



International Ski
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Federation

International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF)
Extraordinary Plenary Assembly
Virtual | 04 March 2024

REGISTERED NATIONAL MEMBERS				
N.	Country	Organisation	Abbr.	Voting Delegate
1	Albania	Albanian Ski Federation	ASF	Elvis Toci
2	Andorra	Federació Andorrana De Muntanyisme	FAM	Ludovic Albós
3	Argentina	Federacion Argentina De Ski Y Andinismo	FASA	Magdalena Kast
4	Armenia	Armenian Ski Mountaineer's Association	ASMA	Sos Khachikyan
5	Australia	Snow Australia	AUS	Brian Lichi
6	Austria	Austrian Ski Federation	ÖSV	Georg Wörter
7	Belgium	Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium	CMBel	Paul Verzele
8	Brasil	Confederacao Brasileira De Desportos Na Neve	CBDN	Pedro Cavazzoni
9	Bulgaria	Bulgarian Climbing and Mountaineering Federation	BCMF	Dora Marinova
10	Canada	Ski Mountaineering Competition Canada	SMCC	Matt Reid
11	Chile	Federación de Andinismo de Chile-FDN	FEACH	Willy Montenegro García
12	Colombia	Corporación Ski Mountaineering Colombia	Skimocol	Helder Navarro
13	Cyprus	Cyprus Mountaineering Climbing Orienteering Federation	CMCOF	<i>NEW MEMBER</i>
14	Czech Republic	Czech Mountaineering association	CMA	Jan Bloudek
15	France	Federation Francaise De La Montagne Et De l'Escalade	FFME	Alain Carriere
16	Germany	Deutscher Alpenverein	DAV	Wabel Wolfgang
17	Greece	Hellenic Federation Of Mountaineering And Climbing	EOOA	Vasileios Voutselas
18	Ireland	Snowsports Association Of Ireland	SAI	Derek Bolger
19	Italy	Federazione Italiana Sport Invernali	FISI	Massimo Rinaldi
20	Japan	Japan Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Association	JMSCA	Hiraku Kotabe
21	Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation	KMSCF	Timur Artyukhin
22	Lithuania	Lithuanian National Skiing Association	LNSA	Remigijus Arlauskas
23	Mexico	Federacion Mexicana De Ski, A.C.	FEMESKI	Carlos Pruneda
24	Netherland	Nederlandse Klim En Bergsport Vereniging	NKBV	Rogier Wouters
25	Poland	Polski Związek Alpinizmu	PZA	Marek Wierzbowski
26	Portugal	Federação De Campismo E Montanhismo De Portugal	FCMP	João Paulo Queirós
27	Romania	Romanian federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	RMFC	Adrian Vălean
28	Slovakia	Slovak Skimountaineering Association	SSA	Peter Kalman
29	Slovenia	Alpine Association Of Slovenia	PZS	Nejc Kuhar
30	Spain	Federación Española De Deportes De Montaña Y Escalada	FEDME	Iñigo Ayllón Navarro
31	Sweden	Svenska Klätterförbundet	SKF	Patrik Kleveback-Blom
32	Switzerland	Swiss Alpine Club	SAC	Urs Stöcker
33	USA	United States Ski Mountaineering Association	USSMA	Anthony Armstrong



NOT REGISTERED NATIONAL MEMBERS			
N.	Country	Organisation	Abbr.
1	Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan Winter Sports Federation	AWSF
2	Catalunya	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	FEEC
3	Denmark	Ski Federation Denmark	Skiforbund
4	Finland	Finnish Climbing Association	FCA
5	Hungary	Hungarian Mountaineering and Climbing Federation	MHSSZ
6	India	Indian Olympic Association	IOA
7	Iran	I.R. Iran Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Federation	IRIMSCF
8	Malta	Malta Sport For All	MSFA
9	Norway	The Norwegian Ski Federation	NSF
10	Russia	Russian Mountaineering Federation	RMF
11	South Korea	Korea Alpine Federation	KAF
12	Thailand	Ski and Snowboard Association of Thailand	SSAT
13	The Netherlands	Koninklijke Nederlandse Klim- en Bergsport Vereniging	NKBV
14	Turkey	Turkish Mountaineering Federation	TDF
15	United Kingdom	British Mountaineering Council	BMC
16	Ukraine	Ukrainian Mountaineering and Climbing Federation	UMCF

NATIONAL MEMBERS NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE			
N.	Country	Organization	Abbr.
1	Catalunya (<i>Associate</i>)	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	FEEC
2	Cyprus (<i>New Member</i>)	Cyprus Mountaineering Climbing Orienteering Federation	CMCOF
3	Hungary (<i>New Member</i>)	Hungarian Mountaineering and Climbing Federation	MHSSZ
4	Malta (<i>Provisional</i>)	Malta Sport For All	MSFA
5	Russia (<i>open debts</i>)	Russian Mountaineering Federation	RMF



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ISMF OFFICIALS	
ISMF Council – Attending the meeting	
Present	
Regula Meier	President
James A. Moore	Vice-President Treasurer
Pierre Dupont	Vice-President Sport & Events
Ramone Cooper	Vice-President Marketing & Communication
Jordi Canals Fontan	General Secretary
Monika Strojny	Equality Women & Sport Commission Coordinator
Josselin Cazaux	International Disciplinary Commission Representative
Vehbi Aytekin Sanalan	Sustainability Commission Coordinator
Anders Pettersson	Council Member
Marianna Jagercikova	Athletes Representative
Yongfeng Wang	Asian Council President
Excused absences	
Nicolò Canclini	Athletes Representative
Brent Harris	North American Council President
Gunel Badalova	European Council President

Compliance Office	
Juan Jesús Ibañez Martin	Compliance Office President

ISMF STAFF	
Giulia Avagnina	Administration & HR Manager
Josef Gruber	Sport & Events Manager
Tamara Benavides Diaz	Legal Consultant
Federica Lobera	Office Secretary (Finance & Accounting)

1. Opening and welcome by the ISMF President

The meeting starts at 15:05. President Regula Meier welcomes the attendees and officially opens the Extraordinary Plenary Assembly. The floor is given to General Secretary Jordi Canals Fontan who provides general instructions for the proper conduct of the Virtual Plenary Assembly and informs all the attendees that the session will be recorded.

2. Compliance Office's declaration

The floor returns to the President who introduces the Compliance Office with the official declaration: *"The Plenary Assembly recognises that the President of the Compliance Office will oversee and manage the roll call and the voting process."*

There is no opposition to this statement, therefore Compliance Office President Juan Jesús Ibañez Martin takes the floor and starts the introduction to the voting process.

3. Roll Call & Quorum

It is specified that according to the Article 19.2 of the ISMF Statutes: *"For all other decisions made by the Plenary Assembly, except for the dissolution of the ISMF, there is no quorum. Decisions are taken by a majority of the votes cast"*. Following this, Compliance Office President Juan Jesús Ibañez Martin starts the roll call, calling each delegate of the National members with voting rights, according to their registration list, in alphabetical order.

After the roll call conducted by the President of the Compliance Office Juan Jesús Ibañez Martin, the attending members are listed below:

Attendance	Totals
ISMF Members	49
ISMF Members with voting rights	44
ISMF Members registered	33
ISMF Members attending with voting rights	32
Number of votes needed for approval of the proposals (simple majority): a majority of more than 50% of "yes"/"no"; abstentions do not count.	

4. Approval - Adoption of the agenda

The agenda which was sent in advanced by email is shown.

President Regula Meier presents the agenda and asks the participants if there are any comments or additions to consider. With no objections, the meeting proceeds with the vote for the approval of the agenda, led by President of the Compliance Office Juan Jesús Ibañez Martin.

4. Do you approve the sent agenda?						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

5. Report of the situation

President Regula Meier starts the speech by giving an overview of the situation concerning anti-doping, explaining what happened and where ISMF stands now following the document that was sent along with the agenda.

6. Q&A

President Regula Meier introduces the general instructions to be followed in order to intervene in the Q&A session.

Elvis Toci (ASF) would like to introduce himself as it is the first time attending an ISMF meeting. He confirms his willingness to support and actively contribute to the sport development.

Jan Bloudek (CMA) asks about the general impact on ISMF budget as a result of the decisions to be made in today's session. More generally, he inquiries about ISMF's plan to cover the extra money to invest in anti-doping and what will be the result for future. President Regula Meier provides information on the budget and the financial support for the International Federation.

Patrik Blom (Svenska Klätterförbundet) intervenes saying that he is wondering if a part of the solution would be to contact the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and have them coordinate with their national anti-doping agency to organize more in-competitions tests during World Cups which would also reduce some costs (e.g. travel) and be more sustainable.

President Regula Meier answers that ISMF has already started working on this plan together with the NADOs and the LOCs even more in depth. Indeed, she states that she has an upcoming meeting with the General Director of ITA to negotiate this aspect further.

Íñigo Ayllón (FEDME) remarks that everything happened very quickly, and it feels like as if ISMF suddenly found itself in WADA's crosshairs, making it difficult to understand the situation. Moreover, he adds that since 1999 FEDME has conducted tests with its national anti-doping agency at national championships and they have a very good relationship with them, so they will be in contact with them to push forward for everything that can be done to help the situation.

President Regula Meier replies that ISMF has also been asking itself what happened, as ISMF is doing everything that is requested. However, ISMF is concerned about the consequences of being in the WADA Watch list or being placed on the Non-Compliance list for all the organisation and National Members. General Secretary Jordi Canals Fontan takes the floor saying that ISMF had not such feeling when the WADA audit started in 2023 as right before we went back collaborating with ITA, which is the official agency of the International Olympic Committee. Moreover, ISMF had signed an agreement with CAS-ADD for the management of anti-doping rules violations. Last but not least, it has been in full compliance with the guidelines given by the Agenda 2020+5. On the other hand, you can only imagine the high pressure that ISMF staff lived and is still currently living in front of the situation. ISMF now faces the serious risk of becoming the first Olympic Federation to appear on WADA's Watch List and this would be damaging to the reputation of ISMF's athletes. General Secretary Jordi Canals reiterates the importance of the support of the Plenary Assembly of today.

Massimo Rinaldi (FISI) states that since ski mountaineering is now an Olympic discipline, the number of tests being conducted is relatively low, and it could be much higher compared to other International Federations. He emphasises the potential danger of a doping case emerging in a sport that is newly included in the Olympic Games. Moreover, he argues that it is not so correct to address this issue to the Local Organising Committee as they should increase anti-doping tests, even though they also face already significant costs in organising their events. Afterwards, Massimo Rinaldi asks how ISMF will manage this expense and if National Members will need to contribute to cope with the big increase if the anti-doping budget is approved in the today's session of Plenary Assembly.

President Regula Meier replies that the ISMF will be able to cover the costs of the new contract with ITA thanks to a special support. In addition, she also notes that WADA has expressed similar concerns: ski mountaineering is considered a high-risk sport, meaning that ISMF will need to test either all or a significantly larger pool of athletes quoted for the Olympic Games. Massimo Rinaldi seeks confirmation that these additional costs will not affect the budgets of the National Members and President Regula Meier assures him that these extra costs will only impact the ISMF budget. General Secretary Jordi Canals Fontan takes the floor, reiterating that this budget increase will not affect the fees paid by ISMF National Members.

Wolfgang Wabel (DAV) asks about the duration of the ITA contract which is also linked to the preparation and qualification for the Olympic Games. So he would like to know if the contract with ITA will extend beyond this period and whether it makes sense to think about how it will be the financing after 2026. President Regula Meier explains that ISMF has an agreement with ITA until 2025/26 season. For the future agreements, the floor goes to General Secretary Jordi Canals Fontan, informing that from the season 2026/27 ISMF will be free to negotiate. However, the IOC Agenda 2020+5 highlights the importance of the relationship between the International Olympic Federations and ITA and that the ISMF is following the IOC's recommendations regarding the current agreement with ITA and a different agreement with CAS-ADD. President Regula Meier specifies that WADA has requested ISMF to increase testing significantly now. Once a higher testing level is reached, the number of tests may reduce slightly again. Indeed, as testing levels have been quite low so far, there needs to be a massive increase, but the testing burden may decrease in the future. However, such conditions are still to be discussed in the future.

Paul Verzele (CMBel) asks whether the classification of ski mountaineering as a high-risk sport will be re-evaluated, and whether it will remain in this category indefinitely or if this could change. Moreover, he asks what factors influence this evaluation and how ISMF might affect this classification to remove the sport from the high-risk category. General Secretary Jordi Canals Fontan answers that the main criteria of high-risk is that ski mountaineering is an aerobic sport.

Regula Meier adds that WADA has placed significant pressure on long-distance athletes to increase testing, despite she argued with them that the profile of these athletes is different from those competing in Olympic Games, where races are shorter. However, with the upcoming Olympic Games, there is a risk that some individuals may attempt to use all means to qualify, potentially leading to positive doping tests. In November, there was a meeting where nothing changed despite discussions. In January, WADA contacted her and insisted on a massive increase in testing.

Burgi Beste (DAV) states that ski mountaineering is currently only temporarily an Olympic sport and WADA views it as high-risk, meaning the sport is now under close scrutiny. She expresses her gratitude to President Regula Meier and the team for their extraordinary efforts of recent months to address the anti-doping issue under extreme time pressure. In the interest of athletes, the anti-doping issue is an important milestone that we must deal with, and we have to resolve it as fast as possible so that athletes can prepare and compete. Additionally, she stresses that it is the most important goal for all of us today. President Regula Meier thanks her for her comments and expresses her appreciation to the ISMF team for their hard work.

Urs Stöcker (SAC-CAS) also expresses his gratitude to the ISMF President and the team for their efforts. He offers a different perspective, suggesting that this situation could be seen as an opportunity rather than a burden. It is a chance to show the Olympic world that ski mountaineering is a clean sport, despite the fact that its performance is largely based on physiological parameters. The higher the level of technical support, the lower the risk and more psychological aspect involved in a sport. This may be one reason why performance-enhancing drugs are used. Additionally, nobody wants any doping cases in new sports added to the Olympic Games as it would compromise the Olympic Agenda. Urs Stöcker agrees with this approach and hopes that the sport will receive a better rating in the future, demonstrating that ski mountaineering is free from doping.

Afterwards, President Regula Meier proposes proceeding with the voting procedure.

7. Vote on the economical proposal

Juan Jesús Ibañez Martin in quality of Compliance Office President takes the lead and explains that the voting process will follow the same procedure as the previous vote. Each National Member with voting rights will be invited to express its vote when called during the roll call.

7. Do you approve the budget 2024/25 and 2025/26 for the anti-doping activities as reported in the proposal?						
In favour	29	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

8. Any other business related to Anti-doping

As final remarks, President Regula Meier thanks the National Members for their commitment to the fight against doping and their participation showing the strength of the ISMF community. She concludes by looking forward to meeting everyone in person at the next Plenary Assembly in Baku, Azerbaijan on October 19, 2024.