



Salzburg, 10 November 2004

Dear Presidents, dear Secretary Generals, dear Committee members, dear biathlon friends,

this is to inform you officially on the 59<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Executive Board (EB) which took place in Paphos/Cyprus from 23 to 28 October 2004.

1. The EB decided on the **task division between the Race Director Venteslav Iliev, the Assistant Race Director Vladimir Smirnov, the Vice President Sport Janez Vodicar, the IBU Headquarter and the Technical Delegates (TDs)**. The major task of the Race Director is to coordinate the work of the TDs in the preparation, supervision, and follow-up of the World Cups and World Championships. He is the link between the EB/Headquarter and the teams, Organising Committees (OCs) and TDs at the competition sites. He is assisted by the Assistant Race Director, whose major task is to assist to the TV companies in arranging for TV production and transmission at the competition sites. The Vice President Sport evaluates the reports from the Race Director and Assistant Race Director and draws the necessary conclusions for rule and other initiatives, which are addressed to the Technical Committee (TC) and/or to the EB. OCs, teams and TDs are advised to address the Race Director and the Assistant Race Director with regard to the day-to-day business concerning the respective competitions. TV companies are advised to address the Assistant Race Director as far as they need assistance from the IBU at the competition sites. The Race Director and the Assistant Race Director will be present at all WCs and at the WCH at least two days before the official training and in all cases until the end of the respective event.

2. The EB confirmed the **signature of a Contract with SIWIDATA** for the competition seasons 2004 – 2006. Data and timing will be provided to the organizers of all EON-Ruhrgas World Cups, of the Senior World Championships 2005, of the WCH competitions not included in the Olympic Winter Games 2006, the two Junior/Youth World Championships, the European Cups, the two European Championships and the two Summer Biathlon Championships.

3. The EB confirmed the **signature of a Contract with ADECCO** concerning job assistance for athletes and a **new partnership agreement with ARECO** (snow guns). The EB dealt with a draft agreement with ADIDAS and the WC Event Hosting Declarations for Antholz/Anterselva, Torino and Khanty-Mansiysk. The two member federations will be informed separately.

4. The EB **adopted the IBU Accreditation Guide 2004/05** and the final version of the **IBU Sponsor Guide 2004/05**, both accessible on [biathlonworld.com](http://biathlonworld.com) (the

Accreditation Guide only in German language so far). The Secretary General has been tasked to deal with three respective applications by individual decisions.

5. The EB confirmed the necessary budgetary arrangements with regard to the IBU car pool provided by the **Official Car Sponsor Toyota** and decided on recommendations to APF and Toyota for accelerating the distribution of the cars to the teams and to the OCs.

6. The EB decided on assigning a further total of 34.000 € for **material and for in cash support to Member Federations** selected by the IBU Vice President Development based on a respective decision of the IBU Development Committee. The nations will be informed individually.

7. The EB decided to have the first **IBU Newsletter** edited by 30 November 2004 and the **next IBU magazine Biathlonworld** by end of December 2004.

8. The EB decided on which member should take the responsibility for which World Cup (**IBU representative for WC**) and who should take part in addition to this official responsible person (**IBU members' presence at WCs**). The persons will be announced by the Secretary General (SG) directly to the organizing federations and committees.

9. Out of a sport political view as well as from the view of TV- and marketing interests and with regard of the IOC criteria to have the best possible universal spread of the sport, the EB chose the candidates whose application where in by the due date and suggests a **World Cup planning for the period 2006/07 – 2009/2010** by the end of the 2004/05 season. The EB assigned the TC the evaluation out of a sport technical view and the submission of a recommendation according to Art. 15.3.1 of the Event and Competition Rules to a final decision by the EB.

10. From a sports point of view and for the best spread of the sport, the EB chose the applications received by the due date and **suggests to the Technical Committee Bansko/BUL for the EM 2007**. The EB requested the TC to evaluate for a sport technical point of view and make a recommendation according to Art 14.1.7 of the Event and Competition Rules for a final decision by the EB.

11. With regard to **the European Cups 2006/07 and 2007/08** the EB decided to allow Member Federations to submit further applications by **a new deadline** set for 31 December 2004.

12. The **World Championships Summer Biathlon 2007 were allocated to Otepää/Estonia**. The **program for the Summer Biathlon World Championships 2005 in Munio/FIN was confirmed** as proposed by the host (5 – 12 September 2005).

13. The SG has been requested in cooperation with the members of the IBU inspection team and the Technical Committee, to deliver a proposal for **Guidelines for A and B licenses** until the **Board meeting in early summer 2005** for the types of competitions for which a license shall be necessary, for the delimitation of the A and the B licenses, for the proceedings of the issuing of licenses and the license requirements.

13. The SG has been requested, in cooperation with the Vice President for Information, to deliver a proposal **for Rules for Bidding Committees** for the **Board meeting in early summer 2005**. This proposal should consider the following:

- Basis for information for the Bidding Committees for congress participation
- Component of the congress proceedings
- Determination of the maximum number of participants of a Bidding Committee
- Modalities of presence in the congress meeting-room
- Ethical behavior
- Preliminary checks of the applications by the Board.

14. As far as **grants for Continental Cups** are concerned, the Vice President Marketing, in cooperation with the SG, have been requested, based on the basics of the Vice President's presentation, to do the **detail negotiations** regarding **broadcasting production** (estimated cost 50.000 €) **and sponsors** (estimated income of 150.000 €) for the **ECs** to be completed as soon as possible. Initially a respective contract should be for a trial period of 1 year. The authority for a contract arrangement has been delegated by the President to the Vice President Finances and the Vice President Marketing with the involvement of the SG. Upon proposal by the President and the Vice President Finances, a **2000 € IBU grant** is given **to every host of an open European Cup for the 2004/05 season**. The **European Championships in Novosibirsk** will be supported with **6000 €**. All transport costs for SIWIDATA are to be carried by the OC Novosibirsk

16. The EB decided to impose a **ban** of two years on Svetlana Khandogina/BLR for having committed an **anti-doping rule violation** at the World Championships Summer Biathlon 2004.

17. The EB confirmed the signing of a **telecasting failure insurance** for the 2004/05 season for the WCH (complete in total of 1.000.000 €) and the WCs (in total up to 500.000 €) and of a **liability cover insurance** for the WCH and WCs. The EB further confirmed the signing of a **travel insurance** for all IBU officials including the TDs at ECs and the European Cup Coordinator and of a **money transport insurance** for all people that transport money for the IBU.

18. The EB decided to **transfer the IBU depot** according to the offer from DZ Frankfurt to DZ int. Luxemburg.

19. The EB agreed to a proposal by the SG on an **IBU Document Center on biathlonworld.com**. There will be a separate Circular Letter in that respect providing all groups of users with their password in the forthcoming weeks.

20. The EB decided further to discuss with APF that the model for Khanty-Mansiysk existing out of a **bilateral contract IBU - APF and an Event Hosting Declaration** will be **used for the WCH Östersund 2008 and all WCs after the expiry of the existing triangle contracts**.

21. The EB decided on **Guidelines for the Approval of Biathlon Events or Competitions according to Art. 1.3 Clause 2 of the IBU Constitution** (see attachment), which have been set into force provisionally for the season 2004/05. The SG has been tasked to deal with the DSV Challenge on Schalke and the Season

Opening in Beitostolen by individual decisions, due to respective negotiations underway, and to announce the approval of all other such events or competitions that have been included in the IBU Biathlon Calendar 2004/05 by the EB, which thus is announced. Biathlon events or competitions which are covered by the Guidelines and will take place in the forthcoming competition season, but have not been announced to the IBU so far, must be submitted to the IBU Headquarter for approval at the earliest convenience.

23. The EB announced that the **Biathlon Federation Cyprus** is considered to be the member federation for Cyprus.

24. All **IBU honorary, appointed and full-time officials** shall report all **business trips** for which the IBU are represented to the SG for coordination. The SG will present all applications for business trips to the Vice President Finance for financial reasons and to make the needed funds available and in parallel inform the President. The SG will inform the applicant in writing regarding the approval or denial of the application.

25. With regard to **matters submitted to the EB by the Technical Committee** the EB decided:

25.1. Owing to the late date of the World Championships and the changed date of the European Championships, the athletes eligible to start in addition based on **article 15.6.2 of the IBU Event and Competition Rules** may start at the World Cup of Torino/ITA and Khanty-Mansiysk/RUS in the season 2004/05, however not at the World Cup in Pokljuka/SLO (due to the European Championships that are organized at the same time). Athletes from non European continents may also start at WC 8 in Pokljuka/SLO.

25.2. The **European Cup Calendar 2005/06** proposed by the TC has been confirmed by the EB and the respective deviation from Art. 1.1 Annex E of the Event and Competition Rules has been authorised. The Calendar is as follows:

EC	Location	Dates
1	Idre/SWE	22 – 23/11/05
2	Torsby/SWE	25 – 27/11/05
3	Obertilliach/AUT	09 – 11/12/05
4	Rosenau/AUT	14 – 17/12/05
5	Altenberg/GER	12 – 15/01/06
6	Ridnaun/ITA	14 – 22/01/06
7	Martel/ITA	08 – 12/03/06
8	Gurnigel/SUI	15 – 18/03/06

25.3. The EB has authorized a deviation from Art. 1.1 Annex E of the Event and Competition Rules with regard to the **maximum entry of competitors**. Following to the proposal of the TC a maximum of 15 competitors can be entered at **ECs** for the 2004/05 and 2005/06 competition seasons.

25.4. The EB confirmed the **program for the WC Final in Khanty-Mansiysk** as follows:

16/03/05	Sprint Men/Sprint Women
17/03/05	Pursuit Men/Pursuit Women
18/03/05	Rest-day
19/03/05	Mass Start Men/Mass Start Women
20/03/05	WCH Mixed Relay

25.5. The EB appointed Franz Berger as **European Cup Coordinator**. He can make use of Robert Zwahlen as substitute when the WCH Hochfilzen prevents him from performing his duties.

25.6. The EB decided to deal with the **EC in its entirety** after the 24<sup>th</sup> TC meeting. The EB authorised a deviation from Art. 1.3.2 Annex E of the Event and Competition Rules and allowed **four results** to be **deleted** from the total scores in all **EC** events, as proposed by the TC.

25.7. The EB follows the TC by **interpreting Art. 2.5 of the IBU Constitution** in such way that the term “continental and regional games” includes inter alia “World University Games, European Youth Olympic Festival, Asian Games, Arctic Winter Games, etc.” The CISM is considered a World Championships falling under this provision.

25.8. The SG has been authorised by the EB to elaborate in cooperation with the Vice President Sport, the TC and the Athletes Committee a proposal for an amendment dealing with the rule on the **start number draw** at the WCs **until the EB meeting in early summer 2005**.

25.9. The SG has been tasked by the EB to include a provision with regard to the access to a **heated room for the athletes** in close proximity to the wax cabins in the next generation of the Event Hosting Declarations.

25.10. The Vice President Sport has been tasked by the EB to develop a solution for the **fixing of shooting mats** to be presented to the EB at its **meeting in early summer 2005**.

25.11. The EB took note of an expertise by the IBU Medical Committee that a **health problem for Youth and Juniors** only occurs at a **height of 2.300 m** or above.

25.12. The EB decided to deal with the theme “**ski roller events**” after the results of a respective discussion at the 24<sup>th</sup> TC meeting.

With kind regards



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Attachment