



**MINUTES OF JJEU BOARD AND RELATED MEETINGS
Paris France, November 28th to December 1st 2014.**

This minutes are completed with minutes of JJEU Board meetings, open Board meetings, joined meeting with JJIF.

Present officials at Board and Open Board meeting:

1. Mr Dario Quenza, President (member of the Board)
2. Mr Stefan Badenski, Vice-president (member of the Board)
3. Mr Robert Perc, General Secretary (member of the Board)
4. Mr Christophe Brunet, Sport Director
5. Mr Michael Korn, Germany
6. Mr Phipippe Merlin, France

1. Board meeting at Hotel Mercure Porte Saint Cloud, November 28th 2014, 10.00 hours

Mr Dario Quenza welcomed all present officials. He stressed out that we need to cooperate and work together for ju-jitsu so he is very happy that Mr Michael Korn and Mr Philippe Merlin have accepted invitation. General Secretary explained Mr Merlin how JJEU Board is composed and the system of work (specially very open and sincere debates and brain storming to achieve most rational and effective decisions).

1.1 Election of the JJEU Treasurer

With the first invitation to EC 2015 in the Netherland JJEU will announce that elections for the treasurer will take place - as Mr Dario Quenza as newly elected president holds both positions at the moment. General Secretary is responsible that deadlines will be respected and correct information given on time.

1.2 European Championship 2015

Before the end of 2014 first invitation to EC should go out. General Secretary will coordinate with the organising country to prepare draft of invitation for overview to sport director and general secretary. Mr Quenza announced that contract has been signed and project is well in motion.

1.3 Next Board meetings

Next official board meeting will be at the Paris Open 2nd and 3rd of May 2014. That is one month before the EC so statutory deadline will be respected regarding general assembly. If required correspondent meetings by e-mail will take place – organise by general secretary.

1.4 Organisation Handbook

As it is difficult to coordinate activities and prepare working atmosphere with championship and big tournaments where everyone has different obligation, idea was raised by the sport director to find a place and date to work only on the organisation handbook as it is very important document. A start was given by the working group at the JJIF Convention in Tunisia but we must continue in order to prepare document for next general assembly. It has been agreed that Board will invite Mr Philippe Merlin to contribute with experience and knowledge at the working group meeting.

After discussion Board accepted proposal from Mr Michael Korn to organise working weekend near Frankfurt (easy accessible). During the day different proposals for accommodation were collected to prepare rational decision as soon as possible in order to be able to organise rational transport. After discussion and reviewing different options at the evening decision was made:

DECISION: *JJEU working group (6) for organisation handbook group will meet again in Frankfurt: arrival Friday 20.2.2015 evening, departure Sunday 22.2.2015 after lunch (Saturday and Sunday morning are working days). German Federation will prepare and organise accommodation and meeting room, JJEU will cover costs. General Secretary will prepare materials up to December 30th 2014 and circulate it to the members of the group (by e-mail, cloud office or e-forum).*

1.5 Calendar of activities for 2015-2016

General Secretary informed about a visit to SAJ OPEN intl. tournament in Novi Sad. He expressed very positive observation about organisation of the event and support of local community and government. They are able to organise technically very demanding tournaments very professional so he proposed to look at that when building calendar 2015-2016 (perhaps EOC in 2016?).

Draft of calendar from 23.11.2014 has been overviewed. Meeting with the JJIF will be organised in order to harmonise the activities in Europe. Additional activities:

- 8.3.2015 – team competition in France,
- JJIF Convention most likely will start on 18.7. and not 6.7.2015 (Cuba or Las Vegas).
- 3. – 4.10.2015 – German Open in Gerlisenkirchen,
- 14.2.2015 – Robi Rajh Open for aspirants and juniors (moved from 11.4.2015),
- 4. – 7.9.2015 – Italian National Camp for teachers and combat camp (open),
- 2016: candidate EC U18-U21 in Russia, near Moscow – Russian Federation.
- 2016: EOC, Belgium (end of May, beginning of June) – general secretary prepare support letter (already discussed in Paris Open Board and EC Lund).

Mr Michael Korn expressed idea to organise training camp (5 to 6 days), Mr Christophe Brunet support the idea. If France and Germany will reach to the agreement a critical mass will be already achieved and it will be more interesting for other countries to come.

DECISION: *Mr Michael Korn and Mr Christophe Brunet prepare draft of invitation and costs for JJEU General Secretary. He will send info to board members to finalize place/date and financial obligations.*

1.6 Champions League

Adriatic CUP finals in Novi Sad was a big success. We need to continue supporting club competitions. France will have team competition on 8.3.2015. Mr Christophe Brunet will evaluate possibility to invite clubs from other countries. At the moment they have also women categories (5+2), Adriatic Cup have only men. It has been agreed not to complicate. Harmonization of rules is required for sure but first we need activities. Mr Christophe Brunet and Mr Karl Kelc will coordinate place and date for Champions Finals 2015. More clubs are nevertheless invited to participate.

1.7 JJIF Convention 2015

At the moment is too soon to predict if JJEU representatives will participate (related to expected high costs of the event). When agenda and financial conditions will be known JJEU will decide who to send. If JJIF General Assembly will be a part of convention than most likely JJEU will have no costs if the members of the board and technical delegates participate as a representatives of national members (national delegates, observers). This issue will be in agenda of next meeting when more information is expected from JJIF.

1.8 Combat Camp Sweden 2014 – 3015

Mr Dario Quenza noted that financial obligation from referee examination fee for 2014 are not yet paid. Communication between Mr Quenza, Mr Emil Gustaffsson and Mr Roel van Ravens is taking place but no results yet. For the Board that is unacceptable (amount of 1.000 EUR). In 2015 JJEU will also support the event and cover costs to Mr Roel van Ravens, JJEU Referee Director and/or perhaps Mr Ueli Zucher from same committee in order to take referee exams.

DECISION: *for 2014 Mr Quenza continue with requests to Sweden Federation (invoice has been already sent). For 2015 Combat Camp JJEU will evaluate option that JJEU fees related to referees are paid before directly to JJEU account (president of Sweden JJ Federation and Director of JJEU Referee Committee were notified).*

1.9 Refreshment of JJEU website

JJEU web site is central site for official information. JJEU General Secretary is administrating the site. He asked for review of the site, new ideas, what should be added or changed. Facebook is a very good tool to reach a lot of customers in fast and simple way but official information should have its origins to. When important new information are published newsletter is also send to users who have registered to receive them (at the moment there are around 175 recipients – mostly members officials, JJEU and JJIF officials, athletes committee etc.). He was thinking of design refreshment and for sure one of the item missing are official results. This item nevertheless will be also the part of working group for organisation handbook and cooperation with JJIF on the project of JJIF database. General Secretary is collecting the ideas and proposals to the end of the year 2014. Nevertheless website is a live organism and upgrades and changes are present all the time (evolution and progress).

Mr Michael Korn said that website is a very good information tool and all relevant information are published there and it is important to continue the good work.

1.10 Ethics and Fair play in ju-jitsu in Europe

In 2015 Paris Open tournament for the first time “Christian Blareau Fair play Trophy” will be awarded as the fair play trophy of the year. It is extremely important that ethic and fair play on all levels is progressing also with announcement of bright examples of desirable and beyond expected behaviour. Fair play trophies are already given on the official events but more should be done. As the annual fair play trophy bears a name of respected and honest man, issue is sensitive; the process should be transparent and professional. As this is the first time the annual award will be given in Paris, for future European championship could be the right place. All present agreed the special attention should be given to the awarding protocol. Regarding the new committee for ethics and fair play and the fact that JJIF has already nominated Mr Srecko F. Krope from Slovenia (head of the working group on the “Book of Ethics” project) as chairman of JJIF Ethics and Fair play committee discussion was rose how to organise this subject now in Europe (as Mr Krope was also a candidate to organise work in Europe in this field).

After discussion a decision was made:

DECISION: *Mr Srecko F. Krope is invited to work together with the JJEU Board in this issue (as a chairman of the working group), especially to prepare guidelines for members, procedure for nomination and decision on the best fair play or ethical move of the year 2014 (not limited only to competition). Slovenian NOC practice can be as an example how to do it. Board will support and help. DEADLINE to prepare procedures and objectives: January 31st 2015; DEADLINE to prepare invitation with procedures and objectives to the members to present suggestions: March 1st 2015.*

Comment of the General Secretary: *this idea was discussed with JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulous. He had no objections. It is opportunity to speed up the process and also help built good practice which will help Mr Krope when organising work worldwide. Activities started in Europe is actually help to JJIF activities in the area of ethics, fair-play and all things related to that.*

General Secretary noted that he has been in contact with Mr Miro Cerar from Slovenian National Olympic Committee who was co-worker with Mr Christian Blareau in the European Fair play movement. He was please for a good idea to remember and honour very good person. He expresses idea to publish this information also in the European fair play movement bulletin – General Secretary will prepare information.

1.11 JJIF proposals on changes of categories

Sport Director raised up the published proposal regarding changes of categories in ne-waza and other system. He expressed concern that those changes are not good way for development. No special decision was made at this point but JJEU will closely monitor activities and cooperate in the process with suggestions and arguments. President suggested that Sport Director prepare vision of development of ju-jitsu from the view of the JJEU.

The President concluded the meeting at 11.40 hours and thanked all for participation.

2. Board meeting at Stadium Pierre de Coubertin, November 28th 2014, 15:45 hours

2.1 Calendar of activities in Europe in 2016 – harmonization JJEU:JJIF

Present officials:

1. Mr Dario Quenza, JJEU President (member of the Board)
2. Mr Robert Perc, JJEU General Secretary (member of the Board)
3. Mr Christophe Brunet, JJEU Sport Director
4. Mrs Dana Mortelman, JJIF General Secretary.

Related to JJIF Grand Slam events in Europe and ECC system present officials agreed on the biggest tournaments in Europe to be nominated as “**Grand Slam**” (JJIF qualified events as previous discussed by JJIF Board) and “**European Challenge Cup - ECC**” (as previous discussed by the JJEU Board) as follows:

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| 1. Paris Open, Paris, France | 2. – 3.5.2015 |
| 2. Balkan Open, Banja Luka, Bosna and Herzegovina | 25. – 27.9.2015 (perhaps 18.-20.9.2015) |
| 3. St. Petersburg Open, St. Petersburg, Russia | 16. – 18.10.2015 |
| 4. German Open, Gelsenkirchen, Germany | 3. – 4.10.2015 |

2.2 Others

JJEU General Secretary informs JJIF General Secretary of a very good evaluation of the international tournament in Serbia – Novi Sad (they are prepared for more in 2015 – 2016). JJIF General Secretary replied that is very good information. Serbia should ask for the event and then decision can be made.

Related to future activities for 2016 (candidatures and information received so far):

- European Championship: Belgium
- European Championship Aspirants – Juniors: Russia.
- European Open Championship: Novi Sad (option, also possibility for Balkan Open).

Mr Dario Quenza, JJEU President, thanked all present for constructive work and closed session at 16:15 hours.

All minutes concluded in Paris, France, November 30th 2014.

Recorded by:

Robert Perc
JJEU General Secretary

Attested by:

Dario Quenza
JJEU President

