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Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF) Congress Meeting

Malmö, Sweden - 26 NOVEMBER 2018 – 10:00hrs to 17:00hrs

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1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The President of JJIF, **P. Theodoropoulos**, welcomed all participants of the Congress underlining that after the JJIF Congress of 2016, this Congress was also of great importance because many decisions would be taken mainly on technical and organization matters in order to modernize the JJIF and be in compliance with the new demands of the Olympic Movement.

He also said that the JJIF activity report will be presented by the JJIF Director General in the next items of the agenda.

The President apologized for the poor organization of the World Championships in certain respects; among others, management of injured athletes, transportation, food, medal ceremonies, weigh-in ... Many of these irregularities were partially fixed by the Director General, the Sport Director, the Event Manager and the Protocol manager.

The fault lied with Sweden Ju-Jitsu Federation and perhaps with JJIF as well in awarding the organisation of the World Championships to Sweden and/or in supervising the Swedish Federation's organization. In any case JJIF would make an investigation if it was a failure of the organizer to fulfill the requirements described in the organization code and/or in the contract and would take the necessary measures.



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2. CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER, ELECTION OF PERSONS TO SCRUTINIZE THE MINUTES AND TO SUPERVISE THE COUNTING OF VOTES

Suresh GOPI, JJAU Vice-President and Legal Adviser of JJIF President, was appointed as **MC** of the general meeting by the President and **Trilok Kumar Nuvin PROAG**, JJIF Vice- President, JJAUFU President was appointed by the President to record the minutes of proceedings.

Mr Gopi explained the procedures for handling matters on the agenda of the meeting and gave a description of the voting instructions and the procedure which had to be followed.

It was noted that the general meeting had been convened in accordance with the articles of Statutes of JJIF and that the convening was therefore valid.

Claudia Behnke and **Maria Charitopoulou** were elected to supervise the counting of votes and to scrutinize the minutes.

3. ROLL CALL AND RIGHT TO VOTE

Robert Perc, JJIF Vice-President and President of the JJEU, carried out the roll call.

A list of attendees as of the beginning of the meeting and a list of votes represented at the meeting were presented, according to which 34 members were present duly represented as per **ANNEX 1** with Georgia and Hungary (present as new members to be inducted) having no right to vote. As a result, 32 countries had the right to vote.

ANNEX 2 shows the participant lists of the Congress.

In addition, all members of the JJIF Board, the Director General, members of JJIF management, media representatives and technical personnel were present at the meeting.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Discussion:

The Agenda was sent out in an orderly manner. The French delegate, **Didier Menu** observed that items "Calendar and Technical rules" should have been part of the Session's agenda. The President clarified that Calendar was approved by the Session but it was decided that the Technical rules were to be discussed in the Technical Congress (September 2018) and the proposals to be ratified by the present Congress. He added that Congress being the JJIF supreme organ could validly deal with these items.

Conclusion:

The Agenda was unanimously approved by the Congress.



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5. INFORMATION ABOUT ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD OF 2016 – 2018

J.Thumfart, JJIF Director General and Sports Director: presented all the activities for the period 2016-2018 which were already well detailed and described in the JJIF Calendars for these 3 years and which were and are available on JJIF website. Posters and video recording of the events were shown on the big screen. He remarked that the presentation of championships was getting better with video clips being made of many events.

The biggest event was the World Games 2017, JJIF highest ranking event.

Other highlight events were Asian events organized under the OCA/Olympic banner.

R.Perc added to the list of activities: Congress of European Fairplay Movement 2018.

J.Thumfart added as regards JJIF memberships:

Re. Chinese Taipei: Current member left. A new strong Federation has applied.

Turkish Federation after a period of problems elected a new Board and had resumed activities.

At this stage **Margarita Ochoa** and **Hagen Bossdorf** were invited to present their work/activities.

Margarita Ochoa, high level jujitsu-ka, gold medalist at World Championships 2019 made a presentation on her work to fight child sexual abuse in Philippines through ju-Jitsu: The project was known as "Fight to Protect"/ "End Child Rape".

Hagen Bossdorf, World Games Media Director and Consultant for JJIF on marketing strategy and media rights made a presentation entitled "JJIF Vision 2030-Global Media Strategy for Ju-Jitsu and spoke, among others, on the road to the Olympics.



6. TECHNICAL ISSUES, PROPOSALS

Detailed information about the proposals was sent out to members together with the agenda and the invitation to the Congress. All the technical proposals were discussed at the meeting of the Technical Commission and the proposals were communicated by the JJIF board.

1. New weight categories for women

Discussion:

The Board's proposal was submitted to the Congress **ANNEX 3 pg 1**. The JJIF Board was in favor of having an equal number of 7 weight categories for both male and female in both Jiu-Jitsu and Fighting. This meant that Male category would remain at 7 weight categories and Female categories would be increased from 5 to 7 weight categories. **Didier Menu**, representative of France requested to vote first on the number of weight categories before voting on the weight divisions. He proposed to have only 6 categories in both genders instead of the 7 as proposed by the JJIF Board.

Conclusion:

Women weight categories shall be increased to 7 categories as Men categories.

Proposal was approved by a majority of votes:

29 members present – 22 votes in favour – 7 votes against. (> 75% in favour)

Decision would be effective as from 1st January 2019.

New weight categories for Women. ANNEX 3 pg1.

Proposal was approved by a majority of votes:

28 members present – 18 votes in favour – 9 votes against - 1 abstention. (> 64% in favour)

Decision would be effective as from 1st January 2019.

Action:

Claudia Behnke mentioned that the section in the Sporting Code about the maximum number of athletes which can participate per JJNOs had to be adapted as well which will be directed to the JJIF Technical Commission and would be approved by the JJIF Board.

Conclusion:

Deadline: End of April 2019. Board decision would be effective immediately after.

Congress unanimously accept the proposal and approve it.

2. World Games Categories

Discussion:

The Board's Proposal was submitted to the Congress- **ANNEX 3 pg2** . "Selection of The World Games 2021 disciplines and categories" based on 96 athletes who are allowed to participate in the World Games. The categories for The World Games must be finalized and definite.

Qualification period shall be 01.Jan.2019 to 31.Dec.2020.

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved by a majority of votes:

28 members present – 26 votes in favour – 2 votes against . (> 92% in favour)



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3. New Age categories

Discussion:

The Board's Proposal was submitted to the Congress- **ANNEX 3 pg3: Adaption of Age System in JJIF** (Amended form as per amendment on appellation below)

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved by a majority of votes:

28 members present – 26 votes in favour – 1 vote against - 1 abstention. (> 92% in favour)

4. Age categories Appellation

Discussion:

The President clarified that:

The categories (+10 – 12) U12 and (+12 – 14) U14 are to be termed "Cadets".

The categories (+14 – 16) U16 and (+16 – 18) U18 are to be termed "Youth".

The categories (+18 – 21) U21 and (+21 – 35) are to be termed "Adults" and will include the categories Master 1(+35 - 40), Masters 2(+40); – Master 3 (+45) and Master 4 (+50) were proposed to be separated from Adults categories

ANNEX 3 pg3 has been amended accordingly.

Patrick Tremel (Austria) asked which weight categories and rules will be applied in the new age categories. **Joachim Thumfart** clarified that the Technical Commission will decide on that.

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved by a majority of votes:

26 members present – 20 votes in favour – 4 votes against - 2 abstention. (> 76% in favour)

5. Age categories - JJIF Championships

Discussion:

The Board's Proposal was submitted to the Congress- **ANNEX 3 pg 4: "Event Format based on new Age Categories"** The Technical Congress proposed to cluster the Age –Categories in following World Championships.

Note: Veterans categories are in separate event format.

ANNEX 3 pg4 has been amended accordingly.

In view of the rule that an athlete cannot participate in 2 different age categories during the same event, for the avoidance of doubt, it was unanimously declared that in the course of a World championships, different age categories could be considered as separate events so that athletes would be able to participate in the next age category as described in the corresponding rule.

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved by a majority of votes:

27 members present – 16 votes in favour – 8 votes against - 3 abstention. (> 59% in favour)



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6.Sport Code I

Discussion:

The Board's Proposal was submitted to the Congress- **ANNEX 3 pg5. "Sporting Code (Format)"**The Technical Congress proposed to accept the Draft, summarized Sporting Code and related rules in new format and layout.

This was a continuation of the exercise to harmonize the rules.

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved unanimously.

7.Sport Code II

Discussion:

Amendment of rule when athlete is not present by the mats at the right time for his fight: Proposal was to replace the present 3 calls by a countdown.

The Board's Proposal was submitted to the Congress- **ANNEX 3 pg 6. The Technical Congress proposed to install and use a countdown system by the JJIF software.**

If the countdown lapses the competitor will be automatically disqualified for this fight. (Fusen-Gachi). This was the proposal to replace the "three call" regulation.

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved unanimously.

8.Sport Code III

Discussion:

Seeding: The Board's Proposal was submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEX 3 pg 7.**

Seeding in World Championship and Continental Championship (Grand Slam)

(Top class tournaments with a limitation of 2 entries per club/ country)

1st criteria: Competitors from same country will meet in Semi Final (even if both are seeded)

2nd criteria: Ranking List (1st 4 present)

3rd criteria: Bye in 1st round for seeded competitors if possible (as used in many other combat sports)

Proposal for Seeding at Ranking tournaments

1st criteria: Ranking List (1st 4 present)

2nd criteria: Bye for seeded competitors in first round if possible.

Conclusion:

World Championship and Continental Championship

1st criteria: Ranking List (1st 4 competitors present)

2nd criteria: Competitors from same country get separated!

3rd criteria: "By" in 1st round for seeded competitors (if possible)

Other Ranking events (including Grand Prix) events 1st criteria: Ranking List (1st 4 present) regardless nationality / club

Proposal was approved unanimously.



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9.Sport Code IV

Discussion:

To introduce "Draw en block" The Board's Proposal was submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEX 3 pg 8: The Technical Congress proposed to explicitly allow the draw en block for JJIF competition.**

In this case a specific control time (1 hour) for possible mistakes and corrections shall be given.

R.Perc clarified and drew attention that advance notice should be sent to all officials who would want to attend online drawing

Thomas Mayer (Germany) clarified and drew attention that procedure must be well laid down in notification esp. the time to report errors.

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved by a majority of votes:

29 members present – 27 votes in favour –2 abstentions. (> 93% in favour)

10.Jiu-Jitsu Ne Waza

Discussion:

Amendment of rules The Board's Proposal is submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEX 3 pg 9. Changes, actualization and update of Jiu-Jitsu Ne Waza Rules.**

Enter into force : 01.Jan.2019

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved unanimously.

11.JJIF Show System

Discussion:

The Board's 1st Proposal on amendment of rules is submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEX 3 pg 10 No.1**

Proposal 1: 2 rounds Elimination: all teams present compete and are awarded points; Best 4 teams go in a final round to compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Proposal 2: In general competition between 4 or 3 teams. 1st Main bracket. 2nd Repechage. 3rd and 4th are out

Conclusion:

Proposal No1 was approved by a majority of votes:

26 members present – 21 votes in favour –5 abstentions. (> 80% in favour)



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12.JJIF Appeal, Injury and Medical Treatment Regulations

Discussion:

The Board's Proposals as regards Appeal, Injury and Medical Treatment Regulations were submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEX 3 pg11 and ANNEX 4**

Didier Menu, proposed to use the term 'Protest' instead of 'Appeal', the Congress swas in favour to use the proposed term.

Conclusion:

The Congress decided unanimously to authorize the Legal and the Technical Commissions to work on these rules and make final recommendations to the Board which shall then take the final decision.

Deadline: End of April 2019. Board decision will be effective immediatelly after.

13.JJIF Ranking of Events, Competition Format and Qualification System.

Discussion I:

The Board's Proposals were submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEX 3 pg12 and ANNEX 5.**

The organization of a Grand Prix as from 2020 was also discussed. JJIF's Board would work on the conditions that organizers shall have to comply and countries may then apply to host such an event.

The question of the number of participants per country for a Grand Prix was then discussed.

There were 3 options proposed:

1. No limitations.
2. 4 Athlete per JJNOs.
3. 2 athletes per JJNOs.

Conclusion I:

Option No1 is was rejected, option 2 and 3 received the same number of votes during the first round of voting as a result of which a second round of voting took place as follows:

1st vote:

23 members present – 7 vote for option 1 – 8 vote for option 2 - 8 vote for option 3.

2nd vote only on option 2 and 3:

23 members present – 17 vote for option 2 (4 participants) – 6 vote for option 3 (2 participants).

As a result option 2(4 participants) was approved.

Discussion II:

It was also proposed that the Continental Championships should carry more points than the Grand Prix points.

Joachim J. Thumfart pointed out that this would affect the qualification for the World Games since 2020 is a within the qualification period.

Conclusion II:

Proposal was approved unanimously.

Conclusion (final):

The Congress decided unanimously to authorize the Technical Commission to work on these rules and make final recommendations to the Board which shall then take the final decision.

for final decisions.

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14.JJIF Special Competition Team

Discussion:

The Board's Proposal to give athletes without JJNO the chance to participate in events was submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEX 3 pg 13.**

The Technical Congress proposed to add a JJIF team with the right to participate

This team members shall be individually approved by JJIF Board and /or Technical Commission

Medals will not be part of team Rankings.

- Displaced athletes (Refugee team)
- JJNO is not existing, inactive or suspended
- JJNO is in specific dispute (like 2 federations)
- Athletes nationality cannot be determined.

Duo Athletes are from different countries

Change of nationality is in process

Resident and training in another country without any link with the JJNO of which he is a national.

Conclusion:

The Congress decided unanimously to authorize the Legal and the Technical Commission to work on these rules and make final recommendations to the Board which shall then take the final decision.

Deadline: End of April 2019. Board decision will be effective immediately after.

15.JJIF Martial Art: Styles and Grading in JJIF

Discussion:

The Board's Proposal was submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEX 3 pg 14**

The Technical Congress proposed to :

1.Approve the presented grading regulations for Dan degrees

2. Upgrade the department for Martial Art and Education in JJIF taking care of the recognition of Ju-Jitsu styles as approved under JJIF, developing standards and rules for this process create/ improve JJIF model programs for national federations and Ju-Jitsu schools.

J.Thumfart clarified that as regards registration of styles, applications shall only be processed through and be received from the JJNOs

Conclusion:

Proposal No1 was approved by a majority of votes:

24 members present – 21 votes in favour – 1 against - 2 abstentions. (> 87% in favour)

16.Referee selection and organization

Discussion:

The Board's Proposal was submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEX 3 pg 15**

Conclusion:

As a result of current budgetary constraints and given the onerous nature of the implementation of the proposal, this proposal was withdrawn by the Board to be further considered before submitting it to a future JJIF Session.



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17. Referee Rules

Discussion:

The Board's Proposal was submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEX 3 pg 16**

Approval of the referee rules presented at the Session 2018 and approved by JJIF board in April 2018

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved by a majority of votes:

26 members present – 24 votes in favour – 1 against - 1 abstentions. (> 92% in favour)

7. JJIF ATHLETES COMMITTEE

Discussion:

S.Nebie, of Athlete's Commission drew attention that some athletes make an abuse of the medical time by faking injuries which is against fair-play rules and stated that this issue needed to be addressed.

Conclusion:

Well noted by the Congress. Actions which would be taken to address this issue would be taken care of by the Injury and Medical Treatment. Item 6 paragraph 12 of the agenda.

8. JJIF ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM

N. Proag addressed the Congress.

WADA compliance issues:

A really critical matter for JJIF. This is being taken care of by ITA (International Testing Authority) and the JJIF Legal Commission (N.Proag and M.Goodary). The workload is shared by these 2 entities.

A big budget is being allocated to this. We had to deal with a lot of WADA requirements (among others CAR and CCQ) to be WADA compliant, otherwise JJIF would have been on the blacklist. We had tight deadlines to meet. We met those deadlines and we have been cleared by WADA as regards the things we had to do. 1st deadline was in August 2018. We are working on doing the things we have to do by the 2nd deadline which includes the drawing up of an Education Plan. Everything is now under control.

JJIF has to do its part and it's doing it and the JJNOs have to do their part so that the athletes "play true" and the coaches "coach true".

Action Plan to Mitigate:

Education plan will soon be on the JJIF website.

JJIF is actively working on increasing the number of tests.

JJNOs must also do so as well as organizers of competition events

Doping Cases:

For 2018, 3 cases are under consideration. At this point in time, the matters are confidential until a decision is taken.



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9. JJIF ETHICS COMMISSION STATUTES AND BY-LAWS

Discussion:

R.Orlandi, Chairman of JJIF Ethics Commission, makes a presentation of the final version of Statutes and By-Laws prepared by the Ethics Commission- **ANNEX 6-**

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved unanimously

10. IOC RECOGNITION PROGRESS

Discussion:

The JJIF President introduced Mr. **Christian Wassmer** who has been engaged as Consultant by JJIF. He drew attention that C.Wassmer was formerly working with IOC and will be in the best position to advise and assist JJIF on the road to Olympic recognition.

Mr. Wassmer presented the plan and the action which are programmed for the year 2019 in order to successfully reach the recognition status by IOC.

The Board's Proposals were submitted to the Assembly- **ANNEXES 7,8,9,10 and 11**

- a. Mission, Values, Vision and Objectives (Strategy evaluation)
- b. JJIF Code of Conduct
- c. Internal Dispute Resolution Mechanism Policy
- d. Discipline, Complaints and Internal Dispute Resolution Mechanism
- e. Safe Sport Environment Policy

R.Perc addressed the Assembly on a to e above, drawing attention that these issues are required as part of the Olympic dossier. The proposal to the Assembly was to approve these documents as they are subject to further editing and review including review of language which shall then be submitted again for approval at the next JJIF Congress.

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved by a majority of votes:

27 members present – 20 votes in favour – 7 abstentions. (> 74% in favour)



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11. ORGANISATION MATTERS

Changes in the JJIF Board and Ratifications:

Discussion:

The President addressed the Assembly and stated that one of the IOC requirements is gender equality at the level of the Board with voting rights. At present there is only 1 woman, S.Nebie, athlete's representative. As per the JJIF rules, the President appoints 3 members to the Board with voting rights. The current 3 appointees have done their job and are still doing so. Therefore, he proposed that these 3 members vacate their present office and be reappointed as honorary Vice-Presidents/Members with no voting rights. He shall then appoint 3 women with voting rights to fill up the vacancies.

Additionally the President informed the Assembly that R.Perc had been serving as Acting General Director after the passing of Eugene Dogamata. He thanked him for the good work that he had done. He stated that Joe Thumfart, current Technical and Sports Director already handles a lot of managerial and administrative work and is based on a full-time basis at the JJIF Headquarters in Abu Dhabi, working only for and in Ju-Jitsu. He has therefore decided to appoint Joachim Thumfart as General Director. The post of Technical and Sports Director shall be filled up as soon as possible.

Conclusion:

The Congress approved by majority of votes to authorize the JJIF President and the JJIF Board to appoint the new female members of the Board.

27 members present – 23 votes in favour –4 abstentions. (> 85% in favour)

Deadline: End of December 2019.

Action:

Margarita Ochoa was appointed by President and ratified by Congress as Board Member as follows:

27 members present – 26 votes in favour –1 abstention. (> 96% in favour)

12. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2019

Discussion:

J.Thumfart stated that the 2019 calendar is already available on the website. All the events already appear except for a few events like the Grand Prix Kazakhstan which has been fixed for 20 June 2019 and European Youth Championships. Some events like the African Championships are to be confirmed.

Conclusion:

Proposal was approved unanimously

13. REPORTS FROM CONTINENTAL UNIONS

R.Perc, JJEU President presented the activities in Europe.

N.Proag, JJAFU President stated that nothing much has happened at the Continental level. The African Championships scheduled in Morocco was at the last minute cancelled by the organisers. So, he rather looks forward to 2019 in the course of which Algeria has proposed to host the African Championships and he hopes that this event materialises.

Arturo Soler, JJPAU, General Secretary presented the activities in Pan America.

Suresh Gopi, JJAU South East Asia Zone President presented the activities in Asia.



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14. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE STATUTES AND BY-LAWS

The Board's Proposals were submitted to the Assembly – **ANNEX 12**

Discussion:

Amendment to Article 8.2.2 and addition of a new Article 8.2.3

Amended Art 8.2.2 now reads:

"8.2 Executive Board Elections and Terms of Offices

"The five (5) Vice-Presidents are the corresponding Presidents of their respective JJCUs, duly elected by their General Assembly for tenure of four (4) years, and whose nominations are ratified by the JJIF Congress. In case of temporary or permanent unavailability of an elected Continental President /JJIF Vice President a substitute as declared in the Continental Statutes is accepted."

The new Art 8.2.3 reads:

"When not able to attend, the elected Vice-President may appoint a Board member from his/her JJCU to participate at the JJIF Executive Board and related meetings with all rights, associated to a Vice-President's position (including the right of vote). The substitute shall have a written testament (proxy), signed by the JJIF Vice-President, the President of the JJCU."

The new By-Law now reads:

1. The JJIF Executive Board is responsible for the organization and preparation of the Congress, including all financial matters relating thereto.
2. The JJIF Congress is formally convened by order of the President.
3. Notice of the convening of an ordinary JJIF Congress shall be given to all JJNOs (members) at least three months prior to the Congress.
4. Notice of convening an Extraordinary Congress shall be given by the President thirty days prior, together with an agenda which must state the items to be dealt with at the meeting. If an Extra Ordinary Congress is requested by 1/3 of the full members, it shall be so convened by the JJIF Executive Board within sixty days of such request.
5. The President, or, in his absence or incapacity, the Senior Vice-President chairs the JJIF Congress.
6. All resolutions of the JJIF Congress come into effect immediately, unless otherwise decided by the Congress.
7. A matter which is not listed on the agenda of a Congress may be discussed only if one third of the members so requests and only if the Chairman authorizes it.
8. Any matter of procedure concerning the JJIF Congress and votes, which are not covered by the JJIF Statutes, are determined by the Chairman.
9. In case of any urgency, a request for a resolution or decision may be submitted to a vote by correspondence, including via fax or via electronic mail, to the voting members of the JJIF Congress by the JJIF President or by the JJIF Executive Board. Such a resolution or decision shall be valid as if it has been passed at a JJIF Congress where the resolution or decision is approved by not less than fifty per cent (50%) of the all voting members.
10. Minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the Congress are established under the authority of the President."

The new By-Law sections 4-6 of Art 8.4 now reads:

"4. The quorum required for a JJIF Executive Board meeting is a simple majority of the occupying positions of the Board."

"6. Each member has one vote. Abstentions and blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority. Voting by proxy is not allowed, but the Vice-Presidents, elected Presidents of their JJCU, may be represented by a substitute with the right to vote, pursuant to the article 8.2.3 of the Statutes. Voting is held by secret ballot if so required by the JJIF Statutes, or if the Chairman so decides or upon the request of at least a quarter of the members present. In the event of a tie in voting, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote."

Conclusion:

Proposals were approved unanimously.



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Discussion:

New provisional members: The Congress approved Georgia and Hungary to be admitted as JJIF provisional members.

Kazakhstan Grand Prix 2019: A presentation by Kazakhstan Ju-Jitsu Association to host a Grand Prix in Asthana on 20 June 2019 commemorating the city day.

JJIF Academy: **T.Degineh** (Ethopia) queried about the setting up of JJIF Academy.

The President replied that the plan is still on to create the JJIF Academy and to have a tie up with Universities. At present there are budgetary constraints and JJIF needs support from potential partners eg Panathlon, Olympic Academy. So, it's a big project and JJIF is working on same but would need more time.

JJIF Status in Switzerland: **R.Perc** drew attention that there should be a formal declaration and ratification of the newly constituted Board which has to be communicated to the swiss authorities to regularise the JJIF status in Switzerland

16. JJIF CONGRESS 2020

JJIF Congress 2020 should be in conjunction with JJIF Adults Champinships 2020.
Dates and Venues to be finally resolved by the JJIF Board.

17. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The President of JJIF, **P. Theodoropoulos**, thanked all participants of the Congress for their constructive participation.

Meeting finish at 17:00 hrs.

Malmö 27th November 2018

Minutes approved by:

1. JJIF President -- P.Theodoropoulos

2. Meeting Scrutinizer: -- C.Behnke

3. Meeting Scrutinizer : -- M. Charitopoulou

