

Message from the Board

Report of activities for JJEU General Assembly in Gent, Belgium



Working Group Team: Dario Quenza, Stefan Badenski, Michael Korn, Christophe Brunet, Rick Frowijn, Philippe Merlin and Robert Perc.

From General Assembly in Genoa, Italy, in 2012, the Board were Herbert Frese (Germany) - the President, Stefan Badenski (Poland) – the Vice President, Robert Perc (Slovenia) – the General Secretary and Dario Quenza (Italy) – the Treasurer. At extraordinary General Assembly in Paris, France, in 2014, Dario Quenza was elected for the office of the President and the position of the Treasurer remains vacant until elections in Almere in 2015, when Michael Korn (Germany) was elected as the Treasurer.

JJEU Board had regular meetings joined with biggest ju-jitsu events in Europe, in principle for board sessions took place per year. From 2014 work of the board was assisted also with Philippe Merlin (France), candidate for the President at elections 2014, Rick Frowijn (the Netherlands) – the Project Manager and Christophe Brunet (France), the JJEU Sport Director. A working group was created that supported board's work, develop new ideas for the future and provide better solutions for challenges ahead.

It is worth mentioned that this team has working in a very good atmosphere and with wide range of knowledge. The spirit of creativity was proven when preparing new organisation structure (Statutes) and proposals regarding JJIF legislative and structural changes. JJEU members (especially members of mentioned team) were rising questions and giving proposals at JJIF open board meetings and general assemblies. Here are some projects by the **Working Group Team of Dario Quenza, Stefan Badenski, Michael Korn, Christophe Brunet, Rick Frowijn, Philippe Merlin and Robert Perc:**

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JJEU signed contract with **JU-SPORTS** from Germany.

JJEU Summer Training Camp – out from a need JJEU decided to organise again training camp, to take place in Hachen, Germany in August 2016.



Ju-jitsu Masters – championship organised for the veterans, organised already in 2016!



“European Day of Ju-Jitsu!”

Organisation Handbook – with aim to improve our performance skills, learn from the best and not repeat mistakes. Project will be presented at EOC Gent and a few months of time will be given for members to participate with ideas and suggestions. Reports of Sport Director and Referee Director Committees were very important for that kind of event. Referee Committee is also recognized as one of most organised and working group in JJEU.



Financial status

Better financial situation would allow better budgeting, especially project oriented budget (which has been an idea for the past and proposed by national members). At the moment not many actions could be taken with 44.444 EUR which is the balance on 31.12.2015. We were able to minimize expected loss of budget 2015 from -8.390 EUR to -3.923 EUR (partially also with a sponsorship). We are facing loses from 2010 and mayor responsibility of the board is (and will continue to be) consolidate financial matters and mitigate negative factors. With revised budget of 2016 (income od approved 27.640 EUR has increased to 28.840 EUR and expenditure decreased from 30.130 EUR to 29.330 EUR) we were able to minimize loses to -490 EUR. Planned budget for 2017 expects income in 26.340 EUR and expenditure at 26.030 EUR with surplus of 310 EUR.



In 2015 an agreement was reached with first official sponsor with options of long-term cooperation. Michael Korn, the Treasurer, plaid a major role in establishing and preparing grounds for the contract which is giving JJEU some extra services and founds.



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Future actions

Champions League.

One of not developed (although promised) actions in Europe is developing of Champions League. At the moment only division South Europe (Adriatic CUP) is working very successful for several years. In 2016 another division is established and finals of the Champions League is planned by the end of this year. With future regionalisation this is part of the ju-jitsu story in Europe we should concentrate more.



New members, good governance and IOC recognition.

For the past few years thing in sport and society are moving fast. JJIF has taken many actions to bring ju-jitsu family closer to IOC recognition. Good governance in sport is a phrase, commonly use, when we discuss this questions as summarizes variety of activities which identify good organisation. JJEU will continue to support the process with direct involvement in project on European level, cooperate with European Olympic Committee (EOC) and giving support to national members. Good governance shall be the way how we work. More energy shall be invested in future actions for athletes and women participation in the decision making processes. Robert Perc and Philippe Merlin are working on the area of EOC and Good Governance and Rick Frowijn is in charge of European Championships project (multisport event).



Part of this activities is also initiative to bring more members to ju-jitsu family (the future organisation of the JJEU Board already reflects that philosophy).

Fair play, Ethic, Clean Ju-Jitsu. We should not forget the legacy and history of ju-jitsu in Europe and to continue to promote fair play on all levels of sport (and not only for athletes). JJEU will continue to promote Fair Play Trophy at major events and start with the project of Christian Blareau Fair Play Trophy in 2016 (as this has been in preparation from 2013).



Cooperation with other continents. JJEU will continue to give support other continents with knowledge and experts. We also recognize huge organisation and logistic success of Ju-Jitsu Asian Union on the level of developing in the last years as they were able to come closer to Olympic activities as no one before. This (among others) is also a reason that for some time JJEU is looking options for closer cooperation to share experience and knowledge and establish some good



project for the benefit of ju-jitsu. From this perspective possibility for JJIF to have some permanent staff and office (Abu Dhabi) is also a great asset for future developing and technical support needed if we want to improve ourselves.



Communication and media support.

Refreshment of JJEU website is on the way. Official website is important information tool for members and for fans, supporters, media etc. For that reason, we have invited Athletes Committees for come forward with proposals and experience what kind of website should we have. JJEU also launched Facebook site and we are looking forward for others social media which we could benefit from. One

of areas to have impact on many others is also a plan of the Board that all athletes at European events have back numbers as provided by the official supplier JU-SPORTS. We believe that better outlook would give also better options for media coverages. At Paris Open, with assistance of Christophe Brunnet, an agreement for media coverage of the private TV has been established. They will be also tested at EOC Gent and on the results and broadcast the decision will be made of possible future cooperation.



Organisation, Committees and Expert Groups.

One of important future actions shall evaluation of JJEU Statutes (to comply with JJIF changes) and efficient organisation of committees and expert bodies – not only in Europe but also with aim to propose cooperation in technical departments of JJIF. Lessons learned and new knowledge from principles of good governance projects would help creating efficient organisation,

able to cope with challenges which lies ahead. Members are hereby invited to nominate experts for various committees and expert groups.

Calendar of activities. All members are invited to send dates of their activities as soon as possible. JJEU should send the date of activities for following years up to June 30 to allow on-time coordination of activities on international and continental level (especially for championships, European Challenge Cup tournaments and JJIF Qualified events. In 2016 we shall have another great event in Europe - World Championship in Wroclaw, Poland. Wroclaw will also host next World Games in 2017.

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Referee Committee Activity Report from June 1st 2015 till June 3rd 2016 and a message from Director

The JJEU Referee Committee members were active by the following activities:

- European Championships Seniors, Almere, The Netherlands, June 6th – 7th, 2015
- JJIF. Summer camp and Convention and J.J.I.F. Referee Course, Greece, July 18th – 21st, 2015
- Grand Slam Tournament German Open 2015, Gelsenkirchen, Germany, October 3rd – 4th, 2015
- 12th Balkan Open, European Challenge Cup Tournament, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, October 19th – 20th, 2015
- “St. Petersburg Open”, European Challenge Cup Tournament, St. Petersburg, Russia, October 24th – 25th, 2015
- World Championship Seniors, Bangkok, Thailand, November 20th – 22nd, 2015
- World Championships Juniors, Madrid, Spain, March 18th – 20th, 2016
- Dutch Open, European Challenge Cup Tournament, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, April, 3rd, 2016
- 12th Robi Rajh Open 2016, International Tournament, Maribor, Slovenia, April 16th – 17th, 2016
- Continental Referee Course and World Referee Course, Paris, France, April 29th – May, 1st, 2016
- International Jujitsu Tournament France, European Challenge Cup Tournament, Paris, France, April 30th – May 1st, 2016
- Continental Referee Course, Budva, Montenegro, May 6th – 8th, 2016
- “Budva – Open 2016”, European Challenge Cup Tournament, Budva, Montenegro, May 7th – 8th, 2016



By almost all above mentioned Tournaments and Referee Courses we have hold Referee Committee meetings. Be aware that the above activities were able due to the excellent help and effort of Henrik Sandberg (Denmark) and Ralf Pfeifer (Germany), respectively Director and Member of the JJIF Referee Committee.

Finally, I would like to inform you that I take resignation as Director of the JJEU Referee Committee, next Sunday, the 5th of June 2016, after the last award Ceremony of the European Open Championships Ju-Jitsu. Recently I have already informed the members of the JJEU. Board and my colleagues of the JJEU Referee Committee.



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On behalf of the JJEU Referee Committee, which consist of: Ueli Zürcher (Switzerland) - Ronald Bartens (Germany) - Martin Jazbec (Slovenia) - Stéphane Bourumeau (France) - Roel van Ravens (The Netherlands) I would like to thank you very much for your understanding.

JJEU Referee Committee Activity Plan 2016 - 2017

I would like to inform you that the Referee Committee will continue working the way we did last years.

This means that members of the Referee Committee want to be present at all kinds of European Championships and all Challenge Cup Tournaments. So the members of the Committee are able to observe and to coach the international Referees.



At the moment our highest priority is the education of the Ne-Waza-System. We would like to create a perfect group of Ne-Waza-System Referees. It is well known that for all kinds of European Championships the JJEU Referee Committee make a list with the selected referees and places that list at the Referee homepage.

From now on we would like to make the list of selected referees for separate our disciplines: The Fighting-System, the Duo-System and the Ne-Waza-System.



Then I would like to inform you again about the possibility to organise a Referee Course in your own country. That can be a referee course for beginners and/or your national and international referees. You can count on the cooperation of the JJEU Referee Committee. In such a case you have to pay only the travel and hotel costs of the instructor out of the Referee Committee.

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