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FITA CONGRESS

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Leipzig, Germany – 5-6 July 2007

The 47th FITA Congress was hosted in Leipzig on 5-6 July and made history in adopting the Archery World Plan for 2007-2012.

The congress delegates were welcomed in a fully archery branded room and this set the scene for one of the most successful congresses of FITA history. It was also the first time that Dr Erdener chaired congress as President.

The Archery World Plan

"By 2012, archery will be internationally recognized as one of the important Olympic Sports", is the vision of the plan.

The 'Archery World Plan' aims at ensuring the continued development and growth of the sport of Archery through to the 2012 Olympic Games and beyond. The plan is about connecting all the resources of the archery family (FITA, Continental Associations, Member Associations and all supporters) to become an attractive partner for the investors, the sponsors, the televisions, the Olympic family and the fans. The plan has five targets.

Although the work has already started and will continue in all areas, each year will be the focus of one target, such as:

Target 2007: Identity

"By the end of 2007, a unified and simplified identity for International Archery is accepted by FITA, Continental Associations and Member Associations."

Target 2008: Events

"By the end of 2008, all of FITA's international events have concrete plans to become more attractive for athletes, spectators, partners, and television viewers."

Target 2009: Promotion

"By the end of 2009, International Archery is consistently promoted and widely recognized by external parties."

Target 2010: Partnerships

"By the end of 2010, a majority of FITA's budget is supported by partnerships, other than IOC funding, which help to ensure the future stability and growth of Archery."

Target 2011: Expansion

"By the end of 2011, FITA and its Continental and Member Associations have the structure and tools needed to sustain the expansion of International Archery."

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Pan American Games



Each target will be divided in several objectives and task forces will be appointed to achieve them. As soon as the Archery World Plan was accepted by the delegates congress delegates gathered in groups of 6 people to discuss the implementation of the plan. This allowed to already achieving a better connection between the member associations represented.

Elections

Some of the mandates in the FITA family were up for election and most of the chosen candidates received a true plebiscite:

Council

Mr Paulsen (NOR) was re-elected as 1st Vice-President.

Mr Diaz Bazan (ESA) was elected as Vice-President. He replaces Mr Smith (USA) who ended his term and will become the new FITA Treasurer for 2 years.

Mr Gianni Mangino retired as FITA Treasurer after a service of 28 years to FITA. He started as treasurer in the Berlin congress in 1979 and served under three FITA Presidents. He will remain involved in archery being a member of the Internal Audit Committee. At the end of Congress Gianni Mangino was given a well deserved Honorary Treasurer position. It is expected that the Treasurer position will be removed from the FITA Constitution in 2009 and replaced by a different financial and audit structure.

Mr Lindau (GER), Mr Gao (CHN), Mrs Womersley (AUS) and Mrs Medwed (AUT) were re-elected in their Council position. Mr Kim (KOR) will be the new member of the Council. FITA is very pleased to welcome a member of the most successful Member Association as part of FITA Council.

Board of Justice

FITA Honorary President Mr Gnecci-Ruscone (ITA), Mr Hur (KOR), Mr Chaplin (AUS), Mr Baharuddin (MAS) and Mr Helfrich (GER) were named on the board of justice. They will have the task to reform the Board of Justice rules which are due for revision and will have to come with new proposals by the 2009 Congress.

Permanent Committees

Mr Schulz (GER), Mr Miller (USA) and Mr Cinnirella (ITA) are re-conducted in the Constitution and Rules Committee.

Mr Bolstad (NOR), Mr Lovell (GBR) and Mr Gotelli (ITA) will join the Field Archery Committee.

Mr Wilmann (NOR), Mr Font Milian (CUB) were re-elected in the Judges Committee and Mr Buhagiar (MLT) will join them. This is the first time we have an officer from Malta in FITA.

Mr Bearman (GBR), Mr Kim (KOR) and Mr Oddo (ITA) are the new members of the Coaches Committee. Mr Oddo was many years ago Secretary General of FITA and is making his return to FITA in a completely new position.



European Field 2007



Olympic Test Event



Olympic Games



World University Championships



Field World Championships 2008



Commonwealth Games 2010

Member Associations

Aruba, Montenegro, Palau and Samoa had received the temporary membership since the last Congress in Madrid 2005 and they have been now permanently accepted in the FITA family.

Unfortunately some Member Associations have lost their activity or were no longer in good standing. The Congress therefore expelled Central African Republic, Cameroon, Ghana, Northern Mariana Islands, Senegal and Turkmenistan. The FITA Congress also gave a final warning to Kuwait, Syrian Arab Republic and Zimbabwe that if there is no significant progress in the next two years, they will be proposed for expulsion in 2009. FITA strives to have stronger member associations and with the above decisions, sends a clear message that only active members can continue to be member of FITA.

The Congress accepted an innovative membership fee system that we will not only take into account the size of the association but also the economic level of the respective country based on a UN classification. This will create solidarity between all member associations of FITA while maintaining the same income in membership fees. This income is given by FITA to the respective Continental Associations and helps the continental associations to function.

Administration

The Congress approved the 2005 and 2006 accounts and the report of the auditors as well as the interpretations of the rules and the bylaws that were approved by Council.

Other important matters

- FITA Congress very much welcomed the decision of the IOC to organize the Youth Olympic Games. The FITA President has asked the chair of the Youth Committee to immediately develop with the FITA staff an implementation plan. This will include a change of the FITA Calendar since currently the world junior championships are in even years. If FITA wishes to use them as a qualifier event they would need to be conducted in uneven years.
- FITA Congress gave a clear mandate to FITA Council to finalize the agreement with IPC for the transfer of governance of Para-Archery to FITA. FITA Congress will however have a final say on this transfer at the 2009 Congress where certain constitutional and rule changes will need to be made to finalize such transfer. FITA is very satisfied with this transfer since Archery is the only sport where para-athletes can compete in conjunction with other athletes in the same event at the Olympics and World Championships. This agreement will also cause a transfer at national level between the National Paralympic Committee and the FITA Member Association. In some of FITA's member associations this is already the case and the Netherlands offered assistance to all other member associations to complete this transfer.
- TSE Consulting which is FITA's partner in the Archery World Plan made a summary of the discussion groups and 98% of the delegates stated that they would welcome change. A majority also endorsed the proposal of the plan that we need to differentiate the competition between compound and recurve. The clear statement was made that FITA is the one that need to make the changes so that change doesn't manage FITA.
- A progress report was given by BOCOG and LOCOG and FITA looks forward to very successful Olympics. The layout of the new archery venue in Beijing is exciting and we also welcome the promotional events planned for London at Lords later this year. We also received excellent progress reports of the World Championship hosts of Korea, India and Great Britain.
- The former 1st Vice President and member of the steering group on the Archery World Plan, Mr Theeuws (BEL) spoke to Congress on the progress of FITA and how FITA is taking the right steps towards the future.
- FITA also honoured several of its outstanding volunteers and officials by giving the FITA Silver Plaquettes to Leif Janson (SWE), Mario Codispotti (ITA), Gian-Piero Spada (ITA), Tom Green (USA) and Robert Skip Phillips (USA).

At the end of the Congress the FITA President Dr Erdener stated that "this Congress 2007 in Leipzig was a crucial meeting and sets the right direction for the future of archery. I am delighted that we approved the Archery World Plan 2007-2012 and I think that the working groups have been very productive in their meetings. I am convinced that Archery is on the right road to become an **important Olympic sport** in the near future."

FITA COMMITTEES

Athletes Committee Election Results

The votes took place during the World Championships in Leipzig and only the competing archers could vote. The following archers have been elected in the Athletes Committee:

- Alison Williamson (Recurve Women)
- Wietse Van Alten (Recurve Men)
- Petra Ericsson (Compound Women)
- Goran Villi (Compound Men)

Alison Williamson is named as chair of the Committee by the FITA President and will be an ex-officio member of FITA Council.

FITA thanks the archers for the great participation with close to 90% of the athletes participating in the vote!

Committee Chairperson Appointments

The FITA President appointed the following committee chairmen:

- C&R Committee: Mr Mark Miller (USA)
- Judges Committee: Mr Morten Wilmann (NOR)
- Coaches Committee: Mr Ken Bearman (GBR)
- Field Committee: Mr Per Bolstad (NOR)
- Athletes Committee: Ms Alison Williamson (GBR) – also ex officio member of Council

The FITA Board of Justice has designated Mr Francesco Gnechchi-Ruscione as its chairman.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

New FITA Membership Fee Structure

The Member Associations will be contacted by the FITA Office to provide the number of Archers they have as members in the Association. This number is necessary to establish the membership fee for 2008.

This information has to be received by the FITA office before **15 September 2007**.

Failure to provide this information will very likely result in a higher membership fee, since it will then be based on a high estimation by the FITA office.

For further details please contact Pascal Colmaire at pcolmaire@archery.org.

The numbers have to be confirmed by the National Olympic Committee to prevent inconsistent information provided to national and international bodies.

This new system was approved by the FITA Congress in Leipzig.

FITA OFFICE

The first FITA Baby

Our colleague Sandrine is the happy mother of a little Robin!

Robin was born on Wednesday 18 July 2007 at 2:00 pm. At the time he weighed 3.510 kg for 49 cm. Both the mother and the baby are in great shape.

We are very glad and proud to welcome Robin in the FITA family!

Our congratulations go to the happy parents Sandrine and Stéphane Blatter Martinez.



OLYMPIC GAMES

The Race to the Beijing Olympics: Quota Places

The battle for Olympic places was very intense at the World Championships in Leipzig, Germany from 7 to 15 July 2007.

The team event offered 24 places for men and 24 places for women. As host country, China automatically gets a complete team (3 archers) in both categories. Additionally, 16 places were attributed for men and women based on the individual results.

The complete list of the 2008 Beijing Olympic places won at the Leipzig World Championships is available on the FITA website www.archery.org in the section: OLYMPICS->Beijing 2008->Quota Places.

FAQ on Continental Qualification Procedure

Where and when?

We will have 5 continental qualifiers for each continent:

- Africa: African Championships, 7-10 Feb. 2008, Cairo (EGY) - 2 places*
- Asia: Asian Championships, 14-21 Sep. 2007, Xian (CHN) - 3 places*
- Americas: Olympic Festival, 9-13 Oct. 2007, San Salvador (ESA) - 3 places*
- Europe: European Championships, 12-18 May 2008, Vittel (FRA) - 3 places*
- Oceania: 3-7 Jan. 2008, New Zealand Porirua City (NZL) - 2 places*

*see note below

All of these tournaments are combined tournaments with the exception of the African Championships since no African archer has obtained a quota place in Leipzig. This means that there will be one "open" (up to 3 or 4 archers per gender and country pending the Continent) qualifying round followed by two separate elimination / final rounds:

- One for the Continental Championships/World Ranking Tournament
- Another one for the Olympic Quota Places only open to the archers eligible for this specific event. The continental qualification tournament can only be open to member associations eligible to obtain places for that continent that are in good standing with FITA.

Which member associations are eligible?

The member associations in good standing with FITA of the respective continent that have not yet obtained 3 places for their NOC. Member associations that have not yet paid their membership fee will not be allowed to participate.

What is the maximum of athletes per member association?

- If the NOC has obtained no places so far, the member association can have a maximum of three (3) athletes competing in the Olympic Quota Places tournament. If there are 4 or more athletes competing in the continental championship or world ranking tournament, the top three athletes from this continent from the qualification round will be taken into consideration.
- If the NOC has obtained 1 place so far, the member association can have a maximum of 2 athletes competing in the Olympic Quota Places tournament. Archers who have previously won an Olympic Quota place for their nation at the World Target Championships, and archers from nations outside the defined continental area, cannot compete at the CQT.
- If the NOC has obtained 2 places so far, the member association can have a maximum of 1 athlete competing in the Olympic Quota Places tournament. Archers who have previously won an Olympic Quota place for their nation at the World Target Championships, and archers from nations outside the defined continental area, cannot compete at the CQT.

How many places can be obtained?

A maximum of two places by NOC can be obtained per gender. Therefore, it could be that the number 4 of the competition gets the final place if the first 3 are from the same country.

Note: All references to a number of places are per gender and not combined. So when referring to e.g. two places it means two men **and** two women.

FINAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT: 23-29 June 2008, Boé (FRA)

The first 5 athletes of a special qualification tournament open to all countries that do not have any quota places through the other tournaments and qualify a maximum of 1 place (per NOC and per gender). Each member association can enter up to a maximum of 3 athletes per gender.

The Final Qualification tournament will be held in conjunction with the final stage of the Archery World Cup in Boé, France. Therefore, it will at the same time give an occasion for the participants to measure themselves against the already qualified athletes.

When a member association has 1 place in women but not place in the men's event, can they participate in the final qualification tournament?

- YES

When a member association misses 1 place to have a team in Beijing, can they compete at the Final Qualification tournament?

- NO

When a member association has no quota places nor for men nor for women, can they win 1 men and 1 women place?

- YES

DEVELOPMENT

World Coaching Seminar

In view of the forthcoming 3rd FITA World coaching Seminar in South Korea in October 2007, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with the new updates on the Seminar Programme and practical information. We would be very happy to receive new registrations to the Seminar from all FITA Member Associations and the Coaches Archery Community. This is a great opportunity to gather and discuss new achievements and futures challenges of Archery.

The deadline for applications is **5 September 2007**. You can find more information in the section Development->News of the FITA website www.archery.org.

ANTI-DOPING

Education: Online Doping Quiz

A new anti-doping educational tool provided by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has just become available on the FITA website www.archery.org, in the section Anti-Doping->WADA Information. This is an online Doping Quiz which operates in 16 languages, and gives athletes and members of the athlete entourage visiting this site a fun and interactive way to learn more about the dangers of doping and their responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Code.

2006 Adverse Analytical Findings Statistics

After FITA had been informed of the WADA laboratory statistics for 2006, in May 2007, an update has been made on the total number of Adverse Analytical Findings (AAF) in the sport of archery, which differs from what has been published in the FITA Annual report for 2006.

Thus, a total of 10 AAFs have been reported in 2006, all at national level events, including:

- 4 having resulted in a sanction
- 3 being in relation with a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption
- 2 being in relation with an elevated T/E ratio for which the laboratory involved did not recommend a follow-up
- 1 resulting from an invalid test.

An 11th AAF is still appearing in the WADA 2006 Archery statistics, outcoming of an AAF on a paralympic archer for which the international governing body is currently IPC and not FITA.

FITA has expressed its concern to WADA on the lack of seriousness in the way some laboratories report - and do not report (!) - the AAFs to the International Federations (IFs), which creates discrepancies in the statistics and force IFs and Member Associations to time consuming investigations several months and until one year after the Adverse Analytic Finding occurred.

CONTACT UPDATES

Member Associations

- **EGY** / A new President for the Egyptian Archery Federation: Mr Gabr Aladin (aladin.gabr@wadidegla.com) is also Secretary General of the Wadi Degla Sporting Club, where the FITA Middle East Archery Centre (MEAC) is located.
- **LBA** / The Libyan Archery Federation has appointed a new Secretary General. His name is Mr Hadi Gebrael and his email address is alnajahcli4@yahoo.com.

2007 Events

Pan American Games

The Archery Competition of the 15th Pan American Games started on 24 July 2007 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with 64 archers from 14 countries. The organizing committee built an excellent facility for the archers, the spectators and the media for the 5-day competition that included a FITA Round to rank the archers (24-25), two days of individual eliminations and finals (26-27), and the team round on Saturday (28 July).



Archery was first included in the program of the Pan American Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1979, and has been present in every single issue of the Games ever since.

- **Results:** www.rio2007.org.br
- **Photos:** www.archeryworldcup.org/UserFiles/Image/FITA_Photo_Gallery/index.html



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The highlights from the World Cup and the World Championships in Leipzig are now available.

www.archery.tv



Calendar Highlights

2007

31 July-5 August	Meteksan Archery World Cup Stage 4 / EMAU G.P.	Dover (GBR)
6-11 August	European Field Archery Championship	Bjelovar (CRO)
20-26 August	Olympic Test Event	Beijing (CHN)
25 Aug-8 Sep	South Pacific Games (Archery: 27-31 Aug)	Apia (SAM)
14-21 September	15th Asian Archery Championships & CQT*	Xian (CHN)
30 Sep-9 Oct	World IPC Archery Championships	Cheongju City (KOR)
9-13 October	Festival Olímpico de Tiro con Arco & CQT	San Salvador (ESA)
20-26 October	3rd Asian Grand Prix	Isfahan (IRI)
24 November	Archery World Cup Final	Dubai (UAE)
3-9 December	Torneo de Ranking Mundial Colombia	Medellín (COL)

2008

3-7 January	New Zealand Archery Championships & CQT	Porirua City (NZL)
7-10 February	African Championships & CQT	Cairo (EGY)
4-8 March	European Indoor Archery Championships	Torino (ITA)
25-29 March	Archery World Cup Stage 1	Place TBC (DOM)
15-19 April	Archery World Cup Stage 2 / EMAU GP	Porec (CRO)
12-19 May	European Outdoor Archery Championships & CQT	Vittel (FRA)
27-31 May	Archery World Cup Stage 3 / EMAU GP	Antalya (TUR)
23-29 June	Archery World Cup Stage 4 / EMAU GP	Boé (FRA)
	(final Qualification Tournament for the Olympic Games)	
7-10 July	7th World University Archery Championships	Tainan (TPE)
8-24 August	29th Olympic Games (Archery: 8-16 Aug)	Beijing (CHN)
28-30 August	European Masters Games (Archery included)	Malmö (SWE)
1-6 September	21st World Field Archery Championships & 6th World Junior Field Archery Championships	Llwynypia, Wales (GBR)
6-17 September	Paralympic Games (Archery dates TBC)	Beijing (CHN)
October	3D Archery European Championships	Place TBC
(week 1 or 2)		
11-19 October	10th World Junior Outdoor Archery Championships & 4th World Cadet Outdoor Archery Championships	New Delhi (IND)
Dates TBC**	Archery World Cup Final	New Delhi (IND)

2009

March	10th World Indoor Archery Championships	Rzeszow (POL)
16-26 July	8th World Games	Kaohsiung (TPE)
August	45th World Outdoor Archery Championships	Ulsan (KOR)
Dates TBC	25th Summer Universiade	Belgrade (SCG)
October	World Masters Games (Archery included)	Sydney (AUS)

In bold: World Ranking Tournaments

* CQT = Continental Qualification Tournament

** TBC = To Be Confirmed

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