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MINUTES of the JJIF **General Assembly** **November 21st, 2013 –Bucharest, Romania**

1. Welcome and opening of the Agenda.

The General Assembly was opened by the General Secretary, who wished welcome to the participants. Mrs. Mortelmans was nominated as the chairperson of the General Assembly. The *Agenda* proposed by the JJIF Board for the General Assembly was subjected to debates and vote and was accepted by the delegates.

2. President's welcome

The JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, had a brief welcoming speech for the attending NF's representatives, informing the assembly that he will speak on a wider range of topics when presenting the President's annual report.

3. Roll call and attendance

3.1. List of present members with the right to vote

1. Austria - proxy
2. Bulgaria – president
3. Colombia - president
4. Denmark - proxy
5. France - proxy
6. Germany – proxy
7. Greece - president
8. Israel – president
9. Italy - president
10. Kazakhstan – president
11. Mauritius - president
12. Netherlands – proxy

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13. Romania – proxy
14. Russia – president
15. Slovenia – president
16. South Korea – proxy
17. Spain - proxy
18. Sweden – president
19. Switzerland – proxy
20. Taiwan – proxy
21. Ukraine – proxy

3.2. Provisional members that are present:

1. Turkey – president

3.3. Invited persons (or national representatives without proxies)

1. Claudia Behnke – Athletes' Commission
2. Benjamin Lah - Athletes' Commission
3. Dragan Trajkovic – National coach of Serbia

3.4. The JJIF Board was present in full, accompanied by JJIF General Manager, Eugene Domagata, JJEU President, Herbert Frese.

4. Approval of the minutes of the GA in Vienna

The Minutes of the last JJIF General Assembly, held in Vienna - Austria in November 2012 were subjected to the approval of the GA. The Assembly unanimously approved the Minutes of the 2012 JJIF General Assembly

5. Presentation of Database

The software company IBORIS presented the main features of the Database and explain by using a fast demo how this tool can be useful to JJIF. Registration of athletes in the Database has already started.

6. General Secretary report

The works of the 2013 General Assembly started with the General Secretary report. Mrs. Dana Mortelmans spoke about the work that has been done for the preparation of World Games in Colombia and the recent SportAccord Combat Games in St. Petersburg Russia, emphasizing the difficulties that she faced mainly caused by two factors:

1. The bad communication and late responses of the National Federations; and
2. Lack of communication with the L.O.C.

She emphasized that some National Federations were late for registry and they asked for extensions on the deadline. She made a request for next event that all national federations must stick to deadlines in strict manner in order to be more organized. Of course, the use of the database will help in better and faster organization.

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She informed the GA about the Board decision to open the JJIF secretariat office in Athens. The office will be the center that will support all JJIF activities and for that we will employ Miss Viky Kontou as a part-time employee.

Finally, Mrs. Mortelmans informed the GA that the new provisional members accepted by Board in 2013 are Niger, Afghanistan, Guatemala, Morocco, Moldova, Dominican Republic, Uzbekistan, Trinidad & Tobago, Madagascar, Gambia and Angola. The Assembly approved these new members.

7. JJIF Activity reports

The floor was given to Mr. Theodoropoulos, JJIF *President*

In his speech, the President emphasized the positive results of the JJIF participation in the World Games and especially in the Combat Games. After these two big events JJIF become stronger. The Ne waza – Brazilian jujitsu discipline gave to JJIF a better global face and new jujitsu lovers. He welcomes the new established JJIF Athlete Commission and he underlined the importance of this commission to the JJIF development.

Mr. Theodoropoulos mentioned that the activities in progress will be presented by JJIF Vice Presidents and JJIF Directors in their reports.

He spoke about the importance of decentralization of the JJIF activities to the Board Members and he emphasize that in order to continue JJIF to grow in all directions JJIF Board Members and Directors must concentrate and try to integrate their tasks according to the time schedules.

He informs GA that the responsibilities of the Board members after an internal reorganization will be:

- a. Mrs. Dana Mortelmans will be head of the Sport Department. She will work closely with Mr. Joe Tumfart (Sport Director), Mr. Henrik Sundberg (Referee Director) and Mr. Anestis Poulidikis (Event Manager).
- b. Mr. Tomo Borishov will continue his work in the Self defense Department.
- c. Mr. Igor Lanzoni will continue his work in the Media and Marketing Department with Mr Joe Tumfart as Media Manager.
- d. Mr. Dylan Sung will be head of the Traditional Ju-Jitsu Department, dealing with history, ethics and different traditional Ju-Jitsu styles in general.
- e. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos and Mrs Dana Mortelmans will be responsible for the Education and Developing Department.

All persons in all positions should coordinate their activities with the JJIF General Manager, Mr. Eugene Domagata.

A report from the heads of the departments should be send to the President and General Secretary every month.

He also mentioned that the use of JJIF database will give grate advantages in the organization, starting in 2014 all JJIF members (National Federations, referees, coaches, officials and athletes) should be register to the system and they will receive their annual membership card (smart card). This card will be used almost in all activities. The related annual cost of the cards will be followed by reduction of the annual membership fee of the N.F's.

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Furthermore, Mr. President stated that JJIF is already working to prepare the first JJIF Convention which will be the platform of free expression of ideas and proposals, on all aspects (technical, management, social activities, specialties etc.). The JJIF Convention will take place in summertime and JJIF Summer Camp will be also included. In the future the JJIF GA works will be also included in order to use all the available time in the World Championships to be used for sport activities.

The details and the program will be given to everyone by the end of February

Mr. Theodoropoulos also announced that after the experience JJIF gained from the first Cadets Championships in Athens and the discussions in the technical congress the name "World Cadets Championships" will be changed to "World Cup for Cadets". Winners of the Cup categories will not have the title of "World Champion" but 1st, 2nd and 3rd Winner of the corresponding category. In this Cup great importance will be given to the education of the cadets and more strict rules will be applied to the protocol and to the behavior of the teachers (coaches) which will be in charge.

At this point Mr. President gave the floor to the JJIF General Manager Mr. Eugene Domagata to present the JJIF 2013-2017 action plan.

Firstly, the General Manager stated that there must be a development of Ju-Jitsu by consolidating of the Continental Unions and affiliated countries by audit of the moment (network policy and institutional administration and management, human resources management and practitioners, dynamic activities, training, development and sports potential). There must be development of networks of relationships, to expand our institutional positioning and communication, incentives, promotion and development of sports competition and activity for all. It is also important to have assistance for the structuring, administration, development, training, technique, the athlete and events. He stated that there must be an evolution of governance, by trading implications, responsibilities, decision-making, and dissemination of information and communication circuits. General planning of actions, activities and organizations is also needed and planning of international sports events and tournaments with a continental or global Word label.

He also spoke about the development of Taisho, Ju-Jitsu and self-defense for citizens and companies. Moral and physical form in the service of health and well-being is needed; a self- defense adapted to the needs of protection and safety of persons and property, and a professional to invest self-defense let work closely with companies and Institutions in charge of security and protection of persons and property.

Furthermore, Mr. Eugene Domagata presented a plan for 2014.

He stated that from January to April 2013, there should be collection of information and data, analysis of situations, detection and identification of human resources in charge of different actions that will be decided by the Board of the JJIF. From May to December 2013 when is the operational Phase of field, there shall be an implementation of concrete actions to achieve the objectives set.

Moreover, he presented the details of the action plan. In December 2013 there would be the 2014 action plan drafting. On February 2014, there will be a presentation of the plan of actions to 2014-2015 to the Board and also trade and decisions, definition of objectives. On March and April 2014 there will be the first operational actions. Structural, training, technical and sports policies. On May to August 2014, will be the development of letters of missions of various officials in sectors and activities, proposal

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to the Board for decision in July and communication from September, proposals of the sectors responsible for 30 days before the GM with defense at the time of the 2014 AG and implementation of three actions for the development of membership (3 countries).

At the end of his report, the General Manager presented the priority objectives of 2014, which are that 6 new countries will be targeted to expand our membership and development of the concept Taisho, Ju-Jitsu, Self-defense in the service of the health and society. There will be also 4 courses in year one per Continent by member countries, framed by international trainers trained in this concept. Sport participation at the Paris World Championships, hosting 40 countries with at least a competitor and finally 1 Stage international development JJIF in three of our continental Unions and training.

At the end of his speech, Mr. Domagata referred to the importance of collaboration of JJIF members and he emphasized that there are many inactive countries in EU and JJIF must do something about it.

Mr. Tomo Borissov

Mr. Tomo Borissov presented his annual report about the department of the activity of self-defense for the army, the police, the security companies and the public. He spoke about the last year that was dynamic and active for the department headed by him, as lots of meetings were organized with presidents and officials from Judo Federations and Continental Unions.

The Vice- President presented a conception which has already accepted by the JJIF Board meeting in Athens. This conception is a proposal for a model of development. During its implementation, was designed a model for development in the area of education concerning the specialized defense for the security companies and the public. Self-defense is divided in two areas: a) Specialized defense for the security companies

b) Self-defense for the public – children, women and others and self- defense for disabled people. For this purpose the JJIF Board discussed the formation of a special workgroup. Among the major tasks of the group are:

- a) To promote the program of the association for special defense for professionals in the security sector
- b) To create programs and methodology for education in the area of self- defense for the public
- c) To create a program for education for disabled people
- d) To set up a special unit for woman expert instructors

Since June has started the formation of the specialized workgroup together with Mr. Tomo Borissov. The application was sent to the presidents of some federations and until now the participation has been confirmed by Spain, Bulgaria, Italy and the work of the group goes on.

Several important meetings were organized on the year 2013:

IWC 2013 Cali – possibilities of a mutual cooperation with the Colombian Federation in the field of special defense were discussed

Summer Camp Germany- seminar for specialized defense of the German police was organized World Combat Games St. Petersburg- the president of Martial Arts in Iran

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and the Vice- President of the Iranian Ju-Jitsu Association together with the officials of JJIF conversed about the development of the specialized defense and organizing of joint training specialized for the police structures in Iran. National Congress Spain, Madrid- Seminar with practical courses, in which instructors from the police and the army took part.

The Vice- President also stated that in 2013 he had the opportunity to promote JJIF by honoring famous people with special individual honorable Dan's and gi's in Ju-Jitsu approved by the Board of JJIF.

By ending his speech, Mr. Tomo Borissov spoke about his priority objectives of 2014. The priority objectives are the development of social aspects and specialized self-defense, the organization of work visits and seminars and the preparation in the V EU Police Games 2014.

Mr. Igor Lanzoni

The Vice-President presents his annual report by saying that after a year of intense work, JJIF has a new image and modernized identity. The Vice President stated that he dedicated a lot of time to the part linked to the international relations serving the increase of the relationship with different public Institution and International Federation and find possible cooperation in activities, projects and promotional campaigns. He also mentioned the names of some institutions that JJIF has fixed meetings: United Nations, International Olympic Committee, UNESCO, European Union, Panathlon International, Fair Play Association, Peace and Sport, Olympic Truce, International Federations and FISU and LOC of different organization, International Olympic Academy.

Mr. Igor Lanzoni presented his work as a Vice President and as responsible for Media Marketing and International Relations. He referred to the activity of changing the old website of JJIF, to a new generation web site with many tools like Facebook, Web Streaming, video, photos, posters, information event, and news inside the site and on time. The site is www.jjif.info or www.jujitsuinternationalfederation.org. JJIF must reestablish and recover the JJIF Site in relation to the budget.

Furthermore, he mentioned that as a member of the Italian Government and expert advisor of European Union, in charge of many sport activities in Italy, he used many events for JJIF promotion around the world, the Government organizations and Multisport Event Organizations.

There was also a presentation of the JJIF video promotion. This video is a useful instrument for communicate with federations from all over the world.

Mr. Igor Lanzoni emphasized that there were various meetings realized in the Sport Events and during the different conventions such as: Sportaccord Convention, If Forum Sportaccord, World Games Cali He also stated that there are communicating and financial problems and JJIF must find sponsors. By ending his report, the Vice President presented the priority objectives of 2014. He referred to the present project which is the use of his position in order to help JJIF promotion. He spoke about the importance of collaborating with French speaking countries and the importance of including them on multisport games. This action is significant as the French speaking countries are numerous.

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The Vice- President also spoke about the JJIF education and the fact that JJIF must invest no money but human resource, and must create stuff in order to protect our council and our history.

Mr. Dylan Sung

The Vice- President presented the list of activities that encompassed his involvement or supervision in the year 2013.

First of all, he stated that the Korea Ju-Jitsu Federation has continuously demonstrated strong desire to develop Ju-Jitsu by presenting a list of activities that KJJF has done in Uljin County in Korea in 2013, such as seminars and meetings. Nonetheless, KJJF needs to coordinate better cooperation to fully capitalize on the numerous resources, including human and financial, available to the organization. This is especially true in view of the organization's significant role as the host member federation of the 2015 junior world championships.

Furthermore, Mr. Dylan Sung, spoke about the preparations of the Junior World Championship in Suwon, Korea. Emphasizing that Suwon is the best town for tradition, he stated that he met with Mr. Byoung-Kun Moon, Member of the Suwon City Council as well as the city's planning and economy committee, at Suwon City hall, who welcomes members of the international ju-jitsu community to visit Suwon. After, he visited two potential venues for the 2015 junior world championships: The Suwon City Stadium and the Gymnasium of Ajou University. Both sites would be capable of being used as the venue for the 2015 junior world championships. The Suwon Stadium, although grand in scale, may be too big for the 2015 championships. The Gymnasium of Ajou University is a more suitable choice as the spectators will be closer to the mats. The Vice- President gave some advice to the KJJF, that they should strategically utilize the potential resources. Appropriate positions should be named and tasks need to be delegated for a more effective organizing structure than the existing one. Additionally, KJJF needs to become familiar with the exact dimensions and standards of what JJIF Competition requires in terms of format and equipment. The 2015 junior championships will be the first time that our championships will be held in Asia. It is hopeful that KJJF will step up and deliver a wonderful experience to us all. Mr. Dylan Sung stated that he will, push KJJF present a formal report on the progress of the preparations at the General Assembly in 2014.

On September 2013, a conference for the world martial arts masterships in Chungju, Korea was held with the purpose of introducing the establishment of WMAM. He stated that having been to the festival and the witnessed the efforts put forth by the provincial and city governments, he believes making jujitsu part of this endeavor can be particularly advantageous for us to expand our activities in Asia. The scope of the multi- martial art event is in line with not only the competitive aspect of ju-jitsu as a sport, but also the cultural and educational aspects of ju-jitsu as an art. It is of existing prospect that JJIF can be on board of this meaningful initiative as the WMAM develops into a potentially celebrated event. Furthermore, Mr. Sung, emphasized that being geographically situated close to Korea, he will be able to cooperate closely with the WWAM organizing committee.

In the following year, KJJF is strongly advised to host the 2014 Asian Ju-Jitsu championships as a part of the preparations for the 2015 junior world championships.

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The ju-jitsu Association of Thailand, a newcomer to the ju-jitsu scene, is beginning to exhibit the characteristics of an active member federation by promptly planning and organizing different activities. The Thailand Open 2014 is scheduled to take place from Mach 29th to 30th, 2014.

JJAFU

Mr. Tsegaye Degineh – JJAFU Vice-President, on behalf of Mr. Colince Tatsa Tchinda - JJAFU President, presented a report about the working session between JJAFU and JJIF General Manager, Mr. Eugene Domagata and the activities 2013 of the African countries.

Mr. Tsegaye Degineh emphasized that there is danger in African countries so we must teach ju-jitsu and also a seminar for Egyptian woman will be held.

He referred to the development of Ju-Jitsu in Africa as many African countries became more active, applying for the JJIF member agreement. He added that the next African World Championship will be take place in Algeria in 2014.

Furthermore, he stated that it is difficult for the JJAFU to run without finance and they would appreciate if JJIF could find a way to sponsor JAFU.

JJEU

The JJEU President presented the activities of JJEU on the closing year 2013. There were many events on many different levels. In principle very month JJEU have had 3 major jiu-jitsu events in Europe. He stated that in EU they have continued to develop European challenge cup system of international tournaments. They have had 5 ECC events in 2013 which represented good grounds for future top labelled events like championships as they do need experienced organizers.

In summer 2013 planned/ joined JJEU/JJIF seminar - ju-jitsu camp - in Slovenia was cancelled due to non- sufficient participants applied to come. JJEU decided that for shall time they shall not try to organize special event like that as it is too risky related to financial obligation. They will have a solution to compensate those costs but for the future JJEU needs to think what kind of events they would like to have.

Mr. Herbert Frese also indicated that when JJEU is asked and do so far, will provide expert help do developing nations in Europe or elsewhere.

JJEU Board is putting great hopes in promising Champions League for clubs. System which is called

Adriatic League is working for three years already at some countries at the south Europe. On November 16th Slovenia hosted first event of newly European Champions League and the way it was organized and promoted gave a good impression for the future development. For year 2014 JJEU would like to establish at least one new division of the Champions League in Europe. At the moment France is the candidate for organizing one of the events so JJEU kindly asks members and clubs to join them. By ending his report, the JJEU president stated that the following year he will personally take care that future event calendar; at least a draft will come out six month before this year.



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Mr. Luc Mortelmans - **JJIF Treasurer** presented his **financial report** of 2012. He presented the Income and expenditure of the year 2012, the balance sheet and the total project of 2012, the independent auditor's report for 2012 and the budget of 2014 for the approval of the General Assembly. The General Assembly approved them unanimously.

Furthermore, the JJIF Treasurer presented the priority objectives for 2014. He indicated that event budgets must be filled in and sent to the federations for approval. He also stated that concerning the membership fee for the national federations and the annual membership card he will calculate what is possible.

He also indicated that JJIF must find sponsors without exclusivity, such as Green Hill.

Mr. Joachim Thumfart - **JJIF Sport Director** made a presentation of his **report** which was also presented in the Technical Congress on 21st November in Bucharest, Romania.

In the report, he mentioned that the preparation and execution of World Games 2013 in Cali and Sport accord Combat Games 2013 in St. Petersburg had very good results. He supported that JJIF must update and publish the JJIF World Ranking list. From January 1st, 2014, the Ranking list will be divided into Ranking List and Qualification List.

Moreover, Mr. Joe Thumfart stated that the restructuring of the Asian Union is important for the JJIF development.

JJIF must implement the google calendar which is effective in communication and has many possibilities as it links to phone.

Because of the high level on World and Combat Games the participants were reduced. He supported that we must bring as much competitors as we can.

In the end of his speech, Mr. Joachim Thumfart announced the decisions of the Technical Congress.

Mr. Henrik Sandberg presented the **referee report** which covers JJPAU referee developments from November 2012 to October 2013. He presented the results from 2013 in figures and compared them with the results of 2013 championships. The outcome was that in 2013 there were 20 more continental championships.

He supported that JJIF need to be more active of the referee side and that JJIF needs more referees to keep the high standard , more referee activity as there are more tournaments.

8. Athletes' Commission presentation

The Athletes' Committee was welcomed by the General Assembly. Ms. Claudia Behnke, on behalf of the committee, made a presentation on the identity of the committee, the work they have done so far and the work they will do until the new elections on the members will take place on November 2014.



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9. Awards

Mr. Herbert Frese - JJEU President was awarded with "Honorary JJIF President" Mr. Eugene Domagata - JJIF General Manager was awarded with 9th Dan Ju-Jitsu. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos - JJIF President was awarded with Military award 6th level.

The Turkish federation invited everyone in the Balkan Open and World Cup U15 which will be held on 27-28 September 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey. There were also a presentation of Istanbul City and the venue where the championship will take place.

10. Election of two persons for those present, to verify the minutes – Mr. Anastasios Poulikidis and Ms. Claudia Behnke.

P. Theodoropoulos
JJIF President



Dana Mortelmans
JJIF General Secretary