



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION: 1/2014

Minutes of a meeting of the Para Table Tennis Division held in Copenhagen, Denmark on 7 and 8 February 2014 from 16h14.

PRESENT: Dorte Darfelt (Chairperson), Emese Barsai, Lill Bhagwan, John Ng, Juraj Stefak, Nico Verspeelt, Barbara Talbot, Gorazd Vecko

COOPTED ADVISORS: Alena Kánová, Jolanda Paardekam

BY INVITATION: Petra Sörling

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Burchell

APOLOGIES: Alejandra Gabaglio, Gaël Marziou

WELCOME: the Chairperson welcomed members to the meeting indicating that the House of Sport had offices for about 50 national federations, the NOC and Anti-Doping Denmark. Petra would join the meeting on 8 February 2014.

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- 1.1 the minutes of the meeting held on 1 and 2 October 2013 were confirmed and signed noting that Jolanda reflected that some aspects were not recorded as she recalled.
- 1.2 process to finalise the minutes:
 - after the minutes were sent out, all members should respond within a limited period while memories were fresh.
 - the minutes reflected what was decided at the meeting rather than what members may have wished to have said or decided.
 - the minutes were drafted and sent to the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to check before being circulated to the members.

The Division agreed that members would have 7 days to respond to the draft minutes after they were sent out before they would be published.

2 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: the Division noted the Chairperson's report including:

- 2.1 succession planning: everyone should find a successor who, in principle, was younger, competent or with potential to gain the experience to become competent as well as have time to do the job.
- 2.2 contact with continental federations:
 - the Chairperson would contact the presidents of the continental federations especially ATTU, LATTU and NATTU about integrating the PTT regional representatives during the world championships in Tokyo.
 - members should send specific items to the Chairperson to discuss with the continental presidents.

The Division asked all members to:

- a) address the issue of successors and report to the next meeting.
- b) send to the Chairperson any specific issues to be discussed with the continental federations.

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: the Division noted the Vice-Chairperson's report:

- at the ITTF Star Awards held in Dubai in January 2014, Anna-Carin Ahlquist and Ma Lin were acknowledged as the PTT players of 2013.
- Natalia Partyka had been nominated in the able-bodied section and US\$15 000 had been raised for a training camp to be held in UAE where Natalia would be present.
- Anna-Carin Ahlquist made a very good speech during the evening.
- a good match was played between Thomas Schmidberger and Dimitri Ovtcharov.

4 SECRETARIAT'S REPORT: the Division noted the Secretariat's report including:

4.1 marketing and sponsorship: this was ongoing with discussions held with the Director: Marketing.

4.2 review of the strategic plan: aspects of the strategic plan were being implemented and the plan should be reviewed at the first meeting in 2015.

4.3 player biographies, infostrada and the online system:

- the IPC had offered a contract with infostrada over 4 years to March 2018 based on the numbers of athletes in London with a 10% increase annually.
- this would cost of €13 500 for the 4 years.
- in addition, there would be a maximum of €2 000 set up fees to put the biographies on the ITTF website and €250 monthly depending on the format or infostrada could provide the information annually in excel at no cost.
- the IPC would contribute €5 763 whether infostrada was used or not but only if the information provided met the IPC's standards (80% of the fields with all mandatory questions answered).
- if PTT did the work itself and the biographies required editing, the IPC would charge €9 per biography and €20 for each biography missing.
- in addition, the information which the IPC had indicated was mandatory to provide included date of birth and impairment type which was subject to data protection and medical privilege (PTT provided age rather than date of birth).
- several of the IFs were cautious of this but felt that athletes should be given the option to share this type of information.
- in 2013, the IPC had asked all IFs to provide disability and medical diagnosis by name for all athletes who had participated in the 2012 Paralympic Games and most, if not all, had declined due to data protection legislation.
- when asked, the IPC had indicated that the information would be jointly owned by ITTF and infostrada which currently could provide onselling opportunities.
- 5 groups of disability could be shared i.e. tetra, para, CP, polio, amputee, les autres and intellectual disability but more information would be medical diagnosis.
- contacting the IPC Athletes' Council was a possibility.

4.4 liaison with IWAS: had requested officials to work at the World Games to take place at Stoke Mandeville in August 2014 but would confirm the table tennis event would take place after first entries had closed.

4.5 liaison with CP-ISRA: nothing to report.

4.6 liaison with INAS: the meeting with INAS still had to take place.

- 4.7 liaison with Special Olympics International: nothing further to report but a face-to-face meeting may be required.
- 4.8 liaison with Deaflympics/CISS/ICSD: nothing further to report.
- 4.9 transfer of work to Headquarters:
- classification cards had been transferred and were being updated regularly.
 - if possible, an electronic format should be distributed to classifiers to type in information, then print and sign, sending a copy of the signed ICC to the Headquarters.
 - some of the fields to be completed had to be mandatory.
 - eventually the ICC process should be done online but this required a stable internet connection.
 - electronic and paper copies of all ICCs held by classifiers must be destroyed.
- 4.10 online entry system: would become active soon with username and passwords being sent to associations.
- 4.11 Commonwealth Games 2018: a discussion would soon be held with the newly appointed Director of Sport at the CGF.
- 4.12 capitation fees 2013: Copa Tango and Egypt had still to pay the capitation fees.
- 4.13 IPC grant 2014: a grant would be paid once the report on activities in 2013 was submitted and a new funding formula implemented.
- 4.14 application to the Agitos Foundation: work had proceeded on videos for umpire education during the PTT Asian Championships and during the world championships, work will need to be done on classifier and TD education.
- 4.15 IPC Sports Council: a report was circulated on 7 October 2013 and follow up actions were recorded:
- the online application process for wild cards would not be used for 2016.
 - the Sports Data Management System would probably not be used as control of the information would not rest with the ITTF.
 - Nico, Graeme and Alison would prepare the application in 2014 for the 2020 Games for PTT to consider in due course.
 - organisers should, if possible, keep statistics of injuries and illness at PTT events.
 - Juraj, Nico and Alison would continue work on the IPC classification code review.
- 4.16 IPC General Assembly: the report was circulated on 22 January 2014.
- 4.17 IPC committees:
- nominations had been invited for qualified people to serve on the Anti-Doping, Audit and Finance, Classification, Legal and Ethics, Medical and Sport Science Committees.
 - only people who had the expertise required and time to do the job should be nominated.
 - Sheng Wu could be considered for the Sports Science or Classification Committees if he had time.
- 4.18 ITTF Hall of Fame:
- currently players who won 5 gold medals in World Championships and Paralympic Games, singles and teams, entered the Hall of Fame with effect from 2010.
 - this should be changed to each player having won at least 3 gold medals in singles of the 5 required to ensure a high standard was met.
- 4.19 Budget 2014:

Income	2014
IPC	25000
Sanction fees	3900
Capitation Fa20, Fa40	50000
Interest	0
Classification	3000
TOTAL	81900

Expenditure		2014
Meetings		
	PTTD	34000
	Other	6000
Chairperson		3600
Vice-Chairperson		1000
Development program		24000
Medical officer		4000
Selection officer		12000
Tournament officer		1000
Webmaster		5000
Referee education		5000
Athlete representative		1000
Players Committee		5000
Regions		25000
	Africa	5000
	Americas	5000
	Asia	5000
	Europe	5000
	Oceania	5000
Media/TV		5000
Other expenses		3500
Gifts		2000
Dr Wu		2000
Online entry system		5000
Class 11 provision		5000
Racket testing provision		5000
TOTAL		154 100

The Division asked:

- a) Alison to follow up with other IFs about biographies.
- b) Alison to follow up with Gaël, Juraj and Nico the implementation of electronic classification cards (phase 1) in 2014.
- c) Juraj to follow up with Sheng about a nomination to either the IPC Classification or Sports Science Committee.

The Division resolved to:

- i) recommend to the Executive Committee that, for the Hall of Fame, each PTT player must have won at least 3 gold medals in singles of the 5 required gold medals in singles and team events in World Championships and/or Paralympic Games to be admitted to the Hall of Fame.
- ii) approve the budget.

5 DEVELOPMENT REPORT: the Division noted the report from the Development Program including:

5.1 Continental development:

- in 2013, the following had been implemented:

- North America: a training camp in USA with players from USA and Canada (December).
- Latin America: PTT Coaching Course and training camp in Chile postponed to January 2014 but from the 2013 budget.
- Africa: ITTF-PTT L1 Coaching Course in Libya done in January 2014 but from the 2013 budget.
- Oceania: PTT Coaching Course and training camp in Cook Islands.
- no activities in Europe and Asia as no agreement had been in place.
- in 2014, the following was planned but had to be confirmed:
 - North America: training camp in USA close to the end of year.
 - Latin America: Ecuador as host, activities to be defined.

5.2 Dream-building

- in 2013, a regional training camp had been organised before the regional championships in Egypt.
- in 2014, a training camp was planned in UAE with neighbouring countries to be invited.

6 PLAYERS' COMMITTEE REPORT: the Division noted the report including:

6.1 brochure on player education: was finalised and had been distributed at the African Championships and the balance would be distributed during the year.

6.2 criteria for an award for the best organised tournament:

- 100 questionnaires had been submitted.
- finding criteria for the best tournament was a difficult as there were several variables.
- voting through the website could be abused.
- however, feedback for organisers, TDs and Gorazd was useful.

6.3 terms of reference for the Players' Committee:

- elections should be held in Beijing which would include an election for the PTT representative for the Athletes' Commission.
- a 4 year term may discourage the participation of some players while in ITTF, committees had a 2 year mandate.
- the Players' Committee was a subcommittee of the Division.
- there should be 1 representative elected at the regional championships so that 5 members were elected in this way.
- in the Athletes' Commission, each of the continental federations were being encouraged to establish continental athletes' commissions.
- the chairperson and secretary should be players on the committee or support should be given from the Lausanne office.
- 2 players should be generally elected in addition to the PTT representative to the Athletes' Commission.
- meetings could be held at the world championships and in years without the world championships, there could be a meeting at an event.
- the eligibility should include a limit on the time a player had been retired to ensure they were relatively current.
- the job description should be refined to enable better recruitment for election.

6.4 regional championships:

- it was good that all regions had been able to host regional championships.
- there was no players meeting at the Asian Championships but players were being encouraged not to participate in PTT events for fear of losing points or playing singles rather than teams.
- lack of funds prevented several players participating in events.

6.5 general:

- the inclusion of PTT players in the ITTF Star Awards was welcome.
- a different entry fee for team staff for lower classes and class 11 was welcome.
- a general schedule for the event was requested for competitions where a provisional schedule could be provided but this would always be subject to change so was not recommended.
- presence of a member at the St Niklaas event allowed interaction with players.
- an additional class for ID players could be considered but the current system needed to be assured first.

The Division asked Jolanda, Alena and Alison to review the terms of reference for the Players' Committee for final approval of the Division.

The Division resolved to:

- i) cancel the award for the best tournament.
- ii) have elections for 2 members of the Players' Committee, 1 PTT representative for the Athletes' Commission.
- iii) extend the term of office of the 5 regional representatives, subject to the ETTU PTT representative or nominee serving on the Players' Committee.
- iv) have a player being the secretary or consider a member of staff to support the administration.
- v) have players who had retired in the 6 previous years eligible for general election at the world championships and players at the regional championships eligible if they had participated in that regional championships.
- vi) have general elections at the world championships and Paralympic Games and regional championships and therefore to have a 2 year term of office.
- vii) support 1 meeting per year of the Players' Committee at an event to reduce costs.

7 ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: the Division noted the Athletes' Representative report including:

7.1 ITTF Athletes' Commission agenda:

- the Commission met twice in 2013.
- items relevant to PTT were referred to Alena and the Players' Committee.
- the Commission was in touch with the Rules and Umpires' and Referees' Committees.

7.2 Athletes' Commission election: the next election would be in April-May 2014 during the World Championships.

8 TOURNAMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: the Division noted the Tournament Officer's report including:

8.1 review of the tournament structure and quality of tournaments including a world junior championships:

- one option was not to have Fa20 or Fa40 i.e. have all tournaments the same.
- classifiers could be at each event or identify a limited number of tournaments where classification would take place.
- similarly classifications for class 11 could be done at a limited number of events as was currently the case.
- there were enough trained classifiers but with new classifiers, there was a chance of some initial inaccuracies which could be corrected later.

- there were various issues to be considered:
 - originally, the idea was to have Fa40, limited to 5 per year, as part of a world tour leading to a final event but this was difficult to do when several continents did not have hosts for Fa40 events.
 - originally, only 10 Fa20 events were to be organised per year.
 - the different standards between Fa20 and 40 had not been defined.
 - the Fa20 seemed to work as an entry event for new players.
 - Fa40 had worked with no classification and reduced costs for players.
 - other considerations were having regional and world championships more often which linked possibly to selection issues.
 - having junior events may attract new players with classification being required but may not be necessary if F20 was working.
 - junior events could be linked to regular Fa20 or 40 events back-to-back.
- changing systems regularly was not advisable.
- classifiers had been nominated from neighbouring countries to reduce costs but if organisers asked for classifiers from another continent, this was considered.
- racket testing had been introduced for Fa40 events in the last 2 years which added a difference between Fa40 and Fa20 events.
- if junior events were held with senior tournaments, this could link to a separate rating list.
- consideration should be given to linking training camps to events to build a "training camp culture" funded from Dream Building budget.
- some countries were providing funding to develop junior players.
- as PTT now had a rating system, a separate junior event was possible whereas previously with the ranking system, it was not.

8.2 regional championships 2013:

- all regions had events with different standards between continents.
- European Championships:
 - the price for the regional event seemed disproportionate compared with the price for the Fa40 event leading to many complaints.
 - food standards were different depending on the hotel and lacking in variety.
 - there was a sufficient number of accessible rooms.
 - the playing conditions were good.
 - internet access was problematic affecting people's ability to work.
 - transport had to be requested when it rained.
- Americas Championships:
 - the organisation was good particularly given short notice.
 - the field of play was reduced to 4 tables for finals.
 - the national association was very supportive.
 - the training area was poor but the holding area good.
 - transport and classification worked well.
 - the samples for doping control had subsequently not been traced.
 - the hotel was accessible and food was good.
 - there were not enough umpires but those present worked well and long hours.
- African Championships:
 - the event was organised at short notice in a holiday resort.
 - the playing area was a conference hall which was not ideal.
 - the ATTF, the ETTF and EPC had worked well to deliver the event.
 - the food was good but the internet connection not so good.

- Asian Championships:
 - the accommodation was good and accessible.
 - there was no social facility but this was being addressed for the world championships.
 - the food would need to be addressed for the world championships but in previous events, the food was good.
 - the competition and training venue were very close and no transport needed.
 - administrative support was excellent.
 - internet connection was not good in the hall but it was available in the rooms with cable access.
 - the ATM should be stocked regularly.
- Oceania Championships:
 - ideally there should have been more countries participating.
 - the organisation was good and live-streaming was excellent.
 - the venue was good as was the food.
 - a Fa40 event would be feasible possibly in Gold Coast, host for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

8.3 2014 calendar:

- this year, the approvals were late as organisers had to pay the sanction fees and sign the contracts.
- the prospectus and entry forms had been updated.
- entry forms would be checked by Georgios including ensuring that the national associations submitted the entries.
- new tournaments had been provisionally included in France and Spain.
- there was a number of stable events in the Americas but none in Africa and Oceania.
- a lesser number of events was scheduled in Asia.
- having 2 tournaments within a week of each other helped players from other continents as they would be more likely enter both.
- all entries had to be checked carefully as an entry had been submitted by a club with 8 players and 12 officials.

8.4 2015 regional championships and allocation process for continental championships:

- European Championships had been allocated to Velje.
- for Asia and Africa, no hosts had yet come forward.
- a bidding process for the Oceania Championships had opened.
- Toronto would host the Para Pan American Games.
- Cameroon had indicated an interest in hosting the African Championships.

8.5 tournament organisers' handbook and education: no progress had been made.

8.6 TD training and review for 2014:

- there was a significant difference in standard of TD.
- new TDs had to be trained to take over.
- newly trained TDs were being given opportunities in 2014.
- a course may be run in 2014 with a focus on the Americas.
- Moncho may be able to recommend some people to be trained in Latin America.

8.7 call area:

- there was no way to control players coming late to the call area in terms of the rules.
- it was possible for the referee to close access to the warm up area at a particular time before the match to ensure players went to the call area.

- this would need to be publicised at the technical meeting.
- players, particularly sitting players, did not like the call area procedures although it added a level of professionalism.
- adequate space and toilets close by would make the call area better operationally.

8.8 eligibility:

- the draft was understandable.
- in 2.2 should include having an international classification card.
- in example 1, it would need to be clarified that "if Sally played out of Europe, she could not play for Malta if she had elected to play for Australia".
- there was a difference between being a resident and a citizen, the latter holding the nationality and passport of the country of which he or she was a citizen.
- there was no need for a player to have the permission of the association for which they would not play any longer before changing associations.
- national legislation and the membership criteria of national associations would also influence eligibility.

8.9 role of the TD and referee:

- the referee was responsible to run the event and all technical aspects.
- the TD was the ITTF representative and worked to prepare the event and support the referee during the event.

8.10 daily allowance:

- within the ITTF, match officials were paid US\$25 per day (€18,00) for world title events and US\$20,00 (€14,73).
- some people took leave, unpaid leave, were self-employed or had to get a locum to replace them while they were at PTT events.
- if the amount was increased, the costs would be passed on to the organisers and therefore the players.
- if an umpire worked alone and/or all day, they may warrant an increase in per diem.
- the per diem should be used for out of pocket expenses as food and accommodation costs were covered.
- if the ITTF increased the per diem, this could be re-considered.

The Division asked:

- a) Gorazd and Emese to develop the organisers' handbook.
- b) Dorte to raise the issue of finding hosts for regional championships and Fa40 events, potential TDs to be trained with the continental presidents.
- c) Gorazd to discuss the tournament structure with interested parties with specific proposals to be presented in Beijing.
- d) Gorazd and Alison to discuss a TD seminar for 2014 and all members to nominate candidates to Gorazd.

The Division resolved to adopt the eligibility document as amended.

The Division thanked the President of the ATTF for his efforts in organising the African and Egypt Open with support from the ETTF and EPC.

9 CLASSIFICATION OFFICER'S REPORT: the Division noted the Classification Officer's report including:

9.1 classifier education and manual:

- 2 level B/C seminars were held in Lignano and Beijing with 9 and 13 candidates respectively.
 - there was a seminar level A in Sharm el Sheikh including some candidates who were players who had attended the Egyptian Veterans' tournament.
 - in 2 years, 7 seminars had been held (2 Europe, 2 Asia and 1 in Africa, Americas and Oceania).
 - 53 level B and C classifiers were now able to work in tournaments and they would be appointed for events to put into practice what they had learned in the theoretical seminars.
 - if there was a request, B/C seminars could be held in regional events.
 - more level A seminars would be considered and more technical classifiers should be recruited.
 - the ideal classifier was a medical person who was or used to be a table tennis player.
 - no progress had been made on the manual but a draft should be available by end June 2014.
- 9.2 publication of documents on the website (profiles and list of classifiers):
- the list of classifiers would be updated and put on the website.
 - initial profiles were available from August 2012.
- 9.3 INAS classification update, INAS list to match the ITTF list, tournaments for classification, touchscreen, reviews in Eger:
- class 11 players would be checked in Eger prior to the selections for the world championships being finalised with 2 panels in operation.
 - the list would be published after Eger.
 - the touchscreen computers would need to be replaced as the IPC did not support the use of tablet type computers.
- 9.4 seminars in 2014 (level A and B): likely to be held in 2015.
- 9.5 IPC heads of classification meeting: would be organised by the IPC in due course.
- 9.6 review of the classification code: this was in process and comments submitted would be reviewed by Juraj, Nico and Alison.

The Division asked:

- a) Juraj to consider ways to recruit more technical classifiers.
- b) Juraj to finalise the draft manual by the end of June 2014.
- c) Nico to update the list of classifiers and put on the website.
- d) Juraj to update the profiles.
- e) Alison to investigate replacement touchscreen computers.
- f) Juraj and Alison to liaise about the heads of classification meeting.
- g) Juraj, Nico and Alison to review the latest comments on the classification code.

10 SELECTION OFFICER'S REPORT: the Division noted the Selection Officer's report including:

- 10.1 selection issues for the 2014 World Championships (wild cards for those not meeting the tournament credit):
- as of 8 January 2014, all classes had sufficient entries to play in each class except women's 1 and 2 which would be combined.
 - after analysis, a team event with 5 teams could be organised but the rules would need to change as it currently said that the minimum number of teams would be 6.
 - this would also affect class 11 team events.

10.2 selection issues for the 2016 Paralympic Games (tournament credit):

- the period in the IPC qualification guide was 2 years 1 October 2014 to 31 December 2015.
- Europe should have a tournament credit of 250 points which would include the regional championships and 5 Fa40 events.
- for other continents, 210 points could apply.
- for every player, there would be an additional incentive of 20 points if the player competed outside their continent.
- some players were suggesting between 210 and 230 points for Europe and about 180 points for other continents.
- there could be 3 levels with Europe, Americas and Asia, Africa and Oceania.
- the tournament credit should exclude the world championships.
- to ensure that there was consistent participation over 2 years, a maximum percentage for the number of tournament credit points accumulated per year should be set.
- all players should compete in both the singles and team event in Fa20 and Fa40 competitions as team combinations were possible but should the TD and referee confirm that a team combination was not possible, the tournament credit would still count.
- if a team was agreed and entered, and then during the team event a player withdrew, the tournament credit for the player withdrawing would not be allocated but the remaining team members would still accumulate the tournament credit.
- players, where possible, in regional championships should compete in the team event.

The Division resolved:

- a) to approve the change in the minimum number of teams to 4 from 6 for the world championships.
- b) to allocate medals for an event where there were 5 teams with 1 bronze medal.
- c) to allocate gold and silver medals only for an event where there were 4 teams (no bronze medal).
- d) to approve the tournament credit for the 2016 Paralympic Games for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015 at:
 - aa) 250 points for Europe provided a maximum of 40% of the tournament credit points were accumulated in 2014 and a maximum of 60% in 2015.
 - bb) 210 points for Americas and Asia provided a maximum of 40% of the tournament credit points were accumulated in 2014 and a maximum of 60% in 2015.
 - cc) 190 points for Africa and Oceania provided a maximum of 40% of the tournament credit points were accumulated in 2014 and a maximum of 60% in 2015.
- e) not to include the world championships in the tournament credit.
- f) to allocate an incentive of 20 tournament credit points per tournament where a player competed in events outside of their continent.

11 WEBMASTER'S REPORT: the Division noted the Webmaster's report including:

- 11.1 integration with the ITTF website and web server: no progress had been made but the ITTF would address possible integration once a web designer had been appointed.
- 11.2 players' database including classification: the information stored in the ITTF database would be reviewed for storage into the online system.

11.3 source code in Chinese for Dr Wu's programme: no progress had been made on translation.

The Division asked Nico and Alison to find a person to translate the source code for Dr Wu's programme.

12 RATING REPORT: the Division noted the report including:

12.1 loss of points in a team match against a higher classified player: this was being investigated and should be investigated for singles event so that if in a combined class:

- the loser was in a lower class, he or she should not lose points against a higher class player.
- the loser was in a higher class and lost against a lower class player, the higher class player would still lose points as it was an upset match.

12.2 points for wins (1 point for each win for a highly rated player against a lower or unrated player instead of 0 points where the difference in rating is more than 250 points): this was already in operation.

12.3 bonus points for medals (3 for gold, 2 for silver and 1 for bronze) only in the singles event: this was possible but should stay on the rating list for 2 years corresponding to the period of the tournament credit.

The Division asked Alison to follow up with the rating consultant.

13 REGIONAL REPORTS: the Division noted the regional representatives' reports including:

13.1 Americas: had held 2 Fa20 events and the regional championships in 2013 and in 2014, the first Para South American Games would be organised.

13.1.1 integration.

13.1.2 development and new countries:

- a national classification seminar and coaching course had been held in Chile in January 2014 and an umpires' course would be held in February 2014.
- the PTT activity funded by PTT through the Development Program would be held in Ecuador.

13.1.3 regional committee: no report.

13.2 Africa: communication was a challenge:

13.2.1 integration:

- Sierra Leone was moving towards integration.
- Nigeria would soon meet to discuss integration.
- the Kenya Table Tennis Association had held their elections and would meet soon to discuss integration with the NPC.

13.2.2 development and new countries: Sierra Leone had participated in the African Championships and a course had been held in DR Congo.

13.2.3 regional committee: was linked to the ATTF and some activities were in process.

13.3 Asia: the Asian Para Games would be held in Korea later in the year.

13.3.1 integration: was ongoing.

13.3.2 development and new countries: the proposal to support Nepal had been submitted for a UN related project.

13.3.3 regional committee: organising within the 5 zones of Asia, it raised practical issues.

13.4 Europe:

13.4.1 integration:

- with the newly elected ETTU Board, closer working relationships were possible.
- a PTT Europe Top 12 would be investigated although the Europe Top 12 would be held just before the Baku European Games.
- the selection process and other details would need to be worked out.

13.4.2 development and new countries: as ETTU had recently signed the development agreement, no development had taken place in 2013.

13.4.3 regional committee: was in place and had established a Facebook page.

13.5 Oceania:

13.5.1 integration: was not a major issue.

13.5.2 development and new countries:

- Cook Islands had had a course and would soon receive some equipment.
- a player qualifying for the world championships from New Zealand had raised the profile at the regional championships.
- the grant from AUSAid was still in place and an advert for the post of development officer had been issued.
- some countries had sent players to the Special Olympics and this provided an additional competition opportunity.

13.5.3 regional committee: was in place.

13.6 affiliation to regional Paralympic committees:

- ETTU had affiliated to the EPC.
- none of the other continental federations had affiliated to the regional Paralympic committees.

The Division asked:

- a) Lill to follow up with ATTF whether PTT would be included in the All Africa Games 2015 and, failing that, to encourage other hosts to submit an application to host the African Championships.
- b) Emese to discuss integrating PTT into the ETTU website and Facebook page.
- c) Dorte to discuss with the continental presidents affiliating to the regional Paralympic committees.

14 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES: the Division noted a report including:

14.1 qualification guide:

- had been published by the IPC.
- the number of players eligible for the team was 3 in the team format of playing the doubles followed by up to 2 singles matches.
- the tournament credit period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015 would not include tournament credit points from the world championships and this would be clarified in the next edition of the guide.

14.2 recommendation of appointment of the TD: the IPC had approved Georgios Seliniotakis as TD.

14.3 recommendation of appointment of the technical operations manager: discussions were in process to finalise this appointment.

14.4 medals in the team event: the IPC had indicated that unless players actually competed in at least one team match, they would not receive a medal.

15 NEXT MEETING: during the World Championships in September 2014 in Beijing at a date to be decided.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 16h30.

READ AND CONFIRMED AT THE MEETING

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CHAIRPERSON

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