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of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF] Session held at Grand Tourane Hotel, Da Nang, VIETNAM on 21th September 2016, at 10.00 hours

Members present:

Country	Representatives	Designation
JJIF	Panagiotis Theodoropoulos	President
JJIF	Eugène Domagata	General Manager
JJIF	Dr. Jaffer Al Muthaffer	OCA
JJIF	Henrik Sandberg	Referee Director
JJIF	Joachim Thumfart	Sports Director
JJIF	Vicky Kontou	Secretary to the president
JJIF	Claudia Behnke	Athletes Commission
JJIF	Rinaldo Orlandi	Honorary President
Argentina	Miguel Percoco	JJPAU President
Australia	Zaya Zaya	President
Austria	Alexandra Vosta Geyer	Treasurer
Belgium	Luc Mortelmans	President
Bulgaria	Tomo Borissov	President
Bulgaria	Dorian Avramov	EB
Canada	Dimitre Antonov	President
Chinese Taipei	Hsien-Ping Cheng	General Secretary
Colombia	Javier Munoz	EB
Denmark	Ronald Vestergaard	EB
Ethiopia	Tsegaye Degineh	President
France	Christophe Brunet	EB
Germany	Roland Koehler	President
Germany	Michael Korn	JJEU Senior Vice President
Greece	Anastasios Poulidakis	President
India	Commander C M Bhatia	General Secretary
Iran	Seyed Amir Khoshbin	Vice President
Iran	Mohammad Reza Nassiri	EB
Iraq	Dr. Mokhles Hasan	President
Italy	Dr. Igor Lanzoni	President
Japan	Takamasa Watanabe	President
Kazakhstan	Ilya Mirzo	Vice President
Korea	Yeoung Soo Lee	President
Korea	In Muk Chae	General Secretary
Korea	Jun Hyuk Oh	EB
Kuwait	Fawzan Al Sabej	EB
Lebanon	Francois Saade	President
Mauritius	Nuvin Proag	JJAFU President

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Mauritius	Uttum Sanmukhiya	Vice President
Mexico	Adolfo Trejo	President
Mexico	Enrique Nolasco	JJPAU Treasurer
Mongolia	Odsuren Bolderdene	General Secretary
Pakistan	Khalil Ahmed Khan	President
Russia	Georgiy Kukoverov	Vice President
Senegal	Gueye Ousseynou	EB
Slovenia	Robert Perc	JJEU President
Sri Lanka	Kithsiri De Zoysa	President
Sweden	Michael Kuntz	EB
Sweden	Emil Gustafsson	EB
The Netherlands	Rick Frowyn	JJEU General Secretary
Turkmenistan	Ata Adayev	President
Turkmenistan	Layla Kuliyeva	General Secretary
UAE	Fahad Ali Al Shamsi	General Secretary
Ukraine	Viktor Maliutenko	President
Ukraine	Iuliia Iagolnyk	Interpreter
USA	Sarah Stanton	President
Italy	Dario Quenza	Observer
Poland	Tomaz Knap	President
Thailand	Chuchart Boonchai	President
Singapore	Kelvin Teo	First Vice President
Malaysia	Albert Lim	President
Bahrain	Redha Momfaradi	EB

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1. Welcome from the JJIF President

The JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos addressed the assembly and welcomed all members present.

He noted that the Congress will take over all the items of the agenda of the Session as the legal representation of the regions cannot be guaranteed by the local elections at this moment as the time was too short to structure the Regions in JJIF.

Session was chaired by the JJIF President with the assistance of Mr Nuvin Proag, the President of the JJAFU and Mr Robert Perc, the President of JJEU.

2. Roll call and right to vote

The JJIF President stated that has already checked the documents that were requested from the National Federations to send, and declared that almost every member present has provided a good documentation and has completed the payment of their fees to the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF].

The Ju-Jitsu European Union President, Mr. Robert Perc kindly asked all 36 members who are nominated to raise their hand to re-check the quorum:

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3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda of the Session as proposed in the invitation was presented and was unanimously approved by the members present.

The JJIF President then proceeded to take up items on the Agenda.

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4. Annual Reports

The JJIF President noted that there is no need for the Presidents of the JJIF Continental Unions to present reports, as the last reports were presented in the last Extra Ordinary General Assembly held in Abu Dhabi and as they are also new to their positions, they are not responsible for the previous actions of each Union. He then addressed the Assembly asking if there are any questions needed to be addressed to the Presidents of the JJIF Continental Unions.

The President of the Ju- Jitsu European Union, Mr. Robert Perc, took the floor and expressed his willing to make some further additions to the JJEU board's annual report which presented in the EOGA in Abu Dhabi. He informed the members present that during the last year the JJEU Board has already started to modify their Statutes in order to harmonize the same with the JJIF amended Statutes and in order to be in the line to implement the good governance principles which require more participation of members in the decision making process and more participation of athletes. He then stated that JJEU has started initial discussions with the European Olympic Committee with the aim to be presented and recognized by the same in the European games. He also mentioned that during the summer in Europe there were a few successful summer camps. He continued by expressing their gratitude to the National Federations of the Adriatic Cup who are for many years already practicing the Cup system in the south part of Europe, noting that the Ju-Jitsu Federation of Montenegro, of Serbia, of Bosnia and Herzegovina, of Slovenia and Macedonia are successful on this area and based on their experience this year there will be a European Cup Championship for clubs organized in France. He added that the European Championship in Germany combined with the German Open consists a great opportunity for promotion of the sport in Europe as it will be until today the biggest Ju-Jitsu event in the European Continent. He concluded by declaring that JJEU will support and cooperate with the other Continental Unions with the aim for Ju-Jitsu to become stronger worldwide.

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The President of the African Union, Mr. Nuvin Proag addressed the assembly stating that in this position he will promote and develop Ju-Jitsu in the African Continent and the members must work all together and help to promote Ju-Jitsu in Africa for the good of Africa and also for the good of Ju-Jitsu in the development context.

The President of the Ju-Jitsu Pan-American Union addressed the assembly expressing his gratitude of taking the responsibility of the new JJPAU president and his willing to work hard in order to promote Ju-Jitsu in America.

In the absence of the President of the Ju-Jitsu Asian Union H.E Abdulmunem Alsayedmohamed Alsayed AL Hashmi, the JJAU General Secretary, Mr. Fahad Ali AL Shamsi on behalf of the Ju-Jitsu Asian Union addressed the assembly welcoming all members present and noting the importance of the day as all should think about the future of Ju-Jitsu.

The JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos then invited the JJIF Sports Director, the JJIF General Manager and the JJIF Referee Director to give remarks .

The JJIF Sports Director, Mr. Joachim Thumfart, welcomed all members present in the first JJIF Session and thanked the members present for working with the JJIF and referred to all the documents sent out and published in different medias.

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The JJIF General Manager, Mr. Eugène Domagata, addressed the assembly reporting that he has devoted his time to make an audit of the management of JJIF. He stated that the objective is to put in place an efficient management worth of a great Federation which will enable Ju-Jitsu to compete on the combat sports market. He continued by declaring that he counts on all present to help him in this task as the important now is the present not the past, and it is time for us to question ourselves on what we want for the future.

The JJIF Referee Director reported that they he would like to support the African Continent by sending experts. In Europe lots of tournaments have been conducted and stated that a good referee course has been conducted also in Thailand which was resulted in the acquisition of five new referees and a successful tournament. He added that there is the willing for them to visit USA in order to support their effort, by giving referee courses. He concluded by pleading the members present to contact him in case of the willing to have a referee course in any discipline, in order to fix the instructors.

The JJIF President then clarified that JJIF recognizes the good and hard work of the referees, noting that the level is high, and that the referee seminars must be organized centrally and not by decision of each country. He concluded by stating that in the first JJIF board meeting one item that must be included in the program is the education for the referees and also technical seminars, according to the needs of each continent.

After discussion Session approved reports of activity (present and from the last General Assembly).

- 5. Approval of reports and ratify the decisions of the Board**
- 6. Financial report 2015, Budget 2016 & 2017**
- 7. Approval of financial report and Budget**

These points of the Agenda had been executed in the EOGA in Abu Dhabi and postponed to the Congress if necessary to discuss and JJIF Board resolutions.

8. JJIF's Auditors appointment

The JJIF President, stated that in the General Assembly of 2014, were not elected or appointed Auditors and it is necessary to elect the same in order the General Assembly to have a report not only for the correct way of book keeping but also on the way the funds of JJIF are used. He then sought from the Assembly two volunteers to be appointed as Auditors for the years 2015 and 2016.

Mr. Rick Frowyn, JJEU General Secretary and **Mr. Chuchart Boonchai**, President of the Ju-Jitsu Federation of Thailand were appointed as Auditors for the years 2015 and 2016 unanimously.

9. JJIF Technical Rules and Regulations

The JJIF Sports Director, Mr. Joachim Thumfart addressed the Session presenting two proposals, to implement additional categories in Ne Waza:

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- Men: -56 kg
- Women: -49 kg
- and a proposal from the Polish Ju-Jitsu Federation, to implement a team competition in Ne Waza in the World Championship. He continued by stating that as per discussion of the Technical Commission, an implementation of the Ne Waza team competition in the time frame of three days competition should be done, with a reduction of two categories to the former Fighting team competition.
- The Fighting team competition will be in five categories and more specifically:
 - three Men categories -69kg -85 kg +85 kg and
 - two women categories -62kg +62kg.

He explained that the proposal for the upcoming World Championship is to run two team competitions. In Fighting as it was in the last years quite successful and an additional team competition in Ne Waza in the five categories.

As there were no objections, the proposals were approved by the Session.

The JJIF Sports Director explained the significance of having four teams who will try to make a world challenge in the mixed team competition as in case there will be six teams ready out of the participants in the World Games, the World Games agree to give an extra medal for the mixed team competition as a unique tryout. He noted that the German Ju-Jitsu Federation made a test event based on the five categories in Fighting, five categories in Ne Waza and one Duo team. He then invited Ms. Claudia Behnke, spokesperson of the Athletes Commission and Sports Director of the German Ju-Jitsu Federation to present a report on the test event conducted in Germany.

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Ms Claudia Behnke, informed the members present that this test event was with six teams with three disciplines in five weight categories in Fighting and Ne Waza. She clarified that as well new ideas for the rules in the disciplines had been tested but the total new ideas shall not apply in the upcoming World Championship in Poland although they had very good experience with this. [Presentation attached]

The JJIF Sports Director then took the floor and added an important point to make this format working has been that the coach was given the opportunity to announce the attack in the Duo discipline and the reduction of competition times in fighting to 2 min and Ne-Waza to 4 min.

Ms Claudia Behnke concluded that no team competition took longer than forty -five minutes which is a good time frame, the placement of one referee was successful as the tatami was less crowded and the audience had better view and the Duo was much more attractive as the couple showed the techniques to all the sides.

The JJIF President took the floor and clarified that the presentation about the team competition will be a demonstrative event in the World Championship in Poland so the National Federations that wish to participate will be appointed by the JJIF Technical Commission by checking which of them are ready.

As there were no objections, the implementation of the team challenge on the World Championship in Poland was approved and adopted by the General Assembly. The representatives of the following Ju-Jitsu National Federations expressed their willing to participate:

- Germany,
- Poland,
- Italy,
- India,

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- Iran,
- Japan.

The JJIF Sports Director concluded by thanking Mr. Christophe Brunet, the Sports Director of the Ju-Jitsu Federation of France and the Sport Director of the JJEU, for the support and the work has done regarding the world ranking list.

10. JJIF World Championships host Country/ city, date and venue

The JJIF President invited the representatives of the Swedish Ju-Jitsu Federation to give a small presentation regarding their application for hosting the World Championship Seniors 2018, in Malmo, Sweden.

As there was no second applicant and no objections, the Swedish Ju-Jitsu Federation was announced as the host for the World Championship 2018 (accepted with strong applause).

The JJIF President then invited Mr. Anastasios Poulkidis, President of the Greek Ju-Jitsu Federation to give a small presentation regarding their application for hosting the 2017 World Championship U18 and World Cup U15 in Athens, Greece

As there was no objections, the Greek Ju-Jitsu Federation was announced as the host for this World Championship (accepted with strong applause).

Comment: the JJIF Board later modified the decision to comply with new programme of activities, added U21 and excluded World Cup U15 from this event.

11. Annual JJIF program/ calendar of events

The JJIF President invited Mr. Anastasios Poulkidis, President of the Greek Ju-Jitsu Federation to give a small presentation of a new proposal for the upcoming summer 2017 to organize a beach version of Ju-Jitsu in Crete, island in Greece together with other federations in a week of activities from different sports together with the Ju-Jitsu open in the beach version. The JJIF President then reported that the Greek Federation organized this summer a test event of the beach version of the Ju-Jitsu with a great success with the participation of four countries. He finally declared that there are only two years until the World Beach Games in San Diego 2019 and is essential to have several events in more continents in order to qualify athletes from all continents to participate in this event.

Mr. Tomo Borissov then took the floor and gave a proposal for a specialized Ju- Jitsu World Championship for employees of security to be organized in Bansko, Bulgaria together with the Winter Cup of the Bulgarian Ju-Jitsu Federation, including the four disciplines, Fighting, Duo, Ne Waza and Self Defense.

The JJIF Sports Director took the floor and informed the members present regarding an event of police games that will be conducted by the United Sports Police International Federation, next year in Abu Dhabi. He added that Ju-Jitsu will be included in this event as one of the disciplines, clarifying also that this event is not under the JJIF or UAE Ju-Jitsu Federation but is ran by the United Sports Police International Federation, which is recognized by the IOC. He continued by

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informing the members present that in order to participate in this event, their national police must be a member of the above Federation.

The JJIF President invited the spokesperson of the Committee for the disabled individuals, Mrs. Sarah Stanton, to make a presentation of their program. Mrs. Sarah Stanton reported that for the purpose of this program there must be consider three different types of disabilities, the physical impairment, the visual impairment and the intellectual disability. She stated that it is essential to have different categories in JJIF rules set based on their ability and their impairment. She added that a modification of JJIF current Ne Waza rule set for the disabled sport must be done also. She declared that the goals for this program are the approval of the modified Ne Waza rules set, the assistance of the countries in the working with those individuals and for each Continental Union to include at least one event for disabled people by the end of 2018, which will be an Open Continental Championship. She concluded by noting that the main goal of the program is for all people to have the ability to join the Ju-Jitsu International Federation.

The JJIF President thanked Mrs. Sarah Stanton for the presentation and added that is really important to support her as it is our obligation to work with people with disabilities and to offer to the society what we can offer from the Ju-Jitsu, asking all the National Federations to give their support to the program.

12. Grand of Full JJIF Membership to JJNO's

The JJIF President declared that at the moment JJIF consists of fifty- six [56] full members, twenty-two [22] National Federations that are proposed to become full members as they fulfil the requirements and forty-four [44] provisional members. He stated that in total JJIF consists of one hundred twenty-two [122] full or provisional members of which at least the one hundred twelve [112] are active. He declared also that next year JJIF will have a real updating of all National Federations and this year is proposed that some of these members are deleted and try to find new partners in the territory. More specifically:

- From Europe twenty-nine [29] are already full members, one [1] that fulfils the requirements and proposed to be a full member and seven [7] that are in the status of provisional membership.
- From Asia fourteen [14] are already full members, twelve [12] fulfil the requirements and are proposed to be full members and twelve [12] that are in the status of provisional membership.
- From Africa six [6] are already full members, seven [7] that fulfil the requirements and are proposed to be full members and thirteen [13] that are in the status of provisional membership.
- From America seven [7] are already full members, one [1] that fulfils the requirements and is proposed to be full member and twelve [12] that are in the status of provisional membership.
- From Oceania there is one [1] National Federation that fulfils the requirements and is proposed to be a full member.

As there were no objections for these twenty two [22] members to obtain a full membership, the JJIF President welcomed the new full members- National Federations to JJIF. He concluded by

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thanking the members present for the decision made. The new full members, accepted by strong applause, are as follows:

- From Europe: The Ju-Jitsu Federation of Croatia.
- From Asia: The Ju-Jitsu Federation of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Philippines, Bahrain and Jordan.
- From Africa: The Ju-Jitsu Federation of Madagascar, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Morocco, Ivory Coast, Niger and Mali.
- From America: The Ju-Jitsu Federation of Cuba.
- From Oceania: The Ju-Jitsu Federation of Australia.

13. Suspension for a period or removal of Membership of JJIF members other than JJNO Members; proposals to the Congress to change the status (from Full Member to Provisional Member), suspend or remove JJNOs

The JJIF President declared that the Ju-Jitsu Federation of Canada has no action or presentation in many years and in addition JJIF has received many complaining letters from Canada. As a result the JJIF Board has proposed to remove the Ju-Jitsu Federation of Canada from the status of full membership, as it is important that JJIF works with National Federations that are active. He then invited Mr. Dimitre Antonov, President of the Ju-Jitsu Federation of Canada to explain the reasons resulted the inactivity of the same.

The President of the Canadian Ju-Jitsu Federation explained that in many years the Canadian Ju-Jitsu Federation was facing many difficulties which have been overcome. He added that the only Ju-Jitsu Federation recognized by the Sport Authority in Canada is his Federation but in the same time there are many groups in the territory which have sent the letters to JJIF and which he has invited before ten years to join them but they rejected them as they are affiliated to other International Organizations. He concluded by explaining that the situation was difficult for them regarding the financial and this is the reason they were not active in the International level until today.

The JJIF President then invited the members present to vote on the removal of the full membership of the Canadian Ju-Jitsu Federation. From the members present, twenty nine [29] was in favor of the removal of the Canadian Ju-Jitsu Federation and zero [0] negative.

The President of the Canadian Federation then took the floor and complained about the decision made by the Assembly, making accusations against the JJIF President.

The JJAFU President, assistant to the Chair, Mr. Nuvin Proag, clarified to Mr. Dimitre Antonov that the removal of the full membership of his Federation was not a decision of the JJIF President, but a voting decision process of the General Assembly which has heard both the proposal of the JJIF Board and his explanation, noting that he has the possibility to apply again as a provisional member. He then invited the President of the Canadian Ju-Jitsu Federation to leave the General Assembly.

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13. Session 2017 date and venue

The JJIF President sought the Assembly to include to the agenda a small presentation of a video regarding the education of Ju-Jitsu in real life. He then invited Mr. Tsegaye Degineh to present the video.

The JJEU President, Mr. Robert Perc, took the floor and awarded Mr. Joachim Thumfart, JJIF Sports Director, Mr. Jaffer AL Muthafer, Mr. Fahad Ali Al Shamsi, General Secretary of the Asian Union and Ms. Vicky Kontou, Secretary to the JJIF President, for the operational work in development of the Ju-Jitsu.

The JJIF President declared that the next Session will be conducted in 2017 in Poland, during the World Games. With no further issues still to debate, the JJIF President closed the Session thanking all members present.

Panagiotis Theodoropoulos
JJIF President
AIMS Vice President



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