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- Petar Jankov, President OC Interski 2019, Pamporovo

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF INTERSKI INTERNATIONAL
PAMPOROVO / BULGARIA, 10 June 2017, 08.30 h**

Dear friends of Interski,

You will find attached the minutes of the General Assembly of Interski International held on 10 June 2017.

With sporting regards

INTERSKI INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT

Erich Melmer

SECRETARY-GENERAL

Peter Mall

**INTERSKI
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SNOW SPORTS INSTRUCTION
INTERNATIONALER VERBAND FÜR DAS SCHNEESPORTLEHRWESEN
ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR L'ENSEIGNEMENT DES SPORTS DE NEIGE**



1. Welcome

The President of Interski International, Erich Melmer, opens the ordinary General Assembly at the Pamporovo Convention Centre at 08.30h.

He welcomes all members present as well as the representatives of the Specialised Associations. A special welcome goes to the representatives of the Organising Committee of Interski 2019. On behalf of his entire team Petar Jankov, President of Interski Bulgaria, receives the President's thanks for the work done and the cordial welcome to Bulgaria.

2. Ascertainment of voting rights

Secretary-General Peter Mall determines the number of votes present. The results of the roll call are enclosed with the minutes.

3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved unanimously.

4. Approval of the minutes of the 2015 General Assembly in Ushuaia

The minutes are approved unanimously.

5. Reports

President Erich Melmer thanks all participating member countries for travelling to Bulgaria.

The President considers this General Assembly as pointing the way ahead and charting the path to a new structure and direction of Interski Congresses. The successfully conducted World Café, which was attended by all member countries present, has contributed many new ideas for the programming of Interski Congresses. A vote of thanks goes to everybody involved but especially to the moderator of the World Café, Ms Andrea Spieth.

The Presidium will use tomorrow's meeting for drawing up a preliminary programme for the 2019 Congress based on the results of the World Café.

Once more, the President points out how important it was to hold the 2015 Interski Congress in Ushuaia, Argentina. By awarding the Congress to Argentina, Interski has sent out a strong message of international friendship and fellowship in snow sports instruction.

Following the experience gained in Ushuaia and the results of the member survey, it is now time to explore new horizons.

President Melmer reports about the ever increasing challenges for snow sports which, however, also offer additional opportunities. The President refers to the increasing number of inquiries from Asia for membership in Interski. During his visit to China, he found that Interski's efforts to propagate snow sports in the area are already bearing fruit. He appeals to all member associations which are already active there to take a coordinated approach. The first and foremost goal should be to ensure the consistent development of snow sports in Asia.

Erich Melmer states explicitly that Interski International is the umbrella of the Specialised Associations ISIA, IVSI and IVSS. The President is not in favour of merging the three associations even if the issue keeps coming up. However, should an official request to merge the Specialised Associations be made to Interski International, the Presidium will look into the matter carefully. It will then be up to the General Assembly to make this decision.

The President reports on regular Skype meetings held within the Presidium. Only thanks to these additional meetings has it been possible to draw up the amended Statutes, the Rules of Procedure for the Presidium and the Bidding Guidelines for Congress Organisers.

The President takes this opportunity to thank his fellow Presidium members for their excellent cooperation and to welcome on board the new ISIA President, Vittorio Caffi and wish him every success for his new task.

6. Report on organisation and financial reports 2015 – 2017 (enclosed with the minutes)

The work of the General Secretariat has been characterised by preparing and staging the 2015 Interski Congress in addition to organising the 2017 General Assembly.

Based on the Argentinian experience, it was important to develop a new basis for the organisation and staging of future Interski Congresses. Regular Skype meetings and two physical Presidium meetings (Pamporovo, Bulgaria in May 2016 and Grantown on Spey, Scotland in October 2016) were held to draft the new Statutes, the Rules of Procedure for the Presidium, and the Bidding Guidelines for Congress Organisers.

Secretary-General Peter Mall addresses special thanks to the members of the Presidium and the responsible persons of Interski Bulgaria for the good cooperation and the pleasant working relationship.

The Secretary-General explains the balance sheets 2015 – 2017.

7. Auditors' report and approval of the Presidium

In his report, auditor Pavel Krnac states that a meeting was held on 17 May 2017 in Budapest to examine the accounts. He underlines the careful bookkeeping and prudent financial conduct of Interski and proposes that the General Assembly approve of the activities of the Presidium and the Secretary-General for the financial years 2015 and 2016.

The General Assembly unanimously approves the financial conduct.

8. Report and vote on the 2018 budget

SG Peter Mall explains the main budget items of Interski International. The underlying principle is for the association's spending not to exceed its income during any financial year. Annual income is currently around 15,000 Euros.

The 2018 budget is approved unanimously by the General Assembly (presentation is enclosed with the minutes).

9. Vote on amendments to the Statutes



The amended Statutes as proposed by the Presidium are adopted unanimously.

The draft amendments were sent out to the associations on 14 March 2017.
(Question put by Andreas Göhl, Interski Germany)

10. Vote on the Rules of Procedure for the Presidium of Interski International

The Rules of Procedure are adopted unanimously by the General Assembly.

11. Vote on future financial commitments of Congress venues (based on Bidding Guidelines)

The General Assembly unanimously decides that the costs given below must be covered by future Congress organisers:

- Inspection costs (3 Presidium members, costs for travel, board and lodging)
- Candidature fee 1,000 Euro
- Organisers' fee 18,000 Euro
- Congress fee per participant 90 Euro
- Costs for travel, board and lodging of the Presidium on the following occasions:
 - 1st Presidium meeting with the Organisers
 - General Assembly two years before the Congress
 - Last Presidium meeting before the Congress
- Costs for board and lodging of the Presidium during the Congress
- Congress costs for 50% of the demo team members, with a maximum of 5 per team

With regard to free places, the Presidium proposes that

for every fifteenth paying participant, the member country gets a free place. The motion is adopted with a majority of 16 votes in favour and 7 votes against.

12. Discussion and vote on motions to the General Assembly

No motions to be dealt with

13. Tributes

President Erich Melmer pays tribute to Riet Campell, retired member of the Presidium and former ISIA President, for great services rendered to international snow sports instruction.

14. Any other business

Secretary-General Peter Mall announces the candidates for the Interski Congress in 2023:

AUSTRIA: Kitzbühel

FINLAND: Levi

The deadline for candidatures expires on 1 December 2017 at 24.00h..

As there are no requests for the floor, President Erich Melmer closes the General Assembly at 10.50h.