CHF

	2013	2012
TV	18.5	18.5
ADVERTISING	13.8	12.6
INTEREST	7.0	7.0
OWG	10.4	10.4
VARIOUS	0.2	1.3
TOTAL	49.9	49.8



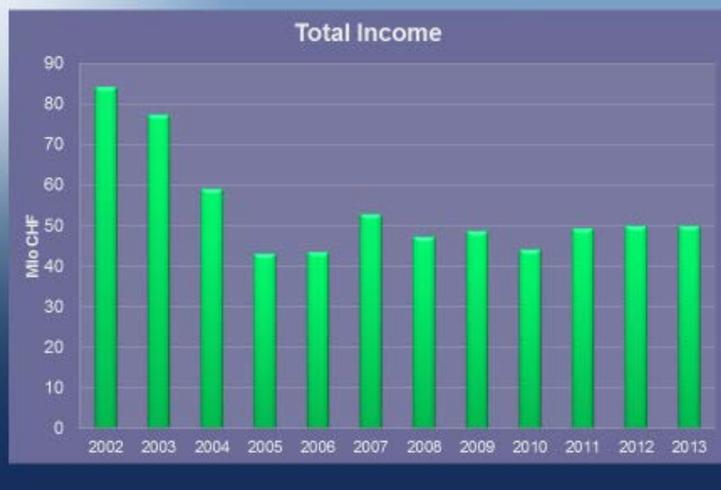
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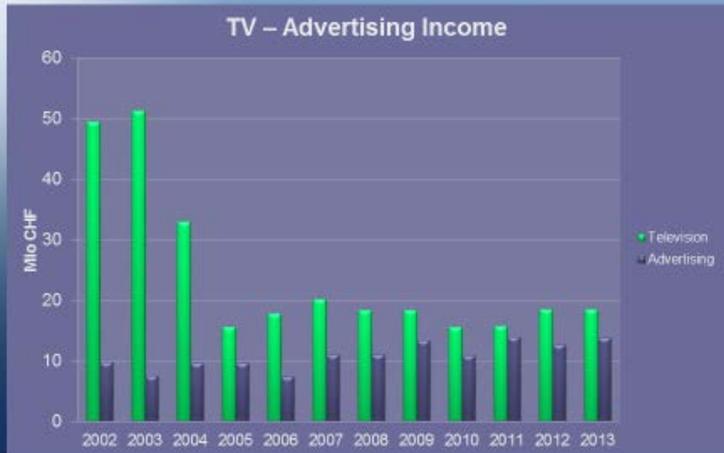




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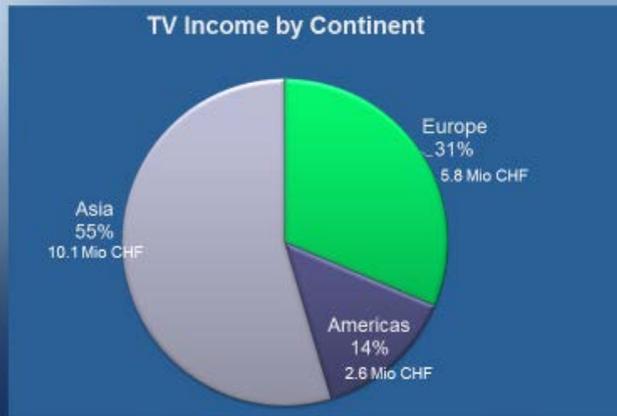
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TV Income by Continent





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CONTRIBUTIONS & PRIZE MONEY
TO ISU CHAMPIONSHIPS – ISU EVENTS

in Million CHF

	2013	2012
CONTRIBUTIONS:		
CHAMPIONSHIPS	9.1	8.5
OTHER ISU EVENTS	3.3	3.1
PRIZE MONEY:		
CHAMPIONSHIPS	2.1	2.1
OTHER ISU EVENTS	2.4	2.2
TOTAL	16.9	15.9



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ISU DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

in Million CHF

	2013	2012
PROJECTS	2.7	2.2
CONTRIBUTIONS	2.0	2.0
PROVISION 2009-2012	2.7	0.0
COUNCIL PROJECTS	2.2	2.5
<small>(Junior GP & Junior World Cup Speed Skating, Inzell Speed Skating Academy, Development Trophy)</small>		
TOTAL	9.6	6.7



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OPERATING EXPENSES

in Million CHF

	2013	2012
General (Office Holders meetings/congress, seminars, legal, media-PR, insurance, printed matters, judging system, anti-doping)	5.8	6.1
ISU SECRETARIAT	2.4	2.4
TOTAL	8.2	8.5



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CURRENCY EXCHANGE BOOK LOSSES

in Million CHF

2013	2012
5.9	0.7

**Accounting/book losses due to strong Swiss Franc versus the ISU currencies (USD – Euro) since ISU financial assets are held in these ISU currencies -
No actual loss since ISU activity remains in USD and Euro**



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RETAINED EARNINGS

in Million CHF

	2013	2012
INCOMES	49.9	49.8
EXPENDITURES	39.7	31.9
RETAINED EARNINGS 10.2 (Profit)		17.8 (Profit)



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EQUITY

in Million CHF

	2013	2012
EQUITY	230.8	220.6



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BUDGET 2014 – 2015 - 2016



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BUDGETING PRINCIPLES INCOMES

- ISU INCOMES BASED ON SIGNED AGREEMENTS AND CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATES FOR ITEMS FOR WHICH NO AGREEMENTS ARE IN PLACE.
- ISU OWG INCOME BASED ON A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE SINCE IOC INCOME EMANATING FROM THE SOCHI 2014 OWG IS NOT YET KNOWN



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BUDGETING PRINCIPLES EXPENDITURES

CONSIDERING THE FRAGILE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM OUTLOOK FOR INCOMES THE COUNCIL OPTED FOR A CONTINUED CONSERVATIVE APPROACH WITH A GOAL OF MAINTAINING SOLID RESERVES

CONSEQUENTLY, THE EXPENDITURES REMAIN BASICALLY AT SAME LEVEL AS DURING THE PAST PERIOD



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BUDGETING PRINCIPLES RETAINED EARNINGS

In Million CHF

	2013
INTEREST INCOME	7.0
EXPENDITURES	34.7

COVERAGE THROUGH INTEREST INCOME	20%
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OBJECTIVE SET BY COUNCIL AND ACCEPTED BY THE 2012 CONGRESS IS 25% COVERAGE OF EXPENSES THROUGH INTEREST INCOME. ONCE ACHIEVED THE BUDGET PROPOSAL TO THE CORRESPONDING FUTURE CONGRESS TO CONSIDER HOW TO INJECT AVAILABLE FUNDS INTO THE ISU AND ISU MEMBERS ACTIVITIES



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BUDGET - INCOMES

in Million CHF

	2014	2015	2016
TV	17.1	17.9	15.9
ADVERTISING	8.4	6.6	6.8
INTEREST	6.3	6.5	6.5
OWG	8.2	8.2	8.2
VARIOUS	0.1	0.1	0.1
TOTAL	40.1	39.3	37.5



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BUDGET - CONTRIBUTIONS & PRIZE MONEY TO ISU CHAMPIONSHIPS – ISU EVENTS

in Million CHF

	2014	2015	2016
CONTRIBUTIONS: CHAMPIONSHIPS			
<i>Maximum amounts, in particular for ISU World Figure Skating Championships subject to negotiations</i>			
Maximum amounts	10.5	10.5	10.4
OTHER ISU EVENTS	4.1	4.1	4.1
PRIZE MONEY	4.5	4.5	4.5
TOTAL	19.1	19.1	19.0



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BUDGET
ISU DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

in Million CHF

	2014	2015	2016
PROJECTS	2.2	2.2	2.2
CONTRIBUTIONS	2.0	2.0	2.0
COUNCIL PROJCECTS	2.5	2.5	2.5
(Junior GP & Junior World Cup Speed Skating Inzell Speed Skating Academy, Development Trophy)			
TOTAL	6.7	6.7	6.7



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BUDGET
OPERATING EXPENSES

in Million CHF

	2014	2015	2016
General	7.5	6.7	7.0
(Office Holders meetings/congress, seminars, legal, media-PR, insurance, printed matters, judging system, anti-doping)			
ISU SECRETARIAT	2.4	2.5	2.6
(Budgeted increase due to expected additional staffing needs in order to take over administrative functions from current Chair Sports Directorate in by 2016)			
TOTAL	9.9	9.2	9.6



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BUDGET RETAINED EARNINGS

in Million CHF

	2014	2015	2016
INCOMES	40.1	39.3	37.5
EXPENDITURES	35.7	35.0	35.4
RETAINED EARNINGS	4.4	4.3	2.1



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Q & A - DECISIONS

■ QUESTIONS?

Decisions to be taken under
Congress Agenda item 18
(Auditors Report) and
item 19 (Budget)

There were no questions or remarks from the Delegates.

The President remarked that the ISU is not in the very best period to obtain income from TV. The ISU needs to maintain its leadership on the market or otherwise the Union will be in financial trouble. A few years ago the Union was in a better position, but at present it is necessary to react before it is too late. The ISU has to make decisions which will lead to giving TV something different and interesting.

The Treasurer, Uli Linder thanked the President for his remark and the work of Fredi Schmid and the Accounting Department.

12. Report by the Legal Advisors

Legal Advisors Béatrice Pfister and Michael Geistlinger presented the following report:

“Dear Mr President, Members of the Council, Honorary Members, Delegates, Office Holders, Ladies and Gentlemen.

In the reporting period the Legal Advisors had to deal with a great number and variety of legal issues and we were in steady contact with almost all ISU bodies, above all the President, the Members of the Council, the Director General and the ISU Secretariat. In many instances our work was just legal routine, but in other cases there were important, complex and difficult problems to be solved.

To begin with good news: the ISU was not involved in any litigation with third parties, neither as plaintiff nor as defendant. Unfortunately, however, there were quite many cases concerning members of the ISU family which we had to bring before the ISU Disciplinary Commission. We will inform you about the most important cases in this report, after first summarizing our advisory work.

1. ISU Statutes

Both legal advisors have received many requests, especially from the various Technical Committees, the Sports Directorate and again the ISU Council to give them guidance as to the interpretation of certain ISU rules and their correct application. This is at times quite a challenge also for lawyers, because there are unfortunately more than a few ISU rules with, in

order to say the least, not very clear wording and whose application creates certain problems.

The perhaps most striking example in the reporting period was Rule 297 concerning red cards in Speed Skating:

At the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships in January 2014, the Dutch Skater Mr Knegt as last member of the Dutch team in the Men's Relay was surprisingly overtaken by the Russian Skater Ahn. Before crossing the finish line and clearly visible on TV and Youtube, Mr Knegt had his hands held up at shoulder height with two fingers raised (being clenched fists with the middle finger of each hand straight up) and pointing at the Russian Skater. About 10-12 meters after the finish line, Mr Knegt swung his foot in a very high kick which was aimed in the direction of Mr Ahn but there was sufficient distance that there was no likelihood of contact. The Chief Referee focused on the teams of Germany and Italy who were at the same time competing for third place and were a half lap behind. After the German and Italian teams had finished the race, the Referee reviewed the incident on video. He appraised Mr Knegt's behavior not to have any place in the sport and to be contrary to Good Sportsmanship, thus deserving a red card. But when he announced the respective red card the official results had already been made public.

Apart from the disciplinary complaint which was brought to the Disciplinary Commission, there was an exchange of opinions with the Technical Committee and the Sports Director as to the red card rule 297(5)(a)(iii)(3) ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Speed Skating, bringing up ever more questions. These questions referred to the spheres of competences, to deadlines, the understanding of the word "competition" in the given context and resulted in the joint view of all persons involved that the rule is simply unworkable and needs redrafting. In Sochi the Council installed a working group which included the two Legal Advisors and elaborated a Council Proposal which has been submitted to you for approval as an Urgent Matter.

Further, the legal advisors were involved in a number of ISU Communications. In this context I wish to mention Nr. 1817. In this Communication the Council changed the provisions regarding interruptions, delayed starts or re-starts due to adverse conditions in Figure Skating and Ice Dancing, based on the extraordinary powers granted to it by Art. 17 para 1.q) of the ISU Constitution. This amendment became necessary after

it had been observed that the previous wording of Rules 551 and 628 had led to a substantial increase of numbers of interruptions without just cause, i.e. in the absence of any adverse condition This abuse of the Rule needed to be stopped immediately, certainly before the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi.

Another important Communication in which we were involved was number 1832 concerning Speed Skating which actually involved Rule 297, too. Mr Geistlinger, please explain: During the Semi-Final Men Relay at the Samsung ISU Short Track World Cup Competition in Torino in November 2013 the Chief Referee gave a penalty and a yellow card to the Hungarian Men Relay team which was recorded and publicly communicated. At the conclusion of the Event the Referee changed his decision withdrew the yellow card and recorded this change in the protocol only, but without communicate it to anybody. When becoming aware of this situation, the ISU initiated an internal evaluation and based on our advise the Council came to the conclusion that according to the current rule a Referee's decision in Short Track Speed Skating becomes final once communicated to the Skaters, Team Coaches, Team Leaders Competitors Stewards and over the public address system at the end of each race and that no subsequent changes are possible. Based on this rule interpretation the Council in Communication no. 1832 re-instated the yellow card originally given, but later revoked by the Referee.

Last but not least our work on the ISU Statutes included advice and assistance to the Council and the Technical Committees on certain of their Proposals to this year's Congress which they submitted to us for review and comment. As Legal Advisors our function in this context is strictly limited to the legal aspects of respective Proposals; we have to and do stay away from any kind of policy decisions which are not for us to take.

2. Contracts

Of course the conclusion of various contracts belongs to the daily business of the ISU and we reviewed a number of very different contracts also during the last two years. There were certain agreements regarding TV rights, the ISU insurance situation, an important contract with respect to the renewal of the ISU website, cooperation agreements with several national Anti Doping Organisations and, last but not least, the contract for the purchase of new ISU Headquarters in Lausanne.

3. Disciplinary Matters

a) Doping Issues

Unfortunately we once more have to inform about a number of Anti-Doping Rule violations. In the reporting period there were five cases in which Skaters were sanctioned by their respective ISU Member Federation or their national Anti-Doping Agency, all of them for the presence of prohibited substances. In these cases the authority to test and the responsibility for the results management was not with the ISU, because they arose out of testing at non ISU events. In all these cases our function is limited to verify whether the ISU Members concerned has properly liquidated the cases in correct application of the ISU Anti-Doping Rules.

In six cases in which the ISU was the competent results management authority we had to file Statements of Complaint against Skaters with the ISU Disciplinary Commission. Three of them involved the presence of prohibited substances and the other three were about non-attendance at doping control. You will learn more details about these cases in the report of the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission and I further refer to the ISU homepage on which all decisions of the Disciplinary Commission are published in full. At this occasion I just wish to mention that two decisions of the DC imposing sanctions for doping violations were appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) by the Skaters concerned. One of these appeals involving the presence of a prohibited substance was dismissed by the CAS on June 11, 2012. The second case, concerning non attendance at the doping control test of a Serbian Figure Skater is still pending; there will be a hearing at the CAS on July 8 of this year. We are confident that in this case, too, CAS will confirm the decision of the ISU Disciplinary Commission, which is doing excellent work.

Last but not least: the Pechstein case:

To most of you the name of Claudia Pechstein is more than familiar. As you remember, the German Speed Skater had been found guilty by the ISU DC for blood doping, based on indirect evidence in the summer of 2009. Upon Ms Pechstein's appeal the CAS had confirmed the two years ineligibility period imposed upon her by the Disciplinary Commission. Despite the fact that the Swiss Federal Tribunal had rejected two applications of Ms Pechstein for cancellation of the CAS decision, she did not give up. She filed a suit against the German Speed Skating Member and the ISU, claiming roughly 4 Mio. Euro as damages for the allegedly unjustified sanction in late 2012 with the District Court of Munich,

Germany. Even though we were and are convinced that this claim is ill founded, our defence in the Munich Court involved a number of tricky legal questions, especially concerning the law of international civil procedure, which caused an intensive exchange of long writs. Following a hearing in the late September 2013, the Munich Court finally rendered its decisions at the end of February, 2014 and dismissed Ms Pechstein's claim. Yet, this decision is not final, because Ms Pechstein filed an appeal against it with the Superior Court of Munich. The ISU trusts that this appeal will be dismissed too, but this does not change the fact that this apparently never ending story absorbs enormous amounts of time, energy and money.

In addition the Munich District Court's decision, despite its favourable outcome for the ISU, gives reason for substantial worries among the entire sports law community, way beyond the ISU. The court dismissed Ms Pechstein's claim because under the International Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, the so called New York Convention, it had to respect the CAS decision as final and binding. Yet, in an obiter dictum the court said the following: the arbitration clause contained in the athletes' declaration forms, which confers exclusive jurisdiction upon the CAS in sports right is null and void, allegedly because it considered the arbitration clause not to be voluntary but imposed on the athletes. What this means is: if Ms Pechstein had already objected to the jurisdiction of CAS in front of CAS itself, the Munich court would not have accepted the CAS decision as binding. If the assessment of the Munich Court of the arbitration clause in the athletes' declaration forms as not valid should prevail, this could severely put into question and danger the entire system of sports law which would bring about very serious legal consequences. Therefore we can only hope that the Superior Court of Munich will correct the judgment of the District Court in this respect and recognize the exclusive jurisdiction of CAS in sports litigation.

b) Other Disciplinary Matters

Apart from the incident at the 2014 European Short Track Championships which you already heard about from Mr Geistlinger, we unfortunately have to report two more cases of very severe violations of the ISU Code of Ethics. The first one was about a Figure Skating Judge, who at the occasion of an international competition had approached one of her fellow Judges, trying to influence her to give better marks than deserved for a participant from her own Member Federation. This absolute no-go was sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission by a two years ineligibility period for the Judge concerned. The decision of the Disciplinary Commission was

confirmed by CAS in its award of January 21, 2014. The second case involved a Skater who had tampered with the skates of one of his competitors at the occasion of the World Short Track Team Championships 2011 and his Coach who had encouraged the Skater to do so. Needless to say: such behaviour is absolutely intolerable. This is also reflected by the decision of the Disciplinary Commission which imposed ineligibility periods of two years on the Skater and his Coach.

This concludes the report on our activities over the last two years. We certainly hope that at the occasion of the Dubrovnik Congress 2016 we will have fewer cases to report. All of us should bear in mind that any incident of unethical behaviour has a high potential of seriously damaging the reputation of the ISU and the ISU sports”.

The President invited the Delegates to put questions but no questions were asked.

13. Questions and objections and Appeals, if any against decisions of the Council, the Director General, the Sports Directorate and Technical Committees during the period since the last Congress, not otherwise acted upon by the Disciplinary Commission including approval of ISU Communications requiring continued validity in line with Article 27, paragraph 3

a) Motion of the ISU Disciplinary Commission

The Agenda included the following motion presented by the ISU Disciplinary Commission that was read in full by Fredi Schmid:

“All decisions of the ISU Disciplinary Commission rendered since the formation of the Commission in 2004 shall be published in their entirety on the ISU website under the submenu "Committees/Internal" in a separate folder called "Decisions of the ISU Disciplinary Commission.

Reason:

At the 2012 ISU Congress in Kuala Lumpur the following Proposal No. 39 was unanimously accepted by the Congress: *“to impose mandatory publication on the ISU website of the decisions of the Disciplinary Commission and the Court of Arbitration for Sports available for continued public access in their entirety without alteration or approval of the ISU Council in order to provide transparency, to improve the case law and to*

provide precedent for future matters and in line with the fact that the Disciplinary Commission is an independent body elected by the Congress.”

Accordingly the following sentence was added to Article 27 Para 2 of the ISU Constitution 2012: *“In addition, final decisions of the DC and any subsequent corresponding final decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) shall be published in their entirety on the ISU website no later than the next business day following the rendering of any final decision and shall remain available on the ISU website for public access.”*

Cause for the amendment to the Constitution was the case of ISU vs. Toigo and the fact that the ISU Council refused to publish the final decision in full length on the ISU website (See Minutes of the 54th Ordinary Congress, pages 39 and 40). After the Congress 2012 the Disciplinary Commission requested to publish the Toigo decision, but the Council still refused the request arguing that the new provision in Article 27, paragraph 2 of the ISU Constitution relating to the publication of DC decisions, shall only apply to decisions rendered after the Kuala Lumpur Congress, whereas the decision in the case Toigo has been rendered in 2011.

Therefore the Disciplinary Commission moves to publish every decision without exemption.

This motion is an appeal to the Congress according to Article 24 Paragraph 8 d) of the ISU Constitution 2012.

Volker Waldeck Chair of the ISU Disciplinary Commission.”

Volker Waldeck, Chair Disciplinary Commission, thanked Fredi Schmid for reading the motion and explained the text in more simple words.

The President clarified that the entire decision will be published on the ISU website and the capture (shorter version) is published in a Communication. And this was to be voted upon. The concern is that Mr. Toigo might file a lawsuit against the ISU for violating the right to privacy.

Legal Advisor Michael Gesitlinger informed the Congress that he had advised the Council not to publish the Disciplinary Commission (DC) decision relating to the Toigo case since by doing so the ISU would act upon Mr. Toigo’s right to privacy. He further was of the opinion that the Congress decision regarding the publishing of decisions of the DC which had been taken at the 2012 Congress has no retroactive effect on a DC decision before the 2012 Congress. As the Toigo case was decided before Proposal No 39 of the 2012 Congress Agenda was accepted, it should therefore not be published. Legal Advisor Béatrice Pfister disagreed with the opinion of her colleague Michael Geistlinger. She pointed out that it

would be unusual to decide not to publish this particular decision, if all other past decision have been published retroactively.

Volker Waldeck thanked Béatrice Pfister for her input and agreed with her. There were no further questions and remarks and Fredi Schmid informed the Congress that simple majority is sufficient for this vote.

The motion was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

b) Communications requiring continued validity

Fredi Schmid read the provisions also printed in the Agenda, namely that the relevant Communications are listed in the Agenda. Communications informing about Decisions of the ISU Disciplinary Commission and/or the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS), are not listed but remain valid. The Communications “Decisions of the Council” including routine decisions such as allotments of ISU Events, Membership issues, Appointments, World Record homologations and other information/statistics are not listed but remain valid.

If any decision taken at the 2014 Congress would result in any of the listed Communications to become obsolete or incomplete, such Communication would have to be updated as soon as possible after the 2014 Congress.

Fredi Schmid then informed the Congress attendants that in addition to the Communications listed in the Agenda that are subject to continued validity, the following two additional Communications had been issued between the release of ISU Communication 1863 (Congress Agenda) and the beginning of the Congress, namely ISU Communication 1865 ISU Regional North / East European Ice Dance Development Training Seminar for Ice Dance Coaches and Novice Couples and ISU Communication 1868 Scales of Values, effective July 1st, 2014.

Consequently the following Communications were proposed to have continued validity:

- No. 1265 - Cut Resistant Clothing in Short Track Speed Skating
- No. 1416 - TV Celebrity Figure Skating Programs
- No. 1419 - ISU Disciplinary Commission Rules of Procedure
- No. 1420 - Citizenship-Rule 109
- No. 1509 - Prize Money ISU Championships
- No. 1531 - ISU Development Program

- No. 1540 - Figure Skating - Use of papers/documents by Figure Skating Judges during competitions
- No. 1625 - Uniform/Racing Suits/Clothing
- No. 1629 - ISU World Standings for Single & Pair Skating & Ice Dance
- No. 1630 - ISU World Standings for Synchronized Skating
- No. 1631 - Single & Pair Skating-Ice Dance-Synchronized Skating – ISU Judging System – Evaluation of judging and technical content decisions, penalties
- No. 1693 - ISU Blood Screening Program
- No. 1694 - ISU Skater Biological Passport Program
- No. 1726 - Short Track Rinkboard Padding
- No. 1717 - ISU Code of Ethics
- No. 1760 - Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating – Guidelines for International Novice Competitions
- No. 1765- ISU Anti-Doping Rules
- No. 1767 - Decisions of the Council Prague: Point 8 – Allowed manufacturers trademarks, Rule 102/6
- No. 1776 - Guidelines for Short Track Speed Skating Regional Courses and Seminars for Officials
- No. 1784 - Decisions of the Council Milan: Point 3 – OWG - IOC Code of Ethics, Betting
- No. 1794 - Officials Remuneration for ISU Figure Skating Events
- No. 1797 - Decisions of the Council, Point 11 - Declaration for Competitors and Officials entering ISU Event (Rule 131)
- No. 1800 - ISU Anti-Doping Procedures for the ISU Anti-Doping Rules
- No. 1806 & 1823 - List of Officials Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating (*valid until issuing of new Communication in August 2014*)
- No. 1811 - Skaters’ Participation in ISU Figure Skating Events – Application of Rules 125/5 & 136/6
- No. 1812 & 1822 - List of Officials Figure Skating - (*valid until issuing of new Communication in August 2014*)
- No. 1826 - Decision of the Council Paris, Point 6: International Competition of Ballet on Ice or Theatre on ice (see also ISU Communication No. 1842, Point 3)

- No. 1834 - International Adult Skating Competitions Figure Skating
- No. 1840 - Figure Skating – Frankfurt Seminar 2014
- No. 1842 - Decisions of the Council Milan, Point 3: International Competitions of Ballet on ice or Theatre on ice or other recreational ice skating competitions
- No. 1848 – Ice Dance – ISU Seminars 2014 for Referees and Judges hosted by Members
- No. 1851 - ISU Recognized Single & Pair Skating Judges Seminars 2014
- No. 1852 - Obligations of Members
- No. 1853 - Betting and Gambling in ISU Sports
- No. 1856 - Synchronized Skating – Well Balanced Program Content for the season 2014/15
- No. 1857 - Ice Dance Requirements for Technical Rules season 2014/15
- No. 1858 - ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating
- No. 1859 - ISU Short Track Speed Skating Officials' Course Frankfurt
- No. 1860 - Ice Dance Requirements Technical Rules ongoing validity as of July1, 2014
- No. 1861 - Single & Pair Skating - Scale of Values, Levels of Difficulty and Guidelines for marking Grade of Execution
- No. 1865 - ISU Regional North / East European Ice Dance Development Training Seminar for Ice Dance Coaches and Novice Couples
- No. 1868 - Ice Dance Scales of Values, effective July 1st, 2014.

Fredi Schmid inquired if there were any objections or comments.

Susanna Rahkamo, Finland Figure Skating, stated that her Federation did not oppose to the proposed list but that they felt that ISU Communication 1416 should be reviewed and changed by the Council since being too strict and that a more permissive approach in regard to TV celebrity programs would be in the best interest of Figure Skating.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou, Bosnia & Herzegovina, pointed out that ISU Communication 1760 is no longer valid due to age changed age limits

therefore a clarification is needed. Fredi Schmid informed the Congress that a new Communication will be published as soon as possible.

There were no objections and the Congress **accepted** the listed and verbally indicated Communications to maintain continued validity.

14. Report of the decisions of the Disciplinary Commission during the period since the last Congress

Volker Waldeck Chair of the Disciplinary Commission made the following report:

“Dear Mr. President, dear Council Members, dear delegates,

1. Since the Congress in Kuala Lumpur 2012 our commission has been very busy. We had to deal with 12 statements of complaint. In summary we had 5 cases coming out from the figure skating branch, 4 from Speed Skating and 3 from Short Track Speed Skating.

Case-No.	Name	Country	Branch	Violation	Decision	CAS Appeal	CAS Decision
2012-08	Kulizhnikov	Russia	Speed	Doping	2 years	no	
2012-09	Cho & Chun	USA	Short Track	Code of Ethics	2 years	no	
2012-10	Kruglova	Ukraine	Figure	Duties of Judges	2 years	yes	dismissed
2013-01	Joo	Korea	Speed	Doping	Reprimand	no	
2013-02	Nagalatii	Russia	Figure	Doping	1 year	no	
2013-03	Ristivojevic	Serbia	Figure	Doping	1 year	yes	pending
2014-01	Knegt	Netherlands	Short Track	Code of Ethics	Reprimand	no	
2014-02	Silovs	Latvia	Speed	Doping	Reprimand	no	
2014-03	Shekhovtseva	Russia	Figure	Conflict of Interest	dismissed	not final	
2014-04	Liu	China	Figure	Doping	1 year	no	
2014-05	You & Hwang	Kazakhstan	Short Track	Code of Ethics	withdrawn		
2014-06	Wetterdal	Sweden	Speed	Doping	pending		

Cases in total	12
Figure Skating	5
Speed Skating	4
Short Track	3

Doping	7
Code of Ethics	3
Duties of Judges	1
Conflict of Interest	1

2. We had to decide 7 cases with a violation of the ISU Anti-Doping Rules. In 2 cases we reprimanded the skaters, in 3 cases we suspended the Skaters for one year and in one case the sanction was a two year’s suspension. The different sanctions arose from unequal facts: When Skaters leave the ice rink before they had been selected for Anti-Doping testing, but return in due time to the competition site in order to comply with the Anti-Doping

testing, the sanction would be a reprimand only. The regular sanction for a first Anti-Doping rules violation is a two years' ineligibility. Only if a skater bears no fault or negligence or if the Skater can explain how the doping substance entered his body the two years' period of ineligibility may be reduced.

In the doping case against a Serbian figure Skater we suspended the Skater for one year because she did not attend the doping control test on the occasion of the Nebelhorn-Trophy 2013 in Oberstdorf. Because of exceptional circumstances we reduced the regular suspension from two years to one year. But the Skater appealed against our decision at the Court of Arbitration for Sport. As the Legal Advisors mentioned in their report the case is still pending at the CAS and a hearing is appointed on July next.

3. One case dealt with the duties of Judges. A Figure Skating Judge from the Ukraine tried to influence her British colleague in the panel, to give higher marks for the Ukrainian pair Skaters at a competition in France. We summoned the British Judge as witness in an oral hearing and suspended the Ukrainian Judge for two years for violating the duties of Judges. We imposed the costs of the proceedings on the Ukrainian Federation. Only the Ukrainian Federation appealed against the decision at the CAS. The suspension of the Judge was upheld by the CAS, but our decision about the costs was mitigated. The Federation had to bear only 50% of the costs.

4. Cases which violate the Code of Ethics or create a Conflict of Interest are the most difficult to decide on. The problem is that the definition of "ethics" is fuzzy and a "conflict of interest" can be examined from different points of view.

But one complaint against a Coach and a physiotherapist from the Short Track team of Kazakhstan needed no decision. It ended in apologies of the offenders and the complaint was withdrawn.

In two cases the Code of Ethics was the legal basis for our decision. The first case had its origin in March 2011, during the 2011 World Short Track Team Championships in Warsaw, Poland. But it was more than 18 months before a US Short Track Skater confessed that he had tampered with the skates of a Canadian competitor by bending his blades in a bending machine before the final race of the Canadian. The confession caused a great sensation in the US media especially because the Skater alleged that he had damaged the Canadian's blades on request of his Coach. The Coach denied to have incited the Skater. So we set up an oral hearing and summoned a US teammate as witness. The testimony of the witness did not provide sufficient evidence to conclude that the Coach had asked the Skater

to damage the blades of the Canadian skater. But the witness testified that the Coach asked the US team as a whole to be obnoxious and disruptive towards the Canadian team and that he has given unsportsmanlike instructions to the US team. The demeanour of the Coach was an offence against the ISU Code of Ethics as well as the action of his Skater. The Skater and the Coach were suspended for two years.

The next case regarding the Code of Ethics happened at the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2014 in Dresden. A Short Track Skater from the Netherlands skated as last member of the team of the Netherlands in the Men's 5000 m relay race. A Russian Skater had overtaken the Dutch in a surprising attack in the last lap of the race. Prior to the finish line the Dutch Skater had his hands held up at shoulder height with two middle fingers of each hand straight up. Frankly said: he gave him the finger! The complainant requested to suspend the Dutch Skater from participation at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games which would commence in 3 days. The Disciplinary Commission found that the requested sanction by the ISU of suspension from participation in the 2014 Sochi Olympic Winter Games was disproportionate to the action and fault of the Skater. But we agreed the Skater's actions clearly violated the ISU Code of Ethics, Thus we reprimanded the Skater for his actions.

Finally we had to decide an alleged Conflict of Interest. On April 10, 2014, the Korean Olympic Committee and the Korean Skating Union filed a complaint with the ISU Disciplinary Commission. The complainants requested a thorough investigation by the DC in connection with the wrongful constitution of the panel of Judges and the unjust outcome of the competition caused thereby in the ladies' single Figure Skating competition at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games. We answered the complainants that a general request for investigation cannot be subject to the jurisdiction of the ISU Disciplinary Commission. Furthermore the complaint was not addressed to a respondent and it must be directed at an individual or a federation.

Thereupon the complainants filed another complaint, now directed at the Russian Judge No. 6 of the ladies event, Ms Alla Shekhovtseva, as alleged offender. The Korean Olympic Committee and the Korean Skating Union complained that Ms Shekhovtseva, wife of the current Director General of the Figure Skating Federation of Russia and Judge No. 6 in the panel of the ladies event, immediately after the competition was finished, met the Russian gold medalist Adelina Sotnikova, hugged and kissed her, while millions of TV spectators were watching this action. Both the family relationship and the embracing of the Russian gold medalist would prove

that the Judge was in a conflict of interest position calling into question her independence and impartiality.

The first complaint of the Korean federations was inadmissible because a general request for investigating the composition of the Judges' panel and the result of the competition is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Commission.

We dismissed the second complaint because we did not find a conflict of interest. We have differentiated between a "Judge on duty" and a "Judge off duty". When Ms Shekhovtseva had left the Judges stands for her the competition was completed and she was "off duty". In our opinion the Skater has instigated the embrace and the Judge did not refuse but returned the hug and kissed the Skater. We have found this behavior of the Judge as emotional and human and that it did not violate the duties of Judges, the Code of Ethics or the Rules to avoid a conflict of interest.

The decision was rendered last week. You can read it in full length on the ISU website. The decision is not yet final. It is still subject to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Thank you for your attention".

15. Approval of Motions concerning amendments to the Constitution and its Procedural Provisions and General Regulations specifically designated and summarized in the Agenda as "Drafting Matters" and approval of these "Drafting Matter" Motions and/or referral of certain of those Motions identified as such for debate and vote

Fredi Schmid pointed out that when identifying Drafting Matters he was always very careful since sometimes a so-called Drafting matter could hide a change in substance and should therefore be debated by the Congress. As stated in the Agenda, there were no real Drafting matters identified.

16. Motions concerning amendments to the Constitution and its Procedural Provisions

Proposal No 1 made by the ISU Council

Article 1, paragraph 4 to add a reference relating to Provisional Members and Article 6 for clarification.

The Proposal was unanimously **accepted** by show of hands.

Proposal No. 2 made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 3, paragraph 2 to add a reference of the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor. For this “general” Article of the Constitution the specification of “Junior” events is not required. Besides the Junior Grand Prix there would also be Junior Championships and Junior World Cups. The details of ISU Events and Championships including those for Juniors are defined in Rule 100, paragraph 3 and Rule 107, paragraph 1 and not in the Constitution where only the principle belongs.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**

Proposal No 3 made by Argentina Speed Skating

Article 3 to add a reference of environmental awareness, sustainability and global warning to the objectives of the ISU.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as not appropriate to be in the Constitution. The Council proposes to evaluate if and which guidelines should be implemented for the ISU activity and whether existing guidelines from other organizations could be recommended.

Marnix Koolhaas (Argentina Speed Skating) added that other IFs and the IOC have a reference regarding sustainability in their Statutes and therefore Argentina Speed Skating proposes to have this in the ISU Statutes and in addition to create a sustainability commission. This is due to the fact of the climate and environmental changes and the fact that natural ice is not used that often anymore. The President explained that the Council is not against the idea, but that this provision should not be in the Constitution. Argentina Speed Skating decided to maintain the Proposal for a vote.

The Proposal was **rejected** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No 4 made by Argentina Speed Skating

Article 4. a) to add the promotion of Skatecross to the methods of attaining the ISU's objectives.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor. While developments of new sports on ice must be monitored, there must be sufficient experience among ISU Members to sustain the development of such new ISU Branch and/or ISU discipline before considering to include a new Branch or disciplines into the ISU Statutes. For Skatecross this is not the case

Jose Ignacio Fazio (Argentina Speed) explained that adding Skatecross competitions under the jurisdiction of ISU would make the sport more exciting and interesting and refers to skiing and the addition of ski-cross.

The President asked to get a clarifications about what Skatecross consists of and suggests that Argentina Speed Skating would organise a competition and then report at the next Congress.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA Speed) suggested to show the Congress a video in order to explain what Skatecross consists of. Roger Bodin from Sweden Speed Skating showed the video.

Nathalie Lambert, member of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee, was of the opinion that it is too early to include this sport under the ISU umbrella, but that it needs to be watched closely as it is fast growing and interesting.

The President inquired regarding the hockey blades which are used. Mr. Fazio replied that they are indeed customised hockey boots with modified blades.

Jean Grenier, Honorary Member pointed out that 10 to 15'000 attended the Skatecross event and that the ISU should seize this opportunity, or it will continue to develop outside the ISU.

The recommendation of Béatrice Pfister, Legal Advisor, was that this sport should not be included in the ISU Constitution, as the jurisdiction of this sport needs to be checked beforehand. At present the company Redbull appears to be the owner of at least certain rights which could have legal and financial implications.

Tron Espeli, Chair of the Speed Skating Technical Committee, proposed that all Members should come back with more information of this sport and Karl Skoog from Sweden Speed Skating added that it is very important for the Congress to investigate this sport further.

The Proposal was **withdrawn** with the recommendation to the Council to further study this possibility.

Proposal No 5 made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 4, paragraph 1. a) to add besides “on ice” also “on synthetic polymeric ice” surfaces.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor for the reasons given.

The Proposal was unanimously **accepted** by show of hands.

Proposal No. 6 made by the ISU Council

Article 6 to amend the ISU Membership requirements by

- increasing the duration of Provisional Membership from 2 years to 3 years
- specifying that the participation of Skaters in ISU Events and not only International Competitions are mandatory to become a full Member.
- giving the Council the possibility to pardon the requirement of an ice rink in the Members’ countries considering geographical, climatic and economic aspects. When doing so the Council may also decide to reduce or cancel the ISU’s financial support to such Provisional Member not having an ice rink in its country.
- to change “Short Track Speed Skating” to “Short Track” since “Short Track” has been sufficiently “branded” over the years.
- To define the minimum international activity for continued membership requirement by consisting in a Member’s Skaters competing in at least one ISU Event during the past 3 seasons.

Susanne Sandvig Shobe stated that US Speed Skating stated that USA Speed Skating was not in favor of a change of the name of the discipline to “Short Track” since also for advertising purposes it was important to keep the current name, i.e. “Short Track Speed Skating” and asked for a vote on this issue. Stoytcho Stoytchev, Chair of the Short Track Speed Skating

Technical Committee expressed the opinion of the committee that the ISU should remain with “Short Track Speed Skating”.

The Congress by an obvious show of hands **agreed to stay with the name “Short Track Speed Skating”**.

As to the other proposed amendments, a discussion ensued whereas several Members, in particular Ireland Figure Skating, Norway, Malaysia, Sweden Speed Skating, Austria Figure Skating and Bosnia & Herzegovina expressed concern that the proposed amendments would have negative consequences on their development. The President insisted on the necessity that all ISU Members have a basic international activity and that unfortunately too many Members did not have a satisfactory activity. Furthermore, the President supported by Fredi Schmid and Sergey Sviridov (Russia Figure Skating) clarified that the Proposal relating to the requirement of an ice rink has been included in this Article 6 already but that the proposed new provision now also opened the door to nations without an ice rink who however would remain Provisional Members and not full Members as long as they would not have an operating ice rink.

The Proposal to limit the waiting period of Provisional Members to become full Members from the proposed 3 years to only 2 years was not accepted by the Congress.

However, the Congress agreed that the requirement in sub-paragraph 11 relating to the minimum international activity shall be changed from Members’ Skaters competing in at least one International Competition (instead of ISU Event) during the past 3 seasons.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands **with two amendments**, namely to remain with the term “Short Track Speed Skating” and with the change in paragraph 11 to refer to “International Competitions” instead of “ISU Events”.

FOURTH SESSION

Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

President Mr. Ottavio Cinquanta in the Chair

Proposal No 7 made by Argentina Speed Skating

Article 6, paragraph 3. ix) to lower the requirement of an ice rink in the country to the intention to construct an ice rink or to closely cooperate with a neighboring country with access to an Olympic-sized ice rink.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor and supported its own proposal No. 6 in this respect.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No 8. made by the ISU Council

Article 7, paragraph 3 to make wording consistent taking into account that the differences in right and duties between Members and Provisional Members are defined in different Rules.

The Proposal was **accepted by** obvious show of hands.

Proposal No 9 made by the ISU Council

Article 7, paragraph 7 to include Coordinators to also comply with the Obligations stated in this Article.

The Proposal was **accepted by** obvious show of hands.

Proposal No 10 made by ISU Council

Article 8 , to adjust this Article based on the 2012 Congress decision to discontinue the Sports Directorate as a body but to maintain functions of Sports Directors and Event Coordinators and to better outline the ISU Bodies, Office Holders and Coordinators.

Related Council Proposals were Proposals No 15, 26, 28, 31, 34, 36, 38, 41, 42, 45, 46, 49, 51, 52, 59, 60, 61, 63, 66, 68, 71, 73, 82, 90, 95, 96, 98, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110 as well as Greek Proposals No 11, 27, 29, 33, 35, 37, 39, 40, 47, 64, 65, 67, 69, 70, 72.

Slobodan Delic (Greece) spoke in favor of the Greek Proposal No 11 calling for a more professional administration of and a better promotion of

the “ISU product” through a revised structure whereas the sports related part is managed by a new position of an Executive Director who is appointed by the Council. He pointed out that considering the current structure including the Sports Directorate positions, there would be no additional budget needed.

Questioned by the President, Fredi Schmid was of the opinion that the Greek Proposal would basically bring back the situation as decided by the 2006 Congress when the Sports Directorate basically had the function now proposed to be covered by the Executive Director. Fredi Schmid pointed out that this is a more businesslike approach but that the Members through different votes at the 2008, 2010 and 2012 Congress which changed the 2006 Congress decision, obviously remained favorable for a structure whereas the elected Office Holders, especially the President and the Vice Presidents have substantial day to day operational functions.

Mark Lynch (Australia Figure) spoke in favor of the Greek Proposal No. 11 saying that an Organization Chart with clear reporting lines makes sense.

Albert Hazelhoff (Netherlands) mentioned that the basic question of the allocation of duties and powers to the elected Office Holders on the one hand and the employed staff on the other hand should be carefully evaluated by the Council in cooperation with the Members and the corresponding strategies to be developed accordingly.

The President then called for an electronic vote for preference between the Council Proposal No. 10 and the Greek Proposal No. 11 with the following result

ISU Council Proposal No. 10:	66 votes
Greek Proposal No. 11:	28 votes
Abstain:	8 votes.

The President then called on an electronic vote on Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal No. 10 was **accepted** with 92 votes in favor, 4 votes against and 8 abstentions.

The President thanked the Greek delegation for their pro-active approach. As to the related Proposals to the Greek Proposal No. 11, he indicated that those related Proposals would consequently have to be withdrawn or rejected.

Proposal No. 11 made by Greece

Article 8, to achieve a better structure of the ISU elected, appointed and professional positions

(Refer also to Greek Proposals No 27, 29, 33, 35, 37, 39, 40, 47, 64, 65, 67, 69, 70, 72).

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11.

Proposal No. 12 made by the ISU Council

Article 9, paragraph 1.b), to clarify that as already pointed out in Communication 1767, the 2012 Congress decision to extend the term of all elected positions until the Congress 2016 applies to all related provisions in the Statutes as already explained in ISU Communication No. 1767.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No 13 made by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 9, paragraph 2 to clarify that Congress is also open to Provisional Members.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor. The rights and duties of Provisional Members are specified in Art. 7, paragraph 3 which clarifies this question for all provisions of the ISU Statutes. If a clarification would be added to Article 9, paragraph 2, the same would be the case for all other Articles and Rules of the ISU Statutes.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 14 made by the ISU Council

Article 10, paragraph 1, to clarify that the Council's choice of the place and date of the Congress is based on nominations received from Members.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 15 made by the ISU Council

Article 11, paragraph 1, to delete the reference to Sports Directorate in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was unanimously **accepted** by show of hands.

Proposal No. 16 made by Canada Figure

Article 11, paragraph 2. b), to clarify that Members can request a debate on specific Proposals relating to Technical Rules.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor. The current wording is appropriate and no change with focus on debate is necessary as in case of an objection it is normal that there would be a debate.

Leanna Caron (Canada Figure Skating) explained that this Proposal was made in order to permit to make the decision process more clear and understandable for the Members.

The Proposal was **rejected** through an electronic vote with 34 votes in favour, 55 votes against and 13 abstentions.

Proposal No. 17 made by Greece

Article 13, paragraph 1, a), to clarify that the elected Office Holders in 2018 may be subject to election for 3 terms of 4 years each.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor and supported its own Proposal No. 12 relating to Article 9, paragraph 1.

Slobodan Delic (Greece) explained that due to the postponement of the 2014 elections from 2014 to 2016, the beginning of the provision for term limits should also start only in 2018 since otherwise for elected Office Holders in 2016 the maximum time of Office in such function would be limited to 10 years only. Upon a request of Susanne Shobe (USA Speed Skating), Fredi Schmid confirmed that by accepting the Greek Proposal the maximum term of somebody elected in 2016 would, subject to reelection, be 14 years instead of 10 years according to the current provisions.

The Proposal was **rejected** through an electronic vote with 57 votes against, 37 votes in favor and 9 abstentions.

Proposal No. 18 made by Belarus

Article 13, paragraph 3, to adjust the maximum age limit requirements of 70 years for Figure Skating Technical Committee members to 75 years in line with the general maximum age limit for Office Holders.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor. In the interest of developing a wide involvement in the sport and maintaining the energy of the sport, the ISU Council believed that the matter of age limits should remain as currently included in the Statutes.

The Proposal was **rejected** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 19 made by Bosnia and Herzegovina
Article 13. Paragraph 3, to delete the maximum age limits

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor. In the interest of developing a wide involvement in the sport and maintaining the energy of the sport, the ISU Council believed that the matter of age limits should remain as currently included in the Statutes.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) clarified that the intention of this Proposal was to give equal opportunity to the future leaders. Therefore the age requirement is not necessary, nor fair. What is of importance is to have experience and knowledge and she also pointed out that retired people would have more time to devote to the ISU.

The Proposal was **rejected** through an electronic vote with 84 votes against, 15 votes in favour and 4 abstentions.

Proposal No. 20, made by Russia Figure Skating
Article 13, paragraph 3, to delete the maximum age limits.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor. In the interest of developing a wide involvement in the sport and maintaining the energy of the sport, the ISU Council believes that the matter of age limits should remain as currently included in the Statutes. Also, the purpose of the term limits (that start taking effect only 3 terms after the 2016 elections) and age limits are different.

Age limits apply to the person – term limits apply to the position (see Art. 13/1.a) of the Constitution).

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 21 made by Greece
Article 13, paragraph 6 to adjust the begin of the term of office of the Vice Presidents in line with the decision of the 2012 Congress that postponed the elections from the 2014 to the 2016 Congress.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor and supports its own Proposal relating to Article 9, paragraph 1, (No 12).

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 22 made by Greece

Article 15, paragraph 5, to include Starters and Competitor Stewards in the “ISU Gold Award of Merit” Rule.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor for the reasons given.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 23 made by Greece

Article 15, paragraph 6, to delete the reference to Honorary Referees and Honorary Judges since not used for many years and not necessary.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor for the reasons given.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 24 made by the ISU Council

Article 16, paragraph 1, to reduce the number of Council members to 3 for each Branch (plus the President and 2 Vice Presidents).

The President explained that instead of 11 Council members there would be 9 which is sufficient and more efficient. Patricia St. Peter (USA Figure Skating) was of the opinion that the size of the Council is currently appropriate and should be kept as it is. Albert Hazelhoff (Netherlands) shared the same opinion and pointed out that the Proposal to reduce the Technical Committees and the Council would not work as both the expertise and knowledge is needed. He stated that the Netherlands was not in favour of the Proposal. Mark Lynch (Australia Figure Skating) remarked that the new ideas which were discussed and proposed during the Forum would create more workload and therefore suggested that the Council should to the contrary become larger instead in order to be able to handle all the new tasks.

Alexander Lakernik Chair of the Single and Pair Skating Technical Committee remarked that if the number of Council members would be reduced that would mean that also the number of Technical Committee members would be reduced.

The President questioned the relationship between the reduction of Council Members and appointed Technical Committee members.

Leanna Caron (Canada Figure Skating) stressed that instead of his Proposal which would be a short term solution, the long term view should be regarded instead and the question should be addressed together with a strategic vision.

The Proposal was **rejected** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 25 made by France

Article 16, to hold a Conference every year between the years of Congresses.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor. The Forum already constitutes an opportunity for debates among Members. In addition, Members are free to meet and exchange ideas during international competitions and/or meetings specifically organized among them.

The President remarked that there is no proposed budget for this Proposal. Didier Gailhaguet (France) explained that most International Federations allow their Members to meet at least once a year and the ISU should give an equal possibility to its Members, as sports is an area that evolves and moves at a very fast pace. The President pointed out that the Forum was introduced in order to let the Members express themselves and questioned whether, or not it would be necessary to add a conference.

The Proposal was **rejected** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 26 made by the ISU Council

Article 16, paragraph 2.f), to adjust the reference of Sports Directorate to respective Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 27 made by Greece

Article 16, Paragraph 2. f), to include a reference to Executive Director and Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11

Proposal No 28 made by ISU Council

Article 16, paragraph 3, to clarify the role of the Vice Presidents in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hand.

Proposal No. 29 made by Greece

Article 16, Paragraph 3, to align the titles of the Office Holders (Executive Director, Sports Directors, Development Manager) in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11.

Proposal No. 30 made by ISU Council

Amend Article 16, paragraph 4, to clarify that the tasks of Advisors to the Council are defined in job descriptions.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 31 made by ISU Council

Article 17, paragraph 1, to adjust the reference/titles of the different Office Holders in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 32 made by France

Article 17, paragraph 1.x) (new), to include in the functions and powers of the Council to evaluate and if appropriate to provide a frame for international coordination of activities and/or events connected to Figure Skating or Speed Skating. The goal being to allow the ISU to broaden its future activities carried out by Members (for example, Ballet on ice, Speed Skating races out of regulated ice tracks) and to develop the popularity and visibility of ISU Sports and increase the number of their participants.

Council Recommendation: Council was not in favor and refers to its position in ISU Communication No 1842 stating

“3. International Competitions of Ballet on ice or Theatre on ice or other recreational ice skating competitions. The Council confirmed its decision taken during the previous Council meeting in Paris as published in ISU Communication No. 1826, point 6 that stated: “The Council underlines that according to its interpretation theatre on ice, ballet on ice and similar

activities fall under Art 2, paragraph 1 of the ISU Constitution. Consequently, these international activities belong to the area of exclusive jurisdiction of the ISU. Therefore no ISU Member is authorized to organize any International Competition in theatre on ice, ballet on ice 2 or the like. The Council feels bound to initiate action against any Member interfering with this jurisdiction and the persons representing such federation.” The Council herewith clarifies that in line with the above, International Competitions of Ballet on ice, Theatre on ice or other recreational ice skating competitions cannot be organized and conducted by ISU Members. However, such competitions are acceptable to be held as “Interclub competitions” (see ISU General Regulations, Rule 107, paragraph 14).” The Council is in favor to maintain the validity of this Communication.

Didier Gailhaguet (France) mentioned that during the last two days including the Forum new initiatives and ideas were discussed indicating and that developing new ice sports disciplines is part of such initiatives and ideas and consequently new strength. Theatre on ice is a very important development. This would allow the Skaters to have new goals. Mr. Gailhaguet reassured the delegates that theatre on ice is not in any way in competition with Synchronized Skating and that much efforts have been put in to developing the rules. All regions have their own specific history and needs and new disciplines such as theatre on ice and ballet on ice should be a part of the ISU Development and that help should be given to develop this kind of skating at the National Federations.

Samuel Auxier United States Figure welcomed this Proposal as it creates opportunities and would be a creative way to develop the sport. Leanna Caron Canada Figure added that a new discipline such as this one would attract a new audience to the sport

The president pointed out that only the International matters belong to the ISU while national level activities do not concern the ISU and are left with the Members. He would like to have a better understanding of the discipline. However if part of the Congress is not satisfied with Synchronized Skating, then it should be verbalized otherwise it will create confusion. There should be a clear sign in which direction the ISU should be heading in order to achieve its goals. The President reminded the Congress that a Member cannot organize an International Competition for an ice skating discipline which does not exist in the ISU Constitution.

The President suggested to postpone the vote until the Wednesday session, as he has requested David Dore, Vice President Figure Skating to propose a proper wording.

On Wednesday, June 11, 2014 the President presented the revised Proposal as follows:

“x) At the request of ISU Members, and as per Article 3, paragraph 1, evaluating activities connected to Figure Skating or Speed Skating and carried out by Members to develop the popularity and visibility of ISU Sports and increase the number of their participants, and, if appropriate, providing a frame for international coordination. The above-mentioned activities can in no way be in conflict with the already existing ISU Disciplines, i.e. Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating as stated in the ISU Statutes.”

The Proposal **was accepted as amended** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 33 made by Greece

Article 17, Paragraph 1. b) c), to adjust the reference to the concerned Office Holders (Executive Director, Managers) in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11.

Proposal No. 34 made by ISU Council

Article 17, paragraph 3, to add a reference to the Office Holders as defined in Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 35 made by Greece

Article 17, Paragraph 3, to include the reference to Office Holders positions in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11

Proposal No. 36 made by ISU Council

C. Director General, Article 18, to clarify that the responsibilities of the Director General include to ensure the implementation and protection of commercial agreements (TV and advertising) in cooperation with the Vice Presidents, the Sport Manager Figure Skating and Event Coordinators.

The President inquired why the Sport Manager Figure Skating and Event Coordinators are involved, but not the Sport Directors. Fredi Schmid clarified that according to the concept proposed by the Council through the proposed amendments of the Constitution and through detailed job descriptions, the Sport Directors are not directly involved in the ISU Event Coordination. The ISU Event Coordination is the main task of the Sport Manager Figure Skating and the Event Coordinators supported by the Secretariat for the implementation and protection of ISU commercial agreements. The role of the Sports Directors is in the sports technical area of their respective disciplines as outlined in detail in the following Proposal No. 38 relating to Article 19 of the Constitution.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 37 made by Greece

Article 18, to adjust the reference to the Executive Director in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11.

Proposal No. 38 made by the ISU Council

D. Sports Directors and Sport Manager Figure Skating, Article 19, to align the titles of the concerned Office Holders (Sports Directors, Sports Manager Figure Skating) and respective roles with Proposal No. 10.

The President reminded the Congress that the Sports Directors are Charlie Cyr, Sports Director Figure Skating with focus on Single and Pair Skating, Krisztina Regöczy, Sports Director Figure Skating with focus on Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating and Hugo Herrnhof Sports Director Speed Skating for both disciplines, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating. The role of Peter Krick as Sport Manager Figure Skating was mainly in the area of Figure Skating Event Coordination but he pointed out that Peter remained also involved in the organization of Seminar organization, especially the Frankfurt Seminar as well as for advice to the Vice President Figure Skating for the appointments of Officials to ISU Event.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 39 made by Greece

Article 19, to eliminate any references to Sports Directorate and the Chair of the Sports Directorate in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11

Proposal No. 40 made by Greece

Article 19, to adjust the reference to the concerned Office Holders to be appointed in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11

Proposal No. 41 made by ISU Council

Article 20, paragraph 1, to reduce the number of appointed Technical Committee members by one (1 Coach or 1 Skater) to limit expenses and a more efficient decision making process.

Leanna Carron (Canada Figure Skating), Alexander Lakernik, Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, Albert Hasselhoff (Netherlands), Mark Lynch (Australia Figure Skating), Samuel Auxier (USA Figure Skating) all were against the Proposal invoking reasons of the heavy workload and need for a variety of opinions within a committee.

The President questioned if indeed all members of the Technical Committees are contributing sufficiently in the accomplishment of the tasks.

The Proposal was **rejected** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 42 made by ISU Council

Article 20, paragraph 1 and paragraph 3, to adjust the references to the concerned Office Holders (deletion of Sports Directorate) in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 43 made by ISU Council

Article 20, paragraph 2.a), to avoid that, effective after the 2016 Congress, having Technical Committee members of the same nationality/Member in the same Technical Committee.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 44 made by Canada Figure

Article 20, paragraph 2. c), to include participation in Senior International Competitions in the criteria that qualifies a potential Coach or Skater to be appointed to a Technical Committee.

Council Recommendation: The Council supported the Proposal for the reasons given.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 45 made by ISU Council

F. Medical Commission, Article 21, paragraph 2, to delete the reference to Sports Directorate in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 46 made by ISU Council

H. Development Coordinator/Development Commission, Article 23, paragraph 3, to include a reference to Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 47 made by Greece

Article 23, to adjust the reference to the concerned Office Holders (Development Manager, Executive Director) in line with Proposal No. 11 and to include a reference to measurable performance indicators as well as the need for the Development Manager to report to Congress on the work and progress of the Development Program with emphasis on the performance results.

Council Recommendation: Council was not in favor to change the structure and involved ISU Office Holders of the Development Program. For the part of the Proposal relating to paragraph 4.h) the Council is in favor.

Relating to Proposals 47 (Greece) and Proposal 48 (USA Figure Skating), Slobodan Delic (Greece) mentioned that due to the non-acceptance of Proposal No. 11, most of this Proposal 47 was obsolete but that the proposed amendment relating the Article 23, paragraphs 4.f) and 4.h) should be discussed under Proposal No. 48 paragraph. Patricia St. Peter (USA Figure) and subsequently the Congress Delegates agreed.

Proposal No. 48 made by United States Figure Skating

Article 23, Paragraph 4, for the Development Coordinator to report on the work and progress of the Development Program with emphasis on the performance results.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor for the reasons given.

Patricia St. Peter (USA Figure Skating) stated that the Development Coordinator should give a report to the Congress not only indicating what kind of programs there were, but also on the results of these programs. She also stated that if Proposal 48 would be accepted, then a reference to such report to Congress by the Development Coordinator shall be included in the Congress Agenda under Article 30 of the Constitution.

Proposal 47, relating to Article 23, paragraph 4.f) and Proposal 48 were accepted by obvious show of hands

Also, the Congress **agreed to include a reference to the Development Coordinator Report to the Congress in the Congress Agenda under Article 30 of the Constitution.**

Proposal No. 49 made by ISU Council

IV. Judicial Bodies, Article 24, paragraph 8.c), to delete the reference to the Sports Directorate in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No 50 made by ISU Council

Article 24, paragraph 9.a), to include in the sanctions to be imposed by the Disciplinary Commission the possibility of annulment of results, including forfeiture of medals, points and prizes obtained in competitions at which the Alleged Offender committed the Offense.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 51 made by ISU Council

VI. Communication and Liquidation, Article 27, paragraph 2, to delete the reference of Sports Directorate in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 52 made by ISU Council

VII. Procedural Provisions to the Constitution, A. Congress – Organization, Article 29, paragraph 2, 8 and 21, to adjust the reference of the Sports Directorate to Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 10 and to include a reference to the Development Coordinator/Development Commission.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 53 made by Canada Figure Skating

Article 29, paragraph 2. c), to include expenses caused to hosting Members into the requirement for a budget when making a Proposal to Congress.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor for the reasons given.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 54 made by Greece

Article 29, 2.c), to include a provision requiring the Council to assist Members in providing a budget for their Congress Proposals.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as the Members making Proposals with an impact on the budget should do the ground work to figure out the cost and not put the burden for this on the Council.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 55 made by ISU Council

Article 29, paragraph 6, to clarify that Forums are held during Congresses without elections only and that Office Holders may be involved in the preparation and conduct of the Forums.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 56 made by ISU Council

Article 29, paragraph 12, to clarify that ineligible persons cannot attend the Congress and to add the following sentence:

Further to a query and Proposal from Alexander Lakernik, Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, and after discussion, the Congress accepted to amend the Proposal to read “Ineligible persons in accordance with Rule 102, paragraph 2, must not be nominated and must not participate.”

The Proposal was **accepted** as amended by obvious show of hands.

FIFTH SESSION

Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
President Mr. Ottavio Cinquanta in the Chair

Proposal No. 57 made by Greece

Article 29, Paragraph 24, to have also a secret ballot vote even if there is only one candidate for a position.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as no use to vote and Members may express their opinion by nominating alternative candidates.

A discussion ensued relating to the hypothetical situation of a sole candidate for a position not being elected in the first ballot and receiving very few votes also for the second ballot, the possibility in such case to nominate other candidates from the floor and the implications of Swiss Law to this issue. There was a consensus that under the current Rule a sole candidate for a position would be elected in the second ballot provided he/she would receive at least one vote. The President mentioned that in case there were no votes at all for such sole candidate in both ballots, he would suggest that the Council could propose alternative candidates.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 58 made by Greece

Article 29, Paragraph 24, to delete the provision that if there is only one candidate for a position there is no vote and the only candidate is elected.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as no use to vote and Members may express their opinion by nominating alternative candidates.

Further to the discussions under Proposal No. 57, Proposal 58 was voted upon through an electronic vote and was **rejected** with 50 votes against, 43 votes in favor and 7 abstentions.

Proposal No. 59 made by ISU Council

B. Congress Agenda, Article 30, to include a reference to Sports Directors and the Sports Manager Figure Skating in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 60 made by ISU Council

C. Speed Skating Branch Agenda, Article 31, paragraph 9, to include a reference to Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 10. Also, the include a reference to the Forum.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 61 made by ISU Council

D. Figure Skating Branch Agenda, Article 32, paragraph 9, to include a reference to Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 10. Also, the include a reference to the Forum.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 62 made by Canada Figure Skating

Article 32, paragraph 10, to add a reference to have a debate on specific Technical Rule Proposals.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as current rule is appropriate.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 63 made by ISU Council

E. Council, Article 33, paragraph 3 and 10, to delete the reference to the Sports Directorate in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 64 made by Greece

Article 33, Paragraph 3, to add a reference to the Executive Director in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11

Proposal No. 65 made by Greece

Article 33, Paragraph 10, to add a reference to the Executive Director in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11

Proposal No. 66 made by ISU Council

F. Sports Directorate, Article 34, (See also Proposal No 10), to delete Art 34 in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 67 made by Greece

Article 34, to delete this Article in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11

Proposal No. 68 made by ISU Council

G. Technical Committees, Article 35, paragraph 2, 3, 4 and 6, to adjust the referenced to Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No 69 made by Greece

Article 35, to adjust the reference to Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11

Proposal No. 70 made by Greece

Article 36, to adjust the references to Executive Directors, Sorts Directors and Event Managers in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11

Proposal No. 71 made by ISU Council

I. Office Holders & Officials, Article 37, paragraphs 1 & 3, to adjust and align the references of the concerned persons in line Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 72 made by Greece

Article 37, to adjust the reference to Executive Director, Sports Directors and different Managers in line with Proposal No. 11.

The Proposal was **rejected** based on the acceptance of the Council Proposal No. 10 at the detriment of the Greek Proposal No. 11

Proposal No. 73 made by ISU Council

Art 37, paragraph 4, to clarify the functions of the Event Coordinators and Assistant Event Coordinators in line with Proposal No. 10.

The President proposed and the Congress accepted that in paragraph 4.c), the reference to “Assistant Event Coordinators” shall be deleted and that this paragraph shall apply to the Event Coordinators only.

Tron Espeli (Chair of the Speed Skating Technical Committee), Patricia St. Peter (USA Figure Skating) and Susan Shobe (USA Speed Skating) proposed and the Congress agreed to amend the Proposal by deleting paragraph d) i) through d)vi) relating to the detailed functions which should be not included in the Constitution but only in separate job descriptions.

The Proposal was **accepted** as amended by obvious show of hands.

17. Motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations

Proposal No. 74 made by ISU Council

Rule 102, paragraph 3, to clarify that ineligible persons cannot attend the Congress.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 75 made by ISU Council

Rule 102, paragraph 4.b), to add a definition of a paid employee.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 76 made by ISU Council

Rule 102, paragraph 6, to adjust and clarify the provision of allowed markings on clothing and equipment.

During the initial discussion of the Proposal on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, a discussion ensued relating to a number of implications to the proposed

wording. The Proposal was sent to the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Sessions with the goal to come back with a consolidated new version. On Friday, June 13, 2014 the following amendment was presented and accepted by the Congress.

Amended version:

- a) In all ISU Figure Skating Championships, ISU Events, and all other Figure Skating competitions organized under the jurisdiction of the ISU, Competitors, team officials, Coaches and service personnel may display on their persons and their clothing their own name and the name and/or logo of their ISU Member Federation and/or official ISU Member country abbreviation with letters of maximum 15 cm high. In addition they may display on their person and their clothing not more than four (4) advertising markings, trademarks, logos or other distinguishing signs (hereafter called “markings”), provided they are dignified and with a maximum of sixty (60) square centimeters each and do not refer to tobacco or alcohol while being off the ice including in the “kiss and cry” area, the television interview area, during the official warm-up before the competitive performance and during practice sessions. One marking of the clothing supplier may also be displayed, not larger than thirty (30) square centimeters. No markings are permitted on boots or blades, except for the boot manufacturer’s name on the boot heel not larger than ten (10) square cm and one (1) engraved identification of the manufacturer not larger than twenty (20) square centimeters on each blade and each blade guard (the provisions relating to boots and blades will become effective as of July 1, 2015). Markings may be measured by the Officials for compliance while being worn.

During the competitive performance, the exhibition at the end of an event and for the medal award ceremony no markings on Skaters costumes are allowed, but only the above-referenced markings on boots and blades. Skater’s costumes may, however, carry the Skater’s and his ISU Member Federation’s name and/or logo and/or official ISU Member abbreviation

In other off-ice areas additional markings with no limitation in size are allowed. However, such additional markings must be authorized by the respective Member.

The Proposal was **accepted** as amended.

Proposal No. 77 made by United States Figure Skating

Rule 102, Paragraph 6. a), to include a provision requiring the authorization of the concerned Member for markings on clothing.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as the trademarks actually used (within the allowed size and number by the ISU) must be regulated in the rules of the Members who are responsible to enforce their own rules relating to their Skaters.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 78 made by Netherlands

Rule 102 paragraph 6. b), to exclude the Speed Skating World Cup from the Events for which teams must wear identical uniforms.

Council Recommendation: In consideration of the fact that the World Cup Speed Skating is an ISU Event, the ISU Council was against the Proposal since priority should be given to national identity meaning identical uniforms.

After a debate including several delegates from the Netherlands speaking in favor of the Proposal, the Proposal was **rejected** through an electronic vote with 28 votes in favor, 51 votes against and 19 abstentions.

Proposal No. 79 made by Greece

Rule 104, Paragraph 13. c) – Publication of best Skaters, to replace the results of the national championships by the season's best score in the information to be provided to the ISU for inclusion in a Communication.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor. The information should remain focused on national results only with the accuracy being the responsibility of the respective Member. While the ISU is monitoring the seasonal best scores at international competitions it would be exaggerated to include such data in an annual Communication that would also result in a substantial workload as all the data provided by the Members would have to be verified before publishing.

The Proposal was **rejected** through an electronic vote with 78 votes against, 15 votes in favor and 7 abstentions.

Proposal No. 80 made by ISU Council

Rule 107, Paragraph 2, to include Synchronized Skating into the program of the Olympic Winter Games (OWG) subject to IOC approval.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 81 made by Greece

Rule 107, Paragraphs 2 and 3, to revise the provision relating to the role of the ISU at the Olympic Winter Games.

Council Recommendation: The Olympic Charter states “The mission and role of the International Federations (IFs) within the Olympic Movement are among other “to assume the responsibility for the technical control and direction of their sports at the Olympic Games and, if they agree, at the Games held under the patronage of the IOC. Based on this the Council would agree to a revised Proposals in line with the Olympic Charter stating:

“2. The Olympic Winter Games (OWG)

The OWG are the exclusive property of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC establishes the program for the OWG in compliance with the Olympic Charter which includes only Olympic Sports governed by International Federations specifically recognized by the IOC as International Olympic Federations. The ISU is so recognized. The ISU assumes the responsibility for the technical control and direction of the ISU sports at the OWG under the patronage of the IOC. The OWG skating competitions are administered by the ISU as an ISU International Competition (See Rule 126).”

“3. Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

The YOG are the exclusive property of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC establishes the program and applicable conditions (age limits, Officials categories, responsibility for expenses etc.) for the YOG in consultation with the respective International Federation (IF) and in compliance with the Olympic Charter. The ISU assumes the responsibility for the technical control and direction of the ISU sports at the YOG under the patronage of the IOC. The YOG skating competitions are administered by the ISU as an ISU International Competition.”

The Congress accepted the proposed amendment.

Proposal was **accepted as amended** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No 82 made by ISU Council

Rule 107, paragraphs 6.b), 10, 11, to adjust the reference to Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 83 made by France

Rule 107, to change the title of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating to “Premier” Grand Prix of Figure Skating and to create a second series as Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor since the Council as indicated in ISU Communication No. 1858 has taken the initiative to link a number of International Figure Skating Competitions together as the “ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating” including specific conditions which serve the same purpose as this Proposal. No specific reference is necessary in the General Regulations.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 84 made by Canada Figure

Rule 108, paragraph 3. c) (iii), to increase the age of the Man in Pair Skating from 20 to 21 years old.

Note: This Proposal is based on the Rule effective until June 30, 2014. If applied to the new Rule effective July 1, 2014, then the relevant Rule number is 108/3.b)iii).

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as considers the current upper limit for Juniors already on the high side.

The Congress agreed to discuss and vote upon this Proposal together with Proposals No. 86 and 87 which are the same.

Benoit Lavoie and Leanna Carron (Canada Figure Skating), Gale Tanger and John Coughlin (USA Figure Skating) Slobodan Delic (Greece) and Cathy Taylor (Australia Figure Skating) spoke in favor of the Proposal as being necessary for the development of Pair Skating.

Sergey Sviridov (Russia Figure Skating) cautioned to be careful before changing the age limit again and proposed to review the matter again at the next Congress.

The Proposal was **accepted** through an electronic vote with 94 votes in favor, 1 vote against and 6 abstentions. The same vote counted also for Proposals No. 86 and 87.

Proposal No. 85 made by Norway

Rule 108, paragraph 3, to increase the maximum age of Figure Skating Novice Skaters from 14 to 15.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor since considers the upper limit for Novices already on the high side.

Chris Buchanan (Chair Synchronized Skating Technical Committee) proposed that the amendment should also be valid for Synchronized Skating.

The Proposal was **accepted** by an obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 86 made by Greece

Rule 108, Paragraph 3 b) (iii), to increase the age limit for the Men in Pair Skating from 20 to 21 years old.

(see also Proposal No. 84 made by Canada Figure Skating and Proposal No. 87 made by United States Figure Skating)

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as considers the current upper limit for Juniors already on the high side.

The Proposal was **accepted** by an electronic vote under Proposal No. 84.

Proposal No. 87 made by United States Figure Skating

Rule 108, Paragraph 3, to increase the age limit for the Men in Pair Skating from 20 to 21 years old.

(see also Proposal No. 84 made by Canada Figure Skating and Proposal No. 86 made by Greece)

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as considers the current upper limit for Juniors already on the high side.

The Proposal was **accepted** by an electronic vote under Proposal No. 84.

Proposal No. 88 made by Greece

Rule 115, Paragraph 5, to impose an electronic entry system for all ISU Events.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in principle in favor and for Speed Skating and Short Track an electronic entry system for ISU Events is already in place. For Figure Skating, the implementation is more complex as besides the usual information relating to the participants, the hotel, transportation and accreditation needs, the system should also include information (currently handled through different forms) relating to the biographies, music, planned program content and health care. Furthermore, interfaces with other databases are to be evaluated. Therefore the implementation is preferably done gradually allowing proper testing of all involved parts of the electronic system. Therefore the Council suggests to change the wording to “Entries for all ISU Events must be submitted electronically using the online entries and accreditation portal **as soon as** operational on the ISU website”.

Slobodan Delic (Greece) explained that the aim is to improve the system and to facilitate and make things more simple. This to avoid resubmitting the same information several times. However this would surely need a significant increase in the budget.

The President confirms that the Council is in favor of this Proposal and that the same system is already in place for Short Track and Speed Skating.

Gerd Heinze (Germany Speed Skating) is in favor of this Proposal, as this would facilitate the administrative work.

Jeroen Prince (Netherlands) is in favor of the Proposal, but not the deadline. The President inquires Mr. Delic of when the deadline of the implementation is. To which Mr. Delic replied that the deadline of July 1, 2015 would be a reasonable deadline and must be maintained.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 89 made by Greece

Rule 121, Paragraph 1. a), to impose an “ISU” qualification to officiate at the Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as it favors to maintain current opportunities for International Officials.

Rita Zonneyken (Technical Committee Single & Pair Skating) Halina Gordon Poltorak (Chair Ice Dance Technical Committee) and Jeroen Prins (Netherlands) proposed to amend the Proposal for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events for which “International” Judges should remain. The Congress accepted the proposed amendment.

The Proposal was **accepted as amended** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 90 made by ISU Council

Rule 121, paragraphs 3, b), d), to adjust the reference to the concerned functions in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 91 made by Greece

Rule 121, Paragraph 3. j), to change the reference consistently the word “student” or “pupil” but not both.

Council Recommendation: The Council agreed for the reasons given.

Slobodan Delic (Greece) explained that the intention is to use the same term in the Rules. The term “student” was preferred. The amendment was accepted by the Congress.

The Proposal was **accepted** as amended by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 92 made by Greece

Rule 123, Paragraph 3.b), to reduce the time to file protests from 1 hour to 30 minutes.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor for the reasons given.

Slobodan Delic (Greece) explained that the time to file a protest should be reduced from one hour to thirty minutes. Didier Gailhaguet disagreed as 30 minutes would not be sufficient to analyse and write a Protest.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 93 made by Greece

Rule 123, Paragraph 4. c), to delete the reference to disqualification or non-disqualification but refer to penalties and yellow and red cards.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as the current wording of this Rule 123/4.c) is consistent with the Special Regulations Rule 297.

Renier Oostheim (Short Track Technical Committee) explained that in Rule 297 it is very well clear how the mentioned matter should be solved and therefore the change is not necessary. The President informed that he is not in favor as there is already an existing Rule.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 94 made by Greece

Rule 125, Paragraph 2, to make a reference to penalties and yellow and red cards instead of disqualifications.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as not necessary. The wording “in particular but not limited to” indicates that this is not restrictive and adding additional examples is not necessary.

Slobodan Delic (Greece) pointed out that for Short Track Speed Skating in particular these measures are necessary in particular in the field of play, as the existent rule is not sufficient. Renier Oostheim (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) pointed out that Rule 297 solves the matter therefore, no further specification is needed in General Regulations.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 95 made by ISU Council

Rule 125, paragraph 3, to delete the reference to the Sports Directorate in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 96 made by ISU Council

Rule 126, to add a reference that in case Synchronized Skating will be included in the Olympic Winter Games program (subject to IOC approval), the relevant rules as stated in the Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating must be observed.

The President clarified that this addition to the Rule is necessary in case if Synchronized Skating will be accepted by the IOC for inclusion in the program of the Olympic Winter Games.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No 97 made by Greece

Rule 126, Paragraph 9, to better define the National Technical Officials (NTOs) as opposed to the International Technical Officials (ITOs) at the Olympic Winter Games.

Council Recommendation: The Council agreed for the reasons given.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 98 made by the ISU Council

Rule 131, to adapt the reference to Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 99 made by Greece

Rule 131, Paragraph 1, to apply electronic entries for ISU Events.

Council Recommendation: The Council referred to its comments relating to Rule 115, para 5

The President recommended to accept the Proposal due to the acceptance of Proposal no. 88.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 100 made by ISU Council

Rule 131, paragraph a), to include a reference concerning the personal data into the Declaration to be signed by participants of ISU Events.

Albert Hasselhoff (Netherlands) requested clarification regarding this addition to the rule, such as how long the personal information is stored. Mr. Hasselhoff pointed out that the the Netherlands has a law which protects personal information/data and therefore the KNSB is firmly against this Proposal. Patricia St. Peter (USA Figure) shares the same concerns as

expressed by the KNSB and mentioned that the breach of personal data confidentiality could result in a costly law suit. She also questioned whether the ISU has an insurance policy covering such cases. Karen O’Sullivan (Ireland Figure) expressed similar concerns.

Roger Bodin (Sweden Speed) questioned whether the Members would be responsible to collect the data and whether the Members really have the authority to do so.

ISU Legal Advisor Béatrice Pfister mentioned that the ISU was of course well aware of the important data protection issues but on the other hand, the ISU must also be protected and that without the proposed provisions this would not be the case. Also, the requested data being basically the one published in the athletes’ biographies does not appear that sensitive so the problem should not be exaggerated either.

The Proposal was postponed to the Friday session when the ISU Legal Advisors presented a revised wording and gave the corresponding explanations also referring to the applicable provisions of the Swiss Law.

Patricia St. Peter (USA Figure) spoke in support of the amended Proposal and proposed to vote on this amendment. She also recommended to the Council to look, possibly with the help of a specialized company, at the way the collected personal information is stored and protected, for example how long is for example a credit card information stored, how it is shared. Also, in the case there would be a breach of the data confidentiality, how and how much will the insurance cover.

The President thanked Mrs. St. Peter and agreed that the Council shall take her recommendations into account.

The Proposal was **accepted as amended** together with the recommendation made by USA Figure as follows:

- “iii) In respect of information about Personal Data that they declare and agree:
 - that personal data are collected by the ISU and such data are stored and used by the ISU, and when necessary, third parties, for the purposes only of, and to the extent necessary only in relation to facilitate their participation in, and/or organizing competitions; personal data may include but will not be limited to full legal name as per national identity documents, address, date of birth, nationality, and sex;
 - that the ISU shares with the concerned National Anti-Doping Organization all concerned personal data with

relevance for the Athlete Biological Passport according to the WADA Operating Guidelines (For competitors only);

- to the transfer of personal data to the ISU and by them to such third parties, and to the processing of such data and potentially any relevant sensitive personal data (including about unspent criminal convictions), as are necessary for security and other background checks by the ISU in order for them to gain the necessary accreditation for competitions;

- that the ISU and other necessary third parties, including National Anti-Doping Organizations, law enforcement and border services agencies, may share amongst themselves and with third parties personal data for the purposes of investigating and/or prosecuting breaches of any of the relevant provisions of the ISU Statutes. This includes in particular personal data with relevance for the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) according to the WADA Operating Guidelines (for competitors only) and/or betting rules;

- to the collection and use of personal data and statistics in ISU approved research projects (e.g. athlete biographies, questionnaires, filming, measures, medical encounters etc.) conducted during the competitions;

- to personal data being used in any other way to which the concerned person provides his express consent to the ISU.”

Proposal No. 101 made by Speed Skating Technical Committee

Rule 133, paragraph c), to include the titles for the Speed Skating Mass Start races to the list of ISU championship titles.

Council Recommendation: The Council was in favor for the reasons given.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 102 made by Netherlands

Rule 133 c), to add individual titles per distance to the European Speed Skating Championships.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor since the European Speed Skating Championships should maintain the allround character.

The Proposal No. 102 together with Proposal No. 103 were sent to the Speed Skating Section.

On Friday, June 13, 2014 based on the feedback received from the Speed Skating Section which proposed to accept the Proposal but effective the season 2016/17 only, the Congress **accepted** the Proposal **to be effective as of the season 2016/17**.

Proposal No. 103 made by Poland Speed Skating

Rule 133, to add individual titles per distance to the European Speed Skating Championships as well as the European Short Track Speed Skating Championships.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor since the European Speed Skating Championships should maintain the allround character.

The Proposal No. 103 together with Proposal No. 102 were sent to the Speed Skating Branch meeting.

On Friday, June 13, 2014 Vice President Jan Dijkema reported that the Speed Skating Section proposed to accept the Proposal but effective the season 2016/17 only.

Marta Jarecka (Poland Speed Skating), Evgenia Radanova (Bulgaria) and Stuart Horsepool (Great Britain) were in favor to make this provision effective as of the season 2015/16 and not wait for the season 2016/17. Stuart Horsepool mentioned that during the Section meeting the date of implementation was not discussed.

Vice President Jan Dijkema stated that it was dealt in the same manner as Proposal No. 102 and the Speed Skating Section decided that the provision to be effective as of the season 2016/17.

The Congress **accepted** the Proposal to be **effective as of the season 2016/17** through an electronic vote with 66 votes in favor, 12 votes against and 20 abstentions.

Proposal No. 104 made by Speed Skating Technical Committee

Rule 133, paragraph g), to include the titles for the Junior Speed Skating Mass Start races to the list of ISU championship titles.

Council Recommendation: The Council agreed for the reasons given

Proposal No. 104 was sent to the Speed Skating Section. On Friday, June 13, 2014 based on the feedback received from the Speed Skating Section, the Congress **accepted** the Proposal by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No 105 made by Netherlands

Rule 134 paragraph 3. a) ,b), to change the order when medal winners are called to the podium.

Council Recommendation: The Council was not in favor as the champions should be honored by receiving the awards first.

A discussion ensued focusing on the advantages of the procedure used by the ISU (Gold first) and the IOC (Gold medalist last).

The Proposal was **rejected** through an electronic vote with 57 votes in favor (but not 2/3 majority), 38 votes against and 6 abstentions.

Proposal No. 106 made by ISU Council

Rule 137, paragraph 9 (new), to include the Event Coordinators, Assistant Event Coordinators, Regional Event Coordination Assistants (RECAs) and the Sports Manager Figure Skating in the provision whereas the organizing Members of ISU Championships must pay for their room and meal expenses.

David Raith (USA Figure), Tatsuro Matsumura (Japan) stated that also due to the uncertainty of the number of Coordinators attending ISU Events this cost should stay with the ISU.

Fredi Schmid referred to the reason indicated on the Congress Agenda by the Council, namely that the ISU makes available these support functions for ISU Events and pays the remuneration and travel so that it is fair that the organizing Members accept to provide for food and lodging. In addition, the ISU pays generous contributions to ISU Event organizing Members. He added that the exact number of Coordinators attending each ISU Event is being decided on a case by case basis depending on the needs and that the ISU had a good track record of assigning the resources responsibly and efficiently. He also clarified that for the new ISU Challengers Series no Event Coordinators would be assigned.

The Proposal was **rejected** through an electronic vote with 62 votes against, 26 votes in favor and 13 abstentions.

Proposal No. 107 made by ISU Council

Rule 137, paragraph 9.c), to include the Sports Directors travel expenses in the list of expenses payable by the ISU.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 108 made by ISU Council

Rule 137, paragraph 10.a), to include the Sports Directors in the list of persons for which ISU Championships organizers must pay the cost for room and meals.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 109 made by ISU Council

Rule 138, paragraph 1.a), to include a reference to Sports Directors in line with Proposal No. 10.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

Proposal No. 110 made by ISU Council

Rule 140, paragraph 5.c), the change the person to receive medical certificates from the Chair of the Sports Directorate to the respective Vice President.

The Proposal was **accepted** by obvious show of hands.

The Session was concluded at 12.30 p.m.

B. Branch of Special Representatives for Speed Skating

FIRST SESSION

Wednesday 11 June 2014, 2:00 p.m. (third day)

Vice President Jan Dijkema as the Chair

1. Opening of the meeting by the Vice President

The Vice President Jan Dijkema opens the meeting of the Speed Skating Branch, welcomes all Delegates of all present ISU members and thanks the Representatives of Ireland for organizing a full ISU Congress.

2. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of the Branch

The Vice President proposes Christian Breuer, Germany, member of the Speed Skating Technical Committee, to record the minutes. The Members agree unanimously.

3. Verification of the qualifications of the Speed Skating representatives and of their right to vote

The Vice President conducts a roll call. The voting machines are tested. Thirty eight (38) Members are present, thirteen (13) Members are not present, giving a total of 38 votes, the two-thirds majority being twenty six (26) votes, simple majority being twenty (20).

4. Election of two scrutineers of the minutes

The Vice President proposes Gregg Planert (Canada) and Ken Pendrey (Great Britain), who are accepted unanimously.

5. Election of a drafting Committee, consisting of at least three members, to draft the final text of Proposals adopted concerning the Speed Skating Regulations and election of a similar drafting Committee for the Short Track Speed Skating Regulations

The Vice President proposes the following candidates for the Drafting Committees.

Speed Skating

Tron Espeli
Alexander Kibalko
Nick Thometz
Fabrice Prahin

Short Track Speed Skating

Reinier Oostheim
Stoytcho Stoytchev
Nathalie Lambert
Pierre Eymann

The candidates are unanimously **accepted**.

6. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda is unanimously approved, with the inclusion of the Urgent Matters as per ISU Communication No. 1867 into the Agenda (Communication No. 1863) in the sequence of the corresponding Rule of Regulations.

7. Report by the Vice President on the Speed Skating activities of the past two years

Dear Delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all at the beginning of my report I have the sad obligation to inform you that in the past two years unfortunately passed away some good skating friends who have devoted a great part of their lives for our sport. Let me mention by name two great

Champions: Hjalmar Andersen (NOR) and Atje Keulen Deelstra (NED). I would like to ask you by mentioning these two names to honor and to remember all our good skating friends who passed away with a moment of silence.

Thank you very much. In the past two years worldwide we have had many developments and many successful major ISU events both in the field of Speed Skating and Short Track. But first of all I would like to mention the recent very successful 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, which went beyond all expectations, both in the field of Speed Skating and Short Track. Therefore I would like to thank all those actively involved in Sochi: the ISU Technical Delegates, the involved TC Members and the ISU crew for the OWG in Sochi. And above all I would like to thank the Sochi LOC under

the leadership and guidance of Sochi Sports Director German Panov for the really close and excellent cooperation with the ISU.

Therefore also here in Dublin please give a big hand to Mr. Panov and to all people actively involved in Sochi for the really excellent work done in Sochi. Thank you very much, as we indeed have had very successful OWG in Sochi!

Then secondly: All ISU events in the past two years have been organized successfully in a very close cooperation between the ISU and the ISU Member Federations. Therefore I would like to thank very much the involved ISU Member Federations for their availability and for their willingness to organize all these ISU events, as it is always really a great responsibility to organize a major ISU event. On top of that nowadays it is not easy to organize a major ISU event successfully. It is not easy to find all the volunteers you need. It is not easy either in the financial field. Fortunately the ISU has been able to maintain the financial support for the ISU events. However in the field of sponsoring both Samsung for Short Track and Essent for Speed Skating have decided to terminate the contracts. This means that at this moment we are looking for new title sponsorships. Together and in close cooperation with the ISU President and the ISU Office we are working hard in this field. This is a demanding and time-consuming process. But I hope that shortly we will be able to conclude positively and to announce the new ISU sponsorships, including the ISU title sponsorships.

This all is really very important as without TV and without major sponsors in the long term all the ISU events are impossible to be organized and also then for example no substantial ISU Development money will be available. In order to be successful in this field it is important that the ISU is organizing ISU events of a very high level, a very high level of skating ON the ice with the best skaters participating. And a very high level OFF ICE in the organizational field and regarding event marketing and event promotion. In this respect I would like to mention the available professional support of Referee Sports Marketing for the LOC's, in the past season and also for the upcoming season. On top of I would like to mention that from September 1st, 2014 Mrs. Anna Piskunova would be the brand new Event Coordinator Speed Skating. Like Sports Director Hugo Herrnhof is already doing for Short Track in this field. This all is really extremely important like our task here in Dublin is extremely important for future success: Making future oriented decisions. As we have done in the past two years: It is really necessary to continuously further improve the formats of our ISU events.

I am very glad that both our TC's for SS and ST in close cooperation with the ISU Council are aware of this. For Short Track I would like to mention that the level of skating has increased significantly in the past years. And especially with a strong come back of the European countries. During the OWG in Sochi Short Track could count on the participation of 25 different NOC's/ISU Members with 6 new countries. This underlines the strong development of Short Track. The very successful, very exciting and outstanding races have confirmed this during the OWG in Sochi.

For Speed Skating first of all I would like to mention the new Events structure and season calendar. From the upcoming season 2014-15 a new ISU standardized calendar has been implemented. With the ISU Championships concentrated in a 3 weeks 'period from the middle of February. This means that the overall season calendar will have the same basic balanced format every season. Secondly I would like to mention the new types of competitions and new competition formats. On top of the Team Pursuit now also the Mass Start has had a very positive development. Though some further fine-tuning is needed for securing its success as a new World Championships event from 2015. And as a part of the future Olympic program. Finally I would like to mention the Team Sprint, which was included in the ISU Junior WC of the past season 2013-14. And which also has been successfully demonstrated at several World Cups during the past two seasons. In the field of DVL again many interesting and important projects have been organized, both for SS and for ST. I would like to mention the Development Trophy both for SS and for ST. In the field of Speed Skating on top of the training camps I would like to mention the positive results of the SS Academy in Inzell and the East Scandinavian Development project, which is very much COACHES oriented where coaches coach coaches.

In the field of Short Track again the Danubia and Star Class series have shown to be a very much appreciated and very useful activity, with a very high number of participants, funded by the DVL program. This has resulted in an increasing level of skating in the involved countries. Finally under the guidance of Sports Director Hugo Herrnhof the ISU has been involved actively in the upcoming 2016 YOWG in Lillehammer (NOR) with possibly new formats for SS and new age categories which have been presented to the IOC for final approval. The first ever YOWG in Innsbruck have been a great success. Thanks also to the activities of ISU Office Holders represented in Innsbruck. Therefore we are very much looking forward to the next edition of the YOWG in Lillehammer in Norway. Ladies and gentlemen, dear Delegates, I would like to conclude.

As we now need to continue with our decision making process here in Dublin. For more detailed information I would like to refer to the relevant Status Reports on the 4-year plan, which have been sent to you by the ISU Secretariat. The past 2 years have been very successful. This all is the result of really hard work of everybody involved, including a very high level of skating. The ISU is strong and is in a good situation. Though for the near future we have great challenges for further improvements. Therefore the decisions to be made at this ISU Congress are really very important, very important also for very successful future ISU events. Finally I would like to thank very much my colleague ISU Council Members, the respective TC's SS and ST, chaired by Tron Espeli and Stoytcho Stoytchev, Sports Director Hugo Herrnhof, DVL Coordinator György Sallak, the legal Advisor for SS Mr. Michael Geistlinger, the Medical Advisors and the ISU Office for the really excellent cooperation in the two past years.

Last but not least I would like to thank all the ISU Member Federations here represented for their availability and willingness for a close cooperation with the ISU in the past two years. It has been again a very pleasant, very constructive and very successful cooperation. This really has been highly appreciated. Thank you very much all of you!

8. Approval of Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating specifically designated and summarized in the Agenda as “Drafting Matters” and approval of these “Drafting Matters” Motions and/or referral of certain of those Motions identified as such for debate and vote

The following Motions are labeled as DRAFTING MATTERS and have been identified: none.

9. Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating

Proposal No. 111, made by Argentina Speed - Rule 200, paragraph 2) Marnix Koolhaas (Argentina) explains that tracks could also be longer than 400m, especially under the circumstances of global warming different track measurements could be of importance.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) mentions that it's addable, but the mentioned distance of 200km is random. The drafting Committee can do a rewording.

The Proposal was **accepted** with some **rewording** to be done by the Drafting Committee.

Proposal No. 112, made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 201

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the proposal is clarifying and confirming the current situation of holding the mentioned competitions on 2 days.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 113, made by The Netherlands - Rule 201, paragraphs 3) and 4)

Arie Koops (Netherlands) explains that the proposal gives another look on Speed Skating. There are really interesting battles in and about allround and sprint competitions. It will be more exciting who will be the winner and gives more opportunities for different countries, including more titles.

Marcel Vanberg (Norway) stresses that he mentioned the invention of an entire Championships week during the Forum, which would be a good solution, but with the inclusion of erasing the European Championships. Therefore Norway is not supporting the Proposal from the Netherlands.

Günter Schumacher (Germany) explains that there is good experience with Junior World Championships as a single distance format existing, which can be implemented in the senior program. Every Champion is a “win” for each nation. Therefore the Members should have a closer look at the Polish proposal. In general, Germany is in favor of the proposal.

Gregg Planert (Canada) is in favor but mentions that there will be organizational problems and obstacles that have to be solved, for example how many Skaters can qualify for the final and so on.

Sergio Anesi (Italy) points out that he is in favor of the proposal.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) questions the financial impact and if there is a change in prize money planned for the event. She stresses and is concerned that Asia and the USA/Canada cannot participate.

Marta Jarecka (Poland) points out that this proposal should be handled together with Proposal No. 115.

Arie Koops (Netherlands) underlines that the new setup should be neutral in budget impact and the same amount should apply as for the current European Championships.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema points out that there is no more budget possible and planned.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that the discussion about the question if we want more titles should be pushed to the section meeting. If the proposal is submitted unchanged or adjusted in combination with the Polish proposal, it should be dealt with in the general

section meeting. Issues should be sorted out to make the European Championships similar to the Junior World Championships. If Speed Skating is moving towards this format, there need to be details on how the structure should look like. Tron Espeli also mentions that there is a need to limit participation and set up new qualification criteria. There is also the question how to lead skaters into the longest distance, under which qualification system.

The Proposal includes the phrase “effective as of 2016”, therefore there is a need for details in terms of technical rules to be presented to the Congress. The Technical Committee was not asked to define these rules and therefore that was not done. He also raises the question if that competition would be attractive for non-European countries, for example as a 4-Continent-Championship.

Roland Maillard (ISU Council Member) mentions that he was present at Junior Competitions for the ISU and stresses his impression that there is a lot of pressure for Referees during these events due to the amount of races. He also adds that there is a need to offer Competitions for Skaters from Asia and North America.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema underlines that the Council is not in favor of these proposals and sees the need of continuing with allround. The topic has potential for the future but there is a need for a closer look with more detail.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) adds that it’s more and more a problem to fit the European Championships into the television calendar. An idea could be an alternation with the World Single Distance Championships and would prevent the inflation in titles within only a few weeks. This proposal has to be given credit, but has to be worked over, maybe for a new proposal in 2016.

Rune Gerhardsen (Norway) stresses that this proposed format is hard to follow; some Skaters are going for single title, some for allround. This proposal should not be implemented at this point in time and needs more discussion. 10 000m is a long distance with great tradition, but at the moment there is not much competition. Only a few Skaters are specialized and if that development goes on, the distance will fade.

Rhian Ket (Netherlands) raises the question when the Speed Skating world is going to start with a change and why there is a discussion about delaying the proposed changes.

Tron Espeli (Chair Technical Committee Speed Skating) explains that a complete and thought through proposal will take time until 2016 and will include hard work.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) underlines that the ISU already has a thick rulebook, which needs to be reduced. The next forum will be in 2020, which limits the discussion. Limiting the number of Skaters per country in allround will leave the option for a mixed podium. He asks to apply common sense in the direction of a change. Between now and 2016, the Technical Committee and the members should come up with a resistant format that works for television, the spectators and the members.

Marta Jarecka (Poland) stresses that the possibility of winning titles is important for the countries in order to get funding and scholarships for their Skaters.

Stuart Horsepool (Great Britain) mentions that the Polish proposal includes both Short Track and long track Speed Skating and asks if the details are discussed now together or separate.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) answers that the sections will be handled separately.

Jose Fazio (Argentina) underlines that the ISU should focus on how to make the product more effective that it can be sold to media and sponsors.

Gregg Planert (Canada) mentions that there is no format for qualification in the rulebook at the moment for a competition like this. He is in favor of a proposal to hold a 4-Continent-Championship and underlines that it's time to have a move towards that direction right now.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema stresses that he sees the need to prepare this proposal with details for the Congress in 2016 including a 4-Continent-Championship, to start with a new format in 2017.

Albert Hazelhoff (Netherlands) mentions that the view of the Vice President sounds obvious, but in his opinion the Technical Committee is able to modify the proposal in a matter to make it work. He is also surprised to directly extend the Proposal to North America and Asia. He suggests to vote on the existing proposal and to form the necessary rules for the Congress in 2016.

Stuart Horsepool (Great Britain) stresses that funding is based on performance and if medals are available in separate distances, even Great Britain could gain medals and get funding. Limiting the medals is limiting smaller countries.

Nick Thometz, Speed Skating Technical Committee, underlines that the Technical Committee has shown that it believes in that proposed format, but there is a need for more details and pieces to be put in place. From the organizers point of view, it's getting harder to organize big competitions over many distances. We need to streamline the program, because at the moment the ISU event calendar includes 4 World Championships every

year. There is a need for an alternating schedule to raise value of a Championship and to define the distances to be raced better.

Marta Jarecka (Poland) supports the proposal from the Netherlands with the mentioned amendments.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) stresses that the time to start is now and the given option should be taken.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) asks for an amendment in the proposal to change „effective as of 2016“ to “2017”, because the rules will not be in place by 2016.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that he is in favor of this amendment and that it would help in the upcoming process.

Albert Hazelhoff (Netherlands) clarifies that the season 2016/17 is meant and not the effectiveness in the year 2016.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) clarifies that the details must be approved by the 2016 Congress.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema gives a recommendation to the Netherlands to postpone the item and work on a much more balanced version.

Arie Koops (Netherlands) mentions that there is no proposal from the Technical Committee, which could already be more balanced, but he is asking to take the chance for a vote.

Electronic vote is taking place on the amendment of Rule 201, paragraph 3 “effective as of season 2016/2017”:

The amendment was accepted with 30 votes in favor, 6 votes against and 2 abstentions.

The Proposal was **accepted** as amended.

Proposal No. 114 made by The Netherlands - Rule 201, paragraph 3)
The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 115 made by Poland Speed - Rule 201, paragraph 3) and 4)
The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 116 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 201

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the proposal is a DRAFTING MATTER.

The proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 117 made by The Netherlands - Rule 201, paragraph 4)

Marcel Vanberg (Norway) is in favor of the proposal, but is not in favor to limit the proposal to: „every second year“. The Council should find the way to balance it.

Sergio Anesi (Italy) is in favor of the proposal to give more opportunities to smaller countries without covered tracks.

Arie Koops (Netherlands) underlines that a distribution of events including outdoor tracks should be made a common rule.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that hosting events outdoors was difficult in the past and there were several problems with outdoor rinks. This should not be ruled and the allotment of competitions is based on members applying, therefore the allotment process needs to be changed.

Arie Koops (Netherlands) suggests amending the proposal to „preference every two years“.

Roland Maillard (ISU Council Member) points out that there were problems with natural ice rinks, therefore the proposal should explicitly mention artificial ice rinks (otherwise high costs, longer stays, circumstances...)

The proposal was **accepted** with the **amendment** “preference every two years” & “artificial ice rink”.

Proposal No. 118 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 201, paragraphs 6) and 7)

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that this proposal includes the Mass start event as a World Championship event and introduces team sprint in Junior World Cups. The proposal includes the necessity to limit the 500m races to only one race and includes an adjustment of the distance program.

Rhian Ket (Netherlands) suggests an amendment to skate 2 times 500m as before. Besides that he is in favor of the rest of the proposal.

Günter Schumacher (Germany) mentions that he misses the men races in part d) (*the entire line “d.” is missing in the documentation*) and needs to be included. There should also be a focus on a balance between Ladies and Men in Mass start about the number of laps. The distances should not be the same for Ladies and Men.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the focus was to shape a standardized format. Ladies and Men would now follow the same format. Mass start was and is a separate event; therefore the same distance for both Ladies and Men is presented in the proposal. Skating 2 times 500m is seen as too much and would cause more damage than good.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) is raising the question if the 3000m Men is removed.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the removal would benefit the Members that already the juniors can link easier to Olympic distances.

Gregg Planert (Canada) is in favor of the proposal, because it would cause less confusion. The only concern is that the number of countries at World Junior Championships could lead to more than 40 Skaters, which may include dangerous scenarios.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that there is an urgent proposal from the Speed Skating Technical Committee, which limits the number of Skaters in the Mass start event.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) is asking the Netherlands to be more specific how the 2 times 500m should be taking place, before the electronic vote is starting. He is not accepting an amendment without clarification how the implementation should work.

Rhian Ket (Netherlands) responds that there is a benefit from skating in the outside line and therefore there should be the right for skating an inner and outer lane.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) suggests to first vote on the Mass start, Team sprint and the change in the Men allround

program, and to vote afterwards and separately about the Dutch amendment of 2 times 500m.

Electronic vote is taking place for Rule 201, paragraphs 6 and 7 to include Mass start, Team Sprint and to change the distance program all-round:

The Proposal was **accepted** with 36 votes in favor, 1 vote against and 1 abstention.

Electronic vote is taking place on the amendment of Rule 201, paragraph 6 and 7 made by The Netherlands to “skate 2 times 500m with the second 500m after the 1500m”:

The amendment was **rejected** with 20 votes in favor, 14 votes against and 13 abstentions (simple majority applied).

Proposal No. 119 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee– Rule 201, paragraph 8)

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that this Proposal has to be seen in conjunction with the Proposal 123. It includes Mass start over 16 laps and also includes the 500m to be skated only 1 time. Therefore the Proposal 119 can be discussed together with Proposal 123.

Gregg Planert (Canada) mentions that if the session passes the Proposal 119, the session can't discuss 2 times 500m anymore.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) admits that Greg Planert is right and therefore should be discussed with Proposal 123 and not before.

Arie Koops (Netherlands) mentions that the Proposal looks like a package deal, because also the Netherlands have the Proposal 122 about 20 laps for the Mass start. The Netherlands will therefore withdraw Proposal 121.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) points out the discussion will be about the amount of laps in the proposal of the Technical Committee and explains the reason for the number of laps chosen. 16 Laps streamline the effort for organizers and there would be no confusion about the moment when intermediate sprints take place. It helps a lot in the process of standardization. There is no strong argument that 16 laps is too long for Ladies and too short for Men. On addition to that, the ISU is promoting that format to the IOC and the feedback from the IOC was leading towards a stronger standardization.

Arie Koops (Netherlands) stresses that the event of Mass start is too exciting to only use 16 laps to entertain the audience.

Marnix Koolhaas (Argentina) asks if the ISU is sure if the Mass start is the most exciting format. In inline, elimination races are used and before putting a format like that into the Olympic program, the ISU should be clear what format should be good for raising attention.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) underlines that there is a need for a decision what format should be used at Single Distance World Championships from 2016 on. In 2009, the current format was invented with intermediate sprints. The ISU and the Members also have experience with other formats, but the space to test them with top-level Skaters is limited. For the Olympic Winter Games, the ISU strongly wants to go forward to achieve an implementation. There will be more time to try out formats if the Mass start is not implemented in the Olympic Program for the Games 2018.

Marnix Koolhaas (Argentina) is asking if marketing experts were asked and if research was done.

Jildou Gemser (Speed Skating Technical Committee) answers that the ISU and the Technical Committee have been evaluating a lot and talking to marketing and other experts. The Members including Argentina should now focus on the amount of laps and not if the format is right or if research was done.

Karin Rigas (Denmark) mentions that elimination races would most likely not be a good format to implement in Speed Skating.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) underlines that there were positive results with the existing format and regarding the number of laps; the main comments came from the Netherlands with a marathon background.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) points out that the longer the distance, the better the format could work and she would support 20 laps.

Hannes Wolf (Austria) stresses that the longer the distance, the fewer countries will get in front of the pack. Only strong countries can cover the amount of Skaters you need for longer distances and exclude sprinters and middle distance Skaters.

Rhian Ket (Netherlands) mentions that 20 laps with breakaway would be supported.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) points out that the Mass start should become a format for all Members and not only for the ones with long distance Skaters. It is crucial to get broad participation and not only should a Dutch marathon circuit be able to win.

The votes will be split up.

The first vote is about the distance of 16 laps. The amount of 16 laps was **accepted**.

The second vote is conducted on skating the 500m twice.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that this vote is linked to Proposal 123 because in that Proposal, the exact program is

printed. The overall time frame of the competition has to be in perspective, because large numbers of Skaters are doing 500m and other distances. It is a difficult compromise to have one distance (500m) skated twice. 2 times 500m came from outdoor tracks to get more equality. But the level and equality has increased on covered tracks and has led to the conclusion that 500m from the presentation point of view can easily be done in one race. The latest research presented is in contradiction to research that was done some years ago. The ISU is asked why 500m is skated twice. One moment of truth is also creating a high tension in 500m. We need to gain some time to have space for other distances in the program of the World Single Distances Championships and as well in the future in the IOC program.

Rhian Ket (Netherlands) underlines that only skating 500m once is just not fair in his point of view. The Skaters at the moment are also used to skate twice and one try is not reflecting the quality.

Gregg Planert (Canada) explains that there is a different point of view between Ladies and Men. Within the Canadian Skaters; the Ladies want to skate 500m once, the Men want to skate it twice. But the setup of the entire program looks more balanced in the Proposal 124.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) mentions that the fairness is not the problem because the same arguments were made about 1000m.

The Proposal about reducing the number of “500m down to one” was **rejected** with 19 votes in favor, 15 votes against and 3 abstentions.

Proposal No. 120 made by Argentina Speed – Rule 201, paragraph 8)

Marnix Koolhaas (Argentina) explains that there would be more excitement in 500m if you have a final medal race. Exciting moments are created and with that, best Skaters are in the final races. Winner of the gold should be the Skater in direct competition.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) answers that it was discussed and worth to ask questions. The input needs to be considered. It’s not the ultimate idea how to finalize a new version of 500m and would be a change of the basic conditions if you would do that in a 1500m. It might be worth being tested, even in longer distances.

Günter Schumacher (Germany) mentions that this format could work and be tested in a World Cup. For example, the B-Group could work as a qualification round and later as the finals. Short Track is going forward with that.

Karl Skoog (Sweden) points out that it’s good enough to think about it and should be tested.

The Proposal was **rejected**.

Proposal No. 121 made by The Netherlands – Rule 201, paragraph 8)
The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 122 made by The Netherlands – Rule 201, paragraph 8)
The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 123 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 201, paragraph 9) **and**

Proposal No. 124 made by The Netherlands – Rule 201, paragraph 9)
Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the proposal is pending for the moment to get a more balanced order of events. Nick Thometz (Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that it could be a drafting solution to just list the distances to be skated. The exact order can be implemented at a later point in time.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that a clarification will be done till the following day (Day 2 of the section meeting).

Proposal No. 125 made by The Netherlands – Rule 201, paragraph 10)

Arie Koops (Netherlands) mentions that it is of importance to shape a new brand and a new event style for the ISU. This vision could be Skating Games, happening at one place every four years.

Karl Skoog (Sweden) questions if a new event or just the vision of it needs to be placed in a rule book and that there should be no wording „could be“ implemented.

Günter Schumacher (Germany) mentions that he is in favor of the proposal. Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) underlines that all Members should think about the whole picture of skating. That would include an idea like mentioned in the proposal. She explains that she is in favor of the proposal.

Sergio Anesi (Italy) requests that a special commission should be formed, as mentioned during the forum, to present new ideas to the ISU. All new ideas should be up to a discussion with a suiting and researched simulation about the impact if these ideas would become valid in the rules.

Stuart Horsepool (Great Britain) expresses that the idea is good, but it should not be placed in a rulebook. The implementation would directly limits countries that only have short track tracks.

Marie-Claire Rouleau (Canada) underlines that there is a need for a 4-year calendar if an idea like this should be shaped in the future.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) underlines that the ISU and the Members should carefully think about what is really necessary in a rulebook and what not. There are many solutions for questions like this, but they need not to be forced through rules.

Jose Fazio (Argentina) points out that simultaneous short track and long track events already happened in China.

The proposal was **rejected** with 17 votes in favor, 17 votes against and 4 abstentions.

B. Branch of Special Representatives for Speed Skating

SECOND SESSION

Thursday, 12 June 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Vice President Jan Dijkema in the Chair

The Vice President conducts a roll call. The voting machines are tested. Thirty nine (39) Members are present, eleven (11) Members are not present, giving a total of 39 votes, the two-thirds majority being twenty six (26) votes, simple majority being twenty (20).

Proposal No. 126 made by ISU Council – Rule 202

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that many little details are necessary to change the setup of an Olympic Program and to include Mass start as an Olympic Event. It is an IOC decision, but the ISU needs to have Mass start in the rules to promote this new event to the Olympic Program. He stresses that the ISU needs to deliver a solution how it should be presented. The minimum criteria is the number of laps skated. To standardize the programs, the same proposal with 16 laps to be skated (as for World Championships) should be delivered to the IOC. The Members need to have a closer look at program because as of right now, there is a sequence of distances existing, which needs to be changed in two ways:

- 1) If Mass start is accepted, it's the last distance of the Games. There will be a dialog about the position of the Mass start in the sequence with the IOC and it may be better to not have it fixed in the regulations.
- 2) One time 500m is also included in the proposal and Tron Espeli wants to prove that there is not a difference and no benefit in skating 2 times 500m. (Excel sheet is shown and explained by Tron Espeli: the presentation is based on Skaters, not on ranking.) Tron Espeli mentions that, 20 years ago, the situation was different because now covered tracks and stable ice are the basic elements for a fair competition and not the number of times you skate the same distance. He strongly believes that the time is there to go down to 1 time 500m in the Olympic Winter Games. Rules cannot be based on single Skaters and their preference and there is a need to review the program and the presentation of the 500m event to make the product better. Arie Koops (Netherlands) mentions that there is the need to split up the discussion. He stresses from the Dutch point of view that 75% of the winners started in the outer lane from 2006-2014. He agrees on Tron

Espeli's point of view about the Ladies races, but with the Men competition, it's different. This Proposal is implementing „luck“ into the 500m competitions.

Gregg Planert (Canada) underlines that this could have another impact for competitions, maybe there would also be a way to combine the first 500m with a final round afterwards.

Marnix Koolhaas (Argentina) suggests to look at the ranking and the position of the Skaters and to give them the option to choose the inner or outer lane based on their “position” within the skating world.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) stresses that USA Speed is supporting the Technical Committee proposal, but underlines that the bigger concern would be not to have the Mass start included. This is of higher importance than the amount of 500m.

Michael Hadschieff (Austria) states that he understands the Dutch discussion and point of view, but Austria supports the proposal of the Technical Committee.

Christian Breuer (Speed Skating Technical Committee) underlines that he fully understands the Dutch perspective, but the preference of Skaters for the inner and outer lane will change over the years and rules should not be made for a specific generation of Skaters. He also asks the Members not to risk having a Mass start event in the Olympic Winter Games by sticking with a distance skated twice. No one outside the skating world understands that you have to skate 1000m to win a 500m.

Karl Skoog (Sweden) asks for a broader perspective. In other sports like track and field and swimming, the athletes don't have a choice in which lane they will start.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that there is still the possibility to have a look at the race regulations with ranking and selection to promote skating in more attractive way.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema underlines that the proposal is combining Mass start and 1 time 500m in the Olympic Winter Games, understandable as a package. Everyone has to realize that we can't add only more distances, but that the ISU has to make room in the program for the added distances.

Electronic vote is taking place for Proposal 126 with the amendment “500m skated twice”:

The amendment was **rejected** with 8 votes in favor, 25 votes against and 5 abstentions.

The Proposal in total was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 127 made by The Netherlands – Rule 202, paragraph 1)

The Vice President Jan Dijkema underlines that the proposal is linked to the decision of the day before (20 laps Mass start rejected) and therefore is taken out of the proposals.

Proposal No. 128 made by Argentina Speed – Rule 202, paragraph 2)

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 129 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 208, paragraph 2)

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the main difference is a personal qualification (the Skater qualifies him-/herself). For example an injured athlete in mid-season can still get into the competition, which was not possible with the old rule. There are new events as well getting into the program and therefore an implementation how to qualify was needed. During the last seasons, the Members used not all open spots in the longer distances and therefore the shrinkage of entries on longer distances is proposed. Also Mass start is reduced to 2 spots per country to get a broader variety.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 130 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 208, paragraph 4)

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the qualification was based on regions to compete in the World Championships and that the proposal now presents a more balanced mix, including results from last season and good performances of Skaters in the actual season.

Rhian Ket (Netherlands) asks why the number of entries was limited down from 4 to 3 maximum places per Member. He understands the idea, but does not agree on that. He suggests implementing one extra spot for the country of the previous World Champion.

Gregg Planert (Canada) is asking for clarification if only 1 World Cup will count for the qualification process.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Technical Committee is still considering if there is a need for more World Cups in the qualification process. The World Cup (or World Cups), which is used for qualification, will be stressed in the Communication dealing with the World Cup season.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) is suggesting handling the discussed proposal together with Proposal No. 131 from Canada.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) is responding on Rhian Ket (Netherlands) that the Technical Committee has been discussing his mentioned option about the World Champion of the year before, but came to the conclusion that it will not be a solution that would benefit the World Championships as a competition. He suggests voting upon the qualification and the number of spots separately.

Michael Geistlinger (ISU Legal Advisor) stresses that the Members should first vote on the motion completely; this prevents breaking up the proposal into 3 motions.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema is conducting a manual vote on the proposal.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 131 made by Canada Speed – Rule 208, paragraph 4)

The proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 132 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 208, paragraph 5)

The proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 133 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 208, paragraph 6)

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal is important to fix the numbers of entries to underline the importance for countries who have live TV broadcast.

Gregg Planert (Canada) asks why the same amount of starting spots for Ladies and Men is implemented in the Proposal. Usually less Ladies than Men are starting and it would be good to try out the limit and, if necessary, bring the Proposal back in 2016.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) agrees and mentions that the Technical Committee will be watching closely and there may be a need to adjust the Rule in 2016.

The proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 134 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 208, paragraph 7)

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the maximum quota stays the same, including the Mass start with only 2 entries, and should be seen as a simplification.

The proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 135 made by Argentina Speed – Rule 208, paragraph 10)

Marnix Koolhaas (Argentina) explains that the Proposal could stimulate more countries to compete and to take part in Championships. Only 17 countries of the ISU Members have artificial ice tracks.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that there is no room to make more countries eligible without results. Several new countries already find their way into Speed Skating and even Wild Cards are not a solution for senior competition if you don't even use them on junior level.

The proposal was **rejected**.

Proposal No. 136 made by Argentina Speed – Rule 208, paragraph 10)

Marnix Koolhaas (Argentina) explains the benefit of the proposal that countries organizing national championships could participate on international level.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) underlines that the Technical Committee does not understand the necessity of the proposal because it's not clear where an extra option for a Member would start and where the effectiveness of the qualification system would be put in place.

The proposal was **rejected**.

Proposal No. 137 made by The Netherlands – Rule 209, paragraph 1a)

Arie Koops (Netherlands) explains that with the inclusion of the Mass start in the Olympic Program (if decided by the IOC), 7 different distances would be skated in the Olympic Winter Games. If countries place Skaters in all distances, it would be more than helpful to have 11 spots.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee), if IOC accepts the Mass start, the ISU will know the exact amount of distances. A Quota of 10 is tough, but as a fact, there were a maximum of 10 quota places at the Sochi Games. The Netherlands was able to fill all the quota places with all competitive Skaters. The main issue is that the IOC defines the maximum number of athletes in all sports. Therefore we are not comfortable with the Proposal because it will be difficult to rule that no extra Skaters are added that actually will not compete. We had the cases that Skaters were rejected because we reached the maximum number of Skaters.

The proposal was **rejected**.

Urgent Proposal No. 1 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 209, paragraph 1b)

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Committee did not want to propose that rule change before the Sochi Games and therefore it is an Urgent Proposal. The time was needed to evaluate Sochi and to have a closer look at the possible implementation of the Mass start.

The Urgent Proposal No.1 was **accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 2 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 209, paragraph 1c), 2b) iii)

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that this proposal reduces the number of Skaters in the 5000m and 10000m Men with a limit to 12 competitors. Even at the Olympic Winter Games, the spots were not filled up. The ISU wants to protect the longest distance at the Olympic Winter Games and to stimulate more countries to qualify.

Gregg Planert (Canada) mentions there is a different number of a reduction in the Urgent Proposal No.3.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal was split up to be accepted in two different Proposals in case that the IOC rejects the Mass start. The ISU would still be prepared and would show that they thought about not increasing the total number of athletes. The Congress should accept both proposals.

Gregg Planert (Canada) asks if there would be again 2 times 500m in the case that the Proposal would be rejected.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that we need to show consistency towards the IOC and that we thought about not increasing the number of Skaters and quota places and implementing another event.

The Urgent Proposal No.2 was **accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 3 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 209, paragraph 1c), 2b) iii)

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that it is a separate Proposal as explained before.

The Urgent Proposal No.3 was **accepted**.

Urgent Proposal No. 4 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 209, paragraph 2c) ii)

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that this Proposal includes the feedback from the Members that they are not in favor

of that section in the rules and want to simplify the Olympic qualification process.

The Urgent Proposal No.4 was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 138 made by Canada Speed – Rule 210, paragraph 1)

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 139 made by The Netherlands – Rule 223, paragraph 1c)

The Proposal was **withdrawn**. However Albert Hazelhoff (Netherlands) comments that the Netherlands want to work with the Technical Committee on some way to test a pilot program in that regard.

Proposal No. 140 made by Canada Speed – Rule 223, paragraph 1c)

Marcel Vanberg (Norway) asks for more explanation from Canada about that Proposal.

Gregg Planert (Canada) answers that this part of the Proposal came out of the Short Track experience and Canada wants to ensure that from the coming season on, proper equipment is being used.

Karl Skoog (Sweden) is in favor of the Proposal if it is really needed and asks for a comment from the Medical Advisor.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) also asks for a more detailed feedback on this topic.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Technical Committee discussed this and mentioned it in the workshop on Monday. In the Technical Rules for Mass start safety measures are included. The content of this rule with little adjustments can be used on ISU Events. The ISU wants the Mass start to be skated on a high level and to cover possible risks as well. There is no room for playing down the safety measures.

Harm Kuipers (ISU Medical Advisor) mentions that he fully agrees with Tron Espeli and the Technical Committee on this matter. The ISU should take care of safety measures but in the same way not overdo it. The Marathon circuit in the Netherlands is a good example of a balance between high performance and safety.

Arie Koops (Netherlands) stresses that he agrees with Tron Espeli and the Technical Committee on this matter and this Proposal should be brought back on Friday.

Gregg Planert (Canada) mentions that he accepts a possible amendment of the Proposal. The Members need to be on the safe side about what safety needs to be fulfilled during ISU events. He is in favor of a solution to put the measures into the Communications where Mass start is included.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) thanks the Members for the given input and mentions that the ISU, Members, Organizers, Skaters and Coaches need details on paper for the events and this can be left to the Drafting Committee. A clear statement will be put down that safety measures are of paramount importance.

Reinier Oostheim (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) recommends strongly taking written safety measures because with the Short Track experience, safety is never enough.

The Proposal No.140 is moved to a later point and the Drafting Committee will write a clear statement about the safety measures.

Urgent Proposal No. 5 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 209, paragraph 2c) ii)

The Urgent Proposal No.5 was **accepted**.

9. Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Short Track Speed Skating

Reinier Oostheim (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) presents an overview of the upcoming Proposals in Short Track Speed Skating to help understand the changes to be made. He shows the Championship format under an historical perspective and underlines that no changes were made for too many years. The problems of Short Track Speed Skating compared to other “cool” sports are long breaks, no clear time schedule known before all entries are made and an insecure classification. The implementation of a time schedule will help to run the event much better including a flexible starting time for preliminary races and fixed times for finals. He mentions that Television likes the sport of Short Track Speed Skating, but the broadcasters never like to cover the production cost. Television is a crucial part for each sport including Short Track and not having a compact program will lead to not having air time. The Proposals will include seeding for each distance, Ranking sessions and a better ratio between races and breaks. The Skaters will at least have 2 chances to show their performance.

Proposal No. 154 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 281, paragraph 1)

István Darázs (Hungary) stresses that he is in favor of the proposal because Short Track Speed Skating must come up with a new form of presentation. He is asking for an amendment to erase the “B final”, because it is not interesting for the Skaters.

Reinier Oostheim (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that in the past there was even a “C final” and a “B final” is still workable for the competition. He mentions that the next Proposal is dealing with the issue of the “B final” and he stresses that the Proposal No. 154 is more about the overall structure.

Wilf O’Reilly (Netherlands) mentions his concern that if two Skaters are set in the “B final”, but no one is skating, the television/broadcaster is waiting. The solution would be to allow that only two Skaters skate a final.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that it is not efficient to look at the details forever because Short Track is in fight with snowboard cross, ski cross and others who have way more pure “race time” than Short Track at the moment. People from outside the sport do not understand Short Track and there is a need to have a better show and presentation.

Stuart Horsepool (Great Britain) suggests calling the finals “the point’s final” and “the medals final”.

Michael Geistlinger (ISU Legal Advisor) suggests to first vote on the single amendment and afterwards on the entire Proposal (amended or not).

The amendment proposed by Hungary “erase B final” was rejected.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 155 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 281, paragraph 1b)

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal is a clarification.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 156 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 281, paragraph 1c)

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal is a clarification.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 157 made by The Netherlands – Rule 281, paragraph 1g)

Wilf O’Reilly (Netherlands) is clarifying that the Proposal is about the distribution of remaining points in the “final B” or in the remaining finals.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that if the ISU hosts “B-finals” at events, there is a need to distribute points. If no points are being awarded, nobody will race these finals.

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that the Proposal No. 157 is generally included in Proposal No. 154, which already was accepted.

Wilf O’Reilly (Netherlands) explains that there are no points mentioned in Proposal No. 154 and therefore the Members should vote on Proposal No. 157 include the distribution of points in Rule 281.

The Proposal was **accepted** but only the part about the distribution of points.

Proposal No. 158 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 283, paragraph 1)

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal is connecting the new formed race structure, the new format with the Championships.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 159 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 283, paragraph 1b)

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that it is basically the same Proposal as No. 155 and No. 156, in a logical order.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 160 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 283, paragraph 1c)

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 161 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 283, paragraph 2a)

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal includes a minimum qualifying time also for juniors.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 162 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 284, paragraph 3a)

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal now includes four (4) World Cups as qualification events for the Olympic Winter Games.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) is asking the Technical Committee for an amendment. He is in favor of the extension to four events, but is asking to amend taking only the three (3) best results of the 4 Events.

Gregg Planert (Canada) is in favor of four events with an amendment to start in October as stated in Proposal No. 163.

Susan Sandvig-Shobe (USA) underlines that she is in favor of the proposed amendment by the Netherlands.

Sergio Anesi (Italy) is in favor of the Proposal, including the start mentioned in Proposal No. 163.

Reinier Oostheim (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) underlines that the Technical Committee can accept the amendment by the Netherlands. Currently the rule says that the World Cups must be on the same continent as the Olympic Games and that needs to be adjusted too.

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) responds that the amendment shall be “2 out of 4 World Cups shall preferably be held on the same continent as the Olympic Winter Games”.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) comments that it should be “3 of 4 World Cups count as qualification” and they should be run between October and December.

Michael Geistlinger (ISU Legal Advisor) stresses that it will be easier to withdraw the Proposal No. 162 and amend Proposal No. 163. The first amendment of Proposal No. 163 would be that the 3 best results out of 4 shall count and 2 of these World Cups shall preferably take place on the continent of the Olympic Winter Games. The motion maker can consider the amendment by himself and a vote can be conducted directly.

Slobodan Delic (Greece) opens the Proposal No. 163 to the mentioned amendments by the legal advisor.

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 163 made by Greece – Rule 284, paragraph 3)

The amendment of Proposal No. 163 “best 3 out of 4 World Cups count towards the Special Olympic Qualification Classification” was accepted.

The amendment of Proposal No. 163 “2 out of 4 World Cups shall preferably be held on the same continent as the Olympic Winter Games” was accepted.

The Proposal was **accepted** as amended.

Proposal No. 164 made by Greece – Rule 284, paragraph 6)

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

Proposal No. 165 made by The Netherlands – Rule 284, paragraph 6)

Wilf O’Reilly (Netherlands) explains that the Proposal wants to bring more clarity to the Skaters and fix a point in time when the essential information about the Olympic Qualification procedure must be presented and published. At least the format and the locations of the Events shall be published by the mentioned time.

The Proposal was **accepted** with the minimum criteria of publishing the format and the Event locations.

Proposal No. 166 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 285, paragraph 1)

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 167 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 285, paragraph 1b)

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 168 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 285, paragraph 1c)
The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 169 made by The Netherlands – Rule 285, paragraph 1g)
Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) explains that the Members did vote on a point system in Proposal No. 157 and the Proposal No. 169 is about the same topic for the European Championships.
The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 170 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 286, paragraph 4b)
Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal is a clarification for the participation at the European Championships.
The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 171 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 286, paragraph 6)
The Proposal is for clarification.
The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 172 made by The Netherlands – Rule 290, paragraph 5) i)
Wild O'Reilly (Netherlands) explains that the video replay is shown to the Referee while a different slow motion from the television cameras or broadcasting signal is shown on the main stadium screen. The spectators and coaches might see a different angle compared to the Referee. The video presented to the Referee shall be presented on the stadium screen for a better transparency of the decision. In the past, the video sequence was protecting the Referees, but now it is presented to spectators and coaches etc.

Sergio Anesi (Italy) is in favor of the Proposal.
Marnix Koolhaas (Argentina) suggests that the audio signal shall be transmitted too.

Reinier Oostheim (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that this Proposal is important but should better be amended. The video shall be presented but only after the decision is taken by the Referee.
Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that it is important to show why the Referees are judging. Otherwise the impression and the comments of “outsiders” and broadcasters will extremely differ from what the Referees are seeing. The

Proposal shall be amended that the ISU will deliver the footage to the broadcasters and give a fixed amount of time to the Referee to define his decision.

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that a system like this shall first be tested in competitions before it is being put in place.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) underlines that the same pictures shall be shown to the audience as well as to the Referee. He is in favor of the points given by Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee).

Reinier Oostheim (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) points out a solution to implement the details of the Proposal in a competition communication to test it for the coming 2 years. If it works well, the details can be implemented in the rules in 2016.

Stuart Horsepool (Great Britain) points out that everybody wants to see what the Referee is seeing. Therefore he asks that the Proposal is voted upon. Afterwards the Technical Committee shall find a way how to implement the Proposal for the upcoming season.

Wilf O'Reilly (Netherlands) stresses that the Netherlands are not accepting an amendment to the Proposal that the footage shall be shown after the Referee's decision.

The Proposal was **accepted** as presented with no amendment.

Proposal No. 173 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 290, paragraph 7a)

The Proposal is for clarification.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 174 made by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 290, paragraph 11)

The Proposal is for clarification.

The Proposal was **accepted**.

Speed Skating

Pending item:

Proposal No. 123 made by the Speed Skating Technical Committee – Rule 201, paragraph 9)

Revised Proposal

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that this Proposal is now a revised version of the distances and also includes input

given from the Netherlands. The Dutch original version is attractive but there is a concern from the Technical Committee because the 10 000m and the Mass start are skated on the same day. This could cause a problem for the long distance orientated Skaters. Therefore the Technical Committee encourages the Members to vote for the proposal of the Technical Committee.

The revised Proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal No. 124 made by The Netherlands – Rule 201, paragraph 9)

The Proposal was **withdrawn**.

10. Reports by the Chair of the Speed Skating an Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committees concerning proposed amendments to the Technical Rules for Speed Skating and for Short Track Speed Skating

Speed Skating

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that all items were touched in previous discussions and the Technical Committee got a clear indication what items are not favorable. Therefore the Technical Committee will withdraw the Proposal No. 141 about the positioning of the blocks. All other items are drafting matters.

The Technical Committee Speed Skating is **withdrawing** the Proposal No. 141.

Short Track

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that all items were touched in previous discussions and the Technical Committee got positive response from the Members that they are all in favor of the suggested changes within the Technical Rules.

There is just one remaining item which is the urgent Proposal No. 6

11. Presentation by Members of objections to proposed Technical Rule changes and subsequent vote upon such objections.

(Any objection requires a second Member to support the objection and subsequently a simple majority to become effective. Such objection may only propose not to accept the change; it cannot propose any amendment. A Rule in the Technical Rules may not change or amend a Rule included in the Constitution or in the General Regulations or in the Special Regulations (Article 11, paragraph 2.b) of the 2012 ISU Constitution)

Technical Rules Speed Skating

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that all items were discussed in previous discussions and all the members involved are in favor of the Technical Rule changes in Speed Skating.

Technical Rules Proposals Nos. 142 to 152 were **accepted**.

Technical Rules Short Track Speed Skating

Technical Rule Changes

Fred Benjamin (USA – not listed as a representative of the USA for the section meeting) stresses that he is missing parts of the Rule 298 in Proposal No. 184, where a false-started skater gets a warning etc.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the Proposal only shows the paragraphs that are going to be changed. All other paragraphs will be written in the rulebook, but they are excluded in the proposal to focus on the parts under discussion. No sub-paragraph will be missed.

Fred Benjamin (USA – not listed as a representative of the USA for the section meeting) explains that he is talking about Proposal No. 185 and that the preliminary language is not following the same line of thought laid down in the rulebook where it is explained that no false-start shall be called back after the start if it is to delay a race on purpose.

Michael Geistlinger (ISU Legal Advisor) recommends leaving that detail to the drafting Committee because the entire rule must be read to understand the context and a rule can be put in effect if it cannot be executed and practiced.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) clarifies that the Proposal 184 and partly 185 changes the Rule in two different ways. The rule is changed to go down from 2 false starts to 1 false start. And from July 1, 2015 on, no toe on the ice is allowed during the start.

Urgent Proposal No. 6 made by the ISU Council – Rule 297

Fred Benjamin (USA – not listed as a representative of the USA for the section meeting) stresses that the Urgent Proposal No. 6 concerning Rule 297 mentions in the section “ISU Code of Ethics” that „Any official or (...) needs to verbally report to the Referee”. That part does not make sense if there is no sanction for a violation of that rule. He questions how to sanction a person who does not follow and how does the Referee or the ISU prove that the rule got violated. Otherwise the Rule is useless.

Michael Geistlinger (ISU Legal Advisor) explains that this part of the Rule is asking for common sense, that a person involved in skating will and must

report to the Referee even when there is no penalty for not-reporting existing.

Albert Hazelhoff (Netherlands) suggests that it would be a better solution to have the “Code of Ethics” in the general regulations. Implementing the Code there would be a stable solution and cannot easily be adjusted by a branch. A Code of Ethics should, if in place, be a Code of Ethics for the entire ISU.

Technical Rules Proposals Nos. 175 to 185 and Urgent Proposal No. 6 were **accepted**.

Speed Skating

Proposal No. 76 made by the ISU Council – Rule 102, paragraph b)

This Proposal was moved from the full session to the section meeting.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) reminds that the Proposal No. 76 was moved to the section meetings because of questions related to the Figure Skating branch. Unless there are questions about it, this Proposal can be handled quickly.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema is asking to discuss this item now.

Marta Jarecka (Poland) is asking when the section meeting will discuss the Proposals No. 102 – 104 because they were moved to the section meeting.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema explains that these proposals were discussed in the section meeting and the section will report back to the full congress where the decision by vote is taken.

Stuart Horsepool (Great Britain) mentions that the difference between Proposal No. 102, 103 and 104 is a drafting matter, but a really important one. The Proposal No. 102 of the Netherlands names titles for the European Champion in Short Track and that is an important change that cannot be missed in the drafting. An indication vote should be done in the section meeting, even if the full session is deciding.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema underlines that the decision will be done in the full session without any influence by a vote in the section meeting.

Wilf O’Reilly (Netherlands) stresses that the Netherlands support Great Britain on that because the section meeting has to agree before the decision is taken by the full session.

Nathalie Lambert (Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) mentions that the Proposal includes titles with from the season 2017 on, which needs clarification. She underlines that the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee is not in favor of the Proposal because the allround format should be kept.

Marta Jarecka (Poland) mentions that titles are important for the funding of Federations and Skaters, but she is respecting the opinion of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee.

Stuart Horsepool (Great Britain) strongly asks to have a vote on this because it is of importance for many countries.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema explains that an indication vote can be held.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that there must be two separate votes for Short Track and Speed Skating, because the Proposal of the Netherlands is about Speed Skating and the Proposal of Poland includes Short Track. The section that the European Championships Speed Skating will have a different format from 2017 on took a decision. If this format is not yet detailed out, the Congress in 2016 should be deciding about these details.

Albert Hazelhoff (Netherlands) mentions that the proposals are different and to be seen separately. The section meeting should prevent confusing the full session.

Stuart Horsepool (Great Britain) Poland proposal want to start at special date.

The Vice President Jan Dijkema explains again that the Proposal of the Netherlands is only about Speed Skating and the European Championships. The European Short Track Speed Skating Championships were not discussed but there is a chance to give a recommendation to the full session if it should be synchronized with Speed Skating from 2017 on.

There is an indicative vote if the Proposal No. 103 from Poland shall be reported to the full session and voted upon.

The section meeting is supporting the Proposal No. 103 from Poland as an indication to the Congress. It includes that the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall evaluate a format for 2016/17 to implement titles.

12. Presentation of a status report by each Technical Committee on the existing four-year plan for the ISU for the period since the 2012 Congress

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the status reports have been distributed and no remarks are being made.

Stoytcho Stoytchev (Chair Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee) stresses that the same counts for the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee.

13. Approval of the 4-year plans of the Technical Committees for the period until the 2018 Congress

The 4-year plans are being approved.

14. Various

Günter Schumacher (Germany) asks about the time schedule for the 500m skated twice during the World Single Distances Championships, because no details were shown on that.

Tron Espeli (Chair Speed Skating Technical Committee) explains that the sequences of each race day are subject to adjustment if necessary and no fixed answer can be given at this point in time.

Günter Schumacher (Germany) demands that the Members get the official time schedule for the World Cup Season earlier, because the detailed planning of the season relies on the location of the World Cups. If the planning takes place later in the season, the costs for the Members (flights, training camps, etc.) will rise.

Gregg Planert (Canada) mentions that it would be helpful for the Organizing Committees to be able to look for sponsors one year in advance. The budgets for 2014 are closed already and with the limited amount of time, the acquisition of sponsors is really hard.

Vice President Jan Dijkema stresses that he fully understands these issues, but Members take their time as well to respond to the ISU if they will host a World Cup or not. There is room for improvement on both sides.

15. Closing of the Branch meeting by the Vice President

Vice President Jan Dijkema thanks everyone for the input and closes the Branch meeting.

C. Branch of Special Representatives for Figure Skating

FIRST SESSION

Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 2:00 p.m. (third day)

Vice President David Dore in the Chair

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

David Dore made the following remarks:

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Figure Skating Special Section of the 2014 ISU Congress, this the 55TH Ordinary Congress of the Union.

I would like to extend gratitude to our hosts of the Ice Skating Association of Ireland for their excellent work in providing a well-organized Congress. We appreciate the efforts of the President Karen O'Sullivan and her many associates who have been very welcoming to all the delegates.

Once again we are given a large number of proposals from the figure skating disciplines, Singles, Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating. These proposals represent considerable review and preparation in particular by the Technical Committees and from many of the ISU Members.

I trust that all our deliberations will be taken in the context of fair play and what is at all times best for the progress of the sport and its athletes.

I remain positive in regard to the Figure Skating discipline given the work by many people to negotiate successful contracts providing a sound basis for the general finances of the ISU.

I wish to introduce and acknowledge those persons who have served in various capacities within the ISU in the figure Skating branch.

On the Head Table, the Figure Skating Council Members:

- Marie Lundmark
- Junko Hirmatsu
- Phyllis Howard
- Tjasa Andree Prosenec

Representing the ISU Secretariat and my assistant in this meeting, the Sport Coordinator for Figure Skating Ms Patricia Mayor. Included here must also be mentioned the ISU Secretariat under the leadership of Fredi Schmid who oversees the entire operation.

The legal advisors on the ISU Council, responsible for figure skating matters. Beatrice Pfister, Michael Geistlinger and the Treasurer Uli Linder.

The Members of the various Technical Committees:

SPTC: Alexander Lakernik, Fabio Bianchetti, Rita Zonnekeyn, Susan Lynch, Patrick Meier and David Kirby

IDTC: Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Robert Horen, Gilles Vandebroeck, Alla Shekhovtsova, Sylwia Nowak-Trebacka, and John Dunn (not present).

SYSTC: Chris Buchanan, Mika Saarelainen, Karen Wolanchuk, Philippe Maitrot, Helena Ericson, and Cathy Dalton

The Sport Directorate: Peter Krick, Chair, and Kriztina Regöczy, Director. In addition the work of the FS events must be recognized to Peter Krick together with Mario Meinel.

Medical Committee: Jane Moran, Hiroya Sakai, Sanda Dubravcic-Simunjak (not present), Ruben Ambartsumov (not present).

Chair of the Development Commission – György Sallak

Disciplinary Commission from figure skating: Volker Waldeck, Allan Bohm and Susan Petricevic

I do stress how fortunate the ISU is for the time, energy and ability shown by all these persons.

It is important to recognize that it is your efforts at all levels of the sport that allow young people to participate grow and succeed.

At this point I wish to recognize those who have left us in the past year. For all of us there is someone somewhere who has touched us in some way. I ask that you rise for a personal moment of reflection.

OUTLINE OF THE PROCEDURE TO BE USED

In accordance with Section VII, Article 7 of the ISU Constitution, under procedure paragraph 7, the procedures in Call to Order are recommended to be followed by the Congress.

I would like before proceeding to review a brief summary of the procedures of Call to Order and how these will be followed in this section:

The Chair Will:

- Conduct the meeting, making the final rulings where necessary, deciding who will speak, determine the length of the debate and call the vote as required.

The Congress delegates:

- Must at times when speaking disagree with the ideas and motions NOT individuals.

The Agenda:

- Has been determined by the submissions of the Members, therefore the Members must approve or disapprove of any agenda proposal.

Proposals:

- Proposals have been submitted by the Council, technical Committees, and Members Federations.
- In such cases, the proposer shall be the mover of the motion.
- Proposals will be put to the meeting by the Chair.

Withdrawal:

- Any proposal printed in the agenda must be considered by the meeting in some form.
- The mover may propose that a proposal can be withdrawn, subject to the approval of the meeting.

Amendments:

- Word changes (to remove or to add) may be proposed in any resolution, or a proposal may be divided into two or more parts. Only one amendment will be considered at any one time.

- An amendment as approved is added to the main proposal and must be voted on as part of the main motion by the meeting.

Debate (Discussion)

- All discussion to a proposal must be addressed through the Chair, not an individual
- The mover (person representing the mover, for example the Technical Committee) may speak first and last.
- A person may speak a second time only after everyone who wishes to speak has spoken once.
- A person may speak maximum twice to any motion.
- The Chair may request an opinion from the legal advisor with no limitation.
- To speak, a person shall move to one of the microphones for identification by the Chair. When prompted by the Chair the person shall identify themselves by name and Federation; state at the outset their point of view to be debated.
- The Chair shall determine the length of time of any debate.

Vote:

- The Chair shall call the vote on each proposal.
- A visual green/red card show of hands shall be used.
- The Chair may call for a recorded electronic vote, or an identified delegate at a microphone may call a recorded votes.

Summary:
Call to Order – 2001 edition
As per IST Article 24 VIII (5)

2. ELECTION OF A SECRETARY TO RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BRANCH

David Dore was pleased to report that the ISU Council has appointed Ms. Cathy Dalton (CAN) to record the minutes of the meetings of the Figure Skating Branch. This appointment was unanimously approved.

3. VERIFICATION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE FIGURE SKATING REPRESENTATIVES AND OF THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE

Ms. Marie Lundmark, Council Member, was requested to do a roll call and verify the Delegates in attendance. **55** Members were present. According to Article 11 of the Constitution, paragraph 2, for a change in the regulations a two-thirds majority is required. Therefore, based on the roll call, the number required for such a majority is **37** votes.

4. ELECTION OF TWO SCRUTINEERS OF THE MINUTES

David Dore recommended to the assembly that Ms. Lisa Jelinek of Australia and Ms. Hilary Selby of Great Britain be appointed to serve as scrutineers of the minutes for the Figure Skating Branch. These appointments were unanimously accepted.

5. ELECTION OF A DRAFTING COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF AT LEAST THREE MEMBERS, TO DRAFT THE FINAL TEXT OF THE PROPOSALS ADOPTED CONCERNING SINGLE & PAIR SKATING REGULATIONS AND ELECTION OF A SIMILAR DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR THE ICE DANCE REGULATIONS AND THE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING REGULATIONS

David Dore reported that the ISU Council has appointed the following drafting committees:

Single & Pair Skating:	Mr. Alexander Lakernik Mr. Fabio Bianchetti Ms. Susan Lynch
Ice Dance:	Ms. Halina Gordon-Poltorak Mr. Robert Horen Mr. Gilles Vandebroeck
Synchronized Skating:	Mr. Philippe Maitrot Ms. Cathy Dalton Ms. Helena Johansson Ms. Marie Lundmark

The drafting committees were approved unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Constitution, the formal agenda for the Figure Skating Section Meeting Procedure can be found in Section VII , Part D on pages 67 to 69 of the Constitution and General Regulations, 2012 version.

Mr. Dore called for the approval of the agenda as published.

Moved by: Peter Levin, Sweden Figure Skating

Seconded by: Samuel Auxier, United States Figure Skating

The agenda was approved unanimously.

7. REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE FIGURE SKATING ACTIVITIES OF THE PAST TWO YEARS

David Dore made the following remarks:

“Ladies and Gentlemen I shall now present to you the report of the Vice President of Figure Skating to this the special session of the 2014 Congress.

The ISU can be viewed at time as a very large and complex global sport organization. It must be noted that a very positive statement is always that this is an organization of people operating at all level: my ISU colleagues as have been noted; Federation leaders and their many volunteers; officials; trainers; persons at regional club levels; and the public whose support we value. How fortunate that knowledge is given and shared allowing activity to be maintained, technique to continue progressing, and a positive atmosphere for skating athletes throughout the globe.

Our skaters at any age and ay level are the fuel that makes the engine progress. It is our obligation to provide the proper environment and atmosphere, that will ensure the best level playing field for everyone.

The following represents a blue-print of figure skating activity in the past two years:

- Officials seminars and training throughout the world. The Frankfurt seminar in its 11th year is considered the centerpiece of

this training in particular for Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists, who are the heartbeats of the IJS system.

- A youth seminar of 34 young people was successfully held in July 2013.
- The Development program continues to address specific projects now in particular events for younger skaters.
- Berlin pair seminar and the Oberstdorf Ice Dance seminar both of which now have a long history in the discipline and continue to be successful in their programs and the results coming forward from the seminar participants.
- Birth to the Challenger Series, a grouping of Senior INT competitions which now expand the opportunities for all skaters to increase their performance level and to earn world standing points.
- ISU competitions and Championships plus the Olympic Winter Games now number 37 in every calendar year at all levels.
- Continued financial support from the ISU organization to the individual Member administration, events – major Championships, various series and small Novice events.
- Senior GP series continues with a certain stability leadership and financing from the six organizing ISU Members.
- Moral support to events for young skaters with special needs.
- On-going attention to in-venue event presentation for the paying public and television – more work to be done.

In viewing this short summary, there can always be improvement, but in a sense there is also some major successes for figure skating as a sport and as a viable financial entity. Such viability is maintaining the proper balance between income, operational expenditures, and retaining reserves for future generations. It is my belief that the ISU does provide considerable financing within the sport that allows young athletes to maintain their activity in proper balance of sport and life. The elite athletes whose efforts and performances are the basis for the success of earnings in television and sponsorship. One can hope that as people these elite athletes can succeed in their life goals, and hopefully many will continue to participate in sport at many levels in the future. Thus during the recent world economic problems, the ISU has maintained without disruption its financial commitments to Members and athletes.

As a person and hopefully you can share with me the need to never give up and never agree to be complacent. In my view this is what is left to do.

1. This statement bears repetition that the ISU Members, Federations who in fact control the individual FS athletes must make better efforts to advance their administration, policies, and programs.
2. Are we satisfied with the ISU communication to the public? In this area can we improve actual event presentation and transparency as well as ISU on-going process of program planning?
3. Our young skaters have been pushed to a very high level of technical requirements. How much further will the bar be raised? Further is it time to heighten our concern and encouragement about performance, musicality and the need to allow the public into the concept that is being presented on the ice?
4. Are the systems at all levels of the ISU relevant to a younger and new generation which operates on a very new and expansive technological level most notably the development in the areas of social media. It is clear that our traditional systems need to be cleaned out and progressed to include our next group of leaders.

From all of this I have no fear of my own vulnerability or the potential that lay before us. Having now sponsored two youth seminars undertaken with young people from within our midst it is very very easy to see the potential on the horizon. Bluntly stated, it is time to move forward in this Union to new and younger persons not backwards making adjustments that will ensure one's personal safety net.

There is nothing new or nothing strange outlined in this basic list of activity or direction. To repeat at the end perhaps there are some new ways of doing business. We should never fear the future or of opening our eyes to the views of others, or to ensure the inclusion of everyone. This future should start here and today."

8. APPROVAL OF MOTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE AS WELL AS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AND SUMMARIZED IN THE AGENDA AS “DRAFTING MATTERS” AND APPROVAL OF THESE “DRAFTING MATTER” MOTIONS AND/OR REFERRAL OF CERTAIN OF THOSE MOTIONS IDENTIFIED AS SUCH FOR DEBATE AND VOTE

Drafting Matters: The following motions labeled as DRAFTING MATTERS have been identified and accepted:

There is a list outlined within the printed agenda for the FS branch. Mr. Dore asked to separate these for the moment:

It would be moved to approve the following motions for drafting: 191, 212, 216, 217, 225, 226, 232, 247, 248, 249, 250.

Moved by: Slobodan Delic, Greece Figure Skating

Seconded by: Roland Wehinger, Switzerland Figure Skating

On the issue of proposal 194 – which is proposed as drafting – Mr. Dore would like to provide an opportunity for NED to comment on 193

The remaining list of draft items in the agenda are included with packages that Mr. Dore will propose and will be done at that time.

The following Motions labelled as DRAFTING MATTERS have been identified: Proposals No. 194, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 300, 302, 304, 305, 309, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317.

9. MOTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

David Dore stated prior to proceeding with the various amendments, he would take several matters in order.

The first order of business is that he would like to ask the assembly for a motion to allow the chair to change the order of the proposals for consideration, should such a change be in the best interest of the natural progress of the subject in question.

Moved by: David Dore ISU Vice President Figure Skating
Seconded by: Lise Røsto Jensen, Norway Figure Skating
Unanimously accepted

URGENT PROPOSALS:

The next order of business is the insertion into the agenda of the Urgent Proposals as published. Based on the decision of the general session of the Congress to accept all the Urgent Proposals, Mr. Dore wished to advise the delegates as to how these proposals will be inserted into the agenda:

No. 7 - Rule 400	Korea inserted after 223
No. 8 - Rule 414	SPTC inserted after 244
No. 9 - Rule 415	SPTC inserted after 244 in the same place
No. 10 - Rule 415	Austria inserted after 245

CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL REGULATIONS:

The Assembly shall now deal one at a time with the individual proposals, each of which will be acknowledged to the assembly with the mover and seconder, debate on any proposal to follow and vote. (See Section VII of the Constitution, page. 55). Members and Delegates are reminded that approval in each case requires a 2/3 majority. The Chair as a result of a hand vote will determine this. Please use either the Red or Green cards (illustrate). In case of doubt by the Chair or objection from a Member an electronic vote will be taken.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING and ICE DANCE

Proposal No. 186 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rules 300 to 303

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Sandra Williamson-Leadley, New Zealand Figure Skating

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik spoke to the proposal

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 187 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 335

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Vincenzo D'Aguanno, South Africa Figure Skating

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained it was a drafting matter

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 188 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 336, paragraph c)

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained it was drafting matter

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 189 made by Japan, Figure Skating

Rule 342 Required rinks, para 1)

Moved by: Tatsuro Matsumura, Japan Figure Skating

Seconded by: Roland Wehinger, Switzerland Figure Skating

Discussion: Tatsuro Matsumura, Japan Figure Skating spoke in favor of the proposal citing the safety for skaters as the reason since one of the skaters from Japan ran into the barrier.

Peter Krick, Sport Directorate; was not in favor of the proposal since North American rinks don't meet the measurement criteria when converting from

meters to yards. Canada and the United States would no longer be able to host events.

David Raith, United States Figure Skating does not support the proposal for the same above reason

Leanna Caron, Skate Canada does not support the proposal, as Canada does not have any rinks that meet the requirements in the current proposal.

Tatsuro Matsumura motioned to amend the proposal to include only the OWG and World Championships. No one seconded the motion to amend the proposal. The original proposal was voted on.

The proposal was **rejected**

Proposal No. 190 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 342, paragraph 1

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Jeanette King, New Zealand Figure Skating

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained that the proposal was drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 191 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Drafting Matter

Rule 343

Discussed and voted previously as part of the package of drafting matters.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 192 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

New Rule 344

Merge Rules 538, 539, 540, paragraph 4, 629, 634 paragraph 4 into new Rule 344 and read:

Moved by: Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Lise Røsto Jensen, Norway Figure Skating

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained that the proposal was drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 193 made by Netherlands, Figure Skating

Rule 350 paragraph 2

Moved by: Jeroen Prins, Netherlands

Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating

Discussion: Jeroen Prins, Netherlands spoke in favor of the proposal.

Alexander Lakernik, chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, supports the proposal for Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee.

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair of the Ice Dance Technical Committee was in favor of the time but not the deduction.

Fabio Bianchetti, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee member supported the proposal as originally presented.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 194 made by Single & Pair Skating And Ice Dance Technical Committees

Drafting Matter

Rule 350

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Vincenzo D'Aguanno, South Africa Figure

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik promised to amend the proposal during drafting so it does not conflict with proposal 193.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 195 made by Single & Pair Skating And Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 351

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Karen Archer, Great Britain

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained that the proposal was drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 196 made by Canada, Figure Skating

Rule 352, paragraph (e)

Moved by: Patricia Chafe, Canada Figure Skating

Seconded by: Jeroen Prins, Netherlands Figure Skating

Discussion: Patricia Chafe spoke and made a motion to amend the number of judges "to a minimum of 5 judges if possible" in the proposal

Lise Røsto Jensen, Norway Figure Skating, seconded the amended proposal.

The Congress Assembly accepted the amended proposal.

Jeroen Prins, Netherlands Figure Skating spoke in favor of the amended proposal.

Christiane Mörth, Austria Figure Skating had a concern regarding the calculation if there were only three (3) judges.

Patricia Chafe responded that the calculations would kick in if there would be less than five (5) judges.

The proposal was **accepted**

Side note: this was included in Rule 420 since Rule 352, General, which included para e) was deleted by the approval of Proposal 197.

Proposal No. 197 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 352

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Roland Wehinger, Switzerland

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained that the proposal was drafting.

Gilles Vandembroeck spoke in favor of the proposal.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 198 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 352

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Peter Levin, Sweden

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained that the proposal was drafting.

Peter Krick, ISU Sport Directorate was not in favor of the proposal, as a Referee could not check for accuracy if the member did not use the ISU software. Mr. Krick recommended that the competition not be counted toward World Standings if this was the case.

Alexander Lakernik wished to amend the proposal.

Patricia Chafe brought the fact that the underlined wording was not a change but showed that the wording was moved from one place to another and therefore the proposal could not be amended as there was no change to the regulation.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 199 made by Greece, Figure Skating

Rule 352, Paragraph 3

Moved by: Slobodan Delic, Greece Figure Skating

Seconded by: Andreas Georgiades, Cyprus Figure Skating
Discussion: Slobodin Delic explained the purpose of the proposal.
Halina Gordon-Poltorak spoke against this proposal.
The proposal was **rejected**

Proposal No. 200 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 353

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Roland Wehinger, Switzerland Figure Skating

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explain that this proposal was to be drafted accordingly following the decision regarding the next proposal.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 201 made by Greece Figure Skating (David Dore included Proposals 208, 209, 326 with this proposals as all were the same but from different members)

Rule 353, Paragraph 4

Moved by: Samuel Auxier, United States Figure Skating

Seconded by: Russia Figure Skating

Discussion: Samuel Auxier was speaking for the Russian Figure Skating delegates and the delegates from Greece since proposal 208, 209 and 326 were the same. Mr. Auxier spoke in favor of the anonymous judging proposal stating that there was speculation regarding the judges of the ladies event at the OWG. This speculation was a cause for concern since the credibility of Figure Skating was being questioned and therefore there would be negative financial impacts.

Peter Krick, ISU Sport Directorate spoke against this proposal, as it would take the focus away from the skaters and put it on the judges. The judges would become a target for coaches etc. and thereby opening the judge to pressure.

Jeroen Prins, Netherlands Figure Skating spoke in favor of the proposal as the world is asking for this information.

Sergey Kononykhin, Russia Figure Skating spoke in favor of the proposal for transparency.

Christiane Mörth, Austria Figure Skating spoke against the proposal. Judges are trained to use the PC correctly and now there may be pressure.

Katarina Henriksson, Sweden Figure Skating spoke against the proposal and agreed with Peter Krick that the focus would be removed from the athletes.

Tarja Ristanen, Finland Figure Skating spoke against the proposal and stated that a more comprehensive view is needed for the whole situation. Removing anonymity opens the judges up to pressure.

Slobodan Delic, Greece Figure Skating spoke in favor of the proposal. Judges should not judge in fear if they adhere to the code of ethics. He did not think that the attention of the media would be taken away from the skater. Judges marks should be open and if the judge makes an error then they must be accountable.

Patricia Chafe, Canada Figure Skating spoke about the anonymous system that was introduced in 2002 and has been debated at each Congress since. Anonymous judge would result in increased confidence. There is a responsibility to ensure the basic principle of fair play. ISU must ensure the highest knowledge and independent decision aiming for the officials. Skate Canada is in favor of the proposal but will respect the opinion of other members.

Boris Chase, Israel Figure Skating stated that transparency is needed. Suggested that the ISU have a plan for getting rid of anonymity by having a set group of paid judges.

Mika Saarelainen, member of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee supported transparency but asked who was to evaluate our officials – the media? The public? Or the OAC? Those who know the rules should evaluate the judges.

Samuel Auxier concluded that all opinions were understood but without transparency a judge can't defend himself. Skaters deserve judges who are accountable for their marks.

The proposal was **rejected**

Votes: Yes – 30 No - 24 Abstain – 2

Proposal No. 202 made by the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee Rule 353, paragraph 1.h) v)

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical Committee

Seconded by: Jeanette King, New Zealand Figure Skating

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik spoke in favor of the proposal stating that programs would still be well balanced.

John Coughlin, United States Figure Skating, spoke against the proposal and recommended that there be a variety of bonus elements.

Slobodan Delic, Greece Figure Skating spoke against the proposal.

Leanna Caron, Skate Canada spoke against the proposal.

David Kirby, Single and Pair Technical Committee stated that this was a difficult decision but to keep the safety of the skaters in mind and spoke in support of the proposal.

Alexander Lakernik concluded by stating that the skaters have freedom of choice.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 203 made by the Ice Dance Technical Committee
Rule 353, paragraph 1.i)

Moved by: Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee

Seconded by: Peter Levin, Sweden

Discussion: Halina Gordon-Poltorak spoke in favor of the proposal.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 204 made by the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee
Rule 353, paragraph 1.m) i)

This proposal is in direct relation to proposal 257 of the Technical Rules. Since this one was withdrawn from the Technical proposals package, this proposal was also consequently withdrawn by the SPTC.

The proposal was **withdrawn**

Proposal No. 205 made by the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee
Rule 353, paragraph 1.m) ii)

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical Committee

Seconded by: Evgeny Rokhin, Uzbekistan Figure Skating

Discussion: David Kirby, Single and Pair Technical Committee spoke in favor of the proposal as an effort to distinguish between Ice Dance and Pairs.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 206 made by the Ice Dance Technical Committee
Rule 353, paragraph 1.n) (i)

Moved by: Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee

Seconded by: Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Discussion: Halina Gordon-Poltorak spoke in favor of the proposal

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 207 made by the Ice Dance Technical Committee
Rule 353, paragraph 1.n) (ii)
Moved by: Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee
Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating
Discussion: Halina Gordon-Poltorak spoke in favor of the proposal
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 208 made by Russia, Figure Skating
Rule 353, paragraph 4.c)
The proposal was **rejected** (taken with proposal 201)

Proposal No. 209 made by United States, Figure Skating
Rule 353, paragraph 4
The proposal was **rejected** (taken with proposal 201)

Proposal No. 210 made by France, Figure Skating
Rule 354 (new)
Moved by: Didier Gailhaguet, France Figure Skating
Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating
Discussion: Didier Gailhaguet spoke in favor of the proposal.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 211 made by France, Figure Skating
Rule 355 (new)
Moved by: Didier Gailhaguet, France Figure Skating
Seconded by: Csaba Balint, Hungary Figure Skating
Discussion; Didier Gailhaguet spoke in favor of the proposal.
Catherine Taylor, Australia Figure Skating spoke against the proposal.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 212 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Technical Committees
Drafting Matter
Rule 358
Discussion: previously voted and accepted as part of the drafting package.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 213 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Technical Committees
Rule 366
Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical Committee

Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating
Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained that the proposal was drafting.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 214 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Technical Committees
Rule 375

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical Committee
Seconded by: Karen Archer, Great Britain
Discussion: Alexander Lakernik spoke in favor.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 215 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Technical Committees
Rule 376

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical Committee
Seconded by: Peter Levin, Sweden Figure Skating
Discussion: Alexander Lakernik spoke in favor.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 216 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Technical Committees
Drafting Matter
Rule 377

Previously voted and accepted as drafting.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 217 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Technical Committees
Drafting Matter
Rule 378 and Rule 379

Previously voted and accepted as drafting.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 218 made by France, Figure Skating
Rule 378, paragraph 3

Moved by: Didier Gailhaguet, France Figure Skating
Seconded by: Roland Wehinger, Switzerland Figure Skating
Discussion: Didier Gailhaguet spoke in favor but was recommending that
this issue be revisited

David Dore commented and asked for clarification as to whether this was to be voted on as a rule or sent to Council as a recommendation.

Didier suggested this be a recommendation for Council and moved to withdraw the proposal.

Cathy Taylor, Australia Figure Skating seconded the motion to withdraw.

The proposal was **withdrawn**

Proposal No 219 made by Greece, Figure Skating

Create new Rule 379 or 423 in the Special Regulations with following amended paragraphs from the Rule 582 and 660 of the Single & Pair and Ice Dance Technical Rules:

(New) Rule 379 or 423

Moved by: Slobodan Delic, Greece Figure Skating

Seconded by: Almila Arikan, Turkey Figure Skating

Discussion: Slobodan Delic summarized the proposal for the Congress Assembly.

Peter Krick, ISU Sport Directorate spoke against the proposal as it is contrary to the regulations and pointed out that there were errors within the proposal.

Patricia Chafe, Skate Canada asked for a clarification as to whether or not this would increase the number of judges at an event.

Slobodan Delic responded that there would be no additional costs.

Beatrice Pfister, ISU legal advisor pointed out that this proposal was rejected by the Technical Committee and was now put forward in the Special Regulations and therefore must be rejected since the Technical Committee did not approve of the proposal.

Sergey Sviridov, Russia Figure Skating spoke against the proposal.

Slobodan Delic concluded by responding to each of the concerns.

The proposal was **rejected**

Proposal No 220 made by the ISU Council

Rule 381

Moved by: Marie Lundmark

Seconded by: Gilles Vandebroeck

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 221 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 381

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical Committee

Seconded by: Karen O'Sullivan, Ireland Figure Skating

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik moved to withdraw the proposal.
Seconded by Susan Lynch
The proposal was **withdrawn**

Proposal No 222 made by the ISU Council
Rule 396
Moved by: Marie Lundmark
Seconded by: Peter Levin, Sweden
Discussion: Marie Lundmark clarified the role.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 223 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Technical Committees
Rule 397
Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical Committee
Seconded by: Sonja Chong, Singapore Figure Skating
The proposal was **accepted**

Urgent Proposal No. 7 made by Korea, Figure Skating
Rule 400, paragraph 5
Moved by: Sung Hee Koh, Republic of Korea
Seconded by: Sonja Chong, Singapore Figure Skating
Discussion: Sung Hee Koh spoke in favor of the proposal as it would greatly assist in promotion for the host country of the OWG.
David Dore intervened on behalf of the ISU Council in order to clarify that the skater / pair / ice dance couple would be the 31st single skater, 21st pair and 25th ice dance couple.
David Dore moved to amend the proposal to include an “additional member”.
Seconded by; Sonja Chong, Singapore Figure Skating
Alexander Lakernik spoke in favor of the amended proposal
John Coughlin, United States Figure Skating supported the amended proposal.
The proposal was **accepted as amended**
Side note: Peter Krick asked for a clarification if it was to be an “added skater” or “qualified skater”.

Proposal No 224 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Technical Committees
Rule 400, paragraphs A and B

Merge paragraphs A and B, as follows, and renumber paragraph C as paragraph B.

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pair Technical Committee

Seconded by Gilles Vandebroeck

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik stated that this was drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 225 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Drafting Matter

Regulations for Officials in Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance - Title A

Previously voted and accepted as part of drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 226 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Drafting Matter

Rule 410, paragraph 2

Previously voted and accepted as part of drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 227 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 411, paragraph 6

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pair Technical Committee

Seconded by: Rita Zonnekeyn

Discussion: Gilles Vandebroeck explained the change of wording.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 228 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 411, paragraph 7

Moved by: Fabio Bianchetti, Single and Pair Technical Committee

Seconded by Jeroen Prins, Netherlands Figure Skating

Discussion: Fabio Bianchetti spoke in favor and explained the reasons for the proposal.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 229 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 411

Moved by: Gilles Vandembroeck, Single and Pair Technical Committee

Seconded by: Susan Lynch, Single and Pair Technical Committee

Discussion: Gilles Vandembroeck spoke in favor of the proposal

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 230 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 411, paragraph 8.a)

Moved by: Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee

Seconded by: Roland Wehinger, Switzerland Figure Skating

Discussion: Halina Gordon-Poltorak moved to withdraw the proposal.

Motion to withdraw was seconded by Karen O'Sullivan, Ireland Figure Skating.

The proposal was **withdrawn**

Proposal No 231 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 411, paragraph 8

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical Committee

Seconded by: Thomas Haeni, Switzerland Figure Skating

Discussion: Cathy Taylor, Australia Figure Skating stated that the proposal was unclear.

Gilles Vandembroeck spoke to address and amend the proposal.

Beatrice Pfister, ISU Legal Advisor, asked for clarification on the definition of "discipline"

Gilles Vandembroeck quoted Article 38 para 3 for the definition.

Bob Horen seconded the amended proposal.

The proposal was **accepted as amended**

Proposal No 232 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Drafting Matter

Rule 412, paragraph 1.c) (ii) first bullet

Previously voted and accepted as drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No 233 made by Belarus, Figure Skating
David Dore stated that there were 9 proposals on the same topic
Rule 412, paragraph 2.a)
Moved by: Mikalai Ananyeu, Belarus Figure Skating to withdraw 233, 234,
238, 239
Seconded by Roland Wehinger, Switzerland Figure Skating
The proposal was **withdrawn**

Proposal No 234 made by Belarus, Figure Skating
Rule 412, paragraph 3.a)
The proposal was **withdrawn** (*see Proposal 233*)

Proposal No. 235 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Technical Committees
To be taken after Proposal 237

Proposal No. 236 made by Belarus, Figure Skating
Rule 412, paragraph 4.a)
The proposal was **withdrawn** (*see Proposal 233*)

Proposal No 237 made by Russia Figure Skating (Includes Proposals 238,
241, 242)
Rule 412, paragraph 4.a)
Moved by: Sergey Sviridov, Russia Figure Skating
Seconded by: Boris Chait, Israel Figure Skating
Discussion: Sergey Sviridov spoke in favor of the proposal as age is not an
indicator of a persons ability.
Lise Røsto Jensen, Norway Figure Skating spoke against the proposal since
ISU states that they want younger persons involved within the organization.
Leanna Caron, Skate Canada spoke against the proposal in order to keep in
the ISU stated Direction for recruiting younger people.
Boris Chait, Israel Figure Skating spoke in support of the proposal.
Elke Treitz, Germany Figure Skating spoke about the proposal.
Thomas Haeni, Switzerland Figure Skating spoke in support of the
proposal.
Samuel Auxier, United States Figure Skating spoke against the proposal as
the ISU needs to attract younger people.
Slobodan Delic asked a question on how this could be implemented and
would there be re-instatements of former officials.
Beatrice Pfister, ISU Legal Advisor responded affirmatively as long as the
persons meet the seminar requirements.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou, Bosnia and Herzegovina spoke in favor of the proposal.

Jeroen Prins, Netherland Figure Skating, spoke against the proposal and recommended that those who were too old be used for OAC and moderating seminars.

The proposal was **rejected**

Votes: Yes - 17 No - 37 Abstained - 2

The session ended at 5:30 p.m.

Branch of Special Representatives for Figure Skating

SECOND SESSION

Thursday, June 12, 2014, 9:00 a.m. (fourth day)

Vice President David Dore in the Chair

Opening of the Meeting by the Vice President

David Dore made the following remarks:

David began the session summarizing Proposal 237. That as a result of this vote Proposals 233, 234, 236, 237, 238, 239, 241, 242, 243 and 244 are all invalid. He then went on to rectify an error made in Urgent Proposal No 7. He moved to amend the proposal to include “Singles” and that is the 31st skater for Singles and 25th Couple for Dance and 21st Couple for Pairs. The amended proposal was seconded and therefore carried.

Proposal No. 235 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 412, paragraph 3.c)

Moved by: Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical Committee

Seconded by: Almila Arikan, Turkey Figure Skating

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained the proposal was drafting plus some new words.

The proposal was **accepted**

Verification of the qualifications of the Figure Skating representatives and of their right to vote

Ms. Marie Lundmark, Council Member, was requested to make a roll call and verify the Delegates in attendance. **56** Members were present. According to Article 11 of the Constitution, paragraph 2, for a change in the regulations a two-thirds majority is required. Therefore, based on the roll call, the number required for such a majority is **38** votes.

Proposal No. 238 made by Belarus, Figure Skating

Rule 413, paragraph 2.a)

The proposal was **withdrawn** (*see Proposal 237*)

Proposal No. 239 made by Belarus, Figure Skating
Rule 413, paragraph 3.a)
The proposal was **withdrawn** (*see Proposal 237*)

Proposal No. 240 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Technical Committees
Rule 413, paragraph 3.c) 1st and 2nd bullet
Moved by: Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical
Committee
Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating
Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained the proposal.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 241 made by Belarus, Figure Skating
Rule 413, paragraph 4.a)
The proposal was **withdrawn** (*see Proposal 237*)

Proposal No. 242 made by Russia, Figure Skating
Rule 413, paragraph 4.a)
The proposal was **withdrawn** (*see Proposal 237*)

Proposal No. 243 made by Belarus, Figure Skating
Rule 414, paragraph 4.a)
The proposal was **withdrawn** (*see Proposal 237*)

Proposal No. 244 made by Russia, Figure Skating
Rule 414, paragraph 4.a)
The proposal was **withdrawn** (*see Proposal 237*)

Urgent Proposal No. 8 made by the Single & Pair Skating Technical
Committee
Rule 414, paragraph 2 (c), paragraph 4 (c), add at the end of the current
paragraph
Moved by: Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical
Committee
Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating
Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained the proposal.
The proposal was **accepted**

Urgent Proposal No. 9 made by the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Rule 415, paragraph 2 (c), paragraph 4 (c), add at the end of the current paragraph

Moved by: Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pairs Technical Committee

Seconded by: Roland Wehinger, Switzerland Figure Skating

Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained the proposal.

The proposal was accepted

Proposal No. 245 made by Netherlands, Figure Skating

Rule 414, paragraph 4c

Moved by: Jeroen Prins, Netherlands Figure Skating

Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating

Discussion: Jeroen Prins explained the reason for the proposal.

Peter Krick, ISU Sport Directorate spoke against the proposal and explained that 48 months was too long a period between technical updates.

The proposal was **rejected**

Votes: No - 32 Yes - 22 Abstain - 4

Proposal No. 246 made by Netherlands, Figure Skating

Rule 415 paragraph 4c

Moved by: Jeroen Prins, Netherland Figure Skating moved to withdraw the proposal.

Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating

The proposal was **withdrawn**

Urgent Proposal No. 10 made by Austria, Figure Skating

Rule 415, paragraph 1.a), 2.a), 3.a), 4.a)

Moved by: Christiane Mörth, Austria Figure Skating

Seconded by; David Raith, United States Figure Skating

Discussion: Christiane Mörth, explained the proposal.

Jeroen Prins, spoke against the proposal, as it did not consider the data or video operators. He pointed out that this proposal was against a previously defeated proposal regarding increasing age requirements.

Elke Treitz, Germany Figure Skating moved to amend the proposal to include the data and video operators.

Daniel Delfa, Spain Figures Skating seconded the motion to amend the proposal.

Katarina Henriksson pointed out that this amendment was not valid for the proposal as it was not the same rule.

Beatrice Pfister, ISU Legal Advisor stated that the Congress could not accept the amendment.

Christiane Mörth summarized that this proposal was regarding equal treatment of the Technical Panel Team and was not about age requirements. The proposal was **rejected**

Proposal No. 247 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Drafting Matter

Rule 417 – Title

Previously voted and accepted as part of drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 248 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Drafting Matter

Rule 417, paragraph 2

Previously voted and accepted as part of drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 249 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Drafting Matter

Rule 417, paragraph 3

Previously voted and accepted as part of drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 250 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Drafting Matter

Rule 417, paragraph 7

Previously voted and accepted as part of drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 251 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

Rule 420, paragraph 4

Alexander Lakernik requested that this proposal be delayed as it be a consequence of an upcoming Technical Proposal.

Proposal No. 252 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees
Rule 420, paragraph 5
Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pairs Technical Committee
Seconded by: Patricia St. Peter, United States Figure Skating
Discussion: Alexander Lakernik explained the proposal.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 253 made by the Ice Dance Technical Committee
Rule 430, paragraph 1, 12th bullet
Moved by: Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee
Seconded by: Hilary Selby, Great Britain
Discussion: Halina Gordon-Poltorak explained the proposal.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 254 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committee
Rule 430
Moved by: Gilles Vandebroek, Ice Dance Technical Committee
Seconded by: Samuel Auxier, United States Figure Skating
Discussion: Gilles Vandebroek explained the reasons for the proposal.
Fabio Bianchetti pointed out a drafting matter.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 255 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committee
Rules 431 to 433
Moved by: Gilles Vandebroek, Ice Dance Technical Committee
Seconded by: Almila Arikan, Turkey, Figure Skating
Discussion: Gilles Vandebroek explained the proposal was mainly drafting.
Karen Archer, Great Britain Figure Skating noted that there was missing information regarding evaluations on teamwork that could be added during drafting.
Peter Krick, Sport Directorate made a motion to amend the proposal to include Worlds, OWG and the Grand Prix Final concerning the initial technical panel meeting in Rule 432 para 1.
Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pair Skating Technical Committee spoke in favor of the proposal
Peter Levin seconded the motion to amend the proposal.
The amendment was accepted.

Gilles Vandembroeck clarified and summarized the amended proposal.
The proposal was **accepted as amended**

Proposal No. 256 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committee

Rule 440

Moved by: Gilles Vandembroeck, Ice Dance Technical Committee

Seconded by: Karen Archer, Great Britain Figure Skating

Discussion: Gilles Vandembroeck explained the proposal

Jeroen Prins, Netherlands made a motion to amend the text of the proposal on page 104 para c) and d) regarding adding “striking error”.

Patricia St. Peter United States Figure Skating seconded the motion to amend.

Gilles Vandembroeck was not in favor of the proposed amendment.

Peter Krick, ISU Sport Directorate further explained the assessments in i) and ii).

Gilles Vandembroeck further explained the purpose of the 4 points.

Mark Lynch, Australia Figure Skating made further suggestions to clarify.

Alexander Lakernik noted that this would not solve the issue and then further clarified.

Gale Tanger, United States Figure Skating asked a question regarding the spin.

Alexander Lakernik responded and clarified.

Gale Tanger, United State Figure Skating spoke against the proposal.

Jeroen Prins, Netherland Figure Skating further clarified the amendment to the proposal to insert the words “striking difference” and not deleting the 4 points.

The proposal was **accepted as amended**

David Dore explained that Proposal 251 was **accepted** as a consequence to the proposal 288.

Proposal No. 251 made by the Single & Pair Skating And Ice Dance Technical Committees, Rule 420, paragraph 4.

10. TECHNICAL RULES FOR SINGLES, PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCING AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

David Dore explained that in accordance with the Constitution Congress procedure, a workshop was held on Monday June 9 in which the various Technical Committees reported to the membership the summary of the technical changes that have been undertaken, a summary of the consultation, and a detailed summary of the amendments.

Accordingly as a result of the workshop, the Technical Committee either on its own initiative or on the advice of the attendees may make changes to the wording of any proposal at that time. Such changes as subsequently approved in this case by the Sport Directorate may be submitted to this assembly with the relevant changes.

Attention is drawn to the provision in the Constitution Article 11 2 (b) (page 23) which reads as follows: “Any objection put forward by a Member during the Congress to a change in the Technical Rules as proposed by the respective Technical Committee and approved by the Sports Directorate requires a second member to support the objection and subsequently a simple majority to become effective. Such objection may only propose not to accept the change, it cannot propose any amendment. A Rule in the Technical Rules may not change or amend a rule included in the Constitution or in the General Regulations or in the Special Regulations.”

In summary, the Chair proposed to follow absolutely the Constitution in regard to Technical Rule changes as follows:

If the change is proposed by at least two Members.

The proposed change is for proposal only, no amendment or word changes can be considered or allowed.

As simple majority vote confirms acceptance or rejection. Thus in voting you vote the change up or down.

The Chair of the section would accept the coverage and summary as provided by the various TC chairs at the workshop to have been satisfactory as an introduction and will not repeat these.

Each Technical Committee in turn will provide a brief report on the significant technical changes in their discipline, the input provided by coaches and officials. They will conclude by proposing if applicable any changes from the workshop of Monday June 9, 2014.

Technical Rules – any objections from members requiring a vote (may be combined with Number 9 above).

There will now be various packages and they will be presented in a single vote format.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEMBERS OF OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED TECHNICAL RULE CHANGES AND SUBSEQUENTLY VOTE UPON SUCH OBJECTIONS

Proposal No. 257 – 287 made by the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

David Dore explained that pages 107 – 115 (Proposals No. 257 - 287 - Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance) in the agenda will be taken as a group and asked if there were any proposals for discussion.

Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee made a motion to amend the following proposals. The changes were due to the information gathered during the Workshop

Proposal No. 257 – Duration of Free Skating Programs would have an effective start date as of July 1, 2015

Proposal No. 265 & 266 – states the element to delete and the start date as above

Proposals No. 280 & 282 – add the new start date

Seconded by: Almila Arikan, Turkey Figure Skating

Gale Tanger, United States Figure Skating made a motion to isolate and **withdraw Proposal No. 257**

Leanna Caron, Skate Canada Figure Skating seconded the motion to withdraw.

The proposal was **withdrawn**

Vote: Yes - 31 No - 17 Abstained - 2

Gale Tanger, United States Figure Skating made a motion to isolate and **withdraw Proposal No. 285**

Alexander Gorshkov, Russia Figure Skating seconded the motion to withdraw.

The proposal was **withdrawn**

Vote: Yes - 25 No - 21 Abstain - 2

Karen O'Sullivan, Ireland Figure Skating made a motion to isolate and **withdraw Proposal No. 267**

Jeanette King, New Zealand Figure Skating seconded the motion to withdraw.

The **proposal stays**

Vote: Yes - 18 No - 35 Abstain - 1

Alexander Lakernik, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee noted that the following proposals would be withdrawn as a consequence to 257:

Proposals No. 265, 266 (page 109) for Singles and Pairs

Proposals No. 280, 282 (page 112) for Ice Dance

The Technical Rule Proposals No. 257 – 287 (Pages 107 – 115) were accepted as amended. These do not include proposals 257 and 285 which were withdrawn as mentioned above.

Proposal No. 288 made by Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees

David Dore explained that pages 116 -132 (Proposal No. 288 – Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance) in the agenda that all Drafting matters be accepted .

Moved by: Alexander Lakernik, Single and Pair Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Peter Levin, Sweden Figure Skating

The Proposal No. 288 (pages; 116 -132) were **accepted**

As a consequence of this being accepted, **Proposal No 251 was accepted**

Proposal No. 289 – 320 made by the Ice Dance Technical Committee

David Dore made a motion regarding pages 133 – 143 (Proposals No. 289-320 - Technical Rules Ice Dance) in the agenda that all Drafting matters be accepted .

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee noted Proposal No. 318 would be withdrawn from the Ice Dance Technical Proposals as a consequence to 285.

Moved by: Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee
Seconded by: Bob Horan, Ice Dance Technical Committee
The Proposals No. 289- 320 - Drafting matters on pages 133 – 143 were accepted

Alexander Lakernik then summarized the consequences to the following pending proposals

- Proposal No. 204 (page 84): Alexander Lakernik withdrew this proposal as consequence.
- Proposal No. 200: will be drafted in accordance with the acceptance of the Technical package for Single and Pair Skating.

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Ice Dance Technical Committee summarized the consequences to the following proposals:

- Proposal No. 251 (page 98) will be drafted in accordance with the acceptance of proposal No. 288.

D. SPECIAL REGULATIONS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

David Dore reviewed and summarized the Synchronized Skating voting packages.

Proposal No. 321 – 339 on pages 142 – 150 will be taken one by one.

Proposals 340 and 341 will be one vote each.

Proposals on pages 196 – 235 will be taken as one vote.

Proposal No. 321 made by the ISU Council

Rule 701, paragraph 3

Moved by: Marie Lundmark

Seconded by: Lise Røsto Jensen, Netherland Figure Skating

Discussion: Marie Lundmark gave a short report on the status of Synchronized Skating with regards to OWG inclusion.

Jeroen Prins, Netherland Figure Skating asked two questions for clarification regarding para f) and how would the inclusion of SYS affect the total entries per country.

Marie Lundmark responded.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 322 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Former Rule 935, renumber 838 – amend paragraph 3.

Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Samuel Auxier, United States Figure Skating

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained the purpose of the proposal.
Jeroen Prins asked for clarification for warm-up for the first team to take the ice.
Chris Buchanan responded.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 323 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Former Rule 737, renumber 842 – amend.

Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Seconded by: Mika Saarelainen, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting in order to harmonize with Single & Pairs and Ice Dance.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 324 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 906, paragraph 8) e), Rule 912, paragraph 8)e). Renumber as Rule 843, paragraph 1.n)

Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Peter Levin, Sweden Figure Skating

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting in order to harmonize with Single & Pairs and Ice Dance.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 325 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Former Rule 738, renumber 843 – amend

Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting in order to harmonize with Single & Pairs and Ice Dance.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 326 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Rule 738, Paragraph 4

Consequence to the decision on Proposal No 209 (page 147).

The proposal was **rejected**

Proposal No. 327 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Former Rule 768, renumber 868 – amend.

Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: David Kirby, Single & Pair Technical Committee

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 328 made by the ISU Council

Rule 784 Advertisement of ice shows

Consequence to the decision on Proposal No 222 page 93.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 329 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Rule 807, paragraph 9.a).i).ii).,b)c)., 11 a)b)c)., 12 a)b)c).

Rule 813, paragraph 5.a).i).iii), b).i).ii).iii), 6.a).iii). b).i).ii).

Rule 814, paragraph 4.a).v).vi).b) i).ii). 5.a).v). b).i).ii).

Rule 815, paragraph 3.a).iii). b).i). 4.a).iii). b).i).

Rule 818, paragraph 9, a).i). ii). b). c). 10.c).d). 11.b).c).d).

Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Samuel Auxier, United States Figure Skating

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 330 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Rule 807, paragraph 9 a) ii). Renumber Rule 902

Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Karen O’Sullivan, Ireland Figure Skating

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 331 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Rule 807, paragraph 11 b).c).d).e). Renumber Rule 902

Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Thomas Haeni, Switzerland Figure Skating

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 332 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 807, paragraph 12 c) and d). Renumber Rule 902
Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Seconded by: Almila Arikan, Turkey Figure Skating
Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 333 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 818, paragraph 11 c). Renumber Rule 903
Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Seconded by: Sandra Williamson-Leadley, New Zealand Figure Skating
Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 334 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 813, paragraph 5 a).i). Renumber Rule 904
Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Seconded by: Sandra Williamson-Leadley, New Zealand Figure Skating
Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 335 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 813, paragraph 5 b).i). Renumber Rule 904
Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Seconded by: Peter Levin, Sweden Figure Skating
Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting .
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 336 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 813, paragraph 6 b) i). Renumber Rule 904
Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Seconded by: Vesna Rakovic, Serbia Figure Skating
Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting.
The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 337 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 814, paragraph 5. b) i). Renumber Rule 905

Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Samuel Auxier, United States Figure Skating

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 338 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 814, paragraph 4 a).vi). Renumber Rule 905

Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Alain Daniel Hostach, France Figure Skating

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

Proposal No. 339 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee Rule 814, paragraph 4 b).i). Renumber Rule 905

Moved by: Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Lise Røsto Jensen , Norway Figure Skating

Discussion: Chris Buchanan explained that the proposal was drafting.

The proposal was **accepted**

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING GENERAL REGULATIONS (Harmonization)

David Dore invited Philippe Maitrot to make a PowerPoint presentation regarding the harmonization of the regulations for Synchronized Skating

Philippe Maitrot presented the changes to the Synchronized Skating General Regulations as a consequence to the Single & Pairs and Ice Dance and the ISU Council proposals that were either accepted, amended, rejected or withdrawn.

- New Rule No. 901 para 9i) (page 173) amend as a consequence to Proposal No. 231
- New Rule No. 817 (page 154) delete due to Proposal 221
- New Rule No. 870 amend as a consequence to Proposal No. 220
- New Rule No. 922 (page 186) amend as a consequence to Proposal No. 254

- New Rule No. 936 para c) & d) (page 190) amend as a consequence to Proposal No. 256

Philippe Maitrot summarized the harmonization of the Synchronized Skating Regulations in Proposal No. 340 and No. 341 using a PowerPoint presentation.

Proposal No. 340 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Seconded by: Peter Levin, Sweden Figure Skating
Gale Tanger, United States Figure Skating motioned to amend Proposal No. 340.

Peter Levin, Sweden Figure Skating seconded the motion to amend.

Chris Buchanan spoke in favor of the amendment.

The proposal was **accepted as amended**

Proposal No. 341 made by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
David Dore explained that Proposal No. 341 in the agenda will be taken as a group

Moved by: Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Seconded by: Daniel Delfa, Spain Figure Skating

Leanna Caron, Canada Figure Skating made a motion to amend the date on page 169.

Thomas Haeni, Switzerland Figure Skating seconded the motion to amend.

The proposal was **accepted as amended**

Technical Rules

David Dore explained that Proposal No. 342 – 444 (pages 196 – 235) in the agenda will be taken as a group and asked Chris Buchanan to present amendments for the Technical Rules.

Chris Buchanan presented the following amendments:

- Proposal No.355 – to reword and amend
- Proposal No. 379 – accepted the new wording for the definition
- Proposal No. 415 b I – v – amend the definition in order to harmonize with the other disciplines
- Proposal No. 344 is withdrawn as a consequence (page 197)

Cathy Taylor, Australia Figure Skating asked for clarification of the 1 minute warm-up

Chris Buchanan responded.

Fabio Bianchetti, Single and Pair Technical Committee mentioned a consequence of previous proposals; Proposal No. 344 to be amended and this also included part of 354

Chris Buchanan mentioned that Proposal 354, 359 and 360 were also a consequence of Proposal 209 para 2h) and would be deleted

Gilles Vandenbroeck, Ice Dance Technical Committee seconded the proposed amendments

The **Technical Rules Proposals 342 - 444** – pages 196 - 235 were **accepted as amended**

Following the break David Dore permitted Uli Linder, ISU Treasurer, to readdress Proposal #340. Uli explained the initial reason for the original November 1, deadline.

Chris Buchanan, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee explained that the new date was to be in line with the other disciplines.

Cathy Taylor, Australia Figure Skating asked if the Technical Committee would accept going back to the original date.

Beatrice Pfister, ISU Legal Advisor did not approve of making an amendment and the proposed amendment could not be accepted.

Gale Tanger, United States Figure Skating clarified the examination process for technical officials

Leanna Caron, Canada Figure Skating stated that the Proposal 341 had already been voted on and the change of date was accepted.

12. PRESENTATION OF A STATUS REPORT ON THE FOUR- YEAR PLAN FOR EACH TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD 2014 - 2016

The status report on the existing four year plan for the ISU for the period since the 2012 Congress was prepared by each Technical Committee and distributed to the Members

13. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOUR YEAR PLANS

Moved by: Roland Wehinger, Switzerland Figure Skating
Seconded by: Sandra Williamson-Leadley, New Zealand Figure Skating
Tarja Ristanene, Finland Figure Skating asked for clarification when the status reports of the Technical Committees were covered.
David Dore responded that this was done on the previous Monday.
The four-year plans as presented were accepted

14. VARIOUS

David Dore brought **Proposal 79** forward from the General Assembly. A group met regarding the concerns and proposed an implementation date for the season 2015 – 2016.

Patricia St. Peter, United States Figure Skating spoke on behalf of the working group.

David Dore asked polled the Figure Skating assembly for approval of the ideas made by the working group. The assembly approved the recommendations of the group.

15. CLOSING OF THE BRANCH

David Dore asked for a motion to adjourn the Figure Skating Session

Moved by: Karen O'Sullivan, Ireland Figure Skating

The Figure Skating Session ended at 11:45 a.m on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

SIXTH SESSION

Friday, June 13, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

President Mr. Ottavio Cinquanta in the Chair

D. Congress

18. **Report by the auditors with respect to the financial administration of the ISU since the last Congress, the approval thereof and the discharge of the Council, Director General, Treasurer and the Sports Directorate with respect thereto.**

Fredi Schmid referred to the power point presentation made by the Treasurer on Monday, June 9, 2014 and to following Reports of the ISU statutory auditor, BDO, for the years 2012 and 2013 that had been sent to the Members before the Congress and again made available through hard copies in Dublin.



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**Report of the statutory auditor
on the financial statements for the year 2012**

(for year ended 31.12.2012)

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**Report of the statutory auditor
to the Congress of the**

International Skating Union, Lausanne

As statutory auditor, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of International Skating Union, which comprise the balance sheet, income statement and notes for the year ended 31 December 2012.

Council's Responsibility

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Swiss law and the company's articles of incorporation. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Council is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 comply with Swiss law and the Constitution and the General Regulations of the Association.



Report on Other Legal Requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 728 CO) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.

In accordance with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of financial statements according to the instructions of the Council.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Lausanne, 25 June 2013

BDO Ltd

René-Marc Blaser

Licensed Audit Expert

Helena Kara

Licensed Audit Expert
Auditor in Charge

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INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

	31.12.2012	31.12.2011
ASSETS	Swiss Francs	Swiss Francs
Current Assets		
Cash	11'956.61	10'686.06
Post / Bank - current accounts	10'645'652.11	8'509'887.25
Short Term investments	10'183'850.00	71'755'969.99
Various	31'571.73	48'610.99
Current Accounts ISU Members & Officers (including advance payments for ISU Championships)	2'177'950.00	1'131'979.99
Transitory Assets	1'460'491.11	2'960'440.60
Total Current Assets	24'511'471.56	84'417'574.88
Long Term investments		
Bonds Credit Suisse/Banque Cantonale Vaudoise/UBS	237'164'374.88	182'938'257.68
Total Long Term Investments	237'164'374.88	182'938'257.68
Fixed Assets		
ISU Offices House Schöneck, Davos	1.00	1.00
ISU library	1.00	1.00
Total Fixed Assets	2.00	2.00
TOTAL ASSETS	261'675'848.44	267'355'834.56
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Transitory Liabilities	4'080'532.04	2'752'566.55
Incomes received in advance	16'925'400.00	31'237'470.63
Current Accounts ISU Members & Officers	100'000.00	101'500.00
Various	46'747.39	30'967.50
Total Current Liabilities	21'152'679.43	34'122'504.68
Non current Liabilities		
Funds	0.00	52'072'522.80
Balance Fund for Television	0.00	3'440'597.90
Legal provision	7'000'000.00	0.00
Provision for loss on bonds	11'000'000.00	22'100'000.00
Provision for loss on exchange	1'000'000.00	1'000'000.00
Support to members for ISU Judging System Equipment	888'029.31	888'029.31
Total Non Current Liabilities	19'888'029.31	79'501'150.01
Equity		
Equity beginning year	202'794'918.12	143'018'670.71
Retained Earnings 31.12.2012 (2011)	17'840'221.58	107'13'509.16
Total Equity	220'635'139.70	153'732'179.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	261'675'848.44	267'355'834.56

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION
INCOME STATEMENT JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2012

	2012	2011
	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>INCOMES/REVENUES</u>		
TV Incomes ISU Events (net)	18'495'117.00	15'680'091.26
Advertising Incomes ISU Events (net)	12'600'686.40	13'979'097.50
Interests	7'020'960.24	7'375'136.20
Other financial Incomes/Expenses (-)	772'951.50	-747'136.35
Olympic Winter Games	10'430'400.00	12'697'400.00
Various Incomes (YOG/Sanction fees, sales videos/CDs/Printed Mat./Various, Members subscriptions)	517'477.14	285'269.57
Total Incomes/Revenues	49'837'592.28	49'269'858.18
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
<u>ISU Events - direct & indirect payments to ISU Event organizers & participants to ISU Event organizers & participants</u>		
Contributions to ISU Championships	8'516'863.76	9'577'871.28
Contributions to other ISU Events (Grand Prix of Figure Skating, Speed Skating/Short Track Speed Skating World Cup)	3'118'418.57	3'184'279.33
Prize Money ISU Championships	2'099'430.00	2'343'924.00
Prize Money other ISU Events	2'228'270.00	2'385'449.43
Total ISU Events	15'962'982.33	17'491'524.04
 <u>ISU Development Program</u>		
Development Program Projects	2'057'000.00	2'223'500.00
Administration / Development Coordinator Expenses	143'000.00	126'500.00
Contributions to ISU Members & Council projects (incl. Jr GP/Wcup)	4'500'000.00	4'500'000.00
Total ISU Development Program	6'700'000.00	6'850'000.00
 <u>General Operating Expenses</u>		
Congress Expenses	684'795.65	0.00
Committee Meetings	255'499.68	232'962.36
Council and other meetings	141'130.11	304'607.07
Office Holders / Event Coord. remuneration/secret.allowances	1'030'692.72	860'538.07
Office Holders Travel/Meeting/Various Expenses	1'103'324.76	903'422.45
Printed Matters	291'179.95	7'618.84
General Doping Control (expenses at events not included)	278'191.73	288'739.20
Special Services (Legal and Insurance)	523'003.98	299'410.61
Production videos, Books, CDs	199'975.35	77'091.17
Video Replay System & ISU Judging System maintenance	7'657.08	7'017.00
Courses/Seminars/Examinations	441'267.39	489'330.23
Media/PR/Statistics/Website	387'036.59	327'497.85
Various (GAISF/Bank expenses/Various)	1'230'892.94	934'650.73
Total General Operating Expenses	6'132'647.93	4'732'885.58

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INCOME STATEMENT JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2012

	2012	2011
	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>ISU Secretariat Expenses</u>		
Salaries & Benefits	2'123'152.36	1'901'301.24
General Cost (Electricity, cleaning, recruitment, subscriptions, various)	71'016.20	140'736.43
Office Material & furnitures	12'402.33	15'294.77
PC equipment	57'265.52	65'180.84
Postage, Fax, Telephone	45'531.85	26'512.64
Office Insurance	2'852.45	3'620.50
Office Rent Lausanne	96'600.00	95'502.80
Total ISU Secretariat Expenses	2'408'820.71	2'248'149.22
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	31'204'450.97	31'322'558.84
Retained Earnings before Taxes and Extraordinary Items	18'633'141.31	17'947'299.34
<u>Extraordinary items</u>		
Special Allocation to Development Program Fund	-116'465.00	-128'295.00
Allocation to/Disolution of Provision for loss on bonds	11'100'000.00	11'900'000.00
Exchange Gain/Loss (-)	-11'770'023.73	-18'999'064.18
Total Extraordinary items	-786'488.73	-7'227'359.18
Taxes/Provision for Taxes	6'431.00	6'431.00
NET RETAINED EARNINGS	17'840'221.58	10'713'509.16

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ASSETS

The Assets are composed as follows:

	31.12.2012		31.12.2011	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
Current Assets				
Cash / bank	10'657'608.72	4	8'520'573.31	3
Short Term Investments	10'183'850.00	4	71'755'969.99	27
Transitory Assets / claims	1'492'062.84	1	3'009'051.59	1
Advance payments ISU Championships	2'177'950.00	0	1'131'979.99	1
Long Term Investments				
Bonds	237'164'374.88	91	182'938'257.68	68
Fixed Assets (real estate)	2.00	0	2.00	0
Total Assets	261'675'848.44	100	267'355'834.56	100

The credit balances of the bank current accounts in foreign currencies have been recorded at the exchange rates applied by the tax authorities as of 31 December 2012.

The transitory assets and claims are mainly composed of prepaid expenses for 2013 and television right fees to be cashed.

The ISU offices in Davos as well as the library are valued, in the balance sheet, at the same value as the previous year, i.e. at CHF 1.00 each.

The exchange rates of the foreign currencies against the CHF were:

	31.12.2012	31.12.2011	variation %
USD	0.915351	0.93510	-2.11
EUR	1.206800	1.21391	-0.59
GBP	1.487855	1.45324	2.38

The interest rates of the bonds showed the following average changes during 2012:

	variation points	variation %
USD	-0.823	-20.41
EUR	-0.259	-7.20
GBP	-0.628	-12.21

Regarding the evolution of the exchange rates, the EUR continued to decrease slightly against the CHF, the USD decreased also while the GBP increased during the same period.

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The variations of the averaged interest rates of the bonds between 2011 and 2012 have decreased.

The market value of the bond account and the short term investment account has increased by CHF 5'585'213.09. The breakdown by currency, at market value, is as follows:

	31.12.2012		31.12.2011	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
USD	144'559'630.35	61	108'279'357.56	47
GBP	8'334'068.77	3	12'994'496.46	5
EUR	75'326'369.80	32	84'160'101.80	36
CHF	<u>9'999'100.00</u>	4	<u>27'200'000.00</u>	12
Market value	238'219'168.92	100	232'633'955.83	100
Market value correction	<u>9'129'055.96</u>		<u>22'060'271.84</u>	
Bonds/short term inv. - book value balance sheet	<u>247'348'224.88</u>		<u>254'694'227.67</u>	

The bonds and short term investments are booked at purchase value.

Due to the evolution of the market value and exchange rate the existing provision for loss of bonds amounting to CHF 22'100'000 has been decreased to CHF 11'000'000. The provision represents now about 4% of the book value of the bonds and the short term investments.

LIABILITIES

The current liabilities are formed by the current accounts with ISU Members and Officers which amount to CHF 100'000 as of 31 December 2012.

The transitory liabilities as of 31 December 2012 amount to CHF 4'080'532.04. This amount is composed by invoices not yet received.

The incomes received in advance have decreased from CHF 31'237'470.63 in 2011 to CHF 16'925'400 as of December 31, 2012. This item is corresponding to the IOC advance regarding 2013 of CHF 10'430'400 and TV income received in advance amounting to CHF 6'495'000 regarding 2013 to 2015.

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The Funds have changed as follows during 2012:

	Value as of 31.12.2011 CHF	Dissolution CHF	Creation CHF	Value as of 31.12.2012 CHF
Humanitarian Fund for cases of personal hardship	2'833'408.26	0.00	0.00	2'833'408.26
Insurance Fund ISU Officers	2'138'789.00	0.00	0.00	2'138'789.00
Education Fund for Judges, ISU Officials and ISU Office Holders	10'835'816.00	0.00	0.00	10'835'816.00
Reserve Fund Olympic Winter Games	2'853'615.53	0.00	0.00	2'853'615.53
Development Program Fund	15'639'570.96	-6'266'847.45	6'816'465.00	16'189'188.51
Legal Fund	1'777'1323.05	0.00	0.00	1'777'1323.05
Balance Fund TV	3'440'597.90	0.00	0.00	3'440'597.90
Total	55'513'120.70	-6'266'847.45	6'816'465.00	56'062'738.25

The attributions in 2012 to the Development Fund are composed as follows:

	CHF
Attribution project A according to budget	2'200'000.00
Attribution project B according to budget	2'500'000.00
Attribution project C according to budget	2'000'000.00
Total according to budget	<u>6'700'000.00</u>
Attribution programs and equipment by AIOWF	50'000.00
IOC-IF Development Programme	<u>66'465.00</u>
Total attribution to the Development Fund	<u>6'816'465.00</u>

The dissolution (development booked) in 2012 of the Development

	CHF
A – Projects	2'904'023.23
B – Council projects (mainly Junior Grand Prix of Figure skating)	1'747'123.94
C – Contributions	1'615'700.28
	<u>6'266'847.45</u>

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The Development Program Fund can be detailed as follows:

	Value as of		Creation	Value as of	
	01.01.2012	Dissolution		31.12.2012	
	CHF		CHF	CHF	
Development, general Fund	6'878'797.00	0.00	50'000.00	6'928'797.00	
A - Projects	639'247.17	-2'904'023.23	2'266'465.00	1'688.94	
B - Council projects	1'555'174.07	-1'747'123.94	2'500'000.00	2'308'050.13	
C - Contributions	6'566'352.72	-1'615'700.28	2'000'000.00	6'950'652.44	
Total	<u>15'639'570.96</u>	<u>-6'260'847.45</u>	<u>6'816'465.00</u>	<u>16'189'188.51</u>	

To be noted that two development projects have been audited by corresponding companies of BDO in each country.

Furthermore, it has been decided to integrate the funds to the equity as the funds, except the development funds, have not been used during many years. The total amount of the funds at 31 December 2012 amounts to CHF 56'062'738.25. This amount, less CHF 7'000'000 which are considered as legal provision, is transferred to Equity.

The provision for loss on currency exchange rates (CHF 1'000'000.00) is deemed sufficient.

Evolution of Equity

	Equity 01.01.2012	Retained earnings	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF
01.01.2012	153'732'179.87		153'732'179.87
Transfer of Funds	49'062'738.25		49'062'738.25
Retained earning 2012		17'840'221.58	17'840'221.58
Total	<u>202'794'918.12</u>	<u>17'840'221.58</u>	<u>220'635'139.70</u>

INCOMES

TV and Advertising Incomes were higher than budgeted, in particular the incomes related to the Agreement with IMG (Figure Skating Championships and Grand Prix Final) as well as incomes related to the World Cup Short Track. The above-mentioned items result in total in CHF 2'445'803 higher commercial incomes than budgeted.

The interest incomes decreased during 2012, by CHF 354'175.96, due to the decline of the interest rates. However, the interest income was CHF 1'020'960 higher than budgeted.

The various incomes in 2012 increased compared to last year by CHF 232'207.57, this is mainly due to an amount received from IOC for the YOG in Innsbruck.

EXPENDITURES

The expenditures regarding the ISU Events (including prize money) amount to CHF 15'962'982.33, compared to CHF 17'491'524.04 in 2011. This is under the budget by about CHF 751'581.

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The amounts budgeted for the Development Program projects and contributions to ISU Members and Council projects have been booked as per the budget at CHF 6'700'000.

The General Operating Expenses 2012 amount to CHF 6'132'647.93 and increased compared to 2011 by CHF 1'399'762.35. The increase is mainly due to expenses relating to the Congress incurring in 2012 as well as higher travel, meeting, seminar and legal expenses.

The ISU Secretariat Expenses amount to CHF 2'408'820.71. The under draft to the Budget is CHF 11'179.

The tax authorities have granted the Union a tax exemption regarding the income and capital taxes on a cantonal, communal and federal level.

EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

The extraordinary charges include an attribution of CHF 116'465 to the Development Fund of money received from the Association of International Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF) for CHF 50'000 and from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for CHF 66'465 as well as accounting losses mainly due to the currency rate fluctuations (CHF 11'770'023.73). This year there has been a dissolution of the Provision for loss on bonds of CHF 11'100'000.

The currency exchange loss has not been budgeted but can be explained as follows:

Most TV rights agreements are based on USD and recorded at a fixed exchange rate based on the exchange rate used for the budget. At the time of the collection the exchange rate of the day is recorded, which means that a substantial exchange gain amounting to CHF 1'711'993.59 has been realised in 2012. However, there has been an exchange loss on bonds and short term investments in 2012 amounting to CHF 13'482'017.32. The net global exchange loss amounts to CHF 11'770'023.73 in 2012.

In this respect, it must be reiterated that the ISU has not suffered from any actual loss like for example owing bonds or short term financial investments that would have lost all or part their value due to the bad financial situation of the entities having issues such bonds or short term investments. The above-mentioned accounting loss is essentially due to the currency exchange rate fluctuations in the ISU's financial assets portfolio, in particular due to the strong CHF against the "ISU currencies", mainly the USD and the EUR and partly the GBP which are the currencies composing the ISU's financial assets. Since about 95% of the ISU's income and expenditures are not in CHF but in USD and EUR, the above-mentioned accounting (book) loss has no negative effect on the ISU's activity.

A few items in the 2011 Income statement have been reclassified in order to allow a comparison with 2012.



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**Report of the statutory auditor
to the Congress of the**

International Skating Union, Lausanne

As statutory auditor, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of International Skating Union, which comprise the balance sheet, income statement and notes for the year ended 31 December 2013.

Council's Responsibility

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Swiss law and the company's articles of incorporation. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Council is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013 comply with Swiss law and the Constitution and the General Regulations of the Association.



Report on Other Legal Requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 728 CO) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.

In accordance with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of financial statements according to the instructions of the Council.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Lausanne, 24 April 2014

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René Marc Blaser
Licensed Audit Expert

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Helena Kara
Licensed Audit Expert
Auditor in Charge

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INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013

	31.12.2013	31.12.2012
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash	12'314.01	11'956.61
Post / Bank - current accounts	7'535'282.16	10'645'652.11
Short Term investments	3'034'500.00	10'183'850.00
Various	41'466.85	31'571.73
Current Accounts ISU Members & Officers (including advance payments for ISU Championships)	1'911'250.00	2'177'950.00
Transitory Assets	2'136'851.53	1'460'491.11
Total Current Assets	14'671'664.55	24'511'471.56
<u>Long Term investments</u>		
Bonds Credit Suisse/Banque Cantonale Vaudoise/UBS	254'571'588.00	237'164'374.88
Total Long Term Investments	254'571'588.00	237'164'374.88
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
ISU Offices House Schöneck, Davos	1.00	1.00
ISU library	1.00	1.00
Total Fixed Assets	2.00	2.00
TOTAL ASSETS	269'243'254.55	261'675'848.44
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Transitory Liabilities	2'457'198.75	4'080'532.04
Incomes received in advance	9'266'400.00	16'925'400.00
Current Accounts ISU Members & Officers	100'000.00	100'000.00
Various	863'756.38	46'747.39
Total Current Liabilities	12'687'355.13	21'152'679.43
<u>Non current Liabilities</u>		
Legal provision	7'000'000.00	7'000'000.00
Provision for loss on bonds	14'000'000.00	11'000'000.00
Provision for loss on exchange	1'000'000.00	1'000'000.00
Support to members for ISU Judging System Equipment	0.00	888'029.31
ISU C Contributions 2009-2013	3'739'076.93	0.00
Total Non Current Liabilities	25'739'076.93	19'888'029.31
<u>Equity</u>		
Equity beginning year	220'635'139.70	202'794'918.12
Retained Earnings 31.12.2013 (2012)	10'181'682.79	17'840'221.58
Total Equity	230'816'822.49	220'635'139.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	269'243'254.55	261'675'848.44

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INCOME STATEMENT JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2013

	2013	2012
	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>INCOMES/REVENUES</u>		
TV Incomes ISU Events (net)	18'522'135.00	18'495'117.00
Advertising Incomes ISU Events (net)	13'802'794.62	12'600'686.40
Interests	7'019'766.32	7'020'960.24
Other financial Incomes/Expenses (-)	-4'7012.66	7'729'51.50
Olympic Winter Games	10'430'400.00	10'430'400.00
Various Incomes (YOG/Sanction fees, sales videos/CDs/Printed Mat./Various, Members subscriptions)	2'338'09.20	5'174'77.14
Total Incomes/Revenues	49'961'892.48	49'837'592.28
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
<u>ISU Events - direct & indirect payments to ISU Event organizers & participants to ISU Event organizers & participants</u>		
Contributions to ISU Championships	9'054'301.45	8'516'863.76
Contributions to other ISU Events (Grand Prix of Figure Skating, Speed Skating/Short Track Speed Skating World Cup)	3'299'681.54	3'118'418.57
Prize Money ISU Championships	2'078'600.00	2'099'430.00
Prize Money other ISU Events	2'425'200.00	2'228'270.00
Total ISU Events	16'857'782.99	15'962'982.33
<u>ISU Development Program</u>		
Development Program Projects	2'523'159.12	2'057'000.00
Administration / Development Coordinator Expenses	143'000.00	143'000.00
Contributions to ISU Members (including provision 2009-2012)	2'704'145.42	0.00
Contributions to ISU Members 2013	2'007'116.14	2'000'000.00
Council projects (incl. Jr.GP/R/WCSS/SS Academy/DV Trophy)	2'249'545.36	2'500'000.00
Total ISU Development Program	9'626'966.04	6'700'000.00
<u>General Operating Expenses</u>		
Congress Expenses	2'223.50	684'795.65
Committee Meetings	289'273.73	255'499.68
Council and other meetings	248'865.16	141'130.11
Office Holders / Event Coord. remuneration/secr.allowances	1'058'239.69	1'030'692.72
Office Holders Travel/Meeting/Various Expenses	855'605.51	1'103'324.76
Printed Matters	8'074.49	29'179.95
General Doping Control (expenses at events not included)	29'1861.67	278'191.73
Special Services (Legal and Insurance)	838'918.87	523'003.98
Production videos, Books, CDs	42'079.09	19'975.35
Video Replay System & ISU Judging System maintenance	7'739.56	7'657.08
Courses/Seminars/Examinations	385'623.32	441'267.39
Media/PR/Statistics/Website	714'214.40	387'036.59
Various (SportAccord/Bank expenses/Various)	1'089'914.49	1'230'892.94
Total General Operating Expenses	5'832'633.48	6'132'647.93

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INCOME STATEMENT JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2013

	2013	2012
	<u>Swiss Francs</u>	<u>Swiss Francs</u>
<u>ISU Secretariat Expenses</u>		
Salaries & Benefits	2'109'629.14	2'123'152.36
General Cost (Electricity, cleaning, recruitment, subscriptions, various)	62'041.89	71'016.20
Office Material & furnitures	9'329.77	12'402.33
PC equipment	105'986.41	57'265.52
Postage, Fax, Telephone	20'062.49	45'531.85
Office Insurance	641.35	2'852.45
Office Rent Lausanne	96'126.00	96'600.00
Total ISU Secretariat Expenses	2'403'817.05	2'408'820.71
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	34'721'199.56	31'204'450.97
Retained Earnings before Taxes and Extraordinary Items	15'240'692.92	18'633'141.31
<u>Extraordinary items</u>		
Dissolution of Provision ISU Judging System Equipment	888'029.31	0.00
Special Allocation to Development Program Fund	0.00	-116'465.00
Allocation to/Dissolution of Provision for loss on bonds	-3'000'000.00	11'100'000.00
Exchange Gain/Loss (-)	-2'926'303.94	-11'770'023.73
Total Extraordinary items	-5'038'274.63	-786'488.73
Taxes/Provision for Taxes	20'735.50	6'431.00
NET RETAINED EARNINGS	10'181'682.79	17'840'221.58

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ASSETS

The Assets are composed as follows:

	31.12.2013		31.12.2012	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
Current Assets:				
Cash / bank	7547'596.17	3	10'657'608.72	4
Short Term Investments	3'034'500.00	1	10'183'850.00	4
Transitory Assets / claims	2'178'318.38	1	1'492'062.84	1
Advance payments ISU Championships	1'911'250.00	1	2'177'950.00	0
Long Term Investments:				
Bonds	254'571'588.00	95	237'164'374.88	91
Fixed Assets (real estate)	2.00	0	2.00	0
Total Assets	269'243'254.55	100	261'675'848.44	100

The credit balances of the bank current accounts in foreign currencies have been recorded at the exchange rates applied by the tax authorities as of 31 December 2013.

The transitory assets and claims (CHF 2'136'851.53) are mainly composed of prepaid expenses for 2014 and television right fees to be cashed.

In 2013 the ISU paid an advance payment of CHF 500'000.- for the purchase of the new office. As the main charge will be in 2014, this amount was booked in the transitory account.

The real estate (former ISU offices in Davos) as well as the library are valued, in the balance sheet, at the same value as the previous year, i.e. at CHF 1.00 each.

The exchange rates of the foreign currencies against the CHF were:

	31.12.2013	31.12.2012	variation %
USD	0.889350	0.915351	-2.84
EUR	1.225478	1.206800	1.55
GBP	1.472957	1.487855	-1.00

The interest rates of the bonds showed the following average changes during 2013:

	variation points	variation %
USD	-0.165	-5.13
EUR	-0.313	-9.39
GBP	-0.253	-5.60
CHF	-0.005	-0.21

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Financial Assets Portfolio:

The market value of the Financial Assets Portfolio (bonds and short term fiduciary deposits) has increased by CHF 6'422'969.08. The breakdown by currency, at market value, is as follows:

	31.12.2013		31.12.2012	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
USD	152'058'354.00	62	144'559'630.35	61
GBP	9'446'305.00	4	8'334'068.77	3
EUR	73'332'179.00	30	75'326'369.80	32
CHF	<u>9'805'300.00</u>	4	<u>9'999'100.00</u>	4
Market value	244'642'138.00	100	238'219'168.92	100
Market value correction	<u>12'963'950.00</u>		<u>9'129'055.96</u>	
Bonds/short term inv. - book value balance sheet	<u>257'606'088.00</u>		<u>247'348'224.88</u>	

The bonds and short term investments are booked at purchase value.

Taking into account the market value of the financial assets portfolio compared to the higher book value, an additional provision of CHF 3'000'000 for not yet realized losses became necessary. This additional provision has been added to the existing provisions of CHF 11'000'000 resulting in a new total provision of CHF 14'000'000. The provision represents now about 5.4% of the book value of the bonds and the short term investments.

LIABILITIES

The current liabilities are formed by the current accounts with ISU Members and Officers, which amount to CHF 100'000 as of 31 December 2013.

The transitory liabilities as of 31 December 2013 amount to CHF 2'457'198.75. This amount is composed by invoices not yet received.

The incomes received in advance have decreased from CHF 16'925'400 in 2012 to CHF 9'266'400.- as of December 31, 2013. This item is corresponding to TV income received in advance relating to ISU Events of 2014 to 2015.

SPECIALS PROVISIONS

Legal Provision:

The provision for expenses related to legal cases as of 31 December 2013 amounts to CHF 7'000'000.-. This amount was deemed sufficient and remained unchanged compared to 2012.

Provision for loss on bonds:

Please refer to the above section "Assets – Financial Assets Portfolio" relating to an additional provision of CHF 3'000'000 for a new total provision of CHF 14'000'000.

Provision for loss on currency exchange rates:

The Provision for loss on currency exchange rates amounting to CHF 1'000'000 was deemed sufficient and remained unchanged compared to 2012.

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Development Program – Annual ISU contributions:

As stated in the 2012 Report, it had been decided in 2012 to integrate "Funds" into the equity. When doing so it was however not taken into account that for the payment of the annual Development contribution to Members, some Members have a delay in claiming the annual contribution since they struggle to provide the required necessary reports. According to Swiss Law they might however claim pending unpaid contribution payments emanating from the past 5 years. Based on this a provision for all unpaid contribution payments for a period of 5 years has been created and the Development Program payments and provisions for the year 2013 are as follows:

Provision pending payments of contributions attributed during 2009-2012	CHF 1'731'960.79
Provision pending payments of contributions attributed in December 2013	CHF 2'007'116.14
Total Provision for pending payments of ISU contributions	CHF 3'739'076.93

Dissolution of Provision for Support to Members for the ISU Judging System:

The provision amounting to CHF 888'029.31 for "*Support to Members for ISU Judging System Equipment*" is based on an initiative dating back to 2005 and was formalized through ISU Communication No. 1328 which was clearly limited in time and has no continued validity anymore. Consequently the existing provision of CHF 888'029.31 has been dissolved which results in an income in 2013 included under "Extraordinary Items".

INCOMES

TV right fee incomes remained stable compared to 2012 and were above Budget by CHF 2'382'135 mainly due to the not budgeted World Team Trophy income as well as some other minor non budgeted or under-budgeted TV incomes.

Advertising incomes increased by over CHF 1.2 million compared to 2012 and were higher than budgeted by CHF 3'412'795 mainly thanks to higher than expected advertising incomes from IMG (ISU Figure Skating Championships & ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final) as well as not budgeted incomes from the Speed Skating Title Sponsorship agreement since one instalment was cashed earlier than budgeted.

Interest incomes remained stable compared to the year 2012 but were higher by CHF 1'019'766 compared to the conservative budget figure.

Various incomes in 2013 decreased compared to 2012 by CHF 283'667.94 which is mainly due to an amount cashed from the IOC in 2012 for the Winter Youth Olympic Games 2012 (YOG). In 2013 no YOG were held.

EXPENDITURES

The expenditures relating to ISU Events (including prize money) amount to CHF 16'857'782.99, compared to CHF 15'962'982.33 in 2012. The increase is mainly due to a combination of higher ISU contributions in favor of the organizing Members as decided by the 2012 ISU Congress, by an additional ISU Championships (Junior World Synchronized Skating Championships) and by increased ISU contributions to other ISU Event organizers. The expended total amount remained under the Budget by CHF 472'217 mainly due to budgeted amounts to be used at the Council's discretion not being used.

Development Program:

Payments made and promised for Development Projects:	CHF 2'523'159.12
Administration including Development Coordinator expenses:	CHF 143'000.00
Total Development Projects	CHF 2'666'159.12

ISU Contributions:

Contribution payments made during 2013, concerning Contributions attributed up to 2012	CHF 972'184.63
Provision pending payments of Contributions attributed during 2009-2012	CHF 1'731'960.79
Provision pending payments of Contributions attributed in 2013	CHF 2'007'116.14
Total ISU Contributions	CHF 4'711'261.56

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Council Projects including Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating,
Junior World Cup Speed Skating, Inzell Speed Skating Academy
& Development Trophy

CHF 2'249'545.36

Total amount expended for the Development Program during 2013

CHF 9'626'966.04

The overdraft in the area of the Development Program of CHF 2'926'966.04 (Actual CHF 9'626'966.04 compared to the Budget of CHF 6'700'000) is explained by an overdraft of CHF 466'159.12 (actual CHF 2'666'159.12 vs Budget CHF 2'200'000) in the Development Projects, lower actual payments (under-draft) relating to Council projects of CHF 250'454.64 (actual CHF 2'249'545.36 vs Budget CHF 2'500'000) and the balance of CHF 2'711'261.56 (actual CHF 4'711'261.56 vs Budget CHF 2'000'000) relating to the necessary provision for pending ISU contributions as outlined under "Special Provisions".

To be noted that the Council mandates regular audits of Development Program Projects to be performed by external auditors.

The General Operating Expenses 2013 amount to CHF 5'832'633.48 and decreased compared to 2012 by CHF 300'014.45. The decrease is mainly due to expenses relating to a Congress held in 2012 and not held in 2013 as well as higher travel, meeting, seminar and legal expenses.

The ISU Secretariat Expenses amount to CHF 2'403'817.05. The under draft to the Budget is CHF 46'183. The necessary provision relating to the balance of unused vacation and overtime days for the ISU employees at the end of 2013 required a slight increase of the existing provision by CHF 4'935 from CHF 292'446 to CHF 297'381.

The tax authorities have granted the Union a tax exemption regarding the income and capital taxes on a cantonal, communal and federal level. The only taxes applicable to the ISU relate to the real estate in Davos.

EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

The dissolution of the Provision for the "Support to Members for ISU Judging System Equipment" resulted in an income of CHF 888'029.31 (see also "Special Provisions" above).

The depreciation of the US Dollar versus the Swiss Franc during 2013 by about 3% resulted in currency exchange losses related to the bond portfolio. The ISU's activities are mainly in US Dollars and the main share of the ISU's financial assets (bonds & short term fiduciary deposits) is logically also kept in US Dollars. Since the ISU's accounts are however accounted for in CHF, the CHF equivalent in the ISU books of the ISU's financial assets held in US Dollars declined accordingly which resulted in a realized currency exchange loss amounting to CHF 4'695'673.50.

On the other hand, most TV rights agreements are based on US Dollars and recorded at a fixed exchange rate based on the exchange rate used for the Budget. At the time of the collection the exchange rate of the day is recorded, which means that a substantial exchange gain amounting to CHF 1'769'369.56 has been realized in 2013. This resulted in an aggregate realized currency exchange loss of CHF 2'926'303.94.

In addition, as stated above under "Assets – Financial Assets Portfolio", taking into account the market value of this portfolio, an additional provision of CHF 3'000'000 for not yet realized losses became necessary.

In this respect it must however be reiterated as many times also stated in the previous notes to the financial statements, that the ISU has not suffered from any actual loss like for example owing bonds or short term financial investments that would have lost all or part of their value due to the bad financial situation of entities having issued such bonds or short term investments. The above-mentioned accounting loss is essentially due to the before-mentioned currency exchange fluctuations that have no impact on the ISU's activity that remains (for incomes and expenditures) mainly in US Dollars.

Fredi Schmid asked the Congress Delegates if there were any comments and/or questions. There were no comments and the Reports were approved and the Council, Director General, Treasurer and the Sports Directorate were discharged with respect thereto.

19. A budget for the year of the Congress and the forthcoming two-year period as submitted by the Council and the approval thereof

Fredi Schmid referred to the power point presentation made by the Treasurer on Monday, June 9, 2014 and to the Budget Proposal that had been sent to Members and again been made available through hard copied in Dublin as follows:

**BUDGET PROPOSAL
2014 – 2016**

INTRODUCTION

As decided by the 1998 Congress, a three-year budget shall be presented at each Congress, covering the Congress year plus the two subsequent years. This allows the Council to review the budget which was approved at the previous Congress and also to update the budget for the ongoing Congress year and subsequent two-year period.

The previous Budgets approved in Monaco (2008), Barcelona (2010) and Kuala Lumpur 2012 already took into account the trend of declining incomes, from which all sports organizations are suffering. These previous Budgets also reflected the declining value of the US Dollar and Euro against the Swiss Franc which, from the accounting point of view, has a negative impact on the ISU Balance Sheet which is kept in Swiss Francs.

Recent developments in the sports related commercial area indicate that the restrictive spending policy of the ISU will have to be maintained for the upcoming Budget period 2014-2016. As a matter of fact, the negative consequences of the financial crisis of 2008 are still being felt, in particular in the chronic budget deficits of many countries in Europe and the United States of America. Painful austerity measures and slow economic growth prevail and give commercial companies little incentive to invest and also force them to limit their possibilities in the field of marketing, including the sponsoring of sports events. As is the case for all other sports organizations, this economic environment represents a challenge to the ISU especially when trying to maintain lucrative title sponsorship agreements in the Speed Skating and Short Track area.

Furthermore, interest rates remain relatively low which negatively affects another major source of ISU income.

This Budget Proposal is based on the ISU's incomes according to signed commercial agreements and based on conservative estimates for the periods, territories and Events for which no commercial agreements are concluded. For the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, for which the IOC income remains still unknown at time of finalizing this Budget, a conservative budget amount has been applied.

For medium and long term outlook there is an increasing uncertainty which calls to maintain a conservative approach also for the short term, i.e. the budget period 2014 through 2016. The negative long-term trend in the ISU incomes could continue especially if the conclusion of the negotiations for title sponsorship agreements in the Speed Skating area (at time of finalizing this Budget under negotiation by the President and Vice President Speed Skating) would not be achieved at the same level as in the past few years. Furthermore, as witnessed by the ISU during the past 10 years, it must also be considered that incomes from any particular region could drop quickly and substantially due to changes in the media landscape of that region, especially when associated with disappointing results of athletes from the same region. Luckily, in the recent years, the drop of ISU incomes emanating from one area (e.g. USA) has partly been compensated by increasing incomes from other areas (Asia). However, realistic and prudent planning and budgeting cannot systematically count on such new incomes to compensate for weakening incomes in key markets.

It is the duty of the ISU Council to make Members aware of the negative developments which have had or might have an impact on the ISU Budget and consequently on the ISU activities. However, the Council must also put the current situation into perspective. The Council has been able to maintain support for a wide range of ISU Events in all ISU disciplines, including the payment of ISU contributions to organizing and participating Members, the payment of prize money (for ISU Championships, ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating World Cup series held every season); a generous Development Program which, among many other projects and ISU contributions, is financially supporting the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series, the Junior World Cup Speed Skating series, the Development Trophy and the Star Class & Danube Cup Short Track; an aggressive Anti-Doping Program; and an extensive educational program for Officials and Coaches.

Based on this situation the Council opted to continue with a conservative approach, with a clear goal of maintaining solid financial reserves.

On the expenditure side, the same basic concept and expenses as for the 2012-2014 Budget have been applied.

Based on the above-mentioned criteria applied to this Budget Proposal, the positive Retained Earnings for 2014 and 2015 remain solid at over CHF 4 million each. For 2016, for which some commercial agreements are not yet in place and for which conservative estimates were used, the Retained Earnings will nevertheless amount to over CHF 2 million. The Council maintains its position that these positive budgeted Retained Earnings shall contribute to a reinforcement of the ISU's reserves.

Taking the 2013 Financial Statements as the basis, the ISU incomes are secured from the following sources:

TV income (right fees)	CHF 18.5 million	(37 %)
Advertising income (rink board advertising and other)	CHF 13.8 million	(27 %)
Interest	CHF 7.0 million	(14 %)
Olympic Winter Games (IOC contribution)	CHF 10.4 million	(21 %)
Other income	CHF 0.2 million	(1 %)
Total	CHF 49.9 million	

This shows that the most reliable source of income, namely interest income, represents only 14% of the ISU's income.

Putting the "save" interest income in relation to the regular Expenditures (not including extraordinary Expenditures), the 2013 accounts show the following ratio:

Interest income:	CHF 7.0 million
Expenditures:	CHF 34.7 million
Coverage through interest income:	20%

Through the 2012-2014 Budget proposed by the Council and accepted by the 2012 Congress, the Council was mandated to achieve a goal that the reserves should not only be maintained, but increased, in order to achieve an interest income/expenditures ratio of 25%. According to the above-mentioned ratio of 20% for 2013, this goal has not yet been reached, meaning that the conservative budgeting approach shall be maintained. Once such a ratio is achieved again, it will be up to the Council to propose, through a future Budget Proposal to the corresponding Congress, a scheme and criteria for injecting future Retained Earnings into the ISU and/or ISU Member activities.

Based on the accepted format presented to and accepted by the nine previous Congresses, this 2014-2016 Budget is divided into the following categories:

- A. Incomes
- B. Expenditures
- C. Retained Earnings.

These categories have been subdivided showing the major incomes and expenditures (as below) and in particular category B has been subdivided into:

- B 1 Contributions for ISU Events (including Prize Money)
- B 2 Development Program
- B 3 General Operating Expenditures

This document contains, as usual, for each part of ISU incomes and for the most significant expenditures a short explanation plus the corresponding figures in Swiss Francs. As mentioned above, the ISU books and budgets are kept in Swiss Francs whilst most of the income and expenditures, as well as financial assets, are in US Dollars and Euro.

The value of the US Dollar versus the Swiss Franc has continued to decline since the 2012 Congress. This situation and the trend of currency exchange rate fluctuations have resulted during the accounting period 2013 in the need for provisions to adjust the book value in Swiss Francs of the ISU's financial assets which are mostly comprised of minimum A rated bonds in

US Dollars, Euro, Swiss Francs and British Pound. However, it must be emphasized that the ISU, through the constitution of such provisions, has **not suffered from any actual loss** such as, for example, losing money on bonds that would have lost all their value due to the bankruptcy of the companies having issued the bonds. The bond values in the currency of which the bonds are issued remain unchanged and since these are the same currencies as the vast majority of ISU incomes and expenditures (i.e. US Dollars and Euro), there is no negative impact on the ISU activity. The above-mentioned book-keeping provisions were, and in the future might be, necessary essentially due to the currency exchange fluctuation in the bond portfolio. For details please refer to the 2012 and 2013 Financial Statements.

In order not to distort the actual budgeted performance of the ISU activity, this Budget does not include any currency rate fluctuation provision since, as explained above, this would only be an accounting adjustment and, in addition, pure speculation.

For incomes and expenditures the following conservative exchange rates have been applied:

Incomes in US Dollars are budgeted at 0.90 versus the Swiss Franc. (1 US\$ = 0,90 Swiss Franc)

Expenditures in US Dollars are budgeted at 1.00 versus the Swiss Franc.

Incomes in Euro are budgeted at 1.20 versus the Swiss Franc.

For a three-year Budget it is obvious that the total amount in each category of expenditures for the three years is calculated on the basis of the full period. However there may be annual variations within that period.

This document concludes with a summary of the principle direction which the Congress would take by approving this Budget. All figures are summarized in Appendix A.

A. Incomes

TV incomes for ISU Events

The budgeted amounts are based on existing and expected TV rights agreements for ISU Championships and other ISU Events including the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and the Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating World Cups as well as the ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating.

The main existing TV agreements are with the EBU (Europe), Fuji (Japan), TV Asahi (Japan), Icenetwork (USA), CBC, Canada, CCTV (China), SBS (Korea), plus a number of companies representing other countries.

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	17'080'000	17'950'000	15'920'000	50'950'000.

Advertising incomes for ISU Events

The advertising agreement with IMG for Figure Skating Championships and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final remains a solid source of income.

For Speed Skating, at time of finalizing this Budget, negotiations lead by the President in cooperation with the Vice President Speed Skating are under way to replace the title sponsor Essent. This Dutch energy company, after many years of successful and loyal cooperation with the ISU concluded that it had achieved its "branding" goal and that a continuation of the ISU sponsorship could no longer be justified. Due to the uncertainty of the outcome of the negotiations, a conservative budget amount has been included.

For Short Track Speed Skating, regrettably the World Cup title sponsor Samsung has also decided to discontinue its ISU sponsorship, supposedly based on overall company strategic decisions. Efforts are under way to find replacements which however represents a difficult task. While Short Track enjoys regularly a high popularity during the Olympic Winter Games, it is not yet sufficiently established in key markets to compete with other sponsorship possibilities. As far as the main market China is concerned, the challenge there is that Winter Sports remain marginal in China which is also taken into account by potential sponsors who rather focus on Summer

Sports. Same as for Speed Skating, based on the uncertainty, a conservative budget figure has been applied.

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	8'460'000	6'660'000	6'850'000	21'970'000.

Interest incomes

The ISU has adopted a conservative and safe investment policy and investments are made exclusively in first class (minimum A) interest-bearing bonds and short term fiduciary deposits divided between major currencies like US Dollar, Euro, Swiss Franc and GB Pound.

The budget for interest is calculated on an estimated average bond portfolio and cash flow and taking into account the fluctuations in interest rates for bonds. Due to the current low interest rates, which are expected to continue during this budget period, the budgeted amounts remain on the low side.

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	6'300'000	6'500'000	6'500'000	19'300'000.

Incomes from Olympic Winter Games (OWG)

At time of finalizing this Budget, the IOC contribution to the ISU relating to the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games are not yet known and first indications received from the IOC indicate that the Vancouver income level could not be reached and the budgeted amounts therefore represent a conservative estimate.

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	8'200'000	8'200'000	8'200'000	24'600'000.

Other Incomes

Incomes in this group are sanctioning fees and sales of books, videos, CDs, DVDs, music etc.

Estimated incomes, adjusted to previous actual figures, are:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	70'000	70'000	70'000	210'000.

Total incomes

The total budgeted incomes add up as follows:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	40'110'000	39'380'000	37'540'000	117'030'000.

B. Expenditures

As stated in the Introduction, on the expenditure side, the same basic concept and expenses as for the 2012-2014 Budget have been applied.

B1. Contribution for ISU Events (including Prize Money) paid by the ISU for the development of skating

Contribution to ISU Championships Organizers and attending Members

Further to the increase applied in 2012 through the 2012-2014 Budget, the budgeted ISU contributions towards organizing Members remain unchanged.

In addition, as “indirect contributions” the ISU covers the cost for medals, cancellation/liability insurance, a basic results service for Figure Skating and Short Track Speed Skating ISU Championships, the cost of the ISU Event Coordination team where applicable, the cost for Officials’ travel expenses as per the applicable ISU Regulations and in particular all the Prize Money (for Prize Money see separate paragraph below).

The ISU contributions towards participating Members for Championships in all ISU disciplines remain at the same level as for the previous Budget period.

The total ISU contribution to ISU Championships for organizing and participating Members amounts to:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	10'520'000	10'510'000	10'400'000	31'430'000.

Contribution to other ISU Event Organizers

ISU Events such as the ISU Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating World Cups and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating as well as the newly created ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating may be financially

supported by the ISU thanks to corresponding incomes, mainly from the licensing of international TV rights and advertising incomes budgeted under item A. It is understood that such ISU support can only be sustained for the respective Event/discipline and period of time if the current sponsorship arrangements, in particular title sponsorship agreements, can be successfully implemented in cooperation with the local organizers and subsequently successfully be renewed at the end of their terms. Such contributions are therefore determined on a case-by-case basis by the ISU Council, taking into account the situation for the concerned season, Event and country.

The ISU contributions may therefore consist of direct contributions to the organizing Members and indirect contributions such as financing the results service, Video Replay service, Event Coordination team and Officials' travel.

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	4'050'000	4'050'000	4'050'000	12'150'000.

Prize Money

Prize Money is an essential part of the concept of assisting top Skaters to pursue their competitive ISU career over an extended number of years. The budgeted amounts include all ISU Championships/Events where the ISU makes Prize Money available. The budgeted figures are in accordance with Communication 1509 for ISU Championships and as per current practice for other ISU Events as outlined in the corresponding ISU Communications and/or Announcements.

The addition of these Prize Money contributions amount to:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	4'530'000	4'530'000	4'530'000	13'590'000.

Total contribution for ISU Events

The total budgeted figures for ISU contributions and Prize Money are:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	19'100'000	19'090'000	18'980'000	57'170'000.

B2. Development Program

The ISU Development Program established by the 1996 Congress will continue. The details of this program in respect to principles and procedures are now specified in Communication 1531.

The Council continues to consider the Development Program as an essential tool in the development of the ISU Sports. However, due to the uncertain and possibly declining incomes, the Council did not favour any increase for the Budget period 2014-2016.

Projects: Financing Development Projects

This part of the Development Program is monitored by the Development Coordinator under the supervision of the two Vice Presidents (See 2012 ISU Constitution, Art 4, paragraph 2, Art. 16, paragraph 3.d) & Art. 23 as well as Communication 1531). It includes scholarships, support towards courses, seminars but also competitions such as the Star Class & Danube Cup in Short Track. The Council draws the attention of Members to the fact that random audits on selected Development Program Projects are carried out by external auditors.

Budgeted figures are:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	2'200'000	2'200'000	2'200'000	6'600'000.

Contributions: Contributions to ISU Members and Council Development Projects (including ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating, ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating, Inzell Speed Skating Academy and Development Trophy)

Budgeted figures are:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	4'500'000	4'500'000	4'500'000	13'500'000.

Out of the above mentioned amounts for Contributions, CHF 2 million will be divided among those Members fulfilling the requirements stated in Communication 1531. The remaining amount of CHF 2.5 million mainly covers the financial support in favor of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating, the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating, the Inzell Speed Skating Academy and the Development Trophy.

Total ISU Development Program

Budgeted figures are:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	6'700'000	6'700'000	6'700'000	20'100'000.

Total Contribution to ISU Events and the ISU Development Program

The budgeted expenditures mentioned above, which are paid directly to or through Members, add up to:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	25'800'000	25'790'000	25'680'000	77'270'000.

In summary, an average of 66 % of the total income goes to Members and Skaters.

B3. General Operating Expenditures

This Budget Proposal includes the necessary expenses resulting from the activities of the different internal ISU bodies which administer the ISU.

It furthermore covers expenditures for monitoring all ISU Championships/Events, organizing seminars, courses, examinations and clinics and the control and administration of ISU Officials. This item also includes all expenses related to ISU anti-doping tests and administrative follow-up, maintenance of databases on Skater Whereabouts and other data relating to anti-doping measures.

Other expenditures in this group are preparations and on-site costs for the Congress, meetings, printing of the Congress Minutes, Constitution, General and Special Regulations and Technical Rules, Communications, Handbooks, videos, DVDs, CDs, insurance for ISU activities, legal expenses, bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses.

For the years 2014 and 2015, the Budget includes a Council approved Budget for a total of CHF 960'000 for the refurbishing of the newly acquired offices for the ISU Secretariat in Lausanne/Switzerland. The Budget also includes an annual depreciation of those new offices for an amount of CHF 50'00 per year. The move to the new premises is planned for the first half of 2015.

The description of the main detailed objectives and related planned activities for the budget period within the respective areas of responsibility has, for many years, not been included in this document. This information is traditionally stated in the Four-Year Plan for the ISU, which is separately submitted in accordance with the ISU Constitution.

Based on the Constitution, the ISU Congress shall normally use its decision-making power to decide on principles and development directions. The Council has therefore, as in previous Budget Proposals, decided not to present details such as costs for seminars, Congress, PR/media, videos, DVDs, music, computers, postage, printed matter, insurance, legal services etc., but only the following totals.

The total amounts for all the activities carried out/supervised by the ISU internal bodies add up to:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	7'475'000	6'720'000	7'040'000	21'235'000.

The difference between the even and odd years is mainly due to the cost to hold the Congress.

On average, about 18 % of the income is used directly to support the ongoing activities necessary to keep a high standard of skating and of Officials/Coaches.

Secretariat expenditures

The budgeted amounts include the expenses necessary to carry out the ISU Administration and mainly consist of employee salaries, communication expenses, office equipment/material and office maintenance.

For the years 2015 and 2016, the budget includes an increase of about CHF 120'000 each. The reason for this increase is the uncertainty surrounding the planned retirement of the Chair of the Sports Directorate (proposed to become Sports Manager Figure Skating after the 2014 Congress), Peter Krick in 2016. For the on-site Figure Skating ISU Event coordination some steps to replace him have been taken in the persons of Mario Meinel as Event Coordinator, Wieland Lüders, Dingding Liu and, on occasion, Patricia Mayor as Assistant Event Coordinators, and the training of Regional Event Coordination Assistants (RECAs). However, nothing is in place for the other administrative functions Peter Krick performs. For such

mostly administrative tasks it must be expected that the related workload will fall at least partially into the scope of the ISU Secretariat and require additional staffing. Other more sports technical issues will have to be taken over either by other Sports Directors and/or the Technical Committees.

The total budgeted figures are as follows:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	2'400'000	2'520'000	2'640'000	7'560'000.

which means that a modest percentage of the ISU's incomes, namely 6 %, is used for the central administration of our Union.

Taxes

The tax status in Lausanne requires us to budget only for auxiliary taxes such as for real estate taxes, local services etc.

Budgeted figures are

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	10'000	15'000	15'000	40'000.

Total Expenditures

The total expenditures add up to:

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Swiss Francs	35'685'000	35'045'000	35'375'000	106'105'000.

C. Retained Earnings

The difference between incomes and expenditures, the ISU Retained Earnings, is the basis for securing the future of the Union. As pointed out in the Introduction, the ISU Council favours a conservative policy in order to achieve an Interest Income/Expenditure Ratio of 25%. The budgeted Retained Earnings will contribute to the achievement of this goal. Once such a ratio is achieved again, it will be up to the Council to propose, through a future Budget Proposal to the concerned Congress, a scheme and criteria for injecting future Retained Earnings into the ISU and/or ISU Member activities. The Congress will then decide.

The budgeted Retained Earnings are as follows

(In Swiss Francs)

	2014	2015	2016	Total 2014-2016
Incomes	40'110'000	39'380'000	37'540'000	117'030'000
Expenditures	35'685'000	35'045'000	35'375'000	106'105'000
Retained Earnings	4'425'000	4'335'000	2'165'000	10'925'000.

ISU financial guidance and control

The ISU's investments are based on an investment policy which allows investment only in high class (minimum A rated) interest bearing bonds and short term fiduciary deposits, bought or sold upon advice from the ISU's three banks (Credit Suisse, Banque Cantonale Vaudoise and partly UBS). Investments are made mainly in the currencies the ISU is involved, namely the US Dollar, the Euro and the Swiss Franc.

The control system consists of a combination of payment rules and limitations, approval procedures, Treasurer monitoring and comparisons of budget versus actual value(s) by the respective responsible bodies, the Council, the Director General, the Treasurer and all finally subject to external auditing. As required by Swiss Law, the ISU has developed an Internal Control System that has been positively acknowledged by the external auditors.

Approved general principles

By approving the Four-Year Plans covering the seasons 2014/15-2017/18 and this proposed Budget as outlined above, the Congress acts according to the 2012 Constitution VII. Procedural Provisions to the Constitution, A. Congress, Article 29, Paragraph 21.

As per Article 17, paragraph 1.c), in case of unforeseen circumstances resulting in severe negative financial consequences which were not foreseen when preparing and presenting this Budget, the Council may defer implementation of certain budgeted expenditures according to a "decreasing criteria" established by the Council. At the next following Congress the Council shall take such circumstances into account when preparing and presenting the Budget.

Furthermore, in line with Article 33, paragraph 10, the Council may approve individual additions to the Budget as approved by the Congress but in this case, the Council shall inform Members by Circular Letter if changes of incomes or expenditures will have a considerable negative effect on the accumulated Retained Earnings for the Budget approved by the Congress.

The principles and directions for the 2014–2016 budget period are summarized as follows:

- to keep the ISU reserves intact in order to generate budgeted interest incomes;
- to pay contributions to the Members organizing ISU Championships as decided by the Council within the limits of the budget approved by the Congress;
- to consolidate and monitor other ISU Events such as the ISU Grand Prix and Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating, the ISU Speed Skating World Cup and Junior World Cup, the ISU Short Track Speed Skating World Cup and the ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating and financially contribute, when appropriate, to the cost of these Events;
- to pay contributions for Prize Money for ISU Championships/Events as decided by the Council within the limits of the budget approved by the Congress;
- to continue the ISU Development Program at the same level as in previous budgets, favouring Members' projects according to established criteria and procedures and with the clear objective of increasing the standard skating so that more Members are in a position to be in a competitive situation.
- to “fine tune” the ISU Judging System for Figure Skating through improved information to the audience;
- to increase media and public interest and improve the Event presentation of ISU Events also to achieve increased incomes;
- to continue educational activities with the clear objective of increasing the knowledge and standard of Coaches and ISU Officials, resulting in an overall improvement of the standard of competitions;
- to continue evaluation and activities to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the ISU structure, taking into account the decisions of the 2014 Congress and to propose potential further amendments to the next Congress;

- to maintain a sufficiently staffed ISU Secretariat and other secretarial support to cope with the current and future activities and requirements;
- for the Council to continue monitoring of ISU expenditure to ensure efficiency and consistency with the stringent quality criteria of all ISU operations and work out initiatives to increase revenues.

Ottavio Cinquanta
President

Fredi Schmid
Director General

Uli Linder
Treasurer

Lausanne, May 2014

Fredi Schmid asked whether there were comments and/or questions. There were no comments or questions and the **Budget was approved as presented.**

20. Election of an auditing company to serve until the next Congress

Fredi Schmid proposed that BDO being a renowned Swiss Auditing Company to be re-elected as auditing company until the next Congress.

Mark Lynch (Australia Figure Skating) recommended that for future reports it would be helpful that the Auditors Report shows the actual figures compared with the budgeted figures.

Fredi Schmid pointed out that the current Auditor Reports included actual versus budget comparisons within the specific comments for each item (Incomes, Expenditures etc) but that further improvements in the presentation will be considered.

The Congress unanimously **elected BDO** as auditing company to serve until the next Congress.

21. Motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations referred to the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branches

The records regarding all motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations referred to the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branches are recorded in these Minutes under Agenda items 16 and 17 in the respective Proposal.

22. Ratification of the actions and decisions of the Council, the Director General, the Sports Directorate and Technical Committees

The Congress **ratified** the actions and decisions of the Council, the Director General, the Sports Directorate and Technical Committees.

23. Presentation of a status report on the existing four-year plan for the ISU for the period since the 2012 Congress

Fredi Schmid pointed out that the Status Reports on the Four Year Plan as presented by the Council had been sent to Members and again been made available in Dublin. There were no comments.

24. The approval of the four-year-plan until the 2018 Congress

Fredi Schmid stated that the Four Year Plans until the 2018 Congress had been sent to Members and again been made available in form of hard copies in Dublin.

The Congress **accepted** the Four Year Plans as presented by the Council.

25. Election of Honorary Members

The President indicated that the Council this time had made nominations for the election of Honorary Members and that consequently no election was necessary.

26. Various including all other matters which in accordance with the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions or the Regulations are required to be dealt with by Congress

The President informed the Congress that he had received a hand-written and not signed note from the Members of Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia and Cyprus relating to the Proposal No. 19 (Art. 13, paragraph 3 of the ISU Constitution) which had been rejected by the Congress asking an investigation if age limits constitute a discrimination and violation of Human Rights and the ISU Code of Ethics.

Ubavka Novakovic-Kutinou (Bosnia & Herzegovina) clarified that this was not a request to re-vote on Proposal No. 19 but a request to the Council to investigate this issue which in her opinion constitutes a violation of Human Rights.

The President indicated that the matter will be reviewed by the Council and the Legal Advisors and that there was no need for a vote.

27. Closing of the Congress by the President

The President thanked the Ice Skating Association of Ireland for the hospitality and organization of the Congress. He also thanked to Delegates for their contribution including during the Forum.

The Congress was closed on Friday, June 13, 2014 at noon.