



IAU Extraordinary General Congress. Katowice September 7th 2012. 14.30

In Attendance

IAU President, Dirk Strumane and IAU General Secretary Hilary Walker and Representatives of Member Federations attending the IAU 24H World and European Championships 2012.

A majority of the 34 IAU Member Federations attending the IAU 24H World Championships Technical Meeting was present at the Extraordinary Congress held just prior to the Technical Meeting.

Background.

The EGM had been called for the IAU member federations to consider the IAU Executive Council's proposal for an amended constitution to adjust and strengthen our legal position and get the benefits from registering the IAU in Monaco at the IAAF Headquarters. The IAU EC had been working closely with Pierre Weiss on this initiative and his contribution has been extremely valuable. The World Mountain Running Association had been working to similar targets and has recently agreed their new constitution.

Dirk Strumane outlined the issue and the request for the agreement of the IAU Members. The IAU has been in existence for 28 years during which its constitution had been created and revised with the IAU Constitution 2010 as current. However the IAU has never had a legal "home" and the opportunity, through the strong relationship with the IAAF, had recently arisen to resolve the situation by establishing a legal domicile at the IAAF Headquarters in Monaco. The main condition for this was that the IAU Constitution needed to be revised to accord with Monegasque law and EC officers had been working on this with advice over the spring and summer. The draft 2012 Constitution had been inspected by staff at the Monegasque Ministry of State and they advised some minor editorial amendments to the current draft before it is presented to the Monegasque Ministers for ratification. The draft 2012 Constitution does not change the key principles and rules of the current IAU Constitution, rather, it adapts the details to conform to the Monegasque legal framework

Resolution

IAU Members were asked to approve the new 2012 Constitution in principle and to give the IAU Executive Officers the mandate to negotiate the final version of the 2012 Constitution with the Monegasque authorities before signing the new constitution for the IAU to achieve a legal base in Monaco and to replace the current 2010 IAU Constitution.

Conclusion

The IAU Members approved the proposal unanimously and also agreed that Pierre Weiss should be suitably honoured by the IAU for all his work on the IAU's behalf.

The Extraordinary General Meeting closed at 2:50pm.

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Dated 11th September 2012.