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**To: All National Federations**

## **Minutes of the 2015 JJIF General Assembly** Saturday, 25 July 2015 – 12:00-16:00 – Kamena Vourla, Greece

### **1. WELCOME**

The President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, welcomes the attendees mentioning that we have all been working together in the Convention for an entire week. The President indicates that he thinks the last meeting of today will ensure the common development of our future. We apologize for the delay in starting the GA, but it was necessary to conclude the proposals which will be voted by the GA.

The President indicates he will not conduct the GA. The GS will do that because she has organized it and has all the papers. He will be here to support her and will be available for any comments or questions you may have.

Mr. Theodoropoulos concludes, wishing a successful congress and assuring the participants that ju-jitsu will be bigger and bigger every year.

### **2. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION – (that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes)**

The following member federations with voting rights (JJIF Full and Official National Members) are present:

1. Austria - proxy
2. Belgium - president
3. Bulgaria - president
4. Chinese Taipei – proxy
5. Colombia - president
6. Cyprus - proxy
7. Denmark - proxy
8. France - proxy
9. Germany - president



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10. Greece - president
11. Iran – proxy
12. Italy – president
13. Kazakhstan – representative with no proxy (unclear membership status) – no voting right
14. Mauritius - president
15. Mexico - president
16. Netherlands - proxy
17. Poland - proxy
18. Romania – proxy
19. Russian Federation - president
20. South Korea – president
21. Spain - proxy
22. Switzerland - proxy
23. Tunisia – proxy – signature missing from the list, but delegate present and speaking in the GA
24. Turkey - president
25. Ukraine - president
26. United Arab Emirates - proxy

The following Provisional National Members are present:

1. India
2. Japan
3. Thailand
4. Turkmenistan

The following Provisional National Members were present in the JJIF Convention and panels during the week, but do not sign the attendance sheet of the General Assembly:

1. Iraq
2. Kuwait
3. Lebanon
4. Mongolia

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The JJIF General Secretary, Mrs. Dana Mortelmans, asks the General Assembly to approve the Agenda proposed by the President. The assembly unanimously agreed. The vote was carried by acclamation.

### **4. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS – (for all voting procedures)**

The JJIF General Assembly appoints three scrutineers: Ms. Claudia Behnke (GER), Athletes' Commission chairperson, Mr. Anestis Poulkidis (GRE), Ju-Jitsu Balkan Federation President and Mr. Henk Plugge (NED), Dutch technical delegate, volunteers for the position. The General Assembly unanimously agrees.



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## **5. APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS TO CHECK THE MINUTES**

Mr. Rick Frowijn (NED), Mr. Reza Nassiri (IRI) and Mr. Nuvin Proag (MRI) are proposed as members in charge of verifying the minutes. There are no other proposals, so the assembly unanimously accepts them, by acclamation.

## **6. VOTE ON APPROVAL OF THE 2014 MINUTES**

The General Secretary submits for approval of the assembly the Minutes of the 2014 annual General Assembly. The assembly unanimously agrees with the minutes submitted. The vote is carried by acclamation.

## **7. ACTIVITY REPORTS - (separate booklet)**

### **a. President's report**

The President indicates that from the last JJIF General Assembly, in November 2014, our federation did not have such a big activity, due to the limited time. As a Board and as JJIF, we concentrated very much on April's SportAccord Convention. The Convention ended with a dispute between SportAccord President and the IOC. Then, we had to act fast to protect our federation and put it in a position so as not to be affected by the dispute. This was our work and our goal. We worked together with the other 22 federations of AIMS (Alliance of Independent Members of SportAccord, international federations without Olympic recognition, members of SportAccord). We will work all together on AIMS Statutes recognized by IOC. We are ready. We have in August the official meeting with IOC. We think that AIMS will be under IOC protection. Afterwards, if we fulfill the requirements of IOC, we'll be in a good front position for recognition of ju-jitsu.

The majority of you know that we are supported by Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah (ANOC President and OCA President) and by the Ju-Jitsu Asian Union (JJAU), with its leadership in Abu Dhabi. They have worked very hard. The President of JJAU has a lot of obligations, but he finds ways to give his valuable time and support to people working in this direction. We hope and we believe that very soon we will be able to announce the IOC recognition.

We support JJAU. They don't need much support, because they are able to work and organize very fast. JJAU moved in a perfect way in a short period of time, being able to organize camps, regional championships, referee courses. If people want to develop, it is a matter of communication and program and we can do it.

In the Ju-Jitsu Pan-American Union (JJPAU) and the Ju-Jitsu African Union (JJAFU), we did not have so many activities. We need to put immediately in the next program the support of JJIF to raise the membership and quality of events to be organized in these 2 continents. JJPAU has experience. They organized Continental General Assemblies and 2 Pan-American Championships, which were very successful. It was the President's pleasure and honour to join them in these events.

In the Board, we worked together and also alone, due to the time and place restrictions.

It is not necessary to say more good words about the Board. The whole idea of working in these 6 months and our result is quite positive. It is not necessary to repeat again. After finalizing the discussions and decisions regarding the structure and the updated Statutes of the JJIF, we will move faster and by next year, hopefully, we will be a much bigger federation. Today, we have 108 members, not all of them voting, not all active. It is our target to make them active and increase the number. After



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a few minutes, we will approve the provisional members, so we will be more. By next year, the President hopes to raise the number to 150 countries.

The President said he does not think he must add something more because the period between the JJIF assemblies was very short.

As a last remark, President Theodoropoulos says that we must be more professional in organizing the championships in the future. We now have to move from the amateur, family championships to a visibility-accepted tournament, through media and marketing, in the future. We must concentrate on the fundamentals that we need to have a nice championship. We have had good ideas from everyone on how to improve our presentation of the sport in these tournaments. These events are important for the outside. The ju-jitsu family discussions are something we keep inside. The results are shown through the events we organize.

The President opened the floor for questions or remarks from the participants. None of the delegates takes the floor.

## **b. General Secretary's report**

The General Secretary indicates that the President mentioned most of the work done together from the last General Assembly.

In addition to the SportAccord Convention and the other events we attended, the work of the General Secretary included, apart from the regular correspondence with our members and third parties: drafting of most documents presented here, in the Convention, to be updated by the members (Statutes, Organization and Sport Code – with its annexes etc.); performance of a statistical analysis regarding the number of JJIF member and their current status; analysis of the NOC recognition, reflected on the websites of the respective NOC's; drafting, in collaboration with the Sports Director, of the first U21 Ranking list; working closely with Sports Director on the topics of the forum, registrations to the forum, information-sharing on the important issues for our athletes, coaches, referees and other officials; updating the JJIF database; registering in and updating the WADA ADAMS platform.

The floor was opened for discussion, but no questions or comments are made at this point.

## **c. Sport Director's report**

Mr. Joachim Thumfart, JJIF Sports Director welcomes the delegates once more. He mentions that we have seen during this week that we must restructure and reorganize the federation. He expresses his feelings of pride to be part of this development, to bring the JJIF to the world arena.

Besides the written report, which has been sent to the delegates, he wants to stress the importance of the events we organize. If the new structure is approved, we will have more championships.

The Sports Director mentions the activity in the area of the social media. Yes, we can improve the design, but the focus is on making content available for everybody. It is going well. Given the zero financing and the work we put in, we have now approx. 2000 persons looking on our Facebook page. The YouTube channel posed some challenges, but we are in the process of learning and developing.

Mr. Thumfart says he has nothing to add to the written report and concludes by indicating that he is excited to get new opportunities with the new structure. We could clarify a lot of things which has been opened.

Again, the floor is open for comments and questions and none of the delegates wishes to take the floor.



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## **d. Referee Director's report**

Mr. Henrik Sandberg, the JJIF Referee Director opens his presentation saying that he is sure everybody present has read his report, which includes the reports of the union referees, as well. He apologizes for not showing his power point presentation, as his computer is down.

We have a very high standard of referees because we have very good fighters, very good athletes. This week we have been working on the rules, we had referee education, but still there are a lot of countries without World referees. It is important to push the countries to train referees, so we can choose the best referees from the database, to have the best referees in our championships.

The delegates are then given the opportunity to ask questions or provide remarks, but nobody takes the floor.

## **e. Athletes' Commission report**

Ms. Claudia Behnke, the Athletes' Commission spokesperson, mentions that the Athletes' Commission was founded in 2012 and the first elections were held in Paris, in November 2014, in conjunction with the seniors' World Championship. The Athletes' Commission has 5 members (Benjamin Lah - Slovenia, Fighting; Ruben Assmann – the Netherlands, Duo; Camil Moldoveanu - Romania, Ne-waza; Pavel Korzavykh - Russia, Fighting; Claudia Behnke – Germany, spokesperson). We only had one candidate from outside Europe (Ali Smail – Algeria). Ms. Behnke encourages the countries to send athletes to the elections. She mentions the Commission is very active in Facebook. They have established a group, JJIF Athletes (Fighting, Duo, Ne-waza), which has more than 2000 members.

The floor is open for questions or comments, but no one wishes to speak.

## **f. Treasurer's report – to be seen in the “Finance” section**

## **8. FINANCE - (separate booklet)**

### **8.1 Consolidated financial statements for 2014 + 8.2 External Auditors' report to the Congress**

Mr. Luc Mortelmans, JJIF Treasurer, presents the financial situation of JJIF in year 2014, showing the General Assembly the consolidated results, the balance sheet with some details, the profit and loss account, as well as the independent auditor's report, all of which the delegates had received in advance by e-mail. Mr. Mortelmans indicates that the JJIF also works on projects, not only on the budget chapters.

In 2014, two championships were taken under the umbrella of the JJIF. All revenues and all expenses went through the JJIF, against a commission. We made a bit of profit, approx. 7000 euro. We had a projected dedicated loss of 93 euro. The actual loss was of 2,137 euro. We try to invest in development and do as much as we can, with our limited resources. That is why our result was lower than expected. The Treasurer also mentions that he tries to keep a minimum of cash (money in the bank accounts). Not big amounts, but we preserve our cash level. If something really bad happens, we can last for almost 2 years without income. We try to keep this level to minimum 100,000 euro. The external auditor's report is briefly presented, indicating that all financial records are according to the rules.

The Treasurer asks the assembly to accept the financial reports and to exonerate the JJIF Board of liability for the budgetary execution of 2014. The General Assembly unanimously approves the execution of 2014 budget and exonerates the Board of liability.

The floor is opened for questions and comments.



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One question is asked by Mr. Reza Nassiri (IRI), with respect to the different charts and the different results regarding expenses. Mr. Mortelmans explains the difference appears due to the different levels of expenses and actual funding.

There are no other questions or comments from the delegates.

### **8.3 Vote on approval of the consolidated financial statements for 2014**

The General Assembly unanimously agrees, by acclamation, with the consolidated financial statements for year 2014.

### **8.4 Detailed budget for 2016**

The Treasurer presents his estimates for the budget of 2016. He says he has tried to be as realistic and skeptical as possible, in order not to create something that may be will not happen. He estimates the costs of meetings, championships and other events, mentioning that he cannot estimate just as well the incomes that will be derived from these events. Usually, we distribute the estimated income to the expenses that must be covered. He estimates for a break-even, zero end result.

### **8.5 Vote on approval of 2016 budget**

The General Secretary asks the General Assembly to vote on the approval of the 2016 draft budget. The assembly unanimously approves the proposed budget, by acclamation.

## **9. CONTINENTAL UNIONS' REPORT**

**JJAU** – Mr. Fahad Ali Al Shamsi (UAE), JJAU General Secretary, takes the floor. He starts by indicating that he is happy to represent the union. He believes that the Asian members did their job, they really want to be part of JJIF. Working together, as we did here, this week, we can achieve it. He states that he believes we all work for sport and not for positions. He mentions that in the first days may be we had a misunderstanding, but this shows we want to have a better future. The JJAU is ready to work, wants to host tournaments, to exchange experience with the others.

**JJEU** – Mr. Dario Quenza (ITA), JJEU President, addresses the delegates. He says that the JJEU has a written report with all the activities organized annually. In 2014, the JJEU started also with a champions' league, open to club level. Mr. Quenza states that the JJEU hopes to continue to organize competitions at club levels throughout the European Union. The JJEU has difficulties to prepare the calendar and, therefore, it must have a good cooperation with JJIF, to organize the calendar in such a way that JJEU can also do its activities. For instance, this year, we organized together JJIF Grand Slams with the JJEU European Challenge Cups. It is important to continue in this good way. Also important for the JJEU is to start collaborating with the other JJIF unions. The JJEU General Secretary and President will be going to Abu Dhabi, to speak with the responsible persons, to check if the two unions can organize together in the future some events, if it will be possible. Also with JJPAU, it would be good to start discussing, if something can be organized together.

The JJEU President emphasizes the practice of awarding Fair play trophies in the JJEU tournaments and indicates he feels it is a good idea to continue to organize that. He also mentions the good collaboration within the JJEU board and with referee director and sport director of the JJIF, again mentioning the ability to organize together activities.

Another part of the JJEU activity is to improve the website, to prepare it in a new way, including links to Facebook and other possibilities for best communication and publicity for our community.

Finally, Mr. Quenza states that a questionnaire is being prepared by the JJEU, which will be sent to all members, asking for detailed information, in view of enabling the JJEU to request formal



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recognition from the European Union. He asks the present delegates to ensure that their national federations please respond in time.

**JJAFU** – In the absence of Collince Tatsa Chinda, JJAFU President, Mr. Nuvin Proag (MRI), takes the floor to say a few words. In terms of activity, the JJAFU is not too well developed. This is not news. Unfortunately, at this point, it is not even certain that there will be an African Championship this year. It is a certainty that there will be an Indian Ocean Championship, organized by Mr. Proag in his region.

Mr. Proag briefly presents the situation within the JJAFU, stating that, at present, there are questions on Africa, whether there is a properly constituted Board and Union. Mr. Proag believes that the JJIF African members will have to start from scratch. The JJAFU does not even have proper Statutes for the union. Therefore, the members have to start from scratch and build up. He proposes that he drafts the updated Statutes and circulate them among the African members, bearing in mind what we will decide here, today, with respect to the JJIF Statutes. He indicates that a meeting should be organized in Africa, re-establishing the union.

In his last remarks, Mr. Proag refers to the Athletes' Commission, drawing attention to the presentation of Ms. Claudia Behnke and pointing out that, indeed, the commission should have athletes from the Unions. Maybe a review of the election process is necessary, to ensure continental representation, perhaps in the same way as for the other JJIF bodies. Ms. Behnke replies, indicating that, of course, she agrees with continental representation and indicating to the delegates that Africa was present in the elections for the Athletes' Commission. There were African countries in the election. However, we must bear in mind that this was the first election ever. We elected 5 members out of 7 candidates. We were not happy to have only European athletes winning the vote. Technically, in the World Championship each country should be present, so the athletes should be encouraged to take part and work. Mr. Proag specifies that his comments do not refer to the past, but are meant for the future.

**JJPAU** – Mr. Enrique Nolasco (MEX), JJPAU Treasurer, takes the floor. Mr. Nolasco mentions to the delegates that the JJPAU is slowly increasing the number of championships. He says that the JJPAU had an Open in Bolivia and will have the Pan-American Championship in Colombia. He indicates the agreement regarding communication between the JJIF Continental Unions, in order to increase the level in all our members. As concluding remark, Mr. Nolasco indicates that JJPAU created also a Central American Union, for operational purposes, which helped increase the number of members.

The floor is open for comments and questions from the delegates. There are no reactions.

## **10. ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS**

Since the previous General Assembly, the JJIF received membership applications from the following countries: Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Kyrgystan, Lithuania, Turkmenistan and FYROM.

Mr. Suresh Gopi (IND) asks about the situation of the Ju-Jitsu Association of Bangladesh, where he personally aided the communication between the new federation and the JJIF. The JJIF General Secretary indicates that Bangladesh had submitted a partial application in 2014 and had already been accepted as JJIF Provisional National Member in 2014. The Ju-Jitsu Association of Bangladesh, part of Bangladesh Martial Arts Confederation, is confirmed as JJIF member.

The President asks the General Assembly to ratify the acceptance of all new provisional members. The assembly unanimously agrees. The vote is carried by acclamation.



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## **11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD REGARDING THE ITEMS PROPOSED BY THE DELEGATES TO THE 2015 JJIF CONVENTION – (discussion and decision)**

The JJIF General Secretary, Mrs. Dana Mortelmans, briefly presents the items to the General Assembly. She mentions that everyone present is familiar with the proposals because we have all been working together for the entire week. The ratification by the General Assembly is, for the most part, a formality.

All delegates to the Convention and the JJIF Board are unanimously in agreement on all the technical items, except the frequency of the U21 (Juniors) World Championship and the implementation of the Duo Show system.

For this reason, a separate vote is taken on the issues that are not disputed by any delegate, issues which were unanimously approved by the General Assembly, by acclamation. The text of the technical proposals represents a separate document, attached to these minutes (Minutes of the JJIF 2015 Convention, as approved by the JJIF Board).

The floor is opened for the two technical issues upon which no consensus is reached.

The comments are as follows:

Mr. Dario Quenza (ITA) – For the Duo Show, we need the rules. Maybe the time is too short for the athletes, coaches and referees to make feasible the inclusion of this system in the 2015 World Championship, as proposed by the JJIF Board.

Mr. Cory Vacarenco (ROU) – Agrees it is too little time to prepare. He indicates his agreement with the separation of ages in the World Championships, but expresses concerns regarding the calendar. Also, he points out that the U18 will be competing in a World Championship, while the U15 competes in a World Cup, which means two separate events, two separate formats, with different rules, being organized together. He suggests the transformation of the U15 World Cup in a World Championship.

Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos (JJIF President) – We want to support the development of Duo. Duo Show is freer. Let us give the national members a chance. Do not stop the countries which can prepare on time.

Mr. Joachim Thumfart (JJIF Sports Director) – The Duo Show rules have been in the forum for months. We discussed in the Working Groups possible adjustments, which will be quickly available, maybe even as early as at the end of next week. In the Duo Show rules it is far easier to start in a tournament. For an experienced duo team, I think that if they work for one month, they are in fantastical condition. I want to take away your fear. Regulations are more open, you can make your own presentation.

Mr. Georgiy Kukoverov (RUS) – I oppose the idea to have Duo Show in the World Championship of 2015. There is no time. It is not possible to have a good preparation and informed referees. Maybe in the next championship, Duo Show will be included by every delegation.

Mr. Rick Frowijn (NED): I see that with respect to the U21 World Championship the Board wants to organize it every year. It is an issue on which the Board has a completely different view than the technical delegates participating in the Convention.

Mr. Theodoropoulos: Why do you disagree with this proposal?

Mr. Frowijn: We need the best athletes in the World Championships and the agenda is full.

Mr. Theodoropoulos: If we have too many events and we must choose, we cut least important tournaments and not the World Championship.

Mr. Frowijn: As union, we want to place our championships in a good time-frame throughout the year, as well.

Mr. Frowijn respectfully requests a 10-minute recess for the JJEU delegates to discuss and have a unified opinion.

The JJIF President agrees and the meeting is in recess for 15 minutes.





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Upon resuming the General Assembly, the only issue subjected to voting is the JJIF Board proposal to have the U21 World Championship every year (the proposal of the Convention delegates was to host such championships every 2 years). A secret vote procedure is carried out among the 25 member federations with the right to vote, and the result of the voting was:

5 votes in favour of hosting the World Championship U21 every year

20 votes in favour of hosting the World Championship U21 every second year

**The decision is to have U21 World Championship every second year. In 2016, as proposed by the Convention delegates, the U21 World Championship will be held. In 2017, the U18 World Championship & the U15 World Cup will be organized together.**

The decisions of the Convention delegates to change the wording of some parts of the ne-waza rules, in order to make them clearer and easier to use, issue which was forgotten in the first part of this agenda point, is unanimously accepted by the General Assembly.

## **12. DISCUSSION AND DECISION REGARDING THE UPDATED JJIF STATUTES**

The President, Mr. Theodoropoulos, introduces this item of the agenda, saying that there is no need for a long discussion, we discussed every day for a whole week. We finalized the proposals yesterday night, based on the initial proposal from the Board, which the delegates received from the General Secretary 30 days before the assembly, and including the amendments, comments and additions made by the delegates during the week. The President indicated that the General Secretary will present the proposed Statutes. Afterwards, we decide if we vote article by article for the entire Statutes or only for the articles where the delegates request a separate vote.

The General Secretary read the changes to the Statutes for the members present. A unanimous decision is made by the General Assembly to have one secret vote for the entire version of the Statutes proposed by the Board. When the voting process starts, only 24 members are present in the room. The necessary majority, according to the existing JJIF Statutes, is of 2/3 of the votes of the present delegates with the right to vote, which translates into 16 votes in favour of the new Statutes, for the updated document to be considered approved by the JJIF General Assembly.

The results of the voting procedure is:

20 votes in favour of the new Statutes;

3 votes against the new Statutes;

1 vote not valid.

**The new updated version of the Statutes is approved by the General Assembly.**

## **13. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 AND 2016**

The President takes the floor and explains for the delegates the problems of 2015 with respect to the seniors' World Championship. The situation is problematic because originally, the World Championship for seniors had been scheduled to be organized in Tunisia. After the problems in this country and especially after the unfortunate second terrorist attack occurred since the beginning of the year, we had to change. We are very sorry for Tunisia, but there is no federation that agrees to bring athletes to Tunisia, under these circumstances. There is no sense to continue to program the championship there. Therefore, the championship was cancelled for Tunisia. We must have a championship. Fortunately, we had a very fast reaction from JJAU, in particular Thailand, willing to host the championships virtually on the same dates that we had agreed on. Thailand has a presentation which the delegates will see a little bit later, indicating the sports hall, hotels, prices etc. the JJAU will support this championship in Thailand. The JJIF also supports Thailand to bring a very nice event at the end of the year. One point to be clarified is the exact date. In the beginning, we were asking for 1-2



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weeks before the scheduled date. The last discussion was for 27-29 November or one week before. The President mentions that Thailand is very easy to reach from all over the world. Tickets are not too expensive. There are almost no visa requirements. Hospitality is great, with people always smiling and supporting everyone. It is the first time that Asia will organize a World Championship and Mr. Theodoropoulos expresses his belief that, from what he has seen from our Asian partners, they will bring a fantastic championship, with all the visibility that can be done for our championship and our sport.

The JJIF Sports Director, Mr. Thumfart, explains the presentation for the delegates, indicating that a part of the presentation they had already seen in November 2014, when Thailand was a second candidate for hosting the 2015 seniors' World Championship. He mentions that Bangkok is the first choice of location for the event, being easiest to reach, with 2 international airports. You have here estimated hotel prices. Another option could be Pattaya, 1 hour bus drive from Bangkok, with an airport between the 2 towns. He also explains that he had an extremely good experience with Thailand preparing events in a very short time. In the beginning of the year, the Thai federation was able to organize a regional championship in 3 weeks, when another member unexpectedly defaulted.

Mr. Chuchart Boonchai, President of the Ju-Jitsu Association of Thailand says that the last time, the Thai federation had 3 weeks for JJAU to organize an event. Now they have 3 months for the JJIF, so everything will be in order. President Boonchai welcomes everyone to Thailand. As mentioned, the international airport is between Bangkok and Pattaya. Logistic and infrastructure are very good. Being friends, Mr. Boonchai indicates he thinks friendship as such can help us work together, all athletes from all countries. He concludes by saying that he is looking forward to seeing everyone in Thailand.

Mr. Fahad Ali Al Shamsi, JJAU General Secretary, tells the delegates that the JJAU staff will go back to the office and they will discuss with the Thai president. The JJAU General Secretary promised a follow-up to the JJIF with full details in maximum 2 weeks.

The JJIF General Secretary, Mrs. Mortelmans, moves to the calendar for year 2016, reminding the delegates that the seniors' World Championship will take place in Wroclaw, Poland, this tournament being a test event for the World Games 2017, which will be organized there.

After the General Assembly's decision to organize separate World Championships for Juniors (U21) and Aspirants (U18) + Cadets' World Cup (U15) and the decision to start in year 2016 with the U21 World Championship, the JJIF Board received two principle applications for the organization of this event, from the federations of Spain and of the Russian Federation. Because the championship was decided in this very assembly, the two respective federations were not able to submit a complete proposal. The JJIF Board suggested, and the General Assembly unanimously agrees, that the JJIF Board will receive the full applications and will decide on the location and time of the 2016 World Championship for Juniors.

## **14. PROPOSALS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS**

There are no presentations from the members.

## **15. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The JJIF President, Mr. Theodoropoulos, makes the concluding remarks, indicating that we had some discussions this week. We made a trial of beach version of ju-jitsu, which was prepared very fast. The President mentions that the participating people were quite satisfied. He adds that the next Convention and General Assembly should be next year in July, maybe one week earlier than this year. We have one proposal, but we have to check if the country is ready to do it. This idea is to have the



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next Convention in the World Championship of ju-jitsu according to the Beach Games rules. We must start this type of competition. Asia is already in the program of the Asian Beach Games. ANOC and IOC prepare the World Beach Games in 2019, maybe in Asia. We will participate, so we must prepare. In the Convention we put the ju-jitsu World Championship with the beach rules and we will start the Convention with the championship in the first day, continuing with the discussions and panels of the Convention. The place we are going to ask first is Vietnam because in September-October of 2016, they will host the Asian Beach Games. If we have in July our World Championship there, it can be used as test-event for the Asian Beach Games and as qualification event for the athletes.

Following the example of Asia, Europe started discussions, seeing the European Games in Baku. We hope they will continue the organization of multi-sport events. We hope this will continue.

In conclusion, 90% sure, the 2016 JJIF Convention will be in Vietnam. The date and place will be provided to the members no later than September this year, by the JJIF General Secretary.

## **16. CONCLUDING REMARKS AND CLOSING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The President indicates that since Monday (July 27, 2015), we re-open the forum. We have time to discuss, debate and decide. He asks the delegates to please be active and give us the opportunity to prepare the panels in a better way, by having prior contact with the working people. This year it was very difficult. There were 10-11 people who put ideas in the forum and we can see from the participants that there are more people having ideas. The President encourages the participants to put these ideas in the forum, so everyone can know and be prepared to work in the panels.

In conclusion, the President thanks everyone you for their participation and the courage to stay to this hour. He expresses hopes that the delegates will enjoy the rest of the day and bids farewell until we will meet each other again, in the following JJIF event.

**P. Theodoropoulos**  
JJIF President



**Dana Mortelmans**  
JJIF General Secretary