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Candidate for the office of the JJEU President

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Age and present positions 48 years old.

Offices and positions:

- the President of the Ju-Jitsu Federation of Slovenia,
- the JJEU President, the JJIF Vice President,
- member of the Executive Board of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM),
- member of the General Assembly of the National Olympic Committee of Slovenia (NOC).

INTRODUCTION

Dear delegates, representatives of the Ju-jitsu National Organisations!

I stand here for the second time as a candidate for the President of the JJEU. It has been five years – four as planned and one extra under the unfortunate Covid-19 situation.

We have set a path and vision for the future in 2016, aiming to achieve excellence in events and create inclusion society where all members could contribute to a decision-making process.

Looking back, we were mostly successful under given circumstances – but there are challenges ahead. Allow me to address some topics which I believe should be our main goals.

JJEU General Assembly 2017 accepted Resolution on Mission, Values and Vision which will remain in the core of our future work.

PROGRAMME AND VISION, WITH REFLECTION TO 2016 PROGRAMME

Members and media We have gain and support new members with experience and know-how. Social media were covered independently and some with JJIF cooperation, especially related to events. We have focused more on the Facebook than official website.

In 2019 and 2020 we refreshed our logo for the purpose of a copyright protection under the German law (where the official seat is), in compliance with JJIF Statutes, rules and regulation. In 2021 we started creating overall visual identity to professionalize our profile towards third parties.

JJEU has 38 members, many of those are not active. Next major task in front the new Board would be identifying actual activities (national championship, general assembly, structure...), trying to assist, support and motivate sleeping members – and in consequence, if no results of activities are displayed, to find a new member in the country.

Decision making process	<p>One of the constant of Boards work has been transparency of work and asking when reached to a point where advice should be in place. The Board did not run from responsibilities to make decision.</p> <p>We started networking process with Expert Technical Meetings (one was organised in Slovenia in 2017, second in Sweden in 2019) as a forum for all stakeholders to discuss and provide technical proposals to the Board. Many of decisions were later part of the JJIF Session and General Assembly agenda. We will continue to organise that kind events as a good practice of a decision-making process.</p> <p>In the future clearer structure and deployment of responsibility should create easier allocation and better efficiency of our work.</p> <p>From the perspective of rules and regulations the fact is that majority comes from the JJIF (by the Statutes), but enforcement, development, evaluation, and training/education are key part of any successful organisation so it will be priority of the JJEU</p>
Sport and Fun	<p>We will continue to develop Fair Play principles in our events and organisation in general. Furthermore, we will activate more time, personal and resources to develop and spread the JJIF projects which benefit ju-jitsu, stakeholder, and nature as such (per example safeguarding, sustainability etc.). These projects are increasing athletes safer and creates more relaxed and healthier environment and might increase a bond with our clubs, federations, and individuals in common goals beyond competition as such.</p>
To be Olympic	<p>With respect to its mission and values, the Ju-Jitsu European Union commits to achieve the goal of jujitsu becoming a recognised sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and participating sport in the European Games (and, by that, recognized sport within the European Olympic Committees).</p> <p>We have started presenting ju-jitsu with the European Olympic Committees (EOC) on different levels, including European Games in Minsk 2019. We continued activities focused on European Games 2023 in Poland, but circumstances prevented inclusion of ju-jitsu into the games programme. EOC will stay in focus of our activities.</p> <p>It would be sound to remind that becoming Olympic should not be sole goal of our work and actions. Olympic recognition does not guarantee participation on the Games. So it would seem taking the path towards the main goal is as important as the goal itself.</p>
Democracy	<p>Each Member Federation should have an opportunity to have a voice in the General Assembly, to participate, speak, contribute, and share its knowledge, opinions, and experiences...</p> <p>We have invested a lot of time and energy, especially during pandemic time, to communicate with our members solutions and opportunities, before making decisions, having in mind the need to bond our members under giving limitations.</p>
Personal approach	<p>I am an innovative, loyal and resourceful person, devoted to friends and Ju-Jitsu, who can find his way in many different and complex situations... I talk and I listen... but I cannot do it alone – we can do it better together...</p> <p>For that reason, majority of the Board members committed to responsibilities and duties at and beyond events as the President cannot and should not be present everywhere in doing thing alone.</p>

International relations JJEU is the constituent member of JJIF and we shall stay strong pillar of activities, organisation skills and support to new members, other continental unions and sport associations outside ju-jitsu world (like fair-play organisations, medical, health etc.). Nevertheless, Europe shall have a stand and opinion in matters that affect all.

We still see opportunities in cooperation with continental unions, mainly JJ Asian Union in joint activities and other with support and development projects.

After years of continuous work with Fair Play (where we must emphasize the great impact of our former president Christian Blareau) and months of evaluations and review, in 2019 the JJEU and European Fair Play Movement (EPPM) signed MOU with objective to promote Fair Play and tolerance in sport.

Events and media Standards of events are developing and growing, and this should become a focus of our activities. Events are most important for our athletes – and by that national federations and clubs. For that reason, events organisation standards shall remain one of our top priorities.

I would like to thank my fellow colleagues in the Board and Committee Directors for passionate and devoted work for our ju-jitsu community.

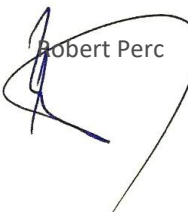
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Curriculum Vitae.

Support from the Ju-jitsu Federation of Slovenia.

Consent on personal data (included in the CV)

Place and date: Celje - Slovenia, 27 September 2021


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