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International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF)
Plenary Assembly
Oviedo, Spain
15 October 2022

Location: Oviedo Congress and Exhibitions Center, C. Arturo

MEMBERS PRESENT OR REPRESENTED				
	Country	National Federation	Voting Member - Advisor	Proxy
1	Andorra	FAM	Ludovic Albós Cavaliere	
2	Argentina	FASA		FEDME, Spain
3	Belgium	CMBel		DAV, Germany
4	Brazil	CBDN	Ionel Suciu	
5	Bulgaria	BCMF		SSA, Slovakia
6	Canada	ACC	Matt Reid	
7	Chile	FEACH		FEDME, Spain
8	China	CMA		FISI, Italy
9	Czech Republic	CMF	Jan Bloudek	
10	France	FFME	Josselin Cazaux - Thierry Galindo	
11	Germany	DAV	Olaf Tabor - Hermann Gruber	
12	Greece	EOOA	Vasileios Voutselas	
13	Ireland	SAI	Dave Gaughran	
14	Italy	FISI	Massimo Rinaldi	
15	Japan	JMSCA	Hiroo Saso - Yukiyasu Matsuzawa	
16	Mexico	FEMESKI	Carlos Pruneda	
17	Netherlands	NKBV		DAV, Germany
18	Norway	NSF		SKF, Sweden
19	Poland	PZA	Monika Strojny	
20	Portugal	FCMP	João Paulo Queirós	
21	Russia	RMF	Maxim Soldatkin	

22	Slovakia	SSA	Peter Kalman	
23	Slovenia	PZS		SSA, Slovakia
24	Spain	FEDME	Alberto Ayora Hirsch - Juan Jesús Ibáñez Martín, Fernando Navarro Aznar, Iñigo Ayllón Navarro, Jordi Martín Guillaumes	
25	Sweden	SKF	Daniel Knabäck	
26	Switzerland	SAC-CAS	Elisabeth Chatagny - Urs Stöcker	
27	Thailand	SSAT	Luc Knoerr	
28	Turkey	TDF	Ersan Basar	
29	United Kingdom	BMC	Lorraine Brown	
30	United States	USSMA	Jerimy Arnold	

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT AND NOT REPRESENTED

	Country	National Federation
1	Austria	ÖSV
2	Azerbaijan	ANSF
3	Denmark	Skiforbund
4	Iran	IRIMSCF
5	Romania	RFMC
6	South Korea	KAF

MEMBERS NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE

	Country/Region	National Federation
1	Spain (Catalonia - Associate)	FEEC
2	India (Provisional)	SMAI
3	Malta (Provisional)	MSMA
4	Nepal (Provisional)	SSFN
5	Ukraine (Provisional)	UMCF

ISMF COUNCIL	
Present	
Regula Meier	President ad interim – Vice-President Treasurer
Jordi Canals Fontan	General Secretary
Pierre Dupont	Vice-President Sport & Events
Monika Strojny	Equality Women & Sport Commission Coordinator
James A. Moore	Global Sport Development Coordinator
Vehbi Aytekin Sanalan	Sustainability Commission Coordinator
Anders Pettersson	Council Member
Nicolò Ernesto Canclini	Athletes Representative
Excused absences	
Marco Mosso	Vice-President Marketing & Communication
Marianne Fatton	Athletes Representative
Brent Harris	North American Council President
Yongfeng Wang	Asian Council President

ISMF STAFF	
Roberto Cavallo	General Manager & Marketing coordinator
Josef Gruber	Sports & Event Manager – Event Director
Oriol Montero	Referee Manager
Giulia Avagnina	Deputy General Manager
Valeria Ponzio	Office Secretary (Sports & Event)
Federica Lobera	Office Secretary (Finance)
Tamara Benavides Diaz	Legal collaborator

OTHER ATTENDEES	
Gunel Badalova	Azerbaijan (AWS) – Candidate as ISMF Full Member
Ramone Cooper	Australia (Snow Australia) – Candidate as ISMF Full Member
Helder Navarro	Colombia (Colombian Olympic Committee) – Candidate as ISMF Full Member

The meeting starts at 9:00 as formally communicated. The ISMF President ad interim Regula Meier welcomes the attendees and officially declares the Plenary Assembly session open.

Afterwards, the session has a silence's minute for the sudden death of Pierre Dollo - co-founder of the Federation in 2008 and former Vice-President of the Federation, who passed away the day before the Plenary Assembly.

Members present, voting rights, and voting system.

ISMF Statutes, art. 18 - Quorum and majorities.

Members present or represent are shown below:

	NFs
ISMF Members	41
ISMF Members with voting rights	37
ISMF Members present or represented	30
ISMF Members present or represented with voting rights	30

According to the art. 18 of the ISMF Statutes: *"Changes and amendments of these Statutes, exclusions of Full Members, Associate Members and Provisional Members, may only be considered if at least half of ISMF Members having the right to vote are present or represented.*

In order to be adopted, such items must receive the approval of at least two thirds of the votes cast. For all other decisions made by the Plenary Assembly, except for the dissolution of the ISMF (see art. 47), there is no quorum.

Decisions are taken by a majority of the votes cast."

Appointment of Tellers

The ISMF President Regula Meier proposes the appointment of Hermann Gruber (DAV) and Thierry Galindo (FFME). This is unanimously approved.

Projection of the video of IOC President. Thomas Bach wishing those present a good Plenary Assembly and especially recommending a successful path to the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026.

1. Approval - Adoption of the agenda

The agenda is shown as sent by the deadline according to the Statutes of the ISMF.

1.1 Amendments to the agenda

The ISMF President Regula Meier then proposes some amendments to the agenda, which are voted on all at once:

1.1 Amendments to the agenda

6.1.1 Motion from the Athletes Representatives

6.3.1 Deeper clarification on processes, information

6.4 Rules regarding transgender

7.1.6 Finnish Climbing Association, admission - approval

10.3 Changes to the ISMF Vice President Treasurer electoral process

10.4 Member Association Representative

12. Recommendation of the IOC regarding the situation Russia and Belarus - approval

1.1 To approve the amendments to the agenda as listed above						
In favour	29	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

Jeremy Arnold (USSMA) asks to have the agenda in paper including the amendments.

2. Approval - Minutes of the 2021 Plenary Assembly online, 25 September-15 October 2021

No question.

2. To approve Minutes of the 2021 Plenary Assembly online, 25 September-15 October 2021						
In favour	29	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

3. Approval - Annual report, year 2021/22

No question.

3. To approve the Annual Report, year 2021/22						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

4. Approval - Finance:

4.1 Result of the Business Year 2021/22, Balance Sheet per 30 June 2022, Auditor's report

No question.

4.1 To approve the Business Year 2021/22						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

4.1 To approve the Balance Sheet per 30 June 2022						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

4.1 To approve the Auditor's report						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

4.2 Responsibility discharge to the Vice-President Treasurer and the Council

No question.

4.2 To approve the responsibility discharge to the Vice-President Treasurer and the Council						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED



4.3 Budget 2022/23

No question.

4.3 To approve the budget 2022/23						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

5. Approval – Amendments of the ISMF Statutes:

5.1 Amendments of the ISMF Statutes

No question.

5.1 To approve the amendments of the ISMF Statutes						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

5.2 Motions regarding the ISMF Statutes

Josselin Cazaux (FFME) explains the motion sent by the FFME.

The goal is to publish the sporting regulations already 6 months before the first world Cup stage of the following season.

The ISMF Athlete Representative Nicolò Canclini states that the 6 months term should be a goal and not an obligation as it would be very difficult to respect.

Josselin Cazaux (FFME) replies that it is a goal, therefore it is not compulsory.

Motion from FFME

POWERS OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY	
Article 15	
The Plenary Assembly has the following duties and powers:	
[...]	
g. to adopt and amend all regulations. The Plenary Assembly can, however, authorize other bodies to independently establish technical rules where appropriate;	
[...]	
ISMF COUNCIL	
Article 26	
[...]	
u. The ISMF Council is responsible to prepare and adopt the sporting regulations (Organizing, ranking, sporting, participation...). These regulations must be published 6 month before the first World Cup stage of the season.	

5.2. To approve the motion from FFME regarding the ISMF Statutes						
In favour	28	Against	1	Abstained	1	APPROVED

6. Approval - Amendments of the ISMF Rules:

6.1 Athletes Commission rules introduction

Hermann Gruber (DAV) asks to change the athletes representatives' election process already starting from the season 2022/23.

The ISMF President Regula Meier replies that, in order to change the election process, it is necessary to have a formal proposal to be analysed in the next Council meeting to arrive to have this change in time before the World Championships where the next elections should take place. It is not a promise, but the Council will do its best. It is fundamental to react quickly.

Jeremy Arnold (USSMA) asks which is now the process to change rules.

Jordi Canals answers that this power belongs to the Council, but to be transparent the changes are and will be discussed with NFs on the occasion of Q&A sessions before such approval.

Olaf Tabor (DAV) states that problems shall still be brought before the PA. Changes to any procedures must also be discussed in PA.

The ISMF President Regula Meier thanks the big work done by the ISMF Athlete Representatives Nicolò Canclini and Marianne Fatton in the last weeks for preparing such document and their great commitment and participation.

6.1 To approve the Athletes Commission rules introduction						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

6.1.1 Motion from the Athletes Representatives

Nicolò Canclini explains the motion, as athletes consider the addition of gender to be necessary for greater clarity according to the IOC's opinion as well.

Jeremy Arnold (USSMA) says the content is correct but not so much the semantics. It needs to be revised. Therefore, it is decided to vote for the content itself.

6.1.1 To approve the motion from the Athletes Representatives						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

6.2 Competition Rules amendments/introduction

6.2.1 2022-23 ISMF Rules/Guidelines for organising international ski mountaineering competitions

Olaf Tabor (DAV) makes a note that "Covid-19" is mentioned several times in ISMF rules, but there may be other similar diseases in the future. In his opinion, it would be better to generalise by naming 'pandemic' in order to cover more cases. The ISMF will replace all "Covid-19" terms with "pandemic". Also, the ISMF Council was already in favour of this change.

6.2.1 To approve the 2022-23 ISMF Rules/Guidelines for organising international ski mountaineering competitions						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

6.2.2 2022-23 ISMF Sporting Rules & Regulations



6.2.2 To approve the 2022-23 ISMF Sporting Rules & Regulations						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

6.2.3 2022-23 ISMF Ranking Rules

Jeremy Arnold (USSMA) – point 4.1.1 - asks why it was decided to exclude the other athletes not belonging to the relevant continent. And if they participate, why they cannot compete for the ranking?

Oriol Montero answers that the regulation before was not completely clear and so it was decided to add this sentence to be more transparent and avoid any problems. The problem arises when athletes from outside the continent are ranked for the podium which obviously changes the final ranking and it is not fair for athletes from pertaining continent.

Jeremy Arnold (USSMA) asks which is the real purpose of having the Continental Championships in view of developing Ski mountaineering then.

The ISMF checked with other IFs regarding Continental Cups, which are open and therefore all nations can participate; this is not the case for the Championships, also in view of the fact that there are maximum participation quotas for each country. If you get to Championships level, you have to follow certain procedures and fulfil particular standards.

Jeremy Arnold (USSMA) makes reference to the fact that Continental Council for Europe shall organise European Championships.

The ISMF President Regula Meier says that if USSMA wants to change something in the rules now, they have to present a written motion. No motion so far.

Massimo Rinaldi (FISI) says that it could be a solution for next year to present a motion with which they will ask to allow all countries to take part in the different Continental Championships, but a dedicated working group, plus a certain amount of time are also needed at the same time to develop such proposal.

Olaf Tabor (DAV) remarks to the attendees that it is not just an organisational problem but also a structural one that needs further discussions to find a suitable and good solution. Since in the 2022/23 season there are no Continental Championships but only World Championships, this decision can be postponed to the next PA thinking over it calmly.

Jeremy Arnold (USSMA) presents a motion on this item: *"I want to remove section 4.1.1 Continental Championship from the ISMF Ranking Rules"*.

Olaf Tabor (DAV) keeps not to be in accordance with considering such motion for this year, also states that the ISMF Council who proposed this change after having approved the proposals from the Rules Commission can decide to remove the sentence in question and then presents it again next year when the season 2023/24 Continental Championships take place.

After a short break, the ISMF Council comes up with the following proposal:

I. Do you approve a change of the ISMF 2022-23 ISMF Ranking Rules						
In favour	28	Against	0	Abstained	2	APPROVED

II. Change: eliminate the article 4.1.1 and then to approve the rest of the document						
In favour	25	Against	3	Abstained	2	APPROVED

III. Approval of the whole document of the ISMF 2022-23 ISMF Ranking Rules

6.2.3 To approve the 2022-23 ISMF Ranking Rules						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Motion is withdrawn by the USSMA at this point.

6.2.4 2022-23 ISMF Regulation regarding Registration and Participation in ISMF competitions

6.2.4 To approve the 2022-23 ISMF Regulation regarding Registration and Participation in ISMF competitions						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Motions from FFME - motion 1°

Josselin Cazaux (FFME) explains the 1° motion sent by the FFME (*ref. RPR 2.1 Age category*):

Do not change the Senior category range.

Add : Racers from U20 categories does allowed to participate to the short races of World cup, WCH and CCH with the Senior category. In this case, they will be ranked as U23 and there will be no specific ranking for the U20s.

Olaf Tabor (DAV) asks for more explanations regarding the motion presented.

Thierry Galindo (FFME) explains that they agree to let U20 perform vertical, sprint and relay races, but not individual and long distance.

The ISMF Athlete Representative Nicolò Canclini says that in any case the national coaches are used to determine who is able to go to the competitions.

The ISMF General Manager Roberto Cavallo adds that this has been checked with Medical Commission beforehand.

The Referee Manager Oriol Montero reiterates the confirmation from the Medical Commission and that also the individual races will be shorter for the average request and therefore no longer as difficult as they once were. However, they are healthy for adult athletes.

To approve the motion 1° from FFME						
In favour	9	Against	13	Abstained	8	NOT APPROVED

Motions from FFME - motion 2°

Josselin Cazaux (FFME) explains the 2° motion sent by the FFME (*ref. RPR 2.2.3 Quota per nation on mixed relay*):

No nation quota on Mixed relay final

The ISMF Referee Manager Oriol Montero informs that it is not a technical motion, but he says that in our World Cups you can clearly see which are the strongest nations. So, it is right for fair play that there are specific odds in these finals to have as many nations as possible, even of nations that may not be very strong. Moreover, for media aspect it is important to have variety in this sense.

The ISMF General Manager Roberto Cavallo informs that from an Olympic point of view it is important to work in this direction from now on. He also remarks that at the World Championships the current quota does not change. This only applies to World Cups.

The ISMF Athlete Representative Nicolò Canclini adds that it is important that there is this quota for the development of sport in all NFs.

To approve the motion 2° from FFME						
In favour	2	Against	28	Abstained	0	NOT APPROVED

Motions from FIS - motion 1°

Massimo Rinaldi (FIS) explains the motion sent by the FIS.

In relation to Q&A sessions to be held online on 6 and 7 September 2022, please you can find below our comments:

- 22-23 ISMF Regulation regarding Registration and Participation in ISMF competitions – art. 2.3.2 Licence B: in our opinion all categories shall be registered by the NF and not by the athletes directly by ISMF website.

The ISMF General Secretary Jordi Canals refers that after studying this motion, the ISMF Council has approved FIS's proposal.

Olaf Tabor (DAV) wishes to inform everyone that DAV could have many difficulties to manage this kind of licence.

The ISMF General Manager Roberto Cavallo replies that the licence is needed to avoid athletes which are not capable of competing.

Moreover, he states that managing licence deriving from individuals are much more complicated therefore should be applied by the NF of pertinence.

Urs Stöcker (SAC-CAS) thinks that the motion by FIS is not a real motion, but a sort of further clarification and explanation.

To approve the motion 1° from FIS						
In favour	24	Against	0	Abstained	6	APPROVED

6.2.5 2022-23 ISMF Rules for registering events in the ISMF Calendar

6.2.5 To approve the 2022-23 ISMF Rules for registering events in the ISMF Calendar						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

6.2.6 2022-23 Specific Rules for ISMF Youth European Cup

6.2.6 To approve the 2022-23 Specific Rules for ISMF Youth European Cup						
In favour	29	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

Motion from FAM

L. Albos (FAM) explains the motion sent by the FAM.

- First: The "Youth European Cup" change its name to "Youth International Cup" or some other similar name that is considered more appropriate.

The ISMF General Secretary Jordi Canals refers that after studying this motion, the ISMF Council recommends approving this motion.

The main issue is that this name could arise some problems in obtaining funds from the Olympic Solidarity for youth.

To approve the motion from FAM						
In favour	29	Against	1	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Afterwards, the ISMF President Regula Meier introduces two possibilities regarding the name of the circuit come from the ISMF Sport Department following to the FAM's motion and the discussions held in the PA Friday's session the day before.

Jeremy Arnold (USSMA) two years ago with YOG there was no confusion with the name and following the same line / standard perhaps option 2 is the most suitable.

To vote for the name of the circuit			
1) ISMF Youth Cup (European Cup)	0	votes	-
2) ISMF Youth World Cup	30	votes	APPROVED

Motions from FIS - 2° motion

Massimo Rinaldi (FISI) explains the motion sent by the FISI regarding the differences in height of the Youth World Cup.

Oriol Montero says they have overhauled all the height differences by comparing them with those of the current WCs and they think that these proposed levels for Youth World Cup are more protective for athletes.

Massimo Rinaldi (FISI) adds that that the height differences should be as presented in their motion, because otherwise the ISMF is not aligned with its rules.

The ISMF Athlete Representative Nicolò Candini says that at the very beginning there had to be only three tracks to help the LOCs a little.

Urs Stöcker (SAC-CAS) intervenes now from the organiser's point of view and therefore he recommends voting against the motion as it is now difficult to change everything after the LOCs have already defined the tracks.

To approve the motion 2° from FISI						
In favour	12	Against	10	Abstained	8	APPROVED

Remark from FIS

Massimo Rinaldi (FISI) explains the third request coming from FIS as they need to know the size of the sponsors' logo and the correct positioning on the equipment. They would like these rules/guidelines to be published on the website as the format to follow could be clear.

Jordi Canals replies that there had been an attempt to do so in a past Plenary Assembly a few years ago, but it was not officially approved. Now there is a proposal on the table but that has yet to be analysed in more detail and will certainly be presented in the next PA.

No vote on this item as this is only a remark and not a real motion.

6.3 Motions regarding the ISMF Rules

Motions from the NFs have been dealt under the chapter 6.2. of competence.

6.3.1 Deeper clarification on processes, information

A small passage is done also in the PA session following having explained in detail the Mixed Relay functioning during the Friday's session the day before.

No further questions.

6.4 Rules regarding transgender

The ISMF General Secretary Jordi Canals explains the topic commenting the slides and reporting the attendees the very big concern about this topic. The IOC has set this specific regulation as obligatory for IFs.

The ISMF Athlete Representative Nicolò Canclini intervenes adding that at the moment there are not enough scientific data to take decisions. However, it is necessary to start thinking over it already now even though we should wait for reliable statistics to be published.

Especially women are concerned to know whether a transgender woman will compete in their category. A vote shall be cast in agreement with the feeling everyone has and in accordance with the other IFs did because we have not a basis to analyse yet.

6.4 According art. 15 of the Statutes, the Plenary Assembly authorizes the Task Force for the ISMF Transgender Rules composed by members of the Medical, Athletes, Legal & Safety, Gender Equality and Sports Commission to establish the Transgender Rules of the ISMF according to scientific criteria and the guidelines of the IOC and consensus with other IFs						
In favour	26	Against	0	Abstained	4	APPROVED

7. Approval - Exclusion, withdrawal and admission of National Federations members:

7.1 Full membership

7.1.1 Snow Australia, admission - approval

Ramone Cooper (Snow Australia) introduces himself and its Association stating that they will focus on the Ski mountaineering development as much as possible, as there are no competitions in the country yet because they still have to understand what level of expertise is needed.

7.1.1 To approve the admission of Snow Australia						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

The ISMF and its Plenary Assembly welcome the SA among the members.

7.1.2 Azerbaijan National Ski Federation, withdrawal – information

The ISMF President Regula Meier informs about ANSF withdrawal.

7.1.3 Azerbaijan Winter Sports Federation, admission – approval

Gunel Badalova (AWSF) introduces its federation saying that they will support the athletes to create a strong team. They are focusing on developing winter sports (ski mountaineering, alpine skiing, figure skating and snowboarding)

7.1.3 To approve the admission of Azerbaijan Winter Sports Federation						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

The ISMF and its Plenary Assembly welcome the AWSF among the members.

7.1.4 Corporacion Ski Mountaineering Colombia SKIMOCOL, admission – approval

Helder Navarro (SKIMOCOL) informs the attendees that they are trying to develop winter sports especially after the last Olympic Games. They have the full support of their NOC from the financial point of view, which at the same time let them create an independent organisation. Their goal is to send athletes competing in Europe very soon. They want to focus on sustainability and preservation of the environment because they consider it a fundamental matter.

7.1.4 To approve the admission of Corporacion Ski Mountaineering Colombia SKIMOCOL						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

The ISMF and its Plenary Assembly welcome the SKIMOCOL among the members.

7.1.5 Ski Mountaineering Association of India, status change – approval

The ISMF General Secretary Jordi Canals explains that only a month ago the Sport Ministry in India gave the green light to ISMF for them to become Full Members by providing the necessary documentation.

7.1.5 To approve the status change of Ski Mountaineering Association of India						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

The ISMF and its Plenary Assembly welcome the SMAI among the members.

7.1.6 Finnish Climbing Association, admission – approval

7.1.6 To approve the admission of Finnish Climbing Association						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

The ISMF and its Plenary Assembly welcome the FCA among the members.

7.2 Provisional membership

7.2.1 Ski and Snowboarding Foundation Nepal, status expiration

The ISMF General Secretary Jordi Canals explains that we have three types of members and at the moment Nepal is a provisional member which has right to be so for a term of 4 years. It will be confirmed Full member at the end of this period upon presentation of the NOC's certificate of recognition.

The goal of the ISMF is to reach 50 members before MiCo 2026 Olympic Winter Games. From the perspective of spreading Ski mountaineering worldwide of what said before, the Council proposes to extend the term of one additional year so that their provisional status expires at the PA 2023.

7.2.1 To approve the Council's proposal to extend the provisional membership of one additional year for Ski and Snowboarding Foundation Nepal						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

7.3 Ukrainian Mountaineering and Climbing Federation, admission ratification

Jordi Canals explains the current situation and the relationships now established with the UMCf. As per suggestion of the IOC, the UMCf has been approved as member of the ISMF by the Council, but since the Statutes require an approval by the Plenary Assembly for new memberships, the relevant provisional admission shall be ratified by the latter.

7.3 To ratify the admission of Ukrainian Mountaineering and Climbing Federation						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

The ISMF and its Plenary Assembly welcome the UMFC among the members.

8. Approval - European Council creation

Jordi Canals explains the current situation referring to the discussion of the PA Friday's session following the interesting intervention of USSMA.

The ISMF President Regula Meier says that even if it is approved today obviously the ISMF Council will not be ready and active directly from tomorrow. There will be a transition period from the current to the target situation. The ISMF will focus on setting it up as soon as possible and then make it work as it happens for the Asian and North American one.

The following points were mentioned in the discussion and they need to be clarified:

- Continental Council / European Council (equality among continents, in accordance with the Statutes)
- Organization of Continental Championships (logistics, resources, funding)

Following a short break, the attendees come back and vote in relation to the creation of the European Council:

8. To approve the creation of the European Council						
In favour	14	Against	9	Abstained	7	APPROVED

9. Information - Commissions members elected by the Council

The ISMF President Regula Meier informs that the following members have been elected in the Council meeting on 13 October 2022, namely:

- Equality Commission: Claudia Valero, FEDME (Spain)
- Athlete Entourage Commission: Yungkon You, KAF (South Korea)

10. Council's elections (candidacies announcement):

10.1 President

Presentation made by the candidate Regula Anna Meier-Staffelbach.

10.1 To elect Regula Anna Meier-Staffelbach as President						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	ELECTED

A standing ovation is done after the election of the ISMF President.

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The Brazil NF representative Ionel Suci (CBDN) leaves the meeting, therefore the total voting NFs are now 29.

10.2 Vice-President Treasurer

Presentation made by the candidate James A. Moore.

10.2 To elect James A. Moore as Vice-President Treasurer						
In favour	29	Against	0	Abstained	0	ELECTED

After such election, Hermann Gruber (DAV) leaves the meeting and he is replaced by Yukiyasu Matsuzawa (JMSCA) as teller of the PA. Everyone agrees.

The German NF representative Olaf Tabor (DAV) leaves the session as well (along with two proxies). Therefore now the total voting NFs are 26.

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Then, the President informs the attendees that Josselin Cazaux and the FFME decided to retrieve their candidacy as Vice-President Treasurer, besides to candidate as Council member replacing the vacant place just left by James A. Moore.

The President Regula Meier proposes then:

Do you agree on accepting the candidacy from Josselin Cazaux as Member Association Representative?						
In favour	26	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Presentation made by the candidate Josselin Cazaux.

10.2 To elect Josselin Cazaux as Representative of the Associations inside the ISMF Council						
In favour	26	Against	0	Abstained	0	ELECTED

11. Organ's elections (candidacies announcement):

11.1 International Disciplinary Commission of the ISMF

No candidacy received.

11.2 Compliance office

Short introduction made by the candidate Juan Jesús Ibáñez Martín, who has been working with FEDME for 20 years.

11.2 To elect Juan Jesús Ibáñez Martín as member of the Compliance Office						
In favour	26	Against	0	Abstained	0	ELECTED

12. Recommendation of the IOC regarding the situation Russia and Belarus, approval

Jordi Canals informs that there has been a long and delicate discussion in the Council assuming a legal assessment. The ISMF is uncertain how to move on right now, the recommendations from the IOC have been followed and there could be a new statement soon.

Maxim Soldatkin (RMF) does his speech against the non-participation (segregation and discrimination) of the athletes into the competitions. He therefore asks to come back on this decision and to allow the Russian athletes to participate in the ISMF competitions.

Afterwards, Jordi Canals asks to adopt the recommendations of the IOC:

11.2 To approve the adoption of the recommendations of the IOC regarding the situation Russia and Belarus						
In favour	17	Against	1	Abstained	8	APPROVED

13. Information - Plenary Assembly 2023 in Paris, France

Josselin Cazaux (FFME) introduces Paris as the host location for the Plenary Assembly on 14 October 2023 at the National Olympic Committee's headquarters.

On such occasion, the ISMF President Regula Meier also asks whether any NFs will propose for the 2024 edition and Carlos Pruneda (FEMESKI) informally proposes its NF and the location of Cancun which could be the right city to host a PA thanks to straight flights from all continents. The Office will provide Carlos Pruneda with the further information and the formal documents for supporting the candidacy.

14. Any other business

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There being no other business, the Plenary Assembly concludes at 16:00 with a warm thanks from the ISMF President Regula Meier to the attendees for their collaboration and active participation in the meeting.