



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation will be held on Tuesday 10 May 2011 at 09h00 in the Rotterdam Beurs World Trade Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

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PRESIDENT (Adham Sharara)

Report to the AGM

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The highlight of 2010 must be the inaugural **Youth Olympic Games** in Singapore. I would like to congratulate the Singapore TTA for being instrumental in making the table tennis event a memorable event. I must also congratulate our officials and staff for preparing and implementing a great plan from the qualification events to the actual format of the competition. This was an excellent start and table tennis was one of the most popular events of the Games.

One of the very serious and hot issues these days is the **Online Illegal Betting** issue. This is high on the agenda of the IOC, and has been a serious worry to the ITTF over the past year. The Board of Directors wisely passed new regulations giving to the national associations and to the ITTF the power to withhold permission to players to participate in non-ITTF events. This is necessary in order to ensure that the ITTF and its member associations are not caught unaware condoning the participation of players in events with illegal betting, or any other illegal activity for that matter. In order to protect the integrity of the ITTF we have decided to use the services of the “International Monitoring Service” (IMS) company, which is also used by the IOC and FIFA. The first monitoring for illegal online betting took place at the 2011 German Open, and this will be a regular activity of the ITTF, but at a very high cost. The ITTF will also become a member of the European Sport Security Association (ESSA), which offers “Early Detection” monitoring for the ITTF. This means that the streaming of events must be certified by the ITTF to ensure that the organizers are following the necessary conditions for the detection of illegal betting. The streaming partners of the ITTF have accepted to stream online only ITTF certified events. The ITTF will follow very closely the lead of the IOC in this very serious matter.

The ITTF and TMS jointly have successfully concluded four “**Marketing and Branding**” **agreements** with four continental federations: Oceania (Dec. 2009), Africa (May 2010), Latin America (Dec. 2010) and North America (Dec. 2010). The continental federations have adopted the ITTF logo and are benefiting from new TV exposure, equipment sponsorships, sport-floor sponsorships and in one case already a Title Sponsor. The main continental events are streamlined with the ITTF events, and the ITTF’s Competition Managers and Marketing Division, as well as TMS International are involved with the CF in staging successful and profitable events.

TMS International was successful in sub-licensing the **ITTF Pro Tour** to Total Sports Asia (TSA). In addition, the 2012 ITTF Pro Tour will undergo major changes with a restructure of the Tour itself and the addition of one or two satellite tours, depending on demand.

At this point I would like to thank the UAE-TTA for taking on the staging of an ITTF Pro Tour event in Dubai with less than one-month notice to replace the Kuwait Open due to the suspension of the Kuwait TTA.

The **Professional Staff structure** of the ITTF is an ongoing metamorphosis with several additions, adjustments and realignments. As of 1 June 2011, the CEO functions will be transferred from the President to a staff CEO and a Deputy CEO overseeing the overall professional operations of the ITTF on a day-to-day basis with a team of 4 Executive Directors and a Marketing Director. This new top-tier structure will ensure the further professionalization of the ITTF's programmes and services, while also ensuring continuity with the creation of four Deputy Executive Directors' positions, one for each department. A detailed operational "matrix" will be produced showing the interaction between the professional staff and the elected officials within all our programmes and functions.

The **ITTF regional offices** have been an important link for the delivery of programmes and services. The President's office in Ottawa, which also houses the Education Department and the Information Technology (IT) centre, has moved from an office building to a Sports Centre. Our Asia-Pacific Office, which was located in Shanghai from 2005 to early 2008, then in Beijing from 2008 to January 2011, has now relocated to Singapore due to a very attractive offer from the Singapore government authorities. I would like to thank the Singapore TTA for facilitating this move, and I would also like to thank the Chinese TTA for hosting the ITTF Asia-Pacific office for over 6 years. The ITTF has also been offered a very attractive office in Vienna at the Werner Schlager Academy. This office will be the centre of operations for our Competition Department as well as a strategic delivery point for our marketing activities.

2010 was the most active year as far as **ITTF Programmes** are concerned with more than 60 ITTF competitions (Pro Tour, Junior Circuit, World Title events and special events) were held. Our Development Department and our Education & Training Department delivered a record number of programmes as well.

The preparations for **2012 Olympic Games** had already started in 2010, now all is set and the 2011 ITTF Pro Tour Final will be held in London in November and will be used by LOCOG as the test event for the Olympic Games.

Our **Internet presence** continues to increase with our web ranking still steadily in the top 3 amongst all international sports federations. Our itTV live and on-demand service continues to grow and experiences tremendous success soon reaching the 10 million viewers mark. You will receive from TMS International a monthly count for the month and a cumulative count to keep you informed. With the arrival of our new Media Manager, the ITTF is now very active on the social media network websites. The ITTF is keeping with the times.

I would like to thank my colleagues in the Executive Committee for their work and support, the elected volunteers and committees for their dedication, the Continental Federations for their cooperation, and the ITTF professional staff for their tireless work.

Another year, another challenge!

Respectfully submitted,

Adham Sharara
President

EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT (Mr Yang Shu'an)

Report to the AGM

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The year 2010 was a significant year for table tennis. The 2010 World Team Table Tennis Championships held in Moscow had achieved great success, and many other excellent table tennis activities were held in different parts of the world. In this year, changes were made on the number of entry to the singles events of the Olympic Games as well as the racket control policies. Now I would like to report my work in the past year as follows:

1. International Tournaments in China

I am pleased to see that with my work, the cooperation between ITTF and CTTA is improving year by year. In the year 2010, China fulfilled its responsibility as always and managed to host the following ITTF title events though already being quite busy in staging many domestic events as well as the Super League:

- ITTF Pro-Tour (Suzhou China Open)
- Volkswagen China VS World Team Challenge (Shanghai)
- Volkswagen Cup (Guangzhou)
- World Veteran Championships (Huhhot)
- 2 World Junior Circuits (Chengdu & Taiyuan)

All these events were successfully organized thanks to the joint effort of both the ITTF and the CTTA staff.

2. CTTA International Promotion Plan

In the past few years, I discussed with CTTA officials on the possibilities of helping other associations with their abundant technical resources. My proposal was received positively and the CTTA has worked out “the International Promotion Plan” aiming at providing opportunities for athletes to practise and compete in China with high-level players.

Training Camps

In 2010, several training camps were organised to accommodate the need of foreign players to train with high-level Chinese partners. Before the 2010 ITTF Pro Tour China Open held in August, about 50 foreign players came to Tongzhou, CTTA Table Tennis School, to train with the Chinese national team players. By holding such an elite camp at a very low charge, the CTTA contributed to the promotion of the technical level of the participants.

Introduction of Foreign Teams to China League A

For the first time in history, the CTTA registered in its League A some foreign teams such as the Spanish Boys Team and Japanese Girls Team. This was part of CTTA's efforts to improve the level of players through high-level and intensive competitions in China. In 2011,

the CTTA will continue its effort in promoting table tennis worldwide and strengthen its cooperation with ITTF and other associations.

3. Attendance at ITTF Meetings

In my capacity as ITTF Deputy President, I have attended the following meetings in 2010:

ITTF EC meeting 13 March 2010 Rotterdam, Netherlands.

ITTF EC meeting 22 August 2010 Singapore (during YOG)

Before concluding, I want to deliver my special thanks to the colleagues in the ITTF Executive Committee and other friends in the ITTF family. With your kind cooperation as well as the hard work of all the staff, we had a wonderful year of 2010.

Yang Shu'an
Deputy President

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Khalil Al-Mohannadi)

Report to the AGM

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Areas of responsibility

- World Championships
- World Cup (Team Men and Women, Singles Men and Women)

In my areas of responsibilities, I was in close contact with Judit Faragó, Executive Director (Competitions). As you know we had a very difficult situation regarding the organisation of the 2010 World Championships held in Moscow last year but with the coordinated efforts of all involved, we managed to have very good World Championships.

The very detailed reports from WTTTC and World Cups, produced by the Competition Department are available for information.

Executive Committee Meetings

I attended all three meetings held in:

- Singapore August 2010
- Slovakia December 2010
- Germany February 2011

Representing the ITTF

I had the privilege to represent the ITTF at these 3 events. Attending the SportAccord Convention was a new and very interesting experience.

- 2010 Asian Games
- 2010 World Team Cup
- 2010 SportAccord Convention

Attendance at competition

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| • 2010 WTTTC | Russia |
| • 2010 Olympic Youth Games | Singapore |
| • 2010 Asian Games | China |
| • 2010 World Junior Championships | Slovakia |
| • 2010 World Team Cup | United Arab Emirates |

It is very important for my areas of responsibility to attend as many big events as possible. This is the best opportunity to see where the weak points in the organisation of our biggest events are. Discussion and exchanging ideas with the Executive Director (Competitions) and ITTF Competition Managers have produced many useful proposals for the future.

Attendance at Regional events

- 2010 Arab Team Championships Bahrain
- 2010 Gulf Championships United Arab Emirates
- 2010 Arab Club Championships Lebanon
- 2011 Pro Tour Qatar Open Qatar

Men and women in played in 4 categories at the Arab Team Championships: cadet, junior, youth and senior. The following countries participated: UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Tunis, Algeria, Yemen, Morocco and Kuwait.

The Arab Club Championships had a very big entry with 40 clubs participating (22 men's and 18 women's clubs). Almost all clubs signed one professional player from the best table tennis countries which made the Championships very attractive for spectators.

During my attendance at regional tournaments, I had the opportunity to meet officials from many regional associations. This was a perfect opportunity to exchange information about regional problems, to pass on information about the ITTF and to discuss how the ITTF can help to improve table tennis in the region.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation to the President Mr. Adham Sharara, to my colleagues from Executive Committee and ITTF professional staff for their support and co-operation.

Khalil Al-Mohannadi
Executive Vice-President

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Chérif Hajem)

Report to the AGM

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1. Introduction

First of all, I would like to inform all Table Tennis Family Members that, due to my election on 2009 as ITTF Executive Vice-President, I transferred all powers and duties last year to 1 of the 6 ATTF Executive Vice-Presidents (Mr Khaled El Salhy) after all his colleagues and leaders of National TT Associations in Africa agreed. So, Africa is very proud that this transfer of powers has been seamless, which indicates the high level of maturity of leaders of TT in Africa who always work for a better future.

As I am the representative of the Executive Committee for the activities of the following committees: Rules, Technical and Nominations, the Calendar Working Group and for communications with Africa, I would like to encourage and support the recommendations of these 5 structures which are managed by competent colleagues and declare that it was a big honour for me to attend all their meetings (10) in Moscow in May 2010.

2. Rules Committee

Mr. Rudi Sporrer and his colleagues, with the cooperation of Umpires and Referees Committee, has been very quick to assist all TT leaders with their questions regarding explanations and interpretations of the laws and regulations (equipment, service rule and international eligibility were the majority of these questions). A continuing development is the inclusion of Para TT Rules into ITTF documents.

3. Technical Committee

This Committee presided over by Mr. Graeme Ireland, works very hard in close cooperation with Mrs Judit Faragó (ITTF ED in charge of Competitions), especially during the World Championships, their 2 annual meetings and by exchange of emails regarding technical proposals before the final approval of the ITTF competent committees. The new positive element is that the competition schedule for the world championships is also driven by TMS in order to maximise television opportunities.

4. Nominations Committee

This Committee, supervised by Mr. Chan Foong Keong, proposed several suggestions for the future to define duties and functions of all committees, commissions and working groups, as well as their respective terms of reference and believe that it is time now to put criteria in place to select members in these structures.

5. Calendar Working Group

My colleague Mr. Khaled El Salhy, Chair of the Calendar Working Group, works also in cooperation with the Executive Director (Competitions), as they study first the ITTF world title competitions and ITTF sanctioned events, then all continental, regional and other international events for all categories; they are also in contact with the Veterans Committee and Para Table Tennis Division about their events. For 2010, about 70 competitions were scheduled world-wide (not taking into consideration, competitions from different zones in some continents or friendly international tournaments not scheduled in time by the organisers).

6. Communication with Africa

Activities in Africa, supervised by Mr. Khaled El Salhy with the collaboration of his Deputy President Mr. Henri Djombo and his 4 other EVPs, Mr. Banji Oladapo, Mr. Berthe Bakary, Mr. Philippe Hao Thyn Voon and Mr. Ganief Fataar, have been in evidence in different sectors such as affiliated Associations (47 including the new Mozambique), 20 courses in different zones of Africa, 10 Associations receiving equipment, 1 bronze medal in the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in August (Adem Hmam from Tunisia) with more than 32 girls and 32 boys participating with 7 players from Africa (10%). This was the fruit of many years of work for Mr Mikael Andersson; 1 bronze medal to Africa in the Global Cadet Challenge in India in October with 9 young players from 7 Associations being selected for assistance in 2010 by the Education and Training Department.

I have also to mention the organisation of 2 African competitions: Juniors and Cadets in June in Brazzaville, Seniors in November in Cameroon, 2 ITTF Junior Circuit events (Egypt and Tunisia), 2 ITTF Pro Tours (Egypt and Morocco), 1 Youth African Games (Morocco), as well as the participation of 25 Associations in the World Championships in Moscow. However, very important to mention is that Africa has a new name: "ITTF AFRICA", which means that its income for official competitions from ITTF/TMS increases (three times more), and this will be up to 2016 (example: about US\$15 000 every year for the prize money for about 64 players) without forgetting the quantity and the quality of the equipment, particularly for 2011, coming from big manufacturers for African competitions.

7. Missions performed

Netherlands: 11 to 16 March	ITTF Executive Committee Meeting
Russia: 21 May to 1 June	ITTF Annual General Meeting, BOD and EC
Congo Brazzaville: 29 June to 10 July	representative of the ITTF President at the Junior and Cadet African Championships
Morocco: 25 to 27 July	representative of the ITTF President at the ITTF Pro Tour
Singapore: 17 to 28 August	member of the Jury of the Youth Olympic Games
Mozambique: 14 to 20 October	meeting regarding the African Games in Mozambique in September 2011 (nominated at the

	last moment due to health reasons of the ATTF President)
Germany: 28 October to 2 November	representative of the ITTF President at the Men's World Cup
Cameroon: 21 to 30 November	representative of the ITTF President at the Senior African Championships
Slovakia: 8 to 11 December	Executive Committee and Olympic and Paralympic Commission Meetings

8. Local Visits

I also attended, as Honorary Guest in my country, the 3 following events:

- 8.1 Mini Women's Forum for African Associations speaking in French in January
- 8.2 ITTF Junior Circuit in April
- 8.3 National Ceremony in the honour of Tunisian players, winners of medals on 2010 in October.

9. Conclusion

My thanks to ITTF President, Adham Sharara, to the Ministry of Sport of Tunisia, to all my colleagues in ITTF EC and BOD, to all ITTF PAC members, to ITTF staff in Renens and Ottawa, managed by 4 Executive Directors: Jordi Serra, Glenn Tepper, Judit Faragó and Mikael Andersson as well as to Mr Anders Thunstrom, General Manager of TMS, to the 4 chairs of ITTF committees : Rules (Rudi Sporrer), Technical (Graeme Ireland), Nominations (Chan Foong Keong), Calendar and Africa (Khaled El Salhy), as well as to all their colleagues, full or corresponding members, in particular: Phil Males (Rules), Georgios Seliniotakis (Technical), Abdallah Al Mulla (Nominations) and to all leaders of TT in our 210 National Associations in the 6 continents, without forgetting the players, coaches, umpires, referees, volunteers, people from different media and all our manufacturers, who contributed to place TT in a good position in the world.

Chérif Hajem
Executive Vice-President

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE) (Neil Harwood)

Report to the AGM

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At the time of preparing this report, the financial statements have not been finalised. When these statements are audited, in late March or early April 2011, I will forward my comments with the audited documents. In Moscow, last May, an audit panel was appointed and this panel has met once. A member of the panel will be present during the audits in Lausanne and Ottawa and the panel will meet again in Rotterdam prior to the AGM.

I have not had any direct responsibility for Umpiring and Refereeing since Moscow last year but I still retain an active interest in these functions. I am pleased with the manner in which referee education and accreditation is proceeding with the level of success in courses being high. A review of all aspects regarding education and training of umpires and referees is being undertaken by Mr. Bruce Burton, the former President of both Canada and the North American Federation. Bruce is a university educator of teachers and with his experience and knowledge will, I believe, provide a professional model to revamp the educational aspects of officials.

I have been busy working on preparations for the London Olympic and Paralympic Games. I have been working closely with Mr Jordi Serra, Executive Director of Olympic Games and Operations, the Technical Delegates, Mr Graeme Ireland and Mr Yao Zhenxu. We have a close working relationship with LOCOG Table Tennis Sport Manager, Mr Richard Scruton. One of the positives is that both LOCOG and ITTF regard the Olympic and Paralympic Games as one event and, as a result, the Paralympic Technical Delegate, Mr Nico Verspeelt, is closely involved and so we only have to undertake the preparatory work once.

London presents many challenges particularly as Table Tennis is being staged in a convention centre rather than a sports specific venue and this means that it cannot be converted into an Olympic venue until relatively close to the commencement of competition. Preparations have been hampered by financial issues associated with budgetary constraints and the global financial crisis. I am hopeful that all the venue issues will be resolved by the completion of the Test Event in late November 2011.

An aspect that I am pleased to be able to report is that athletes with an intellectual disability will be readmitted to Paralympic competition following their withdrawal after the Sydney Games. A measurable classification system has been developed and introduced to ensure fairness. Key Para Table Tennis volunteers have worked very hard in conjunction with a Belgium university and the IPC to develop this classification system and I thank them for their work.

The Competition Schedules for both Olympic and Paralympic Games are finalised, qualifications systems are settled and the appointment of Technical Officials has commenced with the final appointments to be made at the Olympic and Paralympic Commission Meeting in Bahrain in December 2011.

I have continued to work closely with the Para Table Tennis Division. I am pleased that almost all the technical aspects for PTT competition are now included in the ITTF Handbook. Integration is proceeding steadily but not as quickly as I would like, therefore I ask all Continental Federations and National Associations to become actively involved to facilitate this change.

I attended the Para World Table Tennis Championships in Gwangju, Korea, where the hosts made the event an outstanding success, this provided a good example of what can be done with Para and able-bodied sporting bodies working together. The one downside from my point of view was racket control. The appointed Racket Controllers did a very good job but the problem is that we continue to focus our efforts at the very top level of our sport where the players have direct access to manufacturers. The general players at PTT and more remote levels in able-bodied competition are left trying to understand what is happening. Even some racket coverings purchased from reputable retailers in Europe did not meet our specifications when tested immediately after being taken out of the packaging in which they were bought. Racket Control is an area that must be resolved quickly making our sport easier to understand, predictable and consistent resulting in our players being more comfortable and able to focus on the game.

I represented the ITTF at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi and was chair of the Jury at the Olympic Youth Games in Singapore and also at the Commonwealth Games.

I thank my colleagues on the Executive Committee and all the staff of the ITTF for their ongoing support during the past year.

Neil Harwood
Executive Vice-President (Finance)

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Koji Kimura)

Report to the AGM

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I attended to following official meetings during World Table Tennis Championships 2010 in Moscow, from 23 to 30 May 2010, as a member of the Executive Committee:

- On 22, 24 and 30 May – the EC meeting
- On 25 May – the Olympic and Paralympic Commission
- On 26 May – the Annual General Meeting
- On 28 May – the Board of Directors Meeting
- On 25 May – the Equipment Committee
- On 29 May – the Sports Science Committee

I liaise with the Equipment and Sports Science committees and it was meaningful for me to attend these committees' meetings in person and hear opinions from members directly.

2010 Volkswagen China vs World Team Challenge

After the WTTC in Moscow, I went to Shanghai, China, to attend 2010 Volkswagen China vs World Team Challenge which was held from 29 to 30 June 2010 as a representative of the ITTF EC. China's men's and women's teams each won with the score 5-0 in the final games and they showed off their high performance and strong motivation for victory. This was because the women's team lost the final game at the WTTC in Moscow against the Singapore team.

The Korean junior player, Kim Min Seok, got 3 points from China and won. He was 17 years old and his performance was enough to anticipate his future success in the world. The event ran smoothly through good cooperation between the Chinese Association and ITTF competition staff.

The 1st Youth Olympic Games

I attended the 1st Youth Olympic Games in Singapore from 14 to 26 August 2010, and inspected table tennis event from 21 to 26 August. There were future promising young players from many countries and regions whom we expect to achieve success in big events such as the World Championships and Olympic Games. Their fresh and high performances impressed me and I acquired greater experience of this significant event.

It may have had a good influence on players during the Pre-Competition Training Camp that ex World Champion Gatien (France) was invited. This training was held just before the event and was very popular with the players. Another noteworthy reason for young players' great success is the Junior and Cadet Events which the ITTF organised all over the world and these influenced young players to come up big.

I also attended EC meeting on 22 August 2010 during the YOG.

ITTF Para Table Tennis World Championships

I attended ITTF Para Table Tennis World Championships in Gwangju, Korea as ITTF Asia EC member. The event was held from 27 October to 2 November 2010 and I joined the event from 28 to 31 October. It was the first time for me in my Table Tennis life to inspect Para TTWC and I was surprised to see their wide variety of technical work, motivation for victory and the extensive wave of friendship after the event. I learned about players' classification, competition rules, management of events from Messrs. Harwood, Eriksen, Verspeelt and Scruton. Also, I joined the team representatives' meeting and it was meaningful.

World Junior Table Tennis Championships in Bratislava

I attended the EC Meeting and Olympic and Paralympic Commission held during the World Junior Table Tennis Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia from 4 to 11 December 2010. I watched competition as often as I found time apart from attending meetings, and appreciated watching young players from outside Asia and Europe coming to forefront. This means Table Tennis is expanding the field to whole world.

Special note from the point of view of Equipment Committee: Some top players are using boosters which change the rubber to increase spin and speed. We cannot detect this booster by RAE at this stage and need to set up countermeasures to keep the rules on a fair and equitable basis.

In addition to above, as a person in charge of Communication and Relations I kept contact with the ATTU and associations in Asia to hear their opinions directly.

I will attend EC meeting which will be held in Dortmund on 26 February 2011 host of the 2012 World Table Tennis Championships.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to EC members, ATTU officials, and ITTF staff who support my activities.

Koji Kimura
Executive Vice-President

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (MELECIO EDUARDO RIVERA)

Report to the AGM

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There can be no doubt that 2010 was a year of consolidation for the important changes that our President **Mr. Adham Sharara** has been making to the **ITTF** structure since 2009 in the areas of Continental Development, the restructuring of the Competition Department, the tools of Communication, the Promotion of our sport, Racket Control and in the creation of the Education and Training Department. All of the above are highly significant changes, marking a very important stage of expansion for our organisation, whose positive results can already be seen. As Executive Vice-President, our main role has been to help give this task a boost, primarily by taking care of the areas delegated to us when we joined the Executive Committee.

For my part, since the day of the vote by the **AGM in Yokohama 2009** for us to join the EC in the restructuring comprised of representatives from all continents, I continued to run, at the same time, the **Latin American Continental Federation (LATTU)**, up until 15 May 2010, when I passed on this responsibility to the Deputy President. Thus, the change that was scheduled to be smooth and without major upheavals has been made with considerable success, since the projects and new policies that have been implemented have continued without major problems.

During this period, I have dealt personally with matters concerning the areas that were delegated to me by our President, which are as follows:

1. **Latin America.** Communications and relations have been very intense in a range of aspects, particularly in the advice on the implementation of the new figure of the **ITTF – TMS – LATTU Agreement** supporting the Marketing area and TV broadcasting of two special events on this Continent in 2011, which are expected to mark a substantial change in the vision of these topics in Continental development.
2. **North America.** Although communications and relations have not been very intense, any time something has come up it has always been dealt with.

I must make special mention of the efforts made to follow through all of the preparations being made by the respective **Organising Committees** to set up our sport at the next **Pan American Sport Games Guadalajara 2011 (October 2011)** which has required several visits to the area and constant attention to questions about equipment, rules, required personnel and others.

3. **Development Program.** Care has been taken to pay special attention to this very important area for the ITTF. The success it is enjoying is thanks to the excellent direction of Mr. **Glenn Tepper** and his staff of officials who work so professionally. All the goals set in this program are being met very satisfactorily. There can be no doubt that very important progress is being made each year.

4. **ITTF Museum.** The work being carried out in this area by **Chuck Hoey**, its **Curator**, has been excellent and ongoing. Any visitor can appreciate his efforts to continue to improve it and the only thing that we can do is to support him as much as possible. The Museum is enjoying unquestionable success by gathering all the great history of our sport, its leaders and great athletes.

Within my duties, I can report that I attended all the meetings I was required to attend:

- * Executive Committee meeting in **Rotterdam, Holland** from 12 to 15 March 2010.
- * During the **Moscow World Championships**, from 22 May to 2 June 2010, I attended the meetings of the **EC, BOD, AGM, OC**.
- * In the framework of the **1st Youth Olympic Games in Singapore** from 18 to 27 August 2010, I attended the Executive Committee Meeting and formed part of the panel of judges of the event.
- * Executive Committee Meeting from 8 to 12 December 2010 in **Bratislava, Slovakia**.

To end this report, I wish to extend my special thanks to **President Sharara** and my colleagues on the Executive Committee, as well as to all the members of the staff of **ITTF** and officials for their ongoing support over this period. There can be no doubt that 2010 has been a very special year for Table Tennis and its development. Our member Associations have been the main actors in this, so we also extend our special thanks to them.

Melecio Eduardo Rivera
Executive Vice-President

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Petra Sörling)

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After my election as an Executive Vice-President in 2009, I was assigned responsibility for a couple of focus areas in addition to my general duties within the Executive Committee.

FOCUS AREAS

Global Junior Program

I am happy to continue following our future, the youth. For many years, the Junior Commission has been in Tony Yue's good hands, assisted by his dedicated and professional staff members, Raúl Calín and Polona Susin. Last year, the World Junior TT Championships returned to Europe and the Slovak association. The competition in Bratislava was, as expected, very well organised.

The Global Cadet Challenge is one of the most popular and interesting projects in the Global Junior Program. This project has truly been a success from the beginning, bringing together very young players from all over the world to represent continental teams. The Global Cadet Challenge has the same history as the ITTF Global Junior Programme and in its 9th year, the event was hosted in Hyderabad, India. This tournament is so much more than an ordinary table tennis tournament, which also was confirmed this time in so many ways thanks to the Table Tennis Federation of India.

Women's Working Group

ITTF WWG annual meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur during the Women's World Cup. The meeting was a direct continuation of the strategic workshops conducted in late 2009 and each continental member of the group submitted a report. The outcome of the presentation was that, in spite of undoubted progress, there is still a lack of communication on all levels, including within the WWG itself. Moreover, the WWG will continue striving for the implementation of the goals that were identified in Johannesburg 2009 and find ways to attract men to get active in the Women's Development Program. The ITTF WWG in 2010, led by Hajera Kajee, has the perfect combination of experience and youth together with a strong will and determination and is a very solid foundation for success.

During the Women's World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, I chaired the now traditional players' meeting. This year we added a seminar about how to deal with media from a players' point of view. It was a very interactive meeting with fruitful discussions and together with the "new" Athletes Commission, I am sure we will be able to co-operate on a broader level.

Education & Training

2010 has been a busy and challenging “Youth Olympic Games year” for the newest department in the ITTF, Education & Training led by the experienced Mikael Andersson. A lot of YOG related initiatives were successfully taken by this department such as active involvement in the qualification and preparation phase; Future Spin, an educational magazine prepared for the YOG, and not to forget the official training camp organised prior to the competition. This department also launched a Young Umpires Project connected to the YOG, and I will not be surprised if this format will be transferred to other areas as well. In connection with this, the ITTF Hopes program has continued and still attracts a lot of young players from all over the world. The FUTURE of Table Tennis was on the agenda at the CAR Training Center, Barcelona last May. The Hello Future conference attracted some 60+ participants listening to a number of interesting speakers’ discussing various topics ranging from racket control to marketing strategies.

Staff structure

I have assisted our President and also had the pleasure of being part of the recruiting process of our new Media Manager, and Departments Program Manager as well as the re-organisation of the ITTF’s staff structure.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Since last AGM in Moscow, I participated in all the meetings of the EC:

- 22 August 2010 in Singapore
- 9 December 2010 in Bratislava, Slovakia
- 26 February 2011 in Dortmund, Germany

I represented the ITTF at the following events:

- Women’s World Cup and WWG meeting in October 2010 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Global Cadet Challenge and Global Junior Circuit final in November 2010 in Hyderabad, India
- World Junior TT Championships in December 2010 in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Finally, I would like to thank the President and my colleagues on the Executive Committee for your support and the Continental Vice-Presidents, Board of Directors’ members and committee/working group members for your kind co-operation. Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to our professional staff: *It is always a pleasure to work together with you!*

Petra Sörling

Executive Vice-President

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (Thomas Weikert)

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During my second year as an Executive Vice-President I attended all EC meetings in Rotterdam, Moscow, Singapore and Bratislava.

In addition, I represented the ITTF at the China Open in Suzhou, August 2010, as well as at two other ITTF events, namely the Men's World Cup in Magdeburg and the Volkswagen Cup in Braunschweig, both in Germany. I also acted as the host for Germany.

As from June 2010, my work mainly, among others tasks, concentrated on the following areas:

- Implementation of the rules for the Athletes Commission, in particular checking these rules and drawing up further procedures and guidelines for the first elections during the World Championships in Rotterdam. My thanks again go to Claude Bergeret who has contributed a considerable amount of work and, among other things, also organised two players' meetings on the occasion of the two World Cups.

In the players' meeting during the World Cup in Magdeburg, I also participated. It is extremely important to have a frequent exchange of ideas with our top athletes in order to discuss those problems and matters which affect the players. Undoubtedly, involving the players in the structuring of our sport will be further intensified by the Athletes' Commission.

- Further improvement in presenting our events with regard to an even more professional organisation.
- Introduction and implementation of the rules on racket control: there is still a lot to be done in this area, as all those concerned with the implementation have to be made more aware of the challenges and procedures.
- Together with our President, I have intensely dealt with the subject "Illegal betting and how to prevent it". Among other things, Mr Sharara and I took part in an IOC seminar in Lausanne. Betting belongs to sport and thus has to be accepted - if the betting business is operated in a legal way, it may well contribute in financing all kinds of sport. Illegal betting, however, and particularly the wide-spread or at least possible manipulation of matches must be fought with all the means we have at our disposal and must be prevented. In order to ensure this, we will first have certain events being monitored by an outside company, which has already worked with the IOC. As an additional measure, we will have the streaming certified. We aim to develop rules and include them in the ITTF Regulations in 2011.

Our sport must stay clean! That remains our most important objective, which will play an especially important role in developing table tennis and in inspiring young people in all parts of the world to participate in the game.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the President and my colleagues in the EC for their wonderful and productive cooperation. Furthermore, my thanks go to all honorary and fulltime colleagues worldwide with whom I had the honour to collaborate. It has been a great pleasure to further develop our sport together with you.

Thomas Weikert
Executive Vice-President

AFRICA

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First of all, I would like to thank my dear friend, Mr Chérif Hajem, who took care of the ATTF as President for about 14 years from a total of more than 35 years full of service and work for Table Tennis in Africa in order to promote it and to compete well with other Continents.

The number of member Associations in ITTF/ATTF is now 46 and very soon will become 47.

I have the pleasure to represent the ATTF since the previous ITTF AGM in the following:

- ITTF Development & Continental Council – Moscow, May 2010
- ITTF Development & Continental Council – Bratislava, December 2010

The African activities for the year 2010 were as follows:

African Juniors & Cadet Championships

These were held in Congo Brazzaville in June 2010 with 14 participating Associations, in which the African Cadet Team was selected together with qualifiers who represented Africa in the World Junior Championships. Congo Brazzaville showed again its good organization with an open atmosphere for attracting marketing and sponsors for our African events.

1st African Youth Games

The same model was used for preparation for the Singapore Youth Games held in Morocco in July 2010 with the same rules for 1 male player and 1 female player for each African Association and the same cut-off age limit (1994-1995), 13 participating NOCs which was a very good number compared with other sports. I am so proud that Table Tennis got the statement of ANOCA for the best technical organization and display to media form among all other sports with our longest period for competition running for 6 days from the total 7 days of such Games.

ITTF-Africa Seniors Championships

These were held in Cameroon in November 2010 with 14 participating Associations, the 1st event under the new agreement of marketing and promotion with TMS which certainly raised our ceiling of professional organization and TV coverage, plus also ensured the participation of all top players and countries. ATTF recognised Cameroon as one of the best possible hosts for African TT events in the future due to their good organization, super complex and infrastructure.

African participation and top results on the International Scene:

- 10 Associations took part in the WTTC – Moscow 2010, and the top ranked teams were Nigeria (31), Egypt (33) and Congo Brazzaville (51) in the Men's Team event while for the Women's Team, they were Egypt (38), Congo Brazzaville (49) and Nigeria (54).

- 8 players represented Africa in Singapore Youth Olympic Games (5 boys and 3 girls) which is a very good number from 7 Associations (Egypt, Nigeria, Algeria, Tunisia, Mauritius, Malawi and Congo Brazzaville). Africa was on the podium of winners in sharing the bronze medal for the Mixed Team event for Adem Hmam from Tunisia, not forgetting the super performance of Ojo Onaolapo from Nigeria who qualified for the top 8 players in the Boy's Singles.
- The African Cadet Team participated successfully in the GCC in India in November 2010, being on the podium with a Bronze medal in the Boy's Team.
- Yang Fen from Congo Brazzaville represented Africa in the Volkswagen Women's World Cup in Malaysia in September 2010 where she won the Intercontinental Cup and qualified for the main group stage.
- The Nigerian (Men) and Congo Brazzaville (Women) teams represented Africa in the UAE World Team Cup Classic in September 2010, both won the Intercontinental Cup and qualified for the main round of quarter-finals.
- Saka Suraju from Congo Brazzaville represented Africa in the Liebherr Men's World Cup in Germany in October 2010.
- Egypt was the only representative from Africa in the World Junior Championships in Slovakia in December 2010, winning 9th position in the Girl's Team 11th in the Boy's Team.
- The best result for Africa in the Pro Tour events was for Sayed Lashin from Egypt who won the Bronze medal in the Men's Singles twice in the Egypt Open (July 2010) followed by the Morocco Open (July 2010). In the U21, Mohamed T. El-Sobky from Egypt won the Gold medal & Omar Assar won the Bronze medal in YBS in Morocco Open (July 2010) as well.
- The best result for African in the Junior Circuit events was for Dina Meshref from Egypt who won the Silver medal in the Girl's Singles in Malta Open (March 2010), she qualified for GJC Final for Girl's Singles together with Khalid Assar from Egypt for the Boy's Singles in India in November 2010, in which Khalid Assar won the Bronze medal in BS while Dina Meshref came 10th in GS.

Development in Africa

Development in Africa continues to grow, all allocated programs (courses, camps, equipment distribution) were completely successful to promote table tennis in Africa and to help many Associations to stand on a solid ground. Thanks to all Course Conductors and Camps Experts who came to Africa in 2010 who did a very professional job in a difficult financial situation for most Associations, and sincere thanks to BUTTERFLY, STAG and TINSUE-FLOOR companies for their great support for our Associations and Competitions.

Final conclusion

I have to say that ATTF could not realise all such activities, competitions and results without the full support of ITTF with its all departments and staff. Thanks to Mr Adham Sahara, ITTF President, for his continuous efforts for Table Tennis. Thanks to TMS (Anders, Christian and Steve) for their wonderful support in providing a model of promotion and marketing for our

sport in Africa. Thanks to the Competition Department. (Judit, Raúl, Didier and Karl) for their professional work with us in our African events. Thanks to the Education and Training Department (Mikael) for his tireless efforts to support our talented players in Africa all the time. Thanks to the Development Department (Glenn, Leandro and Polona) for supporting all Associations despite a lack of communication most of the time in Africa to fulfill all aspects and to provide success to the development programs. Thanks finally to the Operations and Administration sector (Jordi, Alison, Etsuko, Habiba and Violet) and special thanks to the professionals (Ian and Mo) as well.

Khaled El-Salhy

Continental President: ATTF

ASIA

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1. Membership

The Asian Table Tennis Union has 43 affiliated member associations at present.

2. Competitions and Participation Trends

World Championships: Two world championships were staged in Asia over the past year. One was the 15th World Veteran Championships which was held in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, autonomous region of China from 7 to 12 June 2010. Cherished as a great reunion by the veteran players all over the world, the event was also a chance to test their persistence of our beloved sport. The other was the 2010 ITTF Para Table Tennis World Championships which were held in Gwangju, Korea from 27 October to 2 November 2010.

World Cup: Asia staged 2 world cups during the year. The 2010 Volkswagen Women's World Cup was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in September 2010 and the World Team Cup was held in Dubai, UAE in the same month.

Pro Tour Open: In 2010, Asia staged the largest number of Pro Tour opens. The 7 stops in Asia included the Qatar Open, Kuwait Open, India Open, Japan Open, Korea Open, China Open and KAL Cup ITTF Pro Tour Final in Seoul, Korea.

ITTF Junior Circuit: 6 ITTF Premium Junior Circuits were staged in Asia, including the Junior & Cadet Open in Bahrain, Chengdu (China), Taiyuan (China), Korea, Hong Kong and the 2010 Global Cadet Challenge and Global Junior Circuit Final in Hyderabad, India.

ATTU-Title Events: Among 4 ATTU-Title Events, 2010 witnessed 3 of them being completed successfully. Evergrande Real Estate 2010 Asian Cup was held in Guangzhou, China from 26 to 28 March 2010. The Asian Junior Championships were held in Bangkok, Thailand from 19 to 25 July 2010. The 2010 Euro-Asia All Star Challenges were held in Beijing, China and in Mons, Belgium.

Other Important Events: With the focus on youth, the first **Youth Olympic Games** was held in Singapore from 21 to 26 August 2010; two of its Asian qualification events were held in Bahrain and Thailand. The Table Tennis event at the YOG attracted 64 players from 45 countries. It was such a wonderful chance for youth table tennis players to experience the Olympic atmosphere in their early life.

The 16th **Asian Games** were staged in Guangzhou, China, from 13 to 20 November 2010 followed by the **Asian Para Games** from 12 to 19 December 2010. The other important events include **China vs. World** in Shanghai, China, **Volkswagen 2010 Cup** in Guangzhou, China, the **2010 Korea Hopes Challenge** in Pohang, Korea and the **2010 Commonwealth Games** in New Delhi, India.

3. Participation Trends

Various events attracted players of all levels, genders and ages. In particular, women, disabled and veteran players made a number records of participating in 2010 events. The spirit and performances embodied impressed both spectators and the audiences.

4. Development Initiatives

In 2010, the Chinese TTA Equipment Assistance Plan was successfully concluded. 10 member associations of ATTU received assistance of TT equipment from CTTA worth around USD \$50,000, including 87 tables, 600 rackets and 100 rubbers. These 10 member associations are Table Tennis Associations of Mongolia, Hong Kong, Thailand, Cambodia, India, Maldives, Jordan, Iraq, Iran and Tajikistan.

5. Marketing Initiatives

ATTU designated IEC Company as its TV promoter, designated the Triomphe Sports Flooring as the official Sports Flooring for ATTU-Title Events and designated Andro Company to be its Sports Clothing Sponsor.

6. Relations with Continental Organisations

Through the joint efforts of the ETTU and ATTU, the Euro-Asia All Star Challenges were successfully staged in Asia and in Europe respectively in 2010. In 2011, ATTU will continue its cooperation with ETTU on the same series events.

7. A particular highlight

The ATTU website (www.attu.org) came to fruition in 2010. It covered all ATTU-title events and ATTU various meetings, provided a download function for its member associations' convenience. Its diversified interactive communication ways proved effective among all levels of TT organisations. It works as a database for all concerned.

8. Recommendations for ITTF to consider

Working as an ITTF partner, the ATTU wishes to develop a closer relationship with ITTF in the coming year, 2011. The ATTU wants to get more involved in the discussion of rule changes and other development trends of the ITTF.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to all the ITTF leading officials and staff, my colleagues in other continents, the ATTU EB members and all the ATTU member associations for the support and cooperation over the past year.

Cai Zhenhua

Continental President: ATTU

EUROPE

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1. Member basis

The total membership of the ETTU is at present 56 Associations.

2. Competitions

Since the AGM in Moscow, the ETTU has organised the European Championships in Ostrava, Czech Republic, with 39 men's teams and 34 women's teams participating. The European Youth Championships were organised in Istanbul, Turkey, with 156 teams spread as follows: 42 junior boys teams, 34 junior girls teams, 41 cadet boys teams and 39 cadet girls teams. In addition to these major events, ETTU organised the EURO-ASIA event in Mons, Belgium, the Super Cup in Ekaterinburg, Russia, the Youth TOP-10 in Schwechat, Austria, and the Senior TOP-12 in Liège, Belgium. I take this opportunity to thank all organisers for the job well done.

3. Development initiatives

The development area was completely restructured. Instead of focusing on top level players, ETTU is now offering training camps for boys and girls under the age of 12. During these camps, the players not only have the opportunity to train, but also their coaches are able to get involved in the daily routine and are taught by experienced coaches. Usually these camps are open for some 30-40 kids of which 50% are girls.

4. Marketing Initiatives

ETTU was very proud to announce that during the last season, a new partnership was entered into with a well known company TRIUMPH. With their help ETTU hopes to improve the quality of their organisation as well as to secure new sponsors. The cooperation with the LAOLA company turned out to be positive and well appreciated by the associations.

5. Relations with Continental organisations

Since introducing the EURO-ASIA event, the cooperation with the continental association of Asia is a very close one. Regular visits to organisers of ETTU events, brings me in close contact with the national governments as well as to the national Olympic committees.

6. Integration of Women and Disabled

At its meeting held in December 2010 in Bratislava, the ETTU EB nominated Mrs. Dorte Kronsell as the responsible person for disabled players. A first meeting with the ITTF PTT took place during the TOP-12 in Liège.

7. Particular highlight

Marketing contract sealed with the world renowned company, TRIUMPH.

8. Recommendations for ITTF to consider

ITTF should try to improve the calendar situation by informing the Continental Unions earlier and thus avoid last minute changes which cause difficulties with the calendars of Continental Unions as well as of national associations.

Stefano Bosi

Continental President: ETTU

LATIN AMERICA

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1. THE PROCESS CONTINUES

The Latin American Table Tennis Union has been involved in an ongoing process since 2007, when the LATTU Executive Committee was appointed in the city of Guarulhos, Brazil, under the leadership of Mr. Melecio Rivera. The process has been a success for the development of table tennis in the region, with excellent results held in high consideration by ITTF and the Member Countries of this important organisation.

The appointment of Mr. Rivera as ITTF Vice-President in Yokohama in 2009 opened up a very important phase for our continent, as it is the first time in the history of LATTU that a Latin American has held a seat on the ITTF Executive Committee.

In May 2010, I was appointed LATTU President, having served as Deputy President of the organisation since 2007, when I was voted on to this Executive Committee with Mr. Rivera.

The continuity of the programmes, defined at the outset and implemented in conjunction with ITTF as the respective terms of office have come and gone, has yielded positive results. Clear progress has been made in several technical and administrative areas, typical of the meticulous planning adopted across our region in coordination with ITTF.

We keep our target constantly in sight, never losing track of it, because our goal is to bring our sport to every corner of Latin America and make daily progress in each and every one of the areas involved.

Following Latin America's world successes, as was the case of the World Junior Championships held in Cartagena, Colombia in December 2009, in addition to the diverse Pro-Tours and World Circuits the length and breadth of our continent in recent years, we have developed the motivation to keep growing and to offer the venues in many of our countries to ITTF and the world for the hosting of outstanding events.

2. STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE SCHEDULED PROGRAMMES

It brings us great satisfaction to confirm completion of all of the Latin American programmes scheduled internally in each of the three regions of our continent: South America, Central America and the Caribbean, as well as at Continental level. Looking at individual regions, we can report that each of the above confederations met their schedules down to every last detail.

At Continental level, we can confirm compliance with all of the plans in the schedule for Latin America and in the projects that have been clearly defined for years. The latter have the essential ingredient of having the entire development process agreed with ITTF down to the finest detail. Without the input of our highest authority, it would be impossible to achieve our goals.

Significant examples to report include completion of the ITTF-PTT Level 1 and Level 2 Coach Education courses, courses for umpires and courses for women, all boosted by contributions from great instructors from all over the world.

The development of our sport can be observed by the hosting of the six (6) World Junior Circuit events in six countries in the region, namely Venezuela, Chile, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala and Argentina, with a large number of participants from our continent, Europe and even Asia. The training camps held alongside them, under the direction of leading exponents of table tennis in Europe and in the company of top Latin American coaches, have raised the level of Latin America's athletes and coaches. Our athletes are eager to move up in the ITTF ranking while our coaches want to see progress in their LATTU classification, thus bridging the gap with the world's leading countries in our sport.

The equipment arranged with ITTF for Latin American countries was delivered in full. This has allowed several of our countries to use proper equipment and they are now working hard with it to train highly competitive athletes.

All this has been made possible due to strict compliance with the parameters set down in the ITTF-LATTU Agreement of Understanding for 2009-2012. The staff of ITTF carry out an ongoing task to find the best use for resources, maximising them in order to ensure the greatest benefit for all regions.

3. NEW ITTF-TMS-LATTU AGREEMENT FOR SIX (6) YEARS

This Agreement was signed in Bratislava, Slovakia, on the occasion of the World Junior Championships. With this agreement, ITTF and TMS will sponsor special events in Latin America with a view to producing high quality competitions that will be broadcast on intercontinental television channels. Thanks to this magnificent project, next March will see us hosting the first ITTF-Latin American Cup in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with the participation of the top twelve men and top twelve women of our continent, including athletes from the senior, U-21 and U-18 age groups. It promises to be a magnificent event both for the global coverage it will receive and for its cash prizes, classification for the World Cup and the World Ranking points that will be awarded.

The other event that will be covered by this project in 2011 will be the Senior Latin American Championships and Pan American Qualifier, scheduled to take place in late May in Guadalajara, Mexico, home of the Pan American Games.

The year 2012 will see coverage of the Latin American Cup and Olympic Qualifying Tournament, another great event that will be attended by all the countries of our region. In the years to follow, the organisation of two (2) annual events under this project will continue. These are the ITTF-Latin American Cup and the Latin American Senior Championships of each term, which will be sure to catapult Latin American Table Tennis to the rest of the world.

4. TOP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The essential ingredient in the successful completion of the various planned projects has been Latin America's excellent relations with ITTF. The unconditional support of President Sharara, who decided long ago to support this whole change, has been key to our achievements. His leadership and direction on many occasions have opened eyes and paths that previously seemed closed. We extend our special thanks to him and are in his eternal debt for what has been done for our countries.

Other essential ongoing contributions include those from important ITTF executives, such as Ms. Judit Farago, Executive Director of Competitions, Mr. Jordi Serra, ITTF Executive Director, Mr. Glenn Tepper, Director of Development Programmes, Mr. Raúl Calín, Competition Director for Junior Events, Mr. Mikael Andersson, Executive Director of Education and Training, Mr. Leandro Olvech, Development Programme Manager for Latin America, Ms. Alison Burchell, Executive Director of Operations, Mr. Ian Marshall, Publications editor and Ms. Etsuko Enami, Operations Manager. To each and every one of them, we would like to extend our most sincere thanks for the invaluable assistance afforded to Latin America and to the rest of the world.

We would also like to mention the excellent relationships we maintain with other continental organisations, especially the North American Table Tennis Union (NATTU), with whom we share events allowing us to obtain joint classifications and programmes. Through these close relations, we have been able to strengthen the ties between the two (2) continental organisations and see how they join forces in pursuit of the major goals designed for each region.

Relations with the other continental presidencies are equally friendly and cordial, which is why the identification and camaraderie between our populations grows stronger by the day, combined with the greater understanding between our leaders.

I would also like to thank my colleagues on the LATTU Executive Committee, each and every one of the national federations of Latin America, with their Presidents and Executive

Committees, Mr. Melecio Rivera for his firm contribution, his leadership as President of LATTU and now as Vice-President of ITTF and his incalculable contribution to the international positioning of LATTU.

To end this report, I would like to stress what a pleasure it is to work in an international federation such as ours, full of great men with altruistic thoughts and a clear philosophy of how we can best live together despite our different languages, traditions and outlooks on life, united by our love of our sport and the desire to contribute the best of our knowledge and possibilities throughout the world. I hope that the proliferation of values and virtues in each of us is the goal that allows us to share daily life together in this world of table tennis.

We will keep pushing on with enthusiasm and determination in pursuit of our achievements, because every day there is a target within our reach.

Jairo Orlando Páez H.
Continental President: LATTU

NORTH AMERICA

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In 2010, the North American Table Tennis Union, NATTU, continued to enjoy the benefits of ITTF Development support. Both Canada and the USA remain committed to work cooperatively for the benefit and growth of Table Tennis which ultimately will be mutually beneficial.

From 2 – 13 August 2010, a delegation of 19 athletes and 6 coaches, representing NATTU, participated in a China Training Camp that was conducted at the Zhengding Training Center in China.

NATTU was pleased to have Ariel Hsing (USA) qualify to compete in girl's singles in the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in Singapore where she joined LATTU representative, Axel Gavilan (PAR) in the mixed doubles.

From 4 – 11 September 2010, an ITTF Level 1 Coaching Certification Course was conducted in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA with Glenn Tepper, Executive Director (Development), serving as the Course Conductor. A total of 22 coaches passed the Level 1 Certification and 11 coaches from this group passed the Course Conductor Course. NATTU looks forward to seeing additional ITTF Level 1 Courses being run on the continent and to staging a Level 2 Course in 2012.

From 8 – 12 September 2010, as part of the NATTU – ITTF Agreement, we participated in the Ecuador Junior Circuit that was also the Pan Am Qualification for the Cadet Challenge Cup. The Ecuador Junior Circuit was followed by a 3 day training camp. This event proved to have good results for NATTU with 3 athletes and 2 coaches qualifying for the 2010 Cadet Challenge Cup.

From 27 October 7 November 2010, NATTU athletes participated in the Cadet Challenge Cup in Hyderabad, India. As part of the Pan American Team, Ariel Hsing placed 3rd in the Cadet singles.

From 22 – 25 November 2010, NATTU conducted a Women's Development Training Camp in Rockville, Maryland, USA where a total of 4 women and 1 coach from each nation participated. Both CAN and the USA are committed to the development of female athletes and leaders within NATTU and are grateful for the ITTF support in this area.

In December 2010, while in Bratislava for the World Junior Championships, NATTU entered into a contractual agreement with TMS International and the ITTF that is focused on

broadcasting and marketing events in the next 5 years. The significance of this agreement is that all sides are committed to improving and enhancing the quality of competitions within NATTU. Further, the goal is to see that the events are professionally presented with the result being a dramatic increase in the exposure of Table Tennis within NATTU. This will result in an anticipated increase in the positive image of the sport that will ultimately lead to overall growth and future development. NATTU remains grateful to both the ITTF and TMS for their understanding and support of the uniqueness of the conditions that are present within the continent as we now become partners with common goals and objectives.

Compliments are again in order for the quality and professionalism that characterise ITTF meetings organised in Moscow and Bratislava where NATTU representation was realised. The vision and leadership qualities displayed in our volunteers and staff remains exemplary and encourages those within the continents to reach for and attain ambitious goals and results.

Michael D. Cavanaugh
Continental President: NATTU

OCEANIA

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The year 2010 will become famous as OTTF is now the first Continental Federation with 100% of its countries/territories to be affiliated. It was also noticeable with the excellent work done by our Development Officer that Oceania once again secured the leading position for the ITTF Development Program bonus points. Other major successes were securing numerous sponsorship agreements for the 2011 ITTF-Oceania Cup as well as conducting a first successful marketing course.

1. Development

This is the leading activity of the OTTF thanks to Scott Houston, our Development Officer.

Thanks to a record equalling amount of training courses financed by the Olympic Solidarity Fund and financial support from the ITTF and ONOC, no fewer than 20 courses in 13 countries were conducted (of which 7 were Olympic Solidarity Technical Courses, 6 were OTTF Development Courses, 2 were training camps in China and New Zealand, 2 were Basic Certified Umpires Courses, 1 was a Marketing Course, and 1 was a Racket Control Seminar).

1 WJC training camp in Auckland (Dejan Papic & Scott Houston)

1 Oceania Women's Forum: Guam (Scott Houston)

2 Basic Certified Umpires Courses: Fiji & Palau (Dave Delpratt)

1 PTT Course: New Zealand (Ramon Ortega Montes)

1 Marketing Course: New Zealand (Steve Dainton)

2. Competitions in Oceania

KVB Kunlun 2010 Oceania Championships in Auckland, New Zealand: a strong participation with 179 athletes from 8 countries. 7 countries shared all the medals.

KVB Kunlun 2010 New Zealand Junior and Cadet Open - Global Junior Circuit in Auckland, New Zealand: the Oceanic stage of the Global Junior Circuit was held in Auckland, New Zealand. 140 athletes from 11 countries and 3 continents entered the event. The international training camp preceding the competition attracted 78 athletes and was conducted by Canadian head coach Dejan Papic and by DO Scott Houston.

Oceania Cadet Challenge in Auckland, New Zealand: this competition was organised by the New Zealand TTA under the authority of OTTF and led to the qualification of 4 boys and 4 girls from Tahiti, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Australia who competed for Team Oceania in Hyderabad, India at the Global Cadet Challenge.

Oceania Youth Olympic Games Qualification in Auckland, New Zealand: 7 boys and 7 girls from 6 different countries competed in this event and 2 players from New Zealand qualified for the Youth Olympic Games.

ITTF Youth Olympic Games Qualification Event in Auckland, New Zealand: 4 boys and 3 girls from 5 different countries competed in this event and 1 player from Australia and 1 player from Thailand qualified for the Youth Olympic Games.

Open National Championships: this is one of the big satisfactions with the increasing number of countries (6) that have opened their championships to the others of Oceania. This initiative should become widespread in 2011.

3. International Competitions

Global Cadet Challenge in Hyderabad, India: managed by Scott Houston and coached by Wayne Gear and Miao Miao, unfortunately both teams finished in 6th place. All the players took part in a 3 day training camp before the competition in Auckland, New Zealand.

The World Junior Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia: Australia finished 19th and New Zealand 20th in the boys' team event and in the girls' team event Australia finished 18th and New Zealand finished 20th. No Oceania players were qualified for the main draw.

Men's World Cup in Magdeburg, Germany and Women's World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Kyle Davis (Australia) finished 4th and Karen Li (New Zealand) finished 3rd at the Intercontinental Cup.

4. Contract and agreements

With the help of TMS, the 2011 ITTF-Oceania Cup secured LIEBHERR as the title sponsor, Double Happiness as equipment sponsor and Tinsue as the Sports Flooring Sponsor.

5. OTTF Members

OTTF now comprises 24 members. That means 100% of our countries/territories are now affiliated with Tokelau and Wallis & Futuna being the 2 last to join the OTTF family. Norfolk Island became the 22nd member affiliated to ITTF in Moscow. Gaining 100% membership makes OTTF the first Continental Federation in ITTF and the first sport in Oceania to achieve this feat.

6. The Management Committee

I would like to warmly thank the members of the Management Committee who have devotedly assumed the following responsibilities:

The Executive Director: Phil Males remains the key person in our Federation. He carries out the functions ascribed to him with authority and competence. He is also the very much appreciated webmaster of our Internet site www.ottf.org. The ED position became a paid position since the BGM held in Auckland, New Zealand in April 2010.

Umpire and Referee Committee: the chairperson of the committee, Dave Delpratt, was charged to create a group of IU's who would be available to conduct umpire courses in Oceania, and to set up an umpire reference in each country, to know the needs of each country and then to select the courses that have to be conducted each year.

AWD Committee: this committee is now chaired by Barbara Talbot. In the straight line of the ITTF fusion with PTT, 2011 needs to find the right goals in Oceania and Barbara is working in this direction.

Veteran Committee: chaired by James Morris, the aim is to create a dynamic to organise veteran events in Oceania, and, in the future, an Oceania championship.

Ranking and Classification Committee: David Jackson manages this matter with effectiveness and professionalism. The OTTF ranking lists are now updated regularly.

Pacific Commission: our OTTF Vice President, Anthony Ho, is the link between OTTF and the Pacific Island countries. There is the aim of our Federation and our development program, which allows them to become competitive in many areas.

Women's coordinator: Ashleigh Stevenson is the new chair and she has taken a lot of initiatives to create more revenue for the Oceania women's program and to find corresponding ladies in each country.

The Financial Director: Graeme Ireland follows the budget and helps the ED in the finalisation of our finances.

7. Meetings

Meetings of the ITTF: as a member of the BoD, and as Continental President, I attended the meetings of the BoD, the Olympic and Paralympic Commission and of the Development and Continental Council in Moscow as well as of the DCC, the Junior Commission and the Olympic and Paralympic Commission in Bratislava.

Graeme Ireland was present at the BoD in Moscow.

Meetings of the OTTF: the BGM took place in Auckland and one informal meeting was organised in Moscow.

8. Conclusion

I would like to thank all those who enabled Table Tennis in Oceania to prosper: the International Federation, its President, TMS International, EC and administrative staff, the ONOC for its unfailing financial support, the previous OTTF DO's Glenn Tepper and Steve Dainton for their sensible advice, the members of the OTTF for their active participation, Scott Houston the DO, the members of the Management Committee and the Executive Director, those responsible for Committees and those elected in international authorities for the time devoted to the service of table tennis in Oceania.

Patrick Gillmann

Continental President: OTTF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (COMPETITIONS)

Report to the AGM

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This report should cover the period between two AGMs from May 2010 to May 2011. Since Competition Department operates on a calendar basis, at the time of writing the report (end of January 2011), I have to combine a summary of activities undertaken in 2010 and the main programs for 2011.

Competition Program

The Competition Department has existed since September 2008 with the objective to provide opportunity for international competitions by increasing the number of events on offer all over the world. At the same time, we have to maintain or even improve the level of organisation partly by practical assistance on site and partly by leaving legacy of event organisation skills.

In order to realise these goals, the Competition Department is in charge of:

- supervising all ITTF events;
- ensuring the implementation of the contractual agreement between ITTF and the organisers as well as between TMS and its commercial partners;
- assisting organisers in running the events according to the directives.

Both in 2010 and in 2011, more than 60 events have been included in the ITTF program. This year, the focus and interest increase towards the Olympic qualification.

The Competition Department is responsible for implementing the ITTF Event Classification Policy established by the Executive Committee for event inclusion and approval to the ITTF Calendar and to the ITTF World Ranking system.

We registered impressive figures on worldwide visual coverage and we provided a high sports presentation level of our game. The biggest challenge remains to improve local interest, to promote our events and to attract more spectators in general.

ITTF Sanctioned events

The two highlight competitions, the LIEBHERR 2010 World Championships and the Volkswagen 2010 World Junior Championships were both held in Europe (Moscow, Russia and Bratislava, Slovakia). Overcoming many challenges, the Russian organisers provided, from the technical point of view, an excellent sports venue and playing conditions and the competition will be memorable for a long time due to the very exciting team finals. The Championships in Bratislava attracted unexpectedly high viewership on the website, internet streaming and new social media tools are warmly welcomed by fans for the junior title event.

We continued with the Intercontinental Cup concept at the World Cups. Besides the very successful Men's and Women's WC (Magdeburg, Germany and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) in 2010, we also had a special edition of the bi-annual World Team Cup (UAE World Team Cup Classic in Dubai) thanks to the ambition of the UAE TTA to bring a title event to the Middle East region.

The ITTF Pro Tour is running with similar number of events every year (16 in 2011) and with more than US\$2,5 million prize money at stake in 2011. Participation is definitely growing this year due to the fight for the Olympic qualification places. As a first step in refreshing the Pro Tour image, ITTF/TMS is in the process of creating new branding and a uniform set-up of the Pro Tour events in close cooperation with its new marketing partner, Total Sports Asia. The next step will be a new concept of the Pro Tour competition structure in the near future providing wider tiers and different levels of events.

The ITTF Global Junior Circuit has increased the number of tournaments (25 in 2010, 30 in 2011) with the Finals being held in January 2012 and most probably for the last time together with the Global Cadet Challenge.

The Volkswagen Cup was added to the competition program in 2010 as a show-case tournament combined with a new event called "Spectacular Pairs".

In addition, the Competition Department assists those Continental Championships and Cups, which are sanctioned and defined in the contractual agreement between the ITTF, TMS and the Continental Federation concerned.

Coordination of the Competition Management team

The above-mentioned comprehensive competition program is implemented by 3 full-time Directors acting as Competition Managers. I am lucky to have such dedicated and professional colleagues like Didier Leroy, Raúl Calín and Karl Jindrak. Thanks for their tireless work. They are assisted by 4 Assigned Competition Managers who were recruited following a workshop held in 2009 and who regularly help the ITTF on a contractual basis at different tournaments. They attended a follow-up seminar in January 2011 in Vienna and another workshop is planned for the autumn 2011 to recruit more assistants to run the ITTF events.

Administration and communication

National Associations are in the main line of communication partly as participating associations and partly as host associations organising ITTF events. Member associations have to be provided with proper information and forms about upcoming events within specific deadlines. Furthermore, they get announcements on applications and bids for future events as well as updates on directives, sports specific information and the calendar. Another important partner is the group of organisers from the moment of making inspection visits and

signing agreements to helping the implementation of the directives and assisting to run the tournament.

For the first time in 2010, the ITTF presented awards to the best organisers of different ITTF tournaments based on the Tournament Evaluation Reports.

The long-awaited Event Organisation Manual is still not ready. Due to constant daily problem-solving issues, there is not enough time to dedicate to this project.

Tournament Management System

The Competition Department is working hard together with the IT Manager to set up a uniform online entry system for all ITTF events (existing at the moment for World Championships and Pro Tour events). The same objective has been established to develop an automatic Result Management System on the ITTF web-site ready to be used for the local Tournament Management System (this was used successfully for the first time in Moscow at the World Team Championships, but not yet completed for all ITTF events).

All these developments will make the work of the Competition Managers and local organisers much easier and independent of IT assistance.

Work is in progress on the live scoring system with input from the umpires and with the help of the intranet which would make the tournament management independent from the local internet service and would require fewer volunteers.

Cooperation

The Department's cooperation is very close and effective with the Executive Directors of other departments, with the ITTF committees, with TMS, with officials and staff colleagues, be it calendar planning, technical matters, referees and umpires nominations, ranking issues, sponsorship implementation, equipment matters, IT and web arrangements, Global Junior Program projects, or recently Para table tennis.

The ranking functions were completely transferred to the Competition Department with effect from June 2010. I represent the Department at the Executive Committee meetings by submitting reports on the events and proposals about the competition structure and playing systems.

Travel

Since May 2010, besides taking part in all ITTF and other side meetings I made 6 inspection visits for upcoming events, attended 8 competitions and represented the ITTF at 3 conferences and seminars.

Acknowledgement

Finally I wish to thank the Executive Committee for trusting and supporting our work, and all ITTF officials, professional staff colleagues for helping and cooperating in the most efficient way. I am grateful to the national associations who are partners in reaching our common goal: to show the best image of our sport, no matter if someone is a participant or an organiser.

Judit Faragó (Executive Director of Competitions)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (DEVELOPMENT)

Report to the AGM

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1. ITTF Development Program 2010

Fifty-six (56) ITTF Coaches and Course Conductors conducted 111 ITTF Development Program or Olympic Solidarity Courses in 2010 including coach education, training camps, URC, tournament organisation, women's and marketing courses.

There were 27 major equipment packages distributed and 952 ITTF Coaching Manuals for courses.

3 new members joined ITTF through Development Program initiatives viz. Swaziland, Anguilla and Norfolk Island.

Polona Cehovin Susin proved to be a valuable addition to the staff as ITTF Programs Manager.

2. International Olympic Committee-Olympic Solidarity

ITTF continued to work closely with the International Olympic Committee and Olympic Solidarity to deliver, in 2010, 24 technical courses each with a budget of US\$8 000 to \$10 000 and 2 "Developing a National Sports Structure" courses with a budget of US\$30 000.

3. ITTF Coach Accreditation System

27 ITTF-PTT Level 1 and 8 ITTF Level 2 Coach Education courses were funded by the ITTF Development Program in 2010. Self-funded courses also took place in countries such as Egypt, Argentina, Brazil and Malaysia which is the long-term aim of ITTF through the training of local course conductors.

ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coaching Manual and ITTF Advanced Coaching Manual is available in English, Spanish, French and Arabic (as well as self-funded versions of the ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coaching Manual available in Portuguese, Estonian and Farsi). ITTF Course Conductor training for ITTF-PTT Level 1 and ITTF Level 2 has been completed for English, Spanish, French, Arabic. It is anticipated that ITTF Level 3 will commence in 2012.

4. URC Accreditation System

To assist developing countries without a URC structure better, the URC Accreditation system has been re-modelled into a 4 level structure. URC Level 1 and Level 2 for both umpires and referees is the main development program focus and is aimed at providing a pathway to IU and IR courses.

There were 16 Umpires Courses and 13 Referee Courses were held through the ITTF Development Program in 2010. All URC Level 1 and Level 2 umpires, referees and course conductors are now registered in a new database in the development section of the ITTF website.

5. Para Table Tennis

PTT funded development courses were held in Ethiopia in conjunction with NGOs, RESPO and SPAT, as well as an integration ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education and Training Camp in Kenya.

PTT Level 1 Course Conductor training was held in Moscow and France as part of our aim to have all ITTF Course Conductors capable of teaching both ITTF Level 1 and PTT Level 1.

6. Manufacturers and Supporters

Butterfly and Stag continue to provide significant support to the ITTF Development Program and have done so since the program began in 1999. Tibhar, ESN, Nittaku and Xiom have joined the growing list of supporters funding new projects in 2010 and/or 2011. "The Foundation for Global Sports Development" has continued their partnership established in 2009 and the Chinese and German Table Tennis Federations both provided equipment assistance for the Development Program.

7. Peace and Sport

ITTF has continued to expand our co-operation with the Monaco based NGO, "Peace and Sport". "Ping Pong Paz" in Colombia targeting 3 disadvantaged areas is ongoing, while "Ping Pong Ba Dame" in East Timor targeting 6 local NGO's commenced in 2010. The "Peace through Ping Pong" brand is expanding and is targeting Congo DR and Palestine in 2011. Butterfly sponsors the "Peace through Ping Pong" projects providing tables, shirts, rackets and balls for each new project. Former World Champion, Peter Karlsson, joined the "Ambassadors for Peace" and was involved in both Colombia and East Timor projects.

8. Haiti

Significant cash and "in kind" equipment donations were raised through a special appeal to assist in Haiti post-earthquake. After delays due to logistics and internal problems, the first course and equipment package was delivered in November 2010. Following many discussions with IOC, Peace and Sport and Haiti NOC, it was agreed that a new multi-sport venue funded by IOC will include a permanent facility for table tennis. ITTF assistance is ongoing and it is anticipated all remaining "in kind" donations will be delivered in the first half of 2011.

9. Women's Development

WWG Meeting held at the Women's World Cup in Malaysia from 25 to 26 September 2010 including meeting the participants of the Women's World Cup. A productive meeting was held

with many plans made including co-opting the continental WWG representatives into the Continental Federation Executive.

9 women's courses were held in 6 continents.

The International Women's Day "Friendship Trophy" was organized in 16 countries across all 6 continents.

Jane Pinto (KEN) received the Diploma for Women in Sport from the International Olympic Committee in recognition of her work in women's development.

10. Marketing

Continental marketing courses led by ITTF Marketing Director, Steve Dainton, and organised and funded through the ITTF Development Program have now been held in Africa, Latin America (2009), Oceania and Asia. All who attended were very appreciative of the information provided. Oceania has already taken the initiative with a Business Plan for Marketing and Sponsorship in the region. The next stage will be a soon to be released Marketing Awareness Plan (MAP).

11. ITTF Development Magazine 2009-2010

ITTF Development Magazine will now be released bi-annually with 2009-2010 to be released in Rotterdam in 2011.

12. ITTF Website-Development Section/Facebook

The Development Section of the ITTF website continues to expand with many resources including databases of all courses and equipment assistance since the Development Program began in 1999, accredited coaches, approved course conductors, newly added URC accredited umpires-referees-course conductors, schedules of courses for each year, Olympic Solidarity information, women's courses and actions, articles about all courses conducted and many other areas.

A Development Program Facebook page was created to target a younger and new audience with 3 300 individual subscribers who accessed the 260 articles published. A Facebook community for ITTF Course Conductors was created to share information as well as keeping all updated with the latest information regarding the ITTF Coach Accreditation system.

13. ITTF Development Workshop

Every year at the World Championships, a Development Workshop is held to update National Federations, officials and all interested regarding the Development Program. Also included is a targeted session for all ITTF Course Conductors on a specific topic to assist in "multi-skilling". In Moscow the target was marketing presented by our Marketing Director, Steve

Dainton. For those unable to attend, all powerpoint presentations are available on the development section of the ITTF website.

14. University of Leipzig Course

In conjunction with German Embassies, the German Government and the German Table Tennis Federation, the University of Leipzig offers a 5 month course for different sports and different languages for which participants only need to pay airfare as hospitality and all tuition fees are paid by the sponsors. 12 coaches from Latin America attended the course from 1 September 2009 to 31 January 2010 including coaches from Uruguay, Peru, Mexico, Colombia, Honduras, Ecuador, Chile, and Bolivia.

15. International Conferences

The ITTF Development Department was represented at the following International Conferences:

- Sport for All Conference, Finland
- Corporate Social Responsibility Conference, England
- International Women's Group World Conference on Women and Sport, Australia
- International Council for Coach Education Conference, Netherlands
- Peace and Sport Conference, Monaco

16. Thanks!

Thanks to the hard-working Development Staff: Leandro Olvech (ITTF Development Manager), and Polona Susin (ITTF Development Programs Manager); Continental Development Officers: Afshin Badiiee (Asia), Lilamani De Soysa (Europe), Evelio Alvarez (Latin America), and Scott Houston (Oceania).

Thanks to ITTF President, Adham Sharara, for his vision and support as well as to ITTF Executive Vice-President responsible for development, Mr Melecio Rivera, for his support, guidance and efforts to develop table tennis worldwide.

Thanks to all course conductors and ITTF staff connected with the Development Program.

Glenn Tepper
Executive Director (Development)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION AND TRAINING)

Report to the AGM

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The ITTF Education Department is happy to reflect on a busy and challenging “Youth Olympic Games year – 2010”.

There is no doubt in my mind that the introduction of the Youth Olympic Games gradually will change the landscape of international youth sports as National Olympic Committees step by step realise opportunities for success and build programs for talent identification and development.

The keyword to remember in the process is UNIVERSALITY. At the Games in Singapore, close to 100 National Olympic Committees won at least one medal. As we all know that success feeds success, glittering medals paraded in all corners of the world will play a role to strengthen the Olympic Movement and the expanding position of the IOC as a force in global development.

In order to take advantage of the YOG movement, the ITTF should, in my opinion, remain offensive minded in the field of athletes’ development and actively work hand in hand with national associations to grow our sport especially in so-called untapped markets with previous little or no success on the international scene.

Here is a short summary on YOG related initiatives involving the ITTF Education Department in 2010;

- Active involvement in the qualification and preparation phase by supporting a number of young athletes and their coaches working through the ITTF “With the Future in Mind” project – YOG scholarships.
- Future Spin – YOG Edition; Educational Magazine prepared for the YOG in Singapore.
- Official Training camp organised prior to competition in Singapore. Successful event – well supported by all the ITTF departments; Competition – Operations - Development and Education/Training

And what we will do in relation to Nanjing, China 2014?

Full implementation of the ITTF Athletes Development Model:

- Active Talent Identification (ITTF Hopes Programme)
- Prospect Development (The ITTF Hot Spot Training centre network)
- Youth Olympic Games preparation (ITTF With the Future in Mind – Road to Nanjing)

More YOG talk. The ITTF Education Department also launched – with considerable roadwork done by the Umpires and Referees Committee and ITTF support staff, a Young Umpires’

Project connected to the Games in Singapore. As the evaluation showed success in almost all areas, starting with registration moving to an online style of education and examination, it is my hope that the ITTF will continue to invest in similar projects to cover for needs in the education process of international umpires and referees.

On other fronts, the Department dug deeper into the task of establishing a functional worldwide talent identification project called the “ITTF Hopes Programme”, continued the work to support a clean and fair sport with educational initiatives connected to Racket Control and organised the set up of the new ITTF training centre model, The “ITTF Hot Spot Network”. The network idea drew 28 applications from 18 countries on 5 continents. An overwhelming interest from various types of training environments is now forcing us to re-evaluate goals and methods in order to build a successful and sustainable model.

In what should be labelled as the ITTF Education and Training Department marquee event of the year, we also put the FUTURE of Table Tennis on the agenda at the CAR Training Center in Sant Cugat, Barcelona last May. The “Hello Future” conference attracted some 60+ participants listening to a number of interesting speakers discussing various topics ranging from Racket Control to marketing strategies. We wish to thank the local organisers – The Catalan Table Tennis Association and their primus motor Ana Godes for fruitful cooperation surrounding the event.

My final words for this time goes out to all my dear colleagues in the ITTF whom I have rubbed heads with during the year, with a special thank you directed towards the ITTF Executive Director of Development, Mr Glenn Tepper, for his always direct style of input and to Mr Jordi Serra, the Executive Director of Operations, for his senior staff knowledge and guidance when it comes to the Olympic Movement.

Other staff contributing to a successful year of “Educational build” and project management were Mrs. Polona Susin - instrumental in the ITTF Hot Spot Network project set up, Zita Pidl from Budapest, Hungary and Dejan Papic from Toronto working hard for the success of the ITTF Hopes programme. The close ties and cooperation with the ITTF Global Junior Programme and the ITTF GJP Director Raúl Calín is both evident and furthermore crucial for a functional Education and Training approach to be effective.

As always With the Future in Mind – I proudly thank the ITTF Executive Committee with the ITTF Executive Vice-President in charge for the ITTF ED area; Mrs. Petra Sörling as well as the ITTF President Adham Sharara for their patience, support and trust.

Mikael Andersson
Executive Director (Education and Training)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS AND OLYMPIC GAMES)

Report to the AGM

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1. 2010: The Youth Olympic year

2010 will be remembered as the year of the first edition of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) held in Singapore from 14 to 26 August 2010. Before the YOG, and in parallel to the preparations of these Games, we instituted the qualification process and together with the Education and Training Department and the Umpires and Referees Committee, we developed several projects connected to YOG: the Youth Umpires Project, the Education and Cultural programme for the YOG (training camp, athlete role model, etc). For us, an Olympic year means much more work than usual. The fact that YOG was the first edition for this level of age was also a challenge. I am glad to report that the inaugural edition of the Youth Olympic Games was a big success from all points of view and it was a very good start for our sport.

The underlying success factor related to the organisation of the YOG was a reconfirmation that the ITTF continues its progress and growth which began some years ago. We were involved in the new version of the Olympics without neglecting nor decreasing the standard of any of our classic events on the ITTF calendar: World Championships, World Cups, Pro Tour events and Grand Finals and the Junior Circuit events plus the finals and the Global Cadet Challenge.

Finally, we were also the leading body, for first time, in the organisation of the World Para Table Tennis Championships, held in Gwangju, Korea, from 27 October to 2 November 2010.

2. Communication

During 2010, we updated the *Handbook 2010-2011*, the *Rules Booklet 2010-2011* and prepared the *Results Book 2008-2009* with a compendium of the results of competitions held after the 2008 Olympic Games till the end of 2009.

The issue number 78 (Winter 2010) of *Table Tennis Illustrated* was the last of our quarterly magazine as part of our Communication strategy is now more focused on new media, website and social platforms. As Ian Marshall, editor since the first issue in July 1996, pointed out in the last editorial: "*Readers of Table Tennis Illustrated should not be disconsolate, articles will continue to appear with great frequency on the ITTF website*".

We have also supported the edition of the new *Table Tennis Fascination – V, collector's edition*, magazine containing excellent photos from 2008 Olympic Games, 2008 and 2009 Pro Tour Grand Finals in Macao and 2009 Yokohama World Championships, and for the first time, photos from the 2008 Paralympic Games.

Our Media Co-ordinator, Marius Widmer, concluded his contract on 31 December 2009 and a new Media Manager, Richard Pettit, was hired with effect from November 2010.

Finally, the ITTF website continued to improve and the number of visits increased significantly. The development of itTV, with 6 new TV channels, offers the opportunity to follow most of our events and makes our website as the most powerful communication tool of the ITTF. During 2010, the ITTF also joined the new social platforms and we are now on Facebook, Twitter and Flickr with a growing number of fans connected to these platforms.

3. Staff

We have continued the restructuring process of the ITTF staff. Several ITTF staff were promoted with changes to their titles and responsibilities: the Operations Department now has a new Deputy Executive Director, Alison Burchell, and Vicky Eleftheriade was promoted to Equipment Manager. In the Development Department, Leandro Olvech is now Development Program Manager, and Polona Cehovin started working full time for 3 ITTF Departments as Departments' Program Manager. Finally, Steve Dainton became the new ITTF Marketing Director together with his responsibilities as Director of the Asia Pacific office.

At the end of 2010, it was decided to move our ITTF Asia Pacific Office from Beijing to Singapore and this will have, certainly, an impact on the staffing of the new office planned to be operative by March 2011.

Excluding TMS staff, 26 full time employees are now working for ITTF: 6 in the ITTF Headquarters in Renens/Lausanne, 4 in the President's office in Ottawa, 11 from home-offices and 5 in the ITTF Asia Pacific Office.

4. International relations

As usual, I have made sure that during the visits of the ITTF President to Lausanne, he had the opportunity to meet with the IOC officers and the local, regional and international sports authorities.

During 2010, I also attended SportAccord meetings in Dubai, all EC and OPC meetings and I have also participated in several seminars for IF staff and different sports meetings held in Lausanne under the direction of IOC, ASOIF or SportAccord.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to all the ITTF staff and officials for your continued support, for your continuing advice and assistance and for your confidence. My thanks also to all the Continental and National Federations for the close cooperation we have with them on a daily basis.

Jordi Serra
Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games)

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Report to the AGM

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At the last count of approved/authorised equipment we had:

Balls	59	(last year 60)
Tables	87	(“ “ 85)
Sport floors	11	(“ “ 9)
Nets	42	(“ “ 43)
Coverings	1 175	(“ “ 1 159)

Racket Control

This continued to dominate our activities in 2010 with new limits of VOC's (from 4 to 3 ppm from 1 September 2010). Rackets were tested at about 40 events. While it now looks like we have control over the VOC content at Racket Control, the next challenge will be oils used on rackets.

We have been benefitting from the Racket Control seminars which have been held so that the workload has been spread among the many good participants we have had. It has been decided to give this responsibility to URC, while we are responsible for the procedures in the future. A training program is to be set up.

We have used our previous backup system, mini-RAE-lite. The supplier of this is working to provide a cheaper version.

The ITTF EQC has also discussed safety and design issues for tables with the manufacturers inside the working group for table standards.

Our Equipment Coordinator, Vicky Eleftheriade, has been in office this year building up the required routines for our advanced Racket Control. We have an on-going evaluation for our processes, so we will improve anything we feel is not working properly.

Technical Leaflets etc. issued:

T1 The table – under revision

T3 The Ball – August 2010

T4 Racket Covering – September 2010

T6 Sports floor – under revision

T7 Approval & Authorisation – under preparation

T9 Racket Control – September 2010

Referee Directives Racket Control – September 2010

Step by Step for Racket Control – December 2010

A document about equipment used in the playing area is also being developed.

Approval/authorisation activities continue as usual.

General

We are happy each year to express our gratitude to our Lausanne office.

Odd Gustavsen

MEDIA COMMITTEE

Report to the AGM

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New media manager

Fortunately, the ITTF has a full-time media manager again. Richard Pettit has joined the media team in the ITTF. Richard comes from England and was previously employed in the English Table Tennis Association. He was appointed in late 2010 as the fourth media manager in the ITTF.

The media team includes also the web editor Ian Marshall and our statistician Jean Jacques Huberman, who are doing a tremendous job.

In a time where the competition between newspapers, TV stations and web portals are increasing, we must work harder and harder to get coverage. Therefore, it is essential that we have a strong media team in the ITTF, because we must feed all the different media including new media and our own website, on daily basis.

World championships in Moscow

Hubert Gueriau, France, was hired as event media manager and together with our statistician, Jean Jacques Huberman, did a very good job. The local organisation led by Aleksander Dementiev and Andrei Petrov together with all the volunteers provided good conditions for the journalists present in Moscow. Present were:

Foreign journalists	77
Domestic journalists	34
Foreign photographers	40
Domestic photographers	43
Foreign TV	84
Domestic TV	38
Total	316
Number of print media journalists	111

We have, like other sports, built up websites with live streaming, results and reports and our website has had a big increase in numbers of unique users

During the World Championships in Moscow the website generated the following figures:
Hits 156 282 327 from 3 111 638 unique users compared to Yokohama 2009 where the figures were hits 67 625 128 from 810 712 unique users.

We have had a fantastic increase in the number of visitors. The result service has been better, but there is still room for improvement. We need more quotes and match details, which can be used by the journalists not present.

The numbers of accredited journalists from newspapers are decreasing. The traditional newspapers have had big challenges to find their new role in the competition with the internet. They have lost a lot of income from advertisements. Newspapers cannot afford to send reporters to international events, as they did 10 years ago.

Reporters today work mostly from their office and they do a lot of research on websites to get ideas and information for stories. We have to feed them with ideas, stories and results and sometimes even write the stories to get coverage.

In the last two Olympic Games, we have had very good television coverage and ratings, but we have had a bad rating in the written media. With fewer journalists on site at the bigger events, we will need the contribution of the national press officers to feed the national media with results and stories about their players in bigger events. We will need greater co-operation between the ITTF media team and the national press officers in the future.

Coverage of our sport is the result of a great deal of hard work.

The ITTF has a successful website and the new itTV live streaming has impressive ratings. We are moving in the right direction. But there is room for improvement.

itTV

The itTV channels enjoyed great success in 2010 with new features. In 2011, we look forward to having Apps for Mac, iPhone, iPad, iPod phones, etc.

The itTV had, in 2010, 2 527 967 unique users. 512 329 saw the World Championships on itTV. The most active countries are USA, Japan and Germany and these are very impressive figures.

Statistics

Jean Jacques Huberman is still working very hard with all statistics. They are well received by the media. Before and during all ITTF events, Jean Jacques produces a goldmine of statistics including head-to-head results for the media.

Scholarships

The ITTF awarded, as usual, 3 scholarships to 3 young journalists during the World Championships in Moscow. We received more than 30 applications and the winners were Heba Maher, Egypt, Ma Xian Xian, China and Lin Xinyi, Singapore.

Media courses

In many associations there are no persons responsible for media and marketing. We would like to encourage all associations to appoint responsible media officers. We are ready to conduct media courses all over the world and to help the associations to make a media policy and a media plan for the future.

Arne Madsen

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the AGM

Document D3

1. Members

Chairperson	Chan Foong Keong
Advisor	Nicole Coury
Executive Committee member	Chérif Hajem
Members	Sirje Lubi, Ivam Passos Vinhas, Valerie Murdoch, Cosmas Maduka, Abdulla Al-Mulla, Ulf Lonnqvist

2. Meeting

The Nomination Committee held a meeting on 24.5.2010 in Moscow during the World Team Championships with full attendance by all the committee members.

3. Proposals to the Executive Committee

The Committee had submitted proposals to the Executive Committee on the following subjects:

- 3.1 the Executive Committee to advise all committees/commissions/working groups to formulate their respective duties and functions.
- 3.2 the Executive Committee to advise all committees/commissions/working groups to formulate their respective terms of reference.
- 3.3 criteria for selection of members for all committees/commissions/working groups.

4. Terms of reference

The Committee had submitted the function and duty to ITTF Executive together with the Terms of Reference for the Nomination Committee.

5. Appreciation

I wish to thank Ms. Nicole Coury and Mr. Chérif Hajem for their advice and all the members of the Committee for their support and contributions to the committee.

I also wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the staff of ITTF for their kind assistance extended to me.

Chan Foong Keong

RULES COMMITTEE

Report to the AGM

Document D4

In the 2010-2011 season, the Committee mainly had to deal with the following tasks:

Interpretation of Rules

The Rules Committee prepared more than 400 written or oral answers to questions and enquiries about table tennis laws and regulations. More than 50% of questions referred to equipment; the majority of other enquiries referred to the service rule and international eligibility.

Propositions to the AGM and Board of Directors Meeting 2011

The Rules Committee provides written explanations to propositions and resolutions received by the ITTF Headquarters in due time. This year, the Committee was relatively modest in presenting its own propositions but nevertheless, continuously checks the consistency of existing rules and prepares editorial modifications as a result.

The Service Rule

Although the present service rule obviously causes fewer problems than past ones, an internal working group has been established to deal with the subject of an “ultimate service rule”.

Para TT Rules

According to the present ITTF policy, the Para TT rules are being incorporated into the current ITTF Laws and regulations.

Ranking Default Policy (RDP)

The Committee Chair was part of the RDP group which frequently dealt with relevant cases arising at ITTF competitions.

International Eligibility Cases

In co-operation with the ITTF Headquarters, the Committee Chair had to deal with several complex eligibility cases, mainly concerning eligibility at World Title events.

Meetings

As usual, 2 meetings of the Rules Committee were scheduled during the World Championships 2010. At the first one, propositions for the AGM and the BoD meeting were finally discussed; at the second, the results of these major ITTF meetings were considered and possible wording for the approved new rules was proposed. This procedure will also be applied in 2011.

Sincere thanks are expressed to full and corresponding members of the ITTF Rules Committee for their valuable contributions, and my special thanks go to the Deputy Chair, Phil Males, who assisted to manage the Committee in a most efficient way, whenever necessary. I am also much obliged to the ITTF Executive Vice-President Cherif Hajem, to the members of the President's Advisory Council, to my colleagues, the Chair of the URC, Albert Rooijmans, and the Chair of the Equipment Committee, Odd Gustavsen, as well as to the members of the ITTF staff, who were always ready to contribute to our work in a most efficient way.

Rudi Sporrer

SPORTS SCIENCE COMMITTEE

Report to the AGM

Document D5

1. Fight against doping

- The aim: increase the number of doping controls during the main ITTF events as well as the out of competition controls.
Besides World Championship where controls are systematically conducted since 1991, today controls are also conducted during major competitions such as ITTF Pro-Tour tournaments (3 in 2010), as well as at the major Finals, the various World Cups, the Junior World Championships, and so forth.
- From January to December 2010, I received 212 results of tests at national and at international level, including for Para TT players. 16 tests were conducted out of competition with the aid of AMA and/or of IDTM. 6 samples (all of them during competition) were declared positive. Furthermore there have been 13 cases of missed tests or insufficiency of location information of players being part of ITTF target groups.
- Anti-doping rules updates and amendments to the technical leaflet T13 were submitted to the ITTF Executive Committee.
- Since 1st of January 2011, important modifications related to the possibility to use some medicines in inhalation under certain conditions have been implemented: cancellation of the Use Notification for Salbutamol or Salmeterol (Beta 2 mimetics), as well as for glucocorticosteroids taken through a non systemic way. On the other hand, for taking another beta 2 mimetic, together or not with an inhaled glucocorticosteroid it is necessary to get a Therapeutic Use Authorization, which was already the case previously
Detailed information can be obtained on the ITTF website and on the WADA website:
WWW.WADA-AMA.ORG.

2. Medical Service during World Championships

- During the World Championships in Moscow there were no special medical or sanitary cases. In the neighbourhood of the playing areas there was a permanent medical team at players' disposal. Two medical rooms located near the south and the north entrance to the hall were at disposal of spectators.
- Concerning doping control, a coordination meeting was held on the morning of 24 May 2010 in the control room in the presence of Mr Konstantin Pashkov (Russian TT Association), of members of the Russian National Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) and of members of the ITTF Anti-Doping Panel.
- During the World Junior Championships in Bratislava, there was also a medical team permanently on duty and there were no particular problems to report, notwithstanding the winter conditions which could have been unfavourable.

3. Organisation of the 12th ITTF Sports Science Congress in 2011

A first meeting was held on 29th May 2010 in Moscow in the presence of Mr Ton van Happen. Actually, in 2009 already a representative of the Dutch Association attended the meeting held in Yokohama, which allowed him to gather a lot of information for the organisation of the 2011 Congress. Later on, Ms Ineke de Graaf, member of the 2011 World Championships Organizing Committee and responsible for the 12th Congress, kept me regularly informed by e-mail about the evolution of the situation with regard to this Congress. Other members of the Committee who organized the Congress in the previous years (Professor Y. Tsuji and Mr. Kondric) brought also their contribution and their experience on some particular points.

4. Reorganization of the Sport Science section of the ITTF website

Today there are two separate pages:

- The first one, devoted to the fight against doping. There one can find the rules, the Therapeutic Use Authorization form, the composition of the different ITTF target testing groups, and so forth.
- The other one devoted to the sport sciences. It gives information about the Congresses and other meetings/conferences related to techniques and sciences used in table tennis. To follow up requests for information which I frequently receive, it has been decided to put on this page the largest possible number of documents (in pdf) in order to make them available to students, researchers, technicians, and so forth interested in table tennis sciences. Up to now, almost 200 articles published during the last 20 years in the International Journal of Table Tennis Sciences may be freely consulted. Shortly other articles will be added.

5. Recommendation

The Sports Science Committee was created in 1989 by President Ogimura, in order to replace the ITTF Medical Committee in a period where it was felt necessary to develop axes of research and of deepening of knowledge in field of table tennis area, which was all the more felt necessary because in 1988 table tennis just made its official entrance in the Olympic Games.

Nowadays sport sciences cover a more and more expanded field and are closely connected to the development and the evolution of material and of technique.

For this reason, and within the context of the ITTF committees structure reform, I recommended the Executive Committee to split the Sports Science Committee into two distinct Committees: a Medical Committee, who would also be in charge of the fight against doping and a Scientific and Technical Committee in charge of leading research and spreading knowledge in the scientific and technical fields.

Dr. Jean-François Kahn

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Report to the AGM

Document D6

The main responsibilities of the Technical Committee are to:

- advise the Board of Directors on the organisation of World Title competitions and to make recommendations on the system of play;
- assist the referee with any question of interpretation of rules at World Championships, in co-operation with the Rules Committee;
- be responsible for the World Championships draw;
- approve the playing schedule prepared by the World Championships organisers;
- set up a roster of its members so that at least one of them is available in the playing hall on each day of World Championships during all hours of play;
- provide advice and assistance to the World Championships organisers on the organisation and management of World Championships;
- act as Jury members at World Championships; and
- assist with the competition format and schedule for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Currently many of these responsibilities are handled in close co-operation with the Competition Department. During the World Championships in Moscow, a member of the Technical Committee was present in the main playing hall at all times, and there was often one in the second hall as well. This will continue in 2011 in Rotterdam. The Technical Committee held two meetings during the World Championships in Moscow which were well attended, and a number of matters were raised and reported to the Competition Department, with the primary aim of improving future World Championships.

The emphasis in 2010 was on the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games schedule and format, as the format and system of play for the World Championships in Moscow had already been set. Whilst the competition schedule for World Championships is now largely driven by the Competition Department and TMS to maximise television opportunities, the Chair has been involved in the preparation of the schedule for this year's event in Rotterdam. The following items are taken into account when preparing a format and schedule:

- They must take into account the image of the event, the promotional opportunities and, where applicable, the "Olympic Spirit";
- They should be favourable to the development of table tennis and help it to compete with other sports;
- They should give priority to players, TV broadcasting, public attendance at events, and wide exposure for the sponsors;
- They have to meet the needs of each Association; and
- They should be fair, transparent and equal for all.

Graeme Ireland

UMPIRES & REFEREES COMMITTEE

Report to the AGM

Document D7

Meetings

The URC had 2 meetings during the World Championships 2010 in Moscow. The rest of the communication was done by e-mail and sometimes by telephone. Working groups of URC members covered different subjects.

The URC chair attended a meeting in Barcelona to evaluate the internet-based Young Umpires' Project with the Open University of Catalonia.

Umpires Education, Training and Certification

In 2010, seven (7) Advanced Umpires Training courses were conducted with 113 participants, and 651 field of play evaluations were conducted in 18 events. At the end of 2009, there were 223 Blue Badge certified umpires. By the end of 2010, that number increased by 27 to 250 Blue Badge umpires, including 29 whose certification expired.

As part of the ITTF Development Programme, trainers were sent to conduct the ITTF Certified Umpire Course in development countries.

A new version of the Handbook for Match Officials was published in January 2011.

Referees Education, Training and Certification

Referee schools and examinations were conducted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and in the first week of 2011 in Singapore. Rio de Janeiro had 13 participants, Singapore 12. In total 16 candidates qualified as ITTF International Referees.

As part of the ITTF Development Programme, trainers were sent to conduct basic referee courses in development countries.

A major review of the Handbook for Tournament Referees was published at the end of 2010.

International Umpires Examination

A total of 94 Associations with 988 candidates took part in the 2010 IU examination, and 512 new IUs were certified in 2010 with a pass rate of 51,8%.

Nomination and Selection of Umpires and Referees Procedures

The approach of "open invitations" has again been adopted by more organisers and the URC helped them by providing standard invitations and published these on the URC section of the ITTF website.

The URC selection panel completed the selection of umpires and referees for the 2010 World Team Championships (Moscow), 2010 World Junior Championships (Bratislava) and several other World title events. At the end of 2010, the URC started the selection for the 2011 World Championships (Rotterdam).

In 2010, the URC started to confirm and approve the referee teams for Pro Tour and WJC events.

Young Umpires Project

The URC worked closely with the Education and Training Department and the Open University of Catalonia to develop and run an internet training module for the training and selection of young umpires for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. The participants expressed a lot of appreciation for this approach. The referee report confirmed the outstanding commitment and the high quality of the umpires selected for the YOG. It will be a major task for URC to continue the work in this field.

Planning 2011

The URC will continue the work done in 2010. Priority will be given to review the URC education and accreditation system with guidance from Bruce Burton.

Special attention will be given to the implementation of the referee project to improve the performance of referees during tournaments.

The web-based URC-database is in a testing phase and is about to be implemented as part of the ITTF website.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my fellow members of the Umpires and Referee Committee. A special word of thanks for the support of Alison Burchell and the ITTF office.

Albert Rooijmans

OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION

Report to the AGM

Document D8

Meetings of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission (OPC)

In 2010, the Commission met in Moscow, Russia, on 25 May 2010, and in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 10 December 2010. The main points discussed and the decisions taken during the **meeting held in Moscow** were as follows:

London 2012:

Olympic Games

- To recommend the qualification system to be approved by the Board of Directors.
- The competition schedule was approved.
- The appointments of Michael Zwipp as referee and Stuart Sherlock as deputy referee were approved.
- To request the continental representatives to nominate members of the jury and submit to the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games).

Paralympic Games

- The qualification system was approved.
- The appointments of Francesco Nuzzo as referee and Steve Welsh as deputy referee were approved.

Youth Olympic Games, Singapore 2010

- To request the continental associations to coordinate the continental and inter-continental teams with the national associations and to submit the teams to the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) by 30 June 2010.
- To form inter-continental teams from additional players not placed in continental teams.
- That the umpires should use the uniform supplied for the Games.
- To ratify the appointments of the international technical officials selected for the Youth Olympic Games.

The main decisions taken during the **meeting held in Bratislava** were as follows:

London 2012:

Olympic Games

- To appoint, as Jury members, Khaled El Salhy (Africa), Aleksandar Matkovic (Europe), Jairo Orlando Paez (Latin America), Michael Cavanaugh (North America) and Patrick Gillmann (Oceania). The Asian representative to be appointed at the next OPC meeting.
- To use the same team format for team matches as the playing system used in 2008 in Beijing for the 2012 Olympic Games namely:
 - Match 1 A v X
 - Match 2 B v Y
 - Match 3 doubles C & A or B v Z & X or Y

- Match 4 B or A v Z
- Match 5 C v Y or X.

Paralympic Games

- The Commission noted the congratulations for the ITTF being the first sport to include the intellectually disabled in the program for 2012.
- The Commission approved the classification code noting that modifications would be made in due course.
- The main criteria to be considered to finalise the schedule were approved.

Youth Olympic Games. Singapore 2010

The Commission noted:

- a de-brief had been held by the IOC following the written feedback received from IFs;
- the IOC had been requested to allow IFs flexibility in the age groups;
- the qualification system allowing multiple ways to qualify was successful and could be considered for the next Youth Olympic Games;
- the training camp worked well prior to the start of the Youth Olympic Games;
- for 2014, projects could include talent identification by national associations with support from the ITTF leading to identified talent being incorporated into various ITTF led projects;
- the Junior Commission had discussed the age groups and had indicated that either a full 4 years age group would be ideal (15 to 18) or a 3 years group, (14 to 16);
- reducing the singles events by removing one group to allow players to participate in the education part of the Games was recommended.

Jordi Serra

Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games)

PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION

Report to the AGM

Document D9

2010 was “The World Para Table Tennis Championships Year”. The World Championships are organised every 4th year. This year’s tournament highlight were very well organized in Gwangju, Korea. Besides the World Championships 2010, national organisers hosted Factor 40 (3) and Factor 20 (11) tournaments worldwide (for details check the calendar on www.ittf.com).

In Yokohama, Japan in 2009, the present PTTD was elected, until May 2011. In 2010, the Para Table Tennis Division met for division meetings twice, in Lausanne, Switzerland in January 2010 and in Gwangju, Korea in November 2010. The Standing Orders Committee, SOC, met 3 times during 2010, in Switzerland, in Moscow in May 2010 and in Gwangju, Korea. Besides this, there has been much communication by e-mail and by phone, within both the PTTD and the SOC. During the World Championships in Gwangju 2010, an Informal Meeting was organised for associations present during the Championships and, for the first time, ITTF Hall of Fame plaques were presented to players who had won 5 gold medals in singles and team events Paralympic Games and World Championships.

As PTTD Chair, I have led the PTTD and the SOC, including the 6 above mentioned meetings. I have also represented PTTD in Moscow at the AGM.

As PTTD Chair, I represented PTTD at two international tournaments in 2010, in San Jose, Costa Rica August 2010, the first ever Factor 20 tournament held in Costa Rica, and in Budaörs, Hungary, during a Pro Tour event for the able bodied.

The next PTT World Championships will be organised in 2014. There are 2 candidates: China and Italy. Together with ITTF PTTD Secretary General, Ms Alison Burchell, I visited China at the end of November 2010 and Italy in early December 2010. The decision who will organise the 2014 PTT World Championships will be taken by the Executive Committee February 2011.

Finally I would mention important communication with several associations and individuals, either in meetings, by phone or by e-mails. This communication is important, for me as Chair, but also for the associations and the individuals.

I would like to thank the ITTF staff, the ITTF Executive Committee, the PTTD and the SOC, but most of all the players, the organisers and the associations for all the hard work to develop our sport through 2010 and the future.

Øivind Eriksen

2/3 majority required

1	<p>Proposed by the HKG TT Association</p> <p><i>To amend 1.15.2.1.</i></p> <p>1.15.2.1 The correspondence and proceedings of the ITTF shall be conducted in English or in such languages convenient for appropriate tasks and within the resources of the ITTF as may be determined from time to time by the Board, having particular regard to Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian and Spanish.</p> <p>Explanation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The Chinese language is becoming more popular internationally and has been widely used recently.</i> 2. <i>ITTF website already has a Chinese version.</i> 3. <i>There are a lot of table tennis fans around the world that speak and read the Chinese language.</i>
2	<p>Proposed by the PTT Division</p> <p><i>To amend the relevant clauses of chapter 1 and 2 to add “Paralympic” where “Olympic” appears.</i></p> <p>Explanation: <i>This is an editorial issue.</i></p>
3	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p><i>To amend section 1.17.</i></p> <p>1.17.3.2 An Association which fails to pay its subscription for 3 successive years shall automatically be suspended from membership; it shall not be liable for subscriptions during the period of suspension and may be re-admitted to membership on payment of part or all of the subscriptions previously due, at the discretion of the Board. The suspension in this case is a full suspension.</p> <p>1.17.3.3 An Association that is suspended from membership shall, including but not limited to, not be entitled to nominate or enter players for any event held under the jurisdiction of the ITTF nor to attend or be represented at a General Meeting, to nominate any person for election to the Executive Committee, Board, any committee, commission or working group nor shall any individual nominated by the Association be entitled to participate in the activities of the Executive Committee, Board, any committee, commission or working group. Further:</p>

	<p>1.17.3.3.1 no technical official from the Association shall officiate at any ITTF sanctioned event.</p> <p>1.17.3.3.2 the Association shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the ITTF including but not limited to participation in development activities nor to receive any grants from the ITTF.</p> <p>1.17.3.3.3 the Association shall not be entitled to host an ITTF sanctioned event save that where an ITTF sanctioned event has been approved prior to the suspension, the Executive Committee may establish a committee to oversee the organisation of such sanctioned event under conditions approved by the Executive Committee, at its discretion.</p> <p>1.17.3.4 An Association which seriously and persistently fails to maintain the principles or to respect the Constitution and decisions of the ITTF may be censured, fined, suspended or expelled by a General Meeting by a two thirds majority; a suspension may be cancelled only by a General Meeting by a two-thirds majority or, in emergency, by a 3/4 majority of the votes cast at a Board meeting. In a case of a suspension, the General Meeting may allow players from the suspended Association to compete in events under the jurisdiction and flag of the ITTF.</p> <p>1.17.3.5 Before the General Meeting suspends an Association, the Association must have been sent notice in writing of the proposed suspension at least one month before the General Meeting at which the suspension is to be considered. The Association shall be afforded an opportunity to present its case at the General Meeting.</p> <p>1.17.3.6 The Executive Committee may act to suspend an Association pending the General Meeting provided that:</p> <p>1.17.3.6.1 clause 1.17.3.5 is applied;</p> <p>1.17.3.6.2 the Executive Committee decides to suspend an Association by a unanimous vote;</p> <p>1.17.3.6.3 the Executive Committee immediately informs all Associations of the suspension providing reasons.</p> <p>1.17.3.7 The Association which has been suspended or expelled may appeal to the Court of Arbitration of Sport.</p> <p>Explanation: <i>To differentiate between a “sports suspension” and a “full suspension”, to clarify the implications of suspending an association and to allow for an appeal process.</i></p>
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3/4 majority required

4	<p>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</p> <p><i>To modify 2.2.1, 2.2.4, 2.9.1.1 and 2.10.1.3:</i></p> <p>2.2.1 The net assembly shall consist of the net, its cord suspension and the</p>
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	<p>upright net posts, the horizontal part of the supporting posts and the possible clamps.</p> <p>2.2.4 The bottom of the net, along its whole length, shall be as close as possible to the playing surface and the ends of the net shall be as close as possible to the upright posts</p> <p>2.9.1.1 (The rally shall be a let) if in service the ball, in passing over or around the net assembly, touches the net, its cord suspension or the upright net post, provided the service is otherwise correct or the ball is obstructed by the receiver or his partner.</p> <p>2.10.1.3 (Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point) if, after he has made a service or a return, the ball touches anything other than the net, its cord suspension or the upright net post before being struck by an opponent.</p> <p>Rationale: <i>Many new designs of tables or net assemblies make it much more difficult or even impossible to distinguish between the parts of the undercarriage, the tabletop side and the horizontal parts of the net supporting posts, especially if they are permanently attached to the table. Such a net assembly may have no clamp, its horizontal supporting posts or parts may continue the undercarriage or additional horizontal parts may affix it to the tabletop side. It has also happened (very rarely) that the ball, during a rally, hit on the horizontal part of the post and was slipping on it. The umpire had to touch it and call "let". In other words: If in future a ball touches a horizontal part of the net support, the umpire will call "fault".</i></p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee and the Finnish TT Association</p> <p><i>To modify and unify 2.9.1:</i></p> <p>2.9.1 The rally shall be a let</p> <p>2.9.1.1 if in service the ball, in passing over or around the net assembly, touches it, provided that</p> <p>2.9.1.1.1 the service is otherwise correct or</p> <p>2.9.1.1.2 the receiver or his partner obstructs the ball, touches the playing surface with a free hand or infringes Law 2.10.1.13 or</p> <p>2.9.1.1.3 the receiver or his partner, or anything they wear or carry, moves the playing surface or touches the net assembly.</p> <p>Rationale: <i>It shall be made clear that</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>once the ball has touched the net no action by the receiver can bring him/her an unfair advantage;</i> - <i>a server who has not made a correct service should not have the chance to score a point.</i>

Resolution to the AGM 2011

Simple majority required

Proposed by the LAT TT Association

To discuss the service rule in terms of Law 2.13.3:

The change of the serving player or pair in accordance which player or pair has scored the previous point. The next server of the rally is the player or pair, who has lost the point in the previous rally (2.13.3)

Rationale:

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After sufficient changes in the Laws of Table Tennis have been accepted (game until 11 points and 2 services in turn) it is time to improve our sport with more radical changes in the order of serving and receiving.

This proposal is the opposite as in volleyball, but in table tennis, we hope that it will promote the game, because it will not be possible to win the game or the match with the service or sometimes with bad or suspicious service. For the winner of the game or the match it will be necessary in the last rally to have good return.

We understand that such crucial proposal will not be accepted by ITTF AGM because the changes to the Laws of Table Tennis require a 3/4 majority of the votes cast, but we are requesting you to discuss our proposal and may be ask some associations to organize some tournaments with such rules and after that to decide either this proposal can be accepted or not.



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday 12 May 2011 at 09h00 in the Rotterdam Room, Manhattan Hotel, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening address
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the BoD held on 28 May 2010 in Moscow, Russia
4. Annual reports from commissions and working groups:
 - 4.1 Athletes' Commission (document I1)
 - 4.2 Calendar Working Group (document I2)
 - 4.3 Junior Commission (document I3)
 - 4.4 Veterans' Committee (document I4)
 - 4.5 Women's Working Group (document I5)
5. Appointment of members of commissions and working groups
To be provided
6. Appointment of committee chairs
To be provided
7. Proposals and Resolutions (document J)
8. World Junior Championships
 - 8.1 World Junior Championships 2011 (Bahrain)
 - 8.2 World Junior Championships 2012 (South Africa)
 - 8.3 World Junior Championships 2013 (India)
 - 8.4 World Junior Championships 2014
9. Global Junior Programme
10. World Title events and Pro Tour

11. Updates of technical leaflets
12. Personal honorary membership
13. Vacancies on the Board of Directors
14. Next meeting: to be held in Dortmund in March 2012
15. Ratification of the work done by the committees, commissions and working groups
16. Any other business
17. Adjournment

ATHLETES COMMISSION

Report to the BoD

Document I1

Last year in Moscow, the BoD voted in favor of the new terms of reference for the Commission and the AGM also voted in favor of 2 important decisions for the athletes:

- the Chair of the Athletes Commission or his/her appointee will be a full member of the BoD (with voting rights)
- the Chair of the Athletes Commission or his/her appointee will be an ex officio member of the EC (without voting rights).

The Athletes Commission has not yet worked as a Commission since the last AGM in Moscow, as the elections will be held in Rotterdam this year. Thus, I have continued to work as the Athletes Commission chairperson in the “interim” in order to develop the voting process for the PTT World Championships and the World Championships.

The first election was held 27 to 29 October 2010 in Gwangju, Korea and from 6 candidates (from 4 continents), the first athlete ever elected to the Athletes Commission was Aléna Kanova from Slovakia. The voting participation was 75% by the men players and 76% by the women players (not bad!).

The second election (for 5 members) will be held in Rotterdam from 9 to 11 May 2011. On 12 May 2011, the EC will nominate the 5 appointed members and the composition of the Commission will officially be announced at the BoD meeting. Then the first meeting of the new Commission will be held on 13 May 2011.

Communication has been the main activity since Moscow

A lot of information emails have been sent (on average, one a month) to all the players in my data base.

A meeting was organized both at the Women’s World Cup (as usual since 2005) and at the Men’s World Cup in Magdeburg addressing the following topics:

- the presentation of the new terms of reference of the Athletes Commission
- the Olympic Games
- open questions and answers

All the documents related to the elections were sent far in advance to all the National Associations and the players, followed by numerous reminders.

I think that ITTF has done everything possible and I hope that the players have understood that they must take the opportunity. We just have to wait and see hoping that the elections

will be successful and that the Athletes Commission will be very helpful working hand in hand with the ITTF EC.

I cannot end this report without thanking the National Associations and the BoD members for having voted in favor of the athletes' requests last year, the EC members for having trusted me to do the job, Thomas Weikert for his continual support, the Lausanne staff for their dedication to this subject (Alison and Jordi) and of course the players who entrusted me and took time either to answer my emails or to exchange ideas with me every time we met.

I wish "long life" to the new ITTF Athletes Commission.

Claude Bergeret

CALENDAR WORKING GROUP

Report to the Board of Directors

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The ITTF Calendar Working Group has continued its activity with the same composition, the group has Jeanny Dom (LUX) as Deputy Chair representing Europe, Oluranti Lajide (NGR) as member representing Africa, Khalifa Al-Jeraid (KUW) as member representing Asia, Ivan Santos (PUR) as member representing Latin America, David Jackson (CAN) as member representing North America, Phil Males (AUS) as member representing Oceania and myself as Chair.

We have received good support in the last year from Judit Faragó, the Executive Director (Competitions) in adding a new column in the calendar to describe the event type (sanctioned, recognised, approved and registered) to differentiate them regarding ranking (rating and bonus).

This certainly puts more focus on ITTF events (Olympic, world and sanctioned) followed by the Multi-Sports Games (recognised) followed by one Continental event, Continental Cups, Regional and International events (approved), then finally other (registered) events without ranking points (just for calendar presentation).

We kept also special events on the ITTF Calendar without an event type, but we put (PTT) preceding the name of all Para Table Tennis events and also we put (Veteran) preceding the name of all Veteran Table Tennis events.

The Calendar for 2010 was very busy due to the qualifications and the 1st Youth Olympic Games (Singapore), plus a special case of two Pro Tour Grand Finals (1st for 2009 in Macao in January 2010 and the 2nd for 2010 in Korea in December 2010).

The Calendar of the current year 2011 is on the website including the following:

- World TTC for Individuals to be in Rotterdam 8 to 15 May 2011.
- Women's, Team's and Men's World Cups in October and November respectively.
- ITTF Pro Tour chain should be 16 events compared to 13 successful events in 2010 (after the cancellation of Chile and China 1 Pro Tour events in 2010 due to emergency reasons for the host associations), plus the Grand Final should be held 24 to 27 November 2011 in London and at the same time, it will be the test event for London Olympic Games 2012.
- ITTF Junior Circuit should be 30 events (record) compared to 24 successful events in 2010, and it covers all continents (3 Africa, 7 Asia, 12 Europe, 6 Latin America, 1 North America and 1 Oceania), while the Junior Circuit Finals together with the Cadet Challenge expected to be in Puerto Rico 14 to 22 January 2012 and the Volkswagen World Junior Table Tennis Championships will be in Bahrain in December 2011.

- There will be a continuation of the prestigious events (Volkswagen Cup, Volkswagen China vs World and ITTF Special Event) in March, June and September respectively.
- All available Continental, Regional Championships, Multi Sports Games and other International Open Events.
- All available Veterans and Para TT Calendar in 2011.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my colleagues in the Calendar Working Group who represent all the continents. Special thanks also to Judit, Raúl, Didier, Etsuko and Mo for their great efforts to promote the ITTF Calendar to you in such an easy and wonderful look.

Khaled El-Salhy

JUNIOR COMMISSION

Report to the BoD

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THE ITTF GLOBAL JUNIOR CIRCUIT

In 2010, the Global Junior Circuit counted 24 events around the World (one less than the original program) after India was allocated with the Global Junior Circuit Finals. Again new Associations joined the GJC: Austria and Italy were allocated their first events and the fact that they applied to host an event in 2011 indicates the continuous interest in the GJP from the ITTF affiliated associations.

However, 2010 was especially positive due to the penetration of the GJP activities among the ITTF members: no less than 96 National Associations took part in at least one of the GJC events held last year, meaning over 45% of the total number of ITTF members were actively represented. The total number of players also broke a record: 1 663 was the number of different players who competed in JC events.

THE ITTF GLOBAL CADET CHALLENGE & GLOBAL JUNIOR CIRCUIT FINALS

India successfully hosted the Finals of the GJC. Enormous media interest was one of the highlights of the event, which together with a dedicated team of organisers, gave a very positive message to the world looking forward to the World Junior Championships 2013 to be held in Delhi. For the first time, we had itTV implemented successfully in the Global Junior Circuit Finals.

THE VOLKSWAGEN WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

With the same title sponsor for the second year, we can consider the Bratislava WJTTC as the World Championships of the "New Media". Never before did we have such an intense coverage of a WJTTC, with 57 individual matches, 17 team matches and 45 interviews posted to itTV. The new channels of ITTF in Facebook, Twitter and Flickr gave more possibilities to younger fans to follow the World Championships from a different perspective.

In what strictly concerns sport, for the first time in history, the Chinese team was not crowned Junior Girls Team Champions. The honors went to Japan, while in the Boys, the Chinese secured the Gold.

The cooperation with the host organiser and the sponsors of the Global Junior Programme helped to present this event in a very professional way.

THE WORLD HOPES TEAM

For the second year, the World Hopes Team members were selected following try out camps in all the continents. Once the selection was done, the team paid a visit to Korea for the Korean Hopes Challenge, successfully organised together with the Korean Junior Open.

THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

We cannot finish this report without mentioning the great success of Table Tennis at the Inaugural Youth Olympic Games. Great venue, excellent organisation, fantastic table tennis matches and the great performances from the local players contributed to Table Tennis being one of the most visited sports, with over 2 000 spectators for the finals.

While this was the most significant aspect of the YOG in Singapore, it is important to mention also the work done by the ITTF in “the Road to Singapore”, a series of 5 International Qualification Events and 5 Continental Qualification Events held around the world which, over 10 months, had players from over 60 NOC’s actively participating and trying to get one of the places for Singapore.

Tony Yue

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Report to the AGM

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1. Members

Chairperson	Chan Foong Keong
Deputy Chairperson	Hans Westling
Members	Houshang Bozorgadeh, Galal Ezz, Olga Fenigold-Kahan, Ronald Garrett, Yildirim Turkeri, Diane Schöler

2. Committee meeting

The 3rd ITTF Veterans Committee was held during the World Team Championships in Moscow on 23 May 2010 with Chan Foong Keong, Hans Westling, Houshang Bozorgadeh, Diane Schöler, Dr. Azmy Ibrahim (representing Olga Fenigold-Kahan), Yildirim Turkeri.

3. World Veterans' Team Championships

- 3.1 The 15th World Veterans Championships were held in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China on 7 to 12 June 2010.
- 3.2 The organisers had worked very hard to ensure the success of the Championships by providing very good facilities to all the participants.
- 3.3 The 16th World Veterans Championships will be held in Stockholm, Sweden in 2012.

4. Continental Veterans' Activities

- 4.1 Mrs. Olga Fenigold-Kahan submitted reports on veterans' activities in the USA very regularly.
- 4.2 Mr. Hans Westling submitted reports on the veterans activities in Europe and other international veterans' tournaments.

5. Proposals to the Executive Committee

The Committee had submitted proposals to the Executive Committee as follows:

- 5.1 The ITTF Veterans Committee to be in the bidding for World Veterans' Championships together with Swaythling Club International and WVC starting from the bidding for 2014 VTTC.
- 5.2 ITTF Competition Department to assist in ranking of veteran players.

6. Appreciation

I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for their co-operation extended to me and their suggestions to improve the function of the Committee further.

I would also like to thank the staff of ITTF for kind assistance whenever needed.

Chan Foong Keong

WOMEN'S WORKING GROUP

Report to the Board of Directors

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The Women's Working Group re-affirmed its role at its meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from the 25 - 26 September 2010 specifically that:

The purpose of the Women's Working Group is to create an enabling environment for the full inclusion of women and girls into ITTF structures at all levels through regular monitoring and evaluation.

In order to fulfil its mandate the Women's Working Group agreed to the following objectives:

1. Development Courses for Women and Girls

Activities for women and girls will be coordinated through the Development Department in conjunction with the continental development officers.

It must be noted that progress has been made with regards to the participation of women and girls in courses and training camps; 110 activities were organised by the Development Department in 2010 out of 4 483 participants that attended, 1 573 were women representing 35%.

Percentage by continents:

Africa	31,1% (min)	Asia	40,3% (max)
Europe	34,3%	Latin America	36,8%
North America	36,2%	Oceania	33%

2. Integration of Para Table Tennis Coaching Courses

The integration of the Para TT component into the Level 1 coaching course is a positive step. The WWG is hopeful that the integration of Para TT will be an integral part of the ITTF and National Associations' programmes and activities. It is also the view of the WWG that Para TT should also be part of the mainstreaming process that will ensure the full inclusion of Para athletes into our structures.

3. Co-option of WWG Representatives into Continental Unions/Federations

Continental Presidents are encouraged to support the activities of the WWG in the Continental Unions/ Federations programmes. The WWG continental representatives, i.e. chairs of continental WWGs, should be co-opted to the Executive bodies of Continental Unions/Federations.

4. Reporting Template

A reporting template was developed and introduced for the activities of the Continental WWG members; it is a useful tool for streamlining the reporting process.

5. Job Description of Continental WWG chairpersons

- to chair meetings
- to develop a long and short-term programme of action for the continent by 31 March 2011
- to establish Zonal/Regional WWGs by 30 April 2011
- to arrange continental meetings
- to establish communication channels with National Associations including a network of players, coaches and administrators.

6. Development of a Toolkit

The development of the toolkit will be completed by the end of June 2011 consisting of:

- mentoring guidelines
- HIV awareness and Life skills.
- UN Millennium Development Goals.
- internships, bursaries, scholarship options.

A promotional poster will be developed by the end of February 2011 and National Associations will be able to download it from the ITTF website for the International Women's Day celebrations on 8 March 2011.

7. IOC Women and Sport Award

Ms Alejandra Gabaglio was nominated for the IOC award for her commitment and dedication, and promotion of Para TT

Conclusion

Through the Development Department's programmes the mainstreaming and inclusion of women and girls is becoming a reality; the decision to create this enabling environment has shown that we are no longer in an awareness zone but have made strides in implementing programmes.

It is therefore critical that the Continental Presidents co-opt the WWG chairpersons to the executive committees of the Continental Unions/Federations to enhance the implementation of policies and programmes at Continental, Zonal and grassroots level.

I would like to thank you, Mr President, for your unequivocal support, Executive Vice-President Petra Sörling for your advice and support, the WWG members for their contribution, the ITTF staff for making my duties lighter, the Presidents and Members of National Associations for supporting the mandate of the WWG of achieving equity amongst all.

Hajera Kajee

Propositions to the Board of Directors Meeting 2011

Simple majority required

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<p>6</p>	<p>Proposed by the PTT Division</p> <p>To amend the relevant clauses of chapter 3 and 4 to add “Paralympic” where “Olympic” appears.</p> <p>Explanation: This is an editorial issue.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</p> <p>To amend and restructure 3.2.4.</p> <p>3.2.4 Racket Control</p> <p>3.2.4.2.4 Rackets that do not pass the racket control test before the match cannot be used in the above listed competitions; in the case where rackets do not pass a random racket control test after the match, the offending player will be liable to penalties as implemented at the 2010 World Championships.</p> <p>3.2.4.3 Should a player fail any racket control test for the fourth time in a period of four years, the player may complete the event, but subsequently the Executive Committee will suspend the offending player for 12 months.</p> <p>3.2.4.3.1 The ITTF shall inform the suspended player in writing of such suspension.</p> <p>3.2.4.3.2 The suspended player may appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 21 days of the receiving of the letter of suspension; should such an appeal be submitted, the player’s suspension would remain in force.</p> <p>3.2.4.4 The ITTF shall maintain a register of all racket control failures.</p> <p>3.2.4.5 A properly ventilated area shall be provided for the attachment of racket coverings to rackets, and liquid adhesives shall not be used anywhere else at the playing venue.</p> <p>“Playing venue” means the whole establishment in the playing building and the ground where the playing building stands, which contains the doorway, the parking lot and related facilities.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Proposed by the JPN TT Association</p> <p>To amend 3.2.4.1:</p> <p>3.2.4.1 It is the responsibility of each player to ensure that racket coverings are attached to their racket blade with adhesives that do not contain harmful volatile solvents; in the attachment of racket coverings to blades, any solvents, additives such as boosters, tuners etc. shall not be used as pre-coating material without any adhesive capability.</p> <p>Explanation:</p>

	<p><i>It is impossible to detect boosters in the present racket control system so that illegal use of booster is left uncontrolled. The problem is that using booster is against the rules (2.4.7 and 3.4.2.2) since its purpose is to change the rubber performance up; this situation may be likened to “rubber doping.” Unfortunately, we do not have any provision in the current rules to ban the use of booster, and therefore we need to have common understandings that players are not allowed to use boosters.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	<p>Proposed by the JPN TT Association</p> <p>To amend 3.2.4.2:</p> <p>3.2.4.2 The racket control centre shall test rackets, according to the policy and procedure established by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Equipment committee, to ensure that rackets abide by all ITTF regulations including, but not limited to, racket covering thickness, flatness and presence of harmful volatile substances; players shall not disturb the racket control function, they shall co-operate; for the testing of the racket covering thickness, players shall provide an open area of more than 1cm x 1cm which is left uncovered with any material or coating nearest the handle of the blade for the completion of the procedures provided by the ITTF; if the blade has no such area provided above, racket controllers shall be allowed to make such open area on the blade nearest the handle.</p> <p>Explanation: <i>Racket control test should be conducted with the leading-edge testing equipments authorized by ITTF especially at big competitions where racket control centre operate. Also racket control test should be conducted the same way at each competition. However, we cannot use these devices at non-ITTF events and do not have any choice to use a scaled loupe for measuring racket covering thickness where the part of the blade nearest the handle is covered by suberic materials or blades are covered by manicure or varnish; this is not the way to get exact results correctly because there are often differences by measurers. This is not a fair and equitable way for players at all. Therefore, we propose to have a requirement to make an area uncovered with any material nearest the handle of all blades for showing basic blade’s thickness so that we can use electronic devices for measuring the thickness of all racket coverings. We believe this proposal does not give most of players’ rackets any inconvenience, and we can surely obtain cooperation from players because there are neither major disruptions nor disadvantage for relevant players.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.5.7:</p> <p>3.2.5.7 There may be 1 temporary advertisement on each half of each side of the tabletop and 1 on each end, clearly separated from any permanent advertisements and each contained within a total length of 60cm; they shall not be for other table tennis equipment suppliers and there shall be no manufacturer’s logo or advertisement on the undercarriage of the table.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p>Proposed by the FIN TT Association</p> <p><i>To remove 3.3.3.5.1 and insert this paragraph as new 3.7.7.5:</i></p> <p>3.3.3.5.1 The name of the team captain, playing or non-playing, shall be designated beforehand to the umpire.</p> <p>3.7.7.5 The name of the team captain, playing or non-playing, shall be designated beforehand to the umpire.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee and the Equipment Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 3.4.2.2:</i></p> <p>3.4.2.2 The racket covering shall be used as it has been authorised by the ITTF without any physical, chemical or other treatment, changing or modifying playing properties, friction, outlook, colour, structure, surface, etc. and shall successfully pass all parameters of the racket control tests.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<p>Proposed by the PTT Division</p> <p><i>To add a new paragraph 3.7.6.2.3:</i></p> <p>3.7.6.2 Best of 5 matches (Corbillon Cup system, 4 singles and 1 doubles)</p> <p>3.7.6.2.1 A team shall consist of 2, 3 or 4 players.</p> <p>3.7.6.2.2 The order of play shall be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A v X 2) B v Y 3) doubles 4) A v Y 5) B v X <p>3.7.6.2.3 In Para TT events, the order of play may be as in 3.7.6.2.2 except that the doubles match may be played last.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <p><i>This would reduce significantly the amount of time taken for Para TT team matches so easing the time schedule which, for Para players, is often very long.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p><i>To rename 3.7.9 and to insert a new paragraph 3.7.9.3</i></p> <p>3.7.9 Television and Streaming</p> <p>3.7.9.1 An event other than World, Continental or Olympic title competitions may be broadcast by television only with the permission of the Association from whose territory the broadcast is made.</p> <p>3.7.9.2 Participation in an international event presumes the consent of the Association controlling the visiting players to the televising of that event; in World, Continental or Olympic title competitions such consent is presumed for the showing anywhere of live or recorded television during the period of the event and within 1 calendar month afterwards.</p>

	<p>3.7.9.3 All streaming of ITTF events (all categories) shall be subject to compliance with the ITTF streaming certification process and a Streaming Certification Fee (SCF) shall be charged to the rights holder of the event effective 1 June 2011.</p> <p>Explanation: <i>Provisional SCF will be issued in the interim period by the ITTF Competition Department. The Executive Committee, on recommendation from the Competition Department, sets a Streaming Certification Fee (SCF) to cover part of the cost incurred by the ITTF for the “Early Detection System” and for compliance with the International Sport Monitoring (ISM) and ESSA requirements for the detection of illegal on-line betting.</i></p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Proposed by the CHN TT Association</p> <p>To amend 3.8.6</p> <p>3.8.6 An Association may nominate a player under its jurisdiction (1.21) Only the National Association can nominate a player with its nationality to enter any individual events of Open International Championships; such nomination may be indicated in results lists and ITTF publications but does not affect the eligibility of this player according to 3.8.2.</p> <p>Explanation: <i>Currently item 3.8.6 is inconsistent with ITTF Handbook item 3.7.1.3 “Players from affiliated ITTF member Associations, when competing internationally, can only participate in ITTF events, ITTF approved events and ITTF registered events entered through their national Association, as well as in ITTF recognized events entered through their National Olympic Committee. Participation in any other type of event can only be allowed with the express written permission of the national Association of the player or the ITTF; permission to players will be considered given unless a specific or general notification is made by the national Association of the player or the ITTF withholding the permission to participate in an event or series of events.” In order to avoid disputes between National Associations, we need to make the regulations consistent and clear to follow.</i></p>

Proposed by the USA TT Association

To modify 4.1.3 and to modify 4.2.3, 4.3.6 and 4.4.6 correspondingly:

- 4.1.3 Eligibility
 4.1.3.1 In addition to provisions of 3.8 players being eligible to represent an association other than the one they (~~intend to represent~~) **have been representing**, shall register with the ITTF, through this new association.
 4.4.6.2 (~~Such player shall not represent the new association before~~) **Such registration can only start:**
 4.4.6.2.1 3 years (~~after the date of registration~~), **from the date of his legal residency in the new association**, if the player is under the age of 15.
 4.4.6.2.2 5 years (~~after the date of registration~~), **from the date of his legal residency in the new association**, if the player is under the age of 18.
 4.4.6.2.3 7 years (~~after the date of registration~~), **from the date of his legal residency in the new association**, if the player is under the age of 21.
 4.4.6.3 Players being 21 years of age or older will not be registered with the ITTF and will not be eligible to represent a new association at the World Team Cup.

Explanation:

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Name	Birth Nation	Birth date	Arrived US	Age arriving US	Year of legal residence	Year Represented new association	Competitions
John Doe	Philippines, never represented this association, never registered with this association	1993	1996	3	1996 (Father has working visa)	2005	ITTF World Junior Circuit 2005 Brazil Youth Open, 2005 Canadian Junior Open
Sam Smith	China (CHN), Never represented this association, never registered with this association	Oct. 1991	July 2001	9	2002 (Mother has working visa)	2005	ITTF World Junior Circuit 2005 Canadian Junior Open, 2005 Swedish Junior Open, 2004 Canadian Junior Open

Under existing rules, players listed above will not be eligible to represent our association until respectively 2015 and 2017. With approval of the new proposal they will be eligible to represent our association immediately.

Proposed by the Executive Committee

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To amend 4.1.5.2 and 4.1.5.3

- 4.1.5.2 ~~Entries~~ **Information** shall be submitted on forms distributed, together with the prospectus, by the ~~Secretariat~~ **Competition Department and entries shall be**

	<p style="text-align: center;">submitted as required.</p> <p>Explanation: To reflect current practice.</p> <p>4.1.5.3 One set of these entry forms shall be returned to the Secretariat; The closing date for the receipt of these forms final entries shall be not later than 2 calendar months before the start of the Championships.</p> <p>Explanation: To reflect current practice.</p>
18	<p style="background-color: yellow;">Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 4.1.6.1 and 4.1.6.2</p> <p>4.1.6.1 Modified entries shall be accepted by the organisers, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association, at any time up to the day before the first official draw at World Championships (for individual events).</p> <p>Explanation: This clause affects changes but cancellations still can happen before the draw as cancelled entries can be removed from the list before the draw and not be included in the draw.</p> <p>4.1.6.2 The nominating Association may Change in the composition of a team may be accepted by notifying the organisers if notified by a representative of the nominating Association up to the time of the Jury meeting preceding the World Team Championships, but in no circumstances after the start of the event. No further changes will be accepted after this deadline.</p> <p>Explanation: At the World Team Championships, the draw for 3 divisions is made 1 month before, so it cannot be a reference for changes, also names do not affect the seeding. Between the Jury meeting and the start the final list of players has to be prepared and distributed.</p>
19	<p style="background-color: yellow;">Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 4.1.8.1, 4.1.8.2, 4.1.8.3 and 4.1.8.6</p> <p>4.1.8.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chair of the Technical Committee, the Chair of the Ranking and Rules Committees, a representative the Chair of the Umpires and Referees Committee, the Championships Director (or his equivalent), a representative of the Competition Department, a representative of the organising committee and the referee; the referee shall have the right to speak but not to vote.</p> <p>Explanation: Updated to include the Competition Department, reflect the dissolution of the Ranking Committee and not having the full Technical Committee on the Jury.</p> <p>4.1.8.2 If either the any of the nominated Chairs of the Ranking Committee or the Chairman of the Rules Committee is unable to attend a meeting of the Jury he</p>

	<p>may nominate to attend in his place another member of his Committee, who shall have the right to speak and to vote.</p> <p>Explanation: To clarify the replacement process.</p> <p>4.1.8.3 The Chair of the Jury shall be appointed by the Technical Committee members of the Jury.</p> <p>Explanation: To clarify the appointment of the chair.</p> <p>4.1.8.6 The Jury shall meet before the start of the Championships to be informed of all draw alterations requested up to that time and to decide any requests for changes in the composition of teams; any subsequent questions of draw alteration shall be decided by the Chair of the Technical Committee in conjunction with a representative of the Competition Department and the Jury shall meet again only when convened by that Committee to consider appeals against its administrative decisions or decisions of the referee.</p> <p>Explanation: Change as a result of not including the full Technical Committee.</p>
20	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 4.1.13.1</p> <p>4.1.13.1 The right to televise the Championships shall be vested in the ITTF, which shall receive a levy on any fees paid of US\$32,000 or 20% of the fees, whichever is the greater, unless otherwise agreed by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Explanation: In practice, the ITTF pays more.</p>
21	<p>Proposed by the PTT Division</p> <p>To incorporate the necessary provisions from the current regulations of PTT in relation to PTT competitions into chapter 4.</p> <p>Explanation: To continue the integration of documents and delete the currently separate PTT Handbook.</p>
22	<p>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</p> <p>To modify Technical Leaflet T3, The Ball (B.3 Size conformity):</p> <p>The minimum diameter of every ball must be at least 39.50mm 40.00mm and its maximum diameter must not exceed 40.50 mm 40.60mm. The sample mean average diameter, i.e. the mean of the average of the maximum and minimum diameters for each ball, must be in the range 39.60-40.40mm 40.00 - 40.50mm. Values below 39.25mm 39.70mm or above 40.75mm are considered in our calculations as outliers.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">23</p>	<p>Proposed by the CHN TT Association</p> <p><i>To modify Technical Leaflet T9, Racket Control (9.1):</i></p> <p>9.1 Harmful volatile solvents measurement with MiniRAE-Lite® The ITTF has banned volatile solvents from use on the racket. The limit has been decided by the ITTF Executive Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from September 2009 to August 2010: maximum reading of 4,0 (4,0 is accepted); • from September 2010 to August 2011: maximum reading of 3,0 (3,0 is accepted); • from September 2011 to August 2012: maximum reading of 2,0 3,0 (2,0 3,0 is accepted). <p>Explanation: <i>Currently the tolerance of VOC is 3 ppm, and the limit will be reduced to 2 ppm in September 2011. As we know, the London Olympic Games will be held in 2012, and too many changes to racket control regulations will be harmful for the players' preparation work. If the players pay too much attention to racket control, it will be difficult for them to devote themselves to the competitions. Therefore, they will not be able to display their best skills. Besides, the current calibration could hardly detect the minor difference between 3ppm to 2 ppm. For this reason, we suggest that the racket control regulations be kept stable during a certain period. It will be better to adjust the regulations every 4 years according to the Olympic Games period, instead of making changes every year. With the stable regulations, the players can concentrate in practicing and the technical level of our sport will be raised.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p>Proposed by the JPN TT Association</p> <p><i>To modify Technical Leaflet T9, Racket Control:</i></p> <p>9.2 The final result of thickness measurement shall be calculated by the average of these four measurements. An average of 4.04mm 4.00mm or below should be recorded. An average above 4.04mm 4.00mm should be recorded and must be referred to the reference.</p> <p>Rationale: <i>Suppliers make rubbers approximate 3.80mm in total considering thickness of adhesive. So the total thickness of rubber will be less than 4.00mm after players add adhesive. Actually the results show the total thickness of rubber is from 4.01mm to 4.05mm when players use boosters. If players use only adhesive, it is easily expected that total thickness will be less than 4.00mm easily.</i></p>

Resolutions to the Board of Directors Meeting 2011

Simple majority required

Proposed by the Junior Commission

GLOBAL CADET CHALLENGE

a) Title name

To adopt the name of “World Cadet Challenge” again, whereby the event should remain a non-world title event and the change should not affect nor come into conflict with other rules regulating eligibility and other aspects distinctive for world title events.

Explanation:

The denomination “World” is more attractive for the public, the media and it also facilitates the marketing of the event for the Organizers.

Note: Should this be passed by the Board of Directors, this would necessitate consequential changes to eligibility clauses.

b) Training Camp budget and Increased host contribution

To add the Training Camp hospitality to the Organizers obligations, which also imposes a new financial contribution on the Organizers of the Global Cadet Challenge from 2012 on, while balancing that with an increased ITTF contribution and/or reduced requirements due to separating the Junior Circuit Finals.

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Explanation:

Unlike the Training Camps before the Global Junior Circuit events the Camp organized in connection to the GCC is mandatory and also included in the Continental Development Agreements. In order to ensure that all continents attend the full session the Junior Commission would like to see the host contribution increased to cover the Training Camp fully, which would also result in making the event more attractive from the organizational point of view.

c) Global Cadet Challenge future model

The date and the format of the Global Cadet Challenge should be kept, while the Global Junior Circuit Finals should be separated and held in January, at least two weeks from the World Junior Championships. This separation should start in 2012 with the support of the Competition Department.

Explanation:

Due to the fact that the GCC is organized jointly with the GJCF, normally in early November, it automatically causes the completion of the events organized under the umbrella of the GJC in 10 months (except the 2011 GCC-GJCF, organized in Puerto Rico, which will be held in January 2012 due to a request of the Organizer but also to test the proposed date).

With the vision of allowing the best cadets to compete with juniors, provided they qualify for the GJCF, this would represent a great added value for the young promising players and at the same time eliminate the problems with simultaneous participation that was faced in recent years.

<p>C</p>	<p>Proposed by the Junior Commission</p> <p>YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES</p> <p>The Olympic and Paralympic Commission consider the recommendation and that the ITTF negotiates with the International Olympic Committee to extend the age category for the Youth Olympic Games to a four year age span (15-18 or 13-16).</p> <p>Explanation: <i>It is unfair and against the basic Olympic principles that not everyone is given at least one chance to qualify and compete at the YOG.</i></p>
<p>D</p>	<p>Proposed by the Junior Commission</p> <p>WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>a) <u>Trophies for singles events</u></p> <p>The Junior Commission recommends offering to all three sponsors of the World Junior Championships the same rights in terms of presentation of trophies during the Presentation Ceremony thus levelling also their marketing opportunities.</p> <p>Explanation: <i>The Commission discussed the possibility to have Stag as the third sponsor in the World Junior Championships sponsors' pool to present the trophies at the Presentation Ceremony and to replace the Swaythling Club, which would take over the "Most Improved Player" award.</i></p>
<p>E</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>The Equipment Committee, Competition Department and the Marketing Department shall strictly enforce the ITTF's advertising rule limiting the Manufacturer's logo on the sides of the table to a maximum of 6 logos according to the approved Technical Leaflet, and a fine of \$50,000 per additional logo shall be charged to offending Manufacturers.</p>
<p>F</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>The ITTF Executive Committee and the Equipment Committee shall request Ball Manufacturers to produce 40mm PVC balls (non-celluloid), after the 2012 Olympic Games, in preparation for the total ban of celluloid production by national governments around the world, and the Equipment Committee shall adjust the Technical Leaflet in terms of description of the new material and tolerances.</p>
<p>G</p>	<p>Proposed by the JPN TT and the Executive Committee</p> <p>To create a working group to investigate a new device/s to detect additives such as boosters, tuners etc.</p>



World Championships and World Junior Championships Playing Systems

Simple majority required

Proposed by the Technical Committee

World Team Championships Playing System

1) Allow a 5th Division if there are sufficient teams to justify an extra Division

Explanation:

The number of Associations competing at a WTC continues to increase, and the 4th Division has become unwieldy with a large number of teams. For example in Moscow last year there were 114 Men's team entered which created a 4th Division of 42 teams. It would have been much better for the teams concerned, and the overall competition, if it had been possible to have a 4th Division of 24 teams and a 5th Division of 18 teams. However this was not allowed under the current regulations. The decision as to whether to have a 5th Division would be up to the Competition Department in conjunction with the Chair, Technical Committee.

2) For the top 2 Divisions separation in the knockout phase will be unchanged but for Divisions below the top 2 an extra level of separation will occur

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Explanation:

This is recognition that the aims of the lower ranked teams are different from the top ranked teams. For the lower ranked teams their aim is to compete at their own level against as many different opponents as possible. This proposition adds an extra level of separation so that in the knockout stage teams cannot meet another team from their group until the semi finals. However there is still a degree of randomness in that it is not advocated that 1st and 2nd from the group should be in opposite halves, rather than the 3 teams involved from the same group should be in separate quarters.

3) Reduce the number of teams guaranteed a position based on the previous WTC from 18 to 14

Explanation:

This is probably the most contentious proposition as some people consider that positions should be predominately based on performance at previous Championships, whilst others believe that current team ranking should be the determining factor. There is agreement on automatic promotion of top placed teams in lower Divisions, which is currently set at 2 and there is no intention to alter this. As Championships are held every two years the makeup of teams can substantially alter with retirements of good players from top teams weakening them, and the emergence of good young players in previously weaker teams strengthening them. However whilst there is merit in rewarding teams for finishing highly

	<p><i>at a Championship, this should not be at the expense of Associations who have substantially improved since the previous Championship. The difficulty lies in finding the point that is fair to all. Currently I believe this is set too high and provides little incentive for teams who have a guaranteed position at the next Championship to improve, or even maintain, their playing standard. For individual events we would not consider using anything other than the latest World Ranking, however for team events we are seen to be rewarding performances that are 2 years old. The suggested reduction of teams guaranteed a position in the relevant Division from 18 to 14 is based on the fact that the top 12 at the Championships are the ones competing in the knockout stage for the medal/promotion positions and should be rewarded accordingly. It also makes the matches in the lower half knockout of each Division important, as the top 2 teams from that knockout are also guaranteed a position in the same Division at the next World Championships. In addition this provides more incentive and benefit for those teams who have improved, but would otherwise have missed out on playing in the Division more appropriate to their current playing standard. The overall effect of the proposed reduction is that 16 of the 24 positions – two thirds – would be guaranteed from the previous Championships with the remaining 8 positions – one third – dependent on team ranking.</i></p> <p>Implementation</p> <p><i>Propositions 1 and 2 could be introduced in 2012, as they have no effect on qualification and are just minor changes to the playing format. Since teams already have guaranteed positions for 2012, Proposition 3 could be introduced in 2012 with the new qualification to be for 2014.</i></p> <p><i>For detailed System of Play please see attachment X1.</i></p>
<p>Y</p>	<p>Proposed by the Junior Commission</p> <p>World Junior Championships Playing System</p> <p><u>System of qualification is unchanged:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of teams was increased to 20 since 2010 (compared to the previous 16) - Total number of participants remained the same: 96 (80 for teams + 16 for individuals) for the boy's and girl's category - Continental distribution of the team quotas: Europe 5, Asia 5, Africa 3, North America/Latin America 4, Oceania 2, Host 1 with a provision that any unused quota is given to the U-18 World Team Ranking. <p>Some changes are needed in the system of play due to the experience at 2010 WJTTC in Bratislava regarding scheduling problems and predictable results in group matches. After careful study of 4 possible options for playing system and possible schedule, the final proposal for consideration is the following:</p> <p><u>Team events playing system:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Progressive K.O. system playing for all positions except bronze medal b) Teams seeded No.1-8 are drawn directly in the last 16 c) Two rounds will be played before reaching the quarterfinals

- d) Losers of the first two rounds will play progressive K.O. system for positions 9-20
- e) Number of team matches will be 43 compared to 61 in 2010 in Bratislava

Individual events playing system:

- a) Top 16 players directly seeded to the main draw of 64
- b) Rest of the players are drawn in 16 groups of 3 and 8 groups of 4 in qualification to achieve having a full draw of 64 players in the first round.

With the proposed playing system:

- Team event is finished in 3 days (it was 5 days in 2010 in Bratislava)
- Maximum 2 team matches per team per day
- Final stages of the individual matches can be played on 4 tables or less on the last 2,5 days which is much better for well presented matches (compared to 1,5 days in 2010 in Bratislava)
- In general, every individual player will have fewer matches per day compared to 2010.

For detailed System of Play please see attachment X2.

Attachment X1

World Team Championships Playing System

Number of Teams per Division

There shall be 24 teams in the top 3 Divisions at the World Team Table Tennis Championships.

1. STRUCTURE

- 1.1 “Division” System with 24 teams in each of the top 3 Divisions and the rest of the teams to form the 4th Division, unless there are sufficient teams to have 24 teams in a 4th Division and a viable 5th Division.
- 1.2 The 1st Division is also the Championship Division.
- 1.3 In each of the top 3 {or 4} Divisions there will be 4 Groups of 6 teams.
- 1.4 The 4th {or 5th} Division will be comprised of all the rest of the teams divided into groups after the final entry is known, to maximise the number of matches played by each team.

2. PLAYING SYSTEM

- 2.1 The playing system for the top 2 Divisions will be identical.
- 2.2 Each group of 6 teams shall play a complete round robin competition (5 matches per team).
- 2.3 The order of play and the scheduling of the matches must be prepared in such a way as to avoid, whenever possible, the possibility of “pre-determining” results. All final round matches, as feasibly possible, must be significant for each competing team.
- 2.4 Following the complete round robin in each group, the winners of each group (4 teams) will move directly into the quarter finals round (they have a bye in the round of 16 - see diagram on page 4) and be seeded accordingly (winner of Group “A” seeded 1st (position (1)) winner of Group “B” seeded 2nd (position (2)) winners of Groups “C” and “D” **drawn** in positions (3).
- 2.5 The teams placing 2nd in the groups will be **drawn randomly** in positions (5) into the Round of 16 first (see diagram on page 4).
- 2.6 The teams placing 3rd in the groups will be **drawn randomly** in positions (9) into the Round of 16 next (see diagram on page 4), *with the exception that teams having played against each other in the group stage shall not meet again in the first round of the knock-out competition.*
- 2.7 The teams placing 4th, 5th and 6th in the groups (12 teams) will play-off for positions 13 to 24 (draw of 12 teams, using the same system as the top 12 teams - round of 16 with byes to each of the teams placing 4th).

- 2.8 The play-off rounds (final draws) will be played according to a progressive knock-out system to determine all the final positions in order from 1 to 12 and from 13 to 24. (2nd Division: 25-36 and 37-48), except that there shall be no match for 3rd and 4th.
- 2.9 The playing system for the other full Divisions will be identical with the exception that teams having played against each other in the group stage shall not meet again in the first or second round of the knock-out competition.
- 2.10 In the lowest Division, depending on the total number of entered teams, the teams shall be divided into groups (number of groups to be determined after the closing date for entries) in order to provide sufficient number of matches to each team. The teams will play first in groups and then a progressive knock-out system to determine all positions. Every effort will be made to provide as many matches as possible per team.
- 2.11 The World Champion team could play a maximum of 9 matches and a minimum of 8 matches.
- 2.12 In 1st Division all teams are guaranteed to play at least 7 matches, but most teams will play 8 or 9 matches. In the 2nd and 3rd Divisions most teams will play 9 matches, only teams with a bye in the round of 16 may have only 8 matches to play.
- 2.13 No. 1 overall (winner of 1st Division) shall be the World Champion.
- 2.14 In 1st Division the winning team shall receive gold medals, the runner-up silver medals and the 2 losing semi-finalists bronze medals.
- 2.15 In 2nd and 3rd {and 4th} Divisions winning teams (Division Champions No. 25 and 49 {and 73}) shall be given medals or awards.
- 2.16 A special award shall be given to the winning team of lowest Division.

3. SEEDING and RANKING

- 3.1 The top 14 Teams of the 1st Division in the previous World Team Championships shall be guaranteed a spot in 1st Division regardless of their position on the relevant ITTF Computer World Team Ranking (CWTR).
- 3.2 The teams having finished in the previous World Team Championships in one of the two top positions of each Division (25th-26th, 49th-50th, 73rd-74th, {97th-98th}) will be guaranteed a seeding of at least 23rd, 24th, 47th, 48th, 71st and 72nd {95th and 96th} respectively, unless the ranking of the team would seed them in a higher position.
- 3.3 The teams having finished amongst the next 12 positions of 2nd and 3rd {and 4th} Division (27th to 38th inclusive and 51st to 62nd inclusive {and 75th to 86th inclusive}) on the previous World Team Championships will be guaranteed a place in the same Division regardless of their position on the relevant CWTR, unless their position on this CWTR would place them in an even higher position.
- 3.4 All other teams shall be seeded according to the CWTR.
- 3.5 Seeding in the 4 groups in each of the top 3 {or 4} Divisions shall be done as follows:
- 3.5.1 In 1st Division:
- 3.5.1.1 Teams Ranked 1 to 4 shall be seeded as top of each group: 1st – A, 2nd – B, 3rd – C and 4th –D,
- 3.5.1.2 Teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn in Groups D and C,

3.5.1.3 Teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn in Groups B and A, etc, drawing teams two-by-two using the snake system until all groups are complete with 24 teams.

3.5.2 The same system shall be used for the 2nd and 3rd {and 4th} Divisions.

3.5.3 The system of seeding for the lowest Division will be determined after the closing of entries.

3.6 The CWTR which will be used for the composition of the Divisions and for the Draws shall be the last CWTR before the draw of the Championship Division.

4. DEFINITIONS

Division: refers to a block of teams competing against each other. Divisions shall consist of 24 Teams (4th {or 5th} Division may consist of less or more teams). References to these blocks are: 1st Division, 2nd Division, 3rd Division and 4th {and 5th} Division. The 1st Division is the Championship Division.

Group: refers to teams drawn together within a Division. There will be 4 groups per Division and they are referred to in the alphabetical order. In the 1st Division: Groups A, B, C, and D, in the 2nd Division: groups E, F, G and H, and in 3rd Division, groups I, J, K and L. (4th {or 5th} Division may consist of less or more groups).

Ranking: refers to the ITTF's Computer World Team Ranking (CWTR)

Seeding: refers to the placement of a Team at the Championships based on its final position at the previous Team Championships or on its position in the current championships based on its ranking relative to all other entered teams.

1st DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP

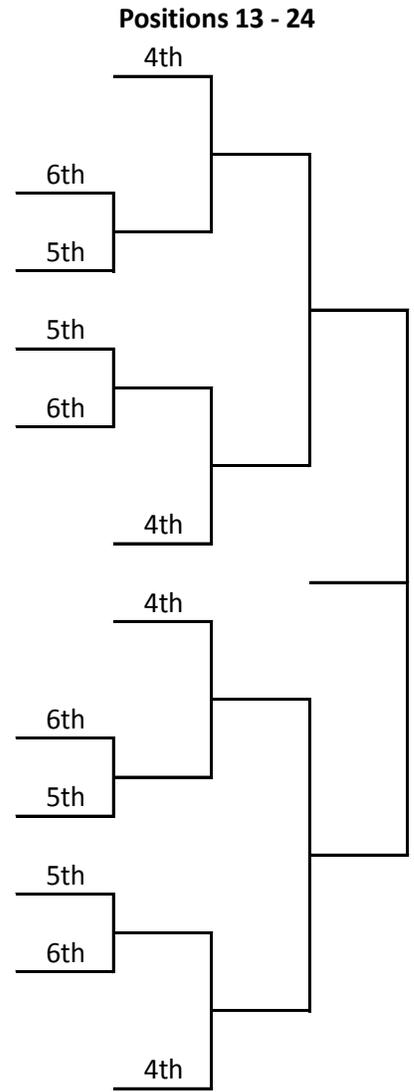
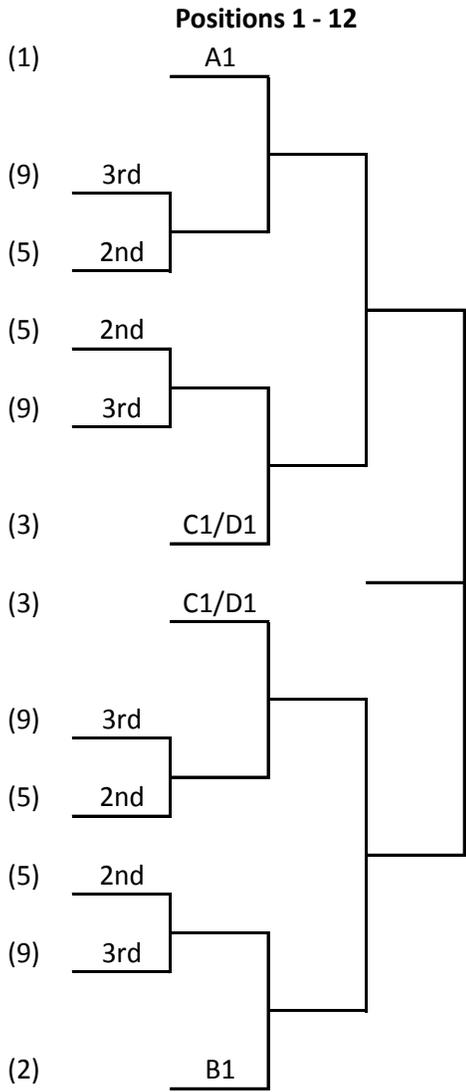
GROUPS

A	1
	7/8
	9/10
	15/16
	17/18
	23/24

B	2
	7/8
	9/10
	15/16
	17/18
	23/24

C	3
	5/6
	11/12
	13/14
	19/20
	21/22

D	4
	5/6
	11/12
	13/14
	19/20
	21/22



2nd DIVISION

GROUPS E,F,G,H

Positions 25 - 36

Positions 37 - 48

3rd DIVISION

GROUPS I,J,K,L

Positions 49 - 60

Positions 61 - 72

4th DIVISION

GROUPS M,N, ...

Positions 73 +

{Positions 85 - 96}

{5th DIVISION}

{GROUPS Q,R,...}

{Positions 97 +}

OPTION 1b) - PROGRESSIVE KO

Consensus of Junior Commission members)

