

Asia & South Pacific Table Tennis Committee, IPTTC
2nd meeting of the ASP Table Tennis Committee held on 9th April, 2004 in the
Conference Room of the Mint Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at 2.:30pm

Present	: Mr. Silas CHIANG	Chairman, ASP Rep. To IPTTC
	Mr. JANG Choon-Bae	Vice-Chairperson
	Ms SHI Gui-Lan	Vice-Chairperson
	Mr. YUAN Feng	Technical Officer
	Mr. CHAN Kin-Foo	Development Officer
	Mr. LEE Hong-Jae	Adviser
	Ms Cindy LEUNG	Adviser
Apologies	Ms Hitomi MINOWA	INAS-FID Rep. To ASPTTC
	Dr. Cheng Shun-Ping	Medical Officer
	Mr. Steven Lee	Adviser and SPPC Rep.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting which was for the first time held outside a games. He thanked Malaysia Paralympic Council for their assistance in view of their heavy commitment during the same period to organize IPC International Technical and Classification Courses for 7 sports in conjunction with the 12th Paralympiad Malaysia KL 2004.

1. Roll call was done and the Agenda as prepared by the Chairman was adopted.
2. The meeting was informed of the discussion between IPTTC and IPC on the IPC Sport Planning/Strategic meeting held on 18-19 March, 2004 in Bonn, and the brief progress report of the ITTF and IPTTC relation as well as the discussion/decisions on some issues arrived at the IPTTC Executive Committee meeting held on 20-21 March.
3. The minutes of the 1st ASPTTC meeting held on 19 October, 2003 in Shanghai during the 4th ASP Regional Championships was referred to together with the one for the Regional Table Tennis General Assembly held on 17 October, 2003. The minutes were adopted and each of the items arising from it was considered.
4. Mr. Zainal Abn Zarin, President of Asia Paralympic Committee was invited to address the meeting delegates and he also presented Letters of Appointment to members. The Chairman also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to him for his support to assist to stage the meeting in Malaysia.
5. Report of the recent IPTTC Executive Committee meeting held in Bonn on 20-21 March, 2004. The Chairman reported the following :-
 - 5.1 He had resigned from the post of Treasurer of IPTTC, a post he had held for 8

years since 1996. Mr. Oeivind Eriksen being the new Treasurer.

- 5.2 IPTTC continued to liaise with ITTF on matters of joint Rule book etc. More progress would be expected in the near future.
- 5.3 Average age of table tennis players qualified for the Athens Paralympics being over 40 and Asian players were older than their counterparts from Europe. Young players would need to be encouraged in the region.
- 5.4 Quorum for regional assemblies would be the average number of the number of NPCs taking part in the preceding world championships and those in the regional championships plus one. The Chairman commented that that might be difficult for the ASP region to accomplish.
- 5.5 Election for singleton candidate would still need to be voted and only when more than half of those present voting were arrived that the candidate be declared as elected.
- 5.6 IPTTC would work on to uniform the selection criteria for the Best Players, Coach and Umpire Awards to be granted at regional championships.
- 5.7 Doping control would be required for all IPC sanctioned events. IPTTC had decided that for some lower factors events only the word “approved” would be used as to avoid having to undergo such doping control.
- 5.8 In view of the inaccessibility to wheelchair players to some venues/accommodation of the host nations/cities in the past, IPTTC had started to develop some criteria as to base on the wheelchair accessibility code adopted universally. The Chairman was a member of the sub-committee.
- 5.9 The requirement for the number of overseas umpires at regional championships would be relaxed as it had not been easy to meet.
- 5.10 Combine Class 1 players of different NPCs being possible for events with factors 10 – 30. For factors 10 – 20 events entries per class might increase from 3-6 to 5-8 provided the 2 additional entries were of the age under 20.
- 5.11 At present there were no restriction on cushion for wheelchair play. However as some players with strength in the legs could gain advantage by standing on the footrest while play, the IPTTC would ask umpires to be more attentive to such players during competitions.
- 5.12 It was decided by IPC that no sports general assemblies would take place during Paralympic Games including the 2004 Athens’. So no election nor any of the activities that usually taking place in general assemblies could be conducted. The revision of wheelchair classes was an item planned to for presentation by the IPTTC Medical Officer as agreed at the 2002 IPTTC General Assembly during the World Championships in Taipei, it might not be able to proceed. IPTTC was working on ways as how such revision could be conducted during the Paralympic

Games as this had been considered of utmost important to the wheelchair play.

6. Reports of Committee members
 - 6.1 Ms Shi had no written report to make. Mr. Jang presented a written report, giving information on the table tennis activities about to take place in Korea for 2004, 2005 and 2007, as Korea had planned to stage the 6th ASP/Fespic regional ;championships.
 - 6.2 Mr. Yuan reported that China would organize a domestic youth games for some 5000 Disabled persons in May and many would be for table tennis. The potential ones would be selected and provided with systematic training as to make them the second strength squad of China.
 - 6.3 Mr. Chan informed members that Malaysia currently was organizing technical and umpire courses for 7 sports during their Malaysia Paralympiad and participants from Thailand, Taipei, Vietnam and Philippines also jointed the courses. Malaysia would soon submit the application for the 2005 ASP/Fespic Regional Championships.
 - 6.4 Ms Hotomi Minowa, the ANAS-FID representative to ASPTTC was unable to attend in the last minute. The Chairman told the meeting that he had informed her of the deadline for INAS-FID to submit to IPC their classification/eligibility document by November 2004, or they might lose their membership in IPC and not eligible in future IPC activities.
 - 6.5 Ms Cindy Leung told the meeting that she was recently invited by Mr. Calin Raul, the Competition & Development Manager of ITTF and also Technical Officer of IPTTC to work on the IPTTC International Referee Handbook together with Mr. Patrick Ringel and Mr. Steven Lee. She also remarked that the content adopted for the current International Technical Officials and Umpire Course for table tennis was in general those planned for the training for international referees. Mr. Lee had nothing to report.
7. Events in 2005 would include the regional championships in Malaysia in September-October; a factor 10 event in Korea; another factor 10 and 20 events might be organized in China & Hong Kong respectively. The Chairman remarked that more competitions would be important, not only to players for getting ranking points, but also for the training of officials. For 2006, there would be the Fespic Games (5-15 September) and the World Championships. For 2007, the ASP/Fespic regional Championships be in Kyoungi of Korea in October.
8. To maintain a better co-ordination in the development of table tennis it was agreed that the Development Officer be proposed to be a member of the IPTTC Development Committee. The Chairman would contact Mr. Vincent Boury, the IPTTC Development Officer for his advice.

9. The Chairman thanked again for members making effort to attend and Malaysia for their support. As there being no other business the meeting adjourned at 5:45pm. The next meeting would be called in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia in 2005 during the regional Championships where election of officers would also take place.

Prepared by Mr. Silas Chiang, Chairman
April 12, 2004

E-mail addresses of ASPTTC members:

1. Silas CHIANG silaschiang@hotmail.com
2. JANG Choon-Bae chunjang@hitel.net
3. SHI Gui-Lan slgl@bupt.edu.cn
4. YUAN Feng heni@sdeis.sd.cn
5. CHAN Kin-Foo kinfoochan@yahoo.com
6. LEE Hong-Jae kosadlhj@hanmail.net
7. Cindy LEUNG cindyleung@ctimail3.com
8. Hitomi MINOWA inas_asp@hotmail.com
9. CHENG Shun-Ping cspcij@ms52.hinet.net
10. Steven LEE winglee@alumni.cuhk.net