



# INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

## PARA-TABLE TENNIS DIVISION: 1/2010

Minutes of a meeting of the Para-Table Tennis Division held from 16h00 on 29 January to 31 January 2010 at the ITTF Headquarters, Lausanne, Switzerland.

**PRESENT:** Øivind Eriksen (Chairperson), Vincent Boury, Juraj Stefak, Teresa Morello, Barbara Talbot, Nico Verspeelt, Gorazd Vecko

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:** Lill Bhagwan, Silas Chiang, Edimilson Pinheiro

**BY INVITATION:** Neil Harwood (ITTF Executive Vice-President), Gaël Marziou (advisor), Graeme Ireland (chairperson, Technical Committee), Jordi Serra (Executive Director: Operations and Olympic Games)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Alison Burchell

**APOLOGIES:** Karol Ziduliak, Leandro Olvech (ITTF Development Manager)

**WELCOME:** the Chairperson welcomed all present, noting some members were late due to the weather. He welcomed Graeme Ireland, chairperson of the Technical Committee who would attend parts of the meeting.

On the issue of communication relating to meetings, the full members including the Africa and Americas representatives and Silas would be included. General information would be sent to all members and corresponding members. In specific instances, particular people would receive communication, including members of subcommittees. Communication with the IPC would go through the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) or the Project Manager.

The Division noted that the organisers of the Brazilian Open had asked that the no-shows be deducted from the capitation fees. The Division supported the recommendation that the organisers be requested to pay the capitation fees in full and that 50% of the total expenses for the assistant technical delegate be deducted from the capitation fees, if not already done.

The Division noted that a proposal had been received for an award for sportspersonship to be made possibly during the Paralympic Games or the World Championships and would indicate its support in principle with detail to be discussed and finalised.

The Division noted the words of welcome from the Executive Director to the ITTF headquarters and the continuing progress on integration.

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** minutes of the meeting held on 10 and 11 June 2009 were confirmed and signed.

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

2.1 marketing of PTT:

- sponsorship for the PTT World Championships: through discussion with the Director (Marketing), footage of the World Championships would be put on to itTV and the organisers had successfully approached Donic for sponsored equipment.

- other marketing opportunities: would be explored with the Director (Marketing) including tender processes followed by ITTF for events and amending the contracts to cover marketing rights.
- footage from Genoa: had been sent out to Division members.

## 2.2 status of the PTT Division:

- succession planning, job descriptions update by 1 August 2009: the draft would be sent out to the Division to update by the end of March 2010.
- PTT terms of reference: had been circulated and the Division should comment by the end of March 2010.
- regional representatives to propose to the standing orders committee their composition, terms of reference and job descriptions by the end of March 2010.
- PTT members serving on other ITTF committees for 2011: some members had been co-opted onto various committees and others should be considered for the next elections.
- areas of assistance from the ITTF:
  - circuit of junior events: junior needed to be defined and a system to ensure a junior qualified for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games perhaps making use of a separate ranking system.
  - membership: would be addressed with the IPC in an ongoing way.
  - GBR: this would be discussed with the British Table Tennis Association for Disabled in April 2010.
- integration: with the selection documents being submitted by 15 February 2010, the status of integration would be assessed.
- ITTF grant from the IPC: the report on 2009 and proposal for 2010 activities would need to be submitted to ensure payment of the possible grant of €24 000.
- AGM in Moscow in May 2010: the chairperson and vice-chairperson would attend with the athlete representative if there was an athletes' commission meeting.
- classification and selection documents to ITTF Headquarters, database development: these would remain in Belgium for the foreseeable future.

The Division asked:

- a) Alison to work with the Director (Marketing) to review the contracts to facilitate marketing opportunities;
- b) all to consider the draft job descriptions and submit comments to Alison by the end of March 2010;
- c) all to consider the draft terms of reference and submit comments to Alison by the end of March 2010;
- d) regional representatives to submit the proposed composition, terms of reference by the end of March 2010;
- e) the SOC to investigate with Gaël, the Executive Director (Education and Training) and the Director (Global Junior Programme) a junior circuit and ranking system;
- f) the regional representatives to follow up on integration in their regions;
- g) those people appointed to do site inspections for tournaments and as TDs to facilitate integration;
- h) Alison to follow up on the report on 2009 activities and proposed 2010 activities for the IPC and on the payment on the grant.

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

### 3.1 use of Dr Wu's programme to 2012:

- possible purchase: was being addressed with Dr Wu.
- disqualification for misdemeanours (racket control, cheating, doping) had been incorporated.

### 3.2 anti-doping control, TUE, RTP:

- asthma medications were no longer on the banned list but players had to inform the ITTF they were using the medication;
- the size of the RTP for PTT would be 10 men and 10 women to be notified after the selection meeting in March 2010;
- the ADAMS system was not user-friendly for the whereabouts information input.

### 3.3 INAS-FID classification update:

- significant progress had been made since 2005 with the proposed classification system for class 11;
- the work was well done but maybe too detailed;
- a meeting had been held at the University of Leuven with INAS-FID representatives to discuss the general eligibility (basic intellectual disability) and the table tennis specific classification;
- a deadline of end of September 2010 had been set for a decision on inclusion for the London Paralympic Games and should be met.

The Division asked Alison to draft an initial agreement with Dr Wu for discussion with him.

## 4 **TREASURER'S REPORT:** the Division noted the Treasurer's report including:

### 4.1 sanction and capitation fees:

- no fees had been received from the African Championships and IWAS Games in 2007;
- no fees had been received from the German Open and would be followed up;
- Copa Tango had paid €4,00 short and would be followed up;
- Slovakia and Brazil 2009 had not paid but would be followed up.

### 4.2 insurance for legal fees: an agreement with Zurich had been signed for all ITTF activities.

### 4.3 expenditure for 2009:

- another account had been opened with Credit Suisse for PTT in addition to the account at UBS which was used for all ITTF payments in Euros but the Credit Suisse account would become PTT's;
- €181 000 was in the PTT account at the beginning of 2009 to which was added €22 087 at the end of 2009;
- some payments had to be made and some amounts still had to be received;
- there was a very small return on investment.

### 4.4 budget for 2010:

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		
IPC	24000	Meetings		34000
Sanction fees	3000		PTTD	26000
Capitation fees	64400		Other	8000
Interest	2000	Chairperson		3500
2009 capitation	20000	Vice-Chairperson		1500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113400</b>	Development		10000
		Medical officer		5500
		Selection officer		12000
		Tournament officer		800
		Webmaster		500
		TD trainees		3000
		Athlete representative		4200
		Technical officer		500
		Regions		10000
			Africa	3000
			Americas	3000

		Asia-Oceania	1000
		Europe	3000
		Media	2000
		Other expenses	3000
		Gifts	2000
		Dr Wu	2000
<b>SURPLUS</b>	18900	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94500</b>

The Division asked:

- a) Alison to follow up the outstanding capitation fees from the events in Germany (copied to the German Table Tennis Association and NPC), Slovakia, Brazil and Copa Tango with the assistance of the TDs;
- b) Alison to review the line item descriptions in the expenditure report;
- c) Jordi to investigate other conservative but more beneficial investment options.

The Division agreed to:

- i) write off the capitation fees owed from the African Championships and IWAS Games in 2007;
- ii) approve the budget reflected above.

**5 SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT:** the Division noted the Secretary General's report including:

5.1 communication deadlines for the submission of articles below:

- ITTF publications:
  - Table Tennis Fascination (photos only annually)
  - Future Spin (U18)
  - development magazine (every 2 years)
  - enewsletter: as necessary
  - press releases: as necessary for world championships, Paralympic Games, contracts
  - website: TDs to submit information and photos timeously to the ITTF
- IPC publications
  - newflash: last Friday of the month.
  - bulletin: 2nd Friday of the month.
  - athletes' bulletin: 15 January, 15 April, 15 July and 15 October.
  - Paralympian: quarterly.

5.2 review of the strategic plan: the draft had been re-circulated.

5.3 code of conduct for ITTF for PTT to sign: this could be implemented by PTT.

5.4 IPC General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur 18 to 23 November 2009: the report had been circulated and ITTF was held in high regard.

The Division asked:

- a) Alison to investigate a PTT specific publication with the media department and input for other publications;
- b) all to review the strategic plan and submit comments to Alison by the end of March 2010 for the SOC to update;
- c) Alison to review the code of conduct and issue for signature.

**6 TD COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** the Division noted the TD Coordinator's report including:

6.1 job descriptions for TDs: no progress.

6.2 competition, deputy competition and FOP managers and full or part-time status: no progress.

6.3 the handbook (including a selection section, doping control, managing discipline, examination, application form, checklist with explanation of items on the checklist, use of Dr Wu's programme): no progress.

#### 6.4 training system:

- update training system, training during world championships, trainers, application form, recruitment of trainees, examination, certification: no progress.
- mentoring trainee TDs: 5 trainee TDs had been informed and would be appointed where possible to tournaments;
- the TD list on the website should be updated with effect from 1 January 2010.

The Division asked:

- a) Gorazd to take this function over from Øivind;
- b) Gorazd to update the TD list on the website;

#### 7 **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** the Division noted the Development Officer's report including:

- 7.1 new nations: regional representatives to propose countries for support.
- 7.2 courses: training more course conductors in the regions based on geographical, linguistic and cultural ability as well as the need to popularize PTT.
- 7.3 women's report: a training camp and forum for women during the IWAS Games which was not as successful as hoped.

The Division asked:

- a) Øivind, Nico and Neil to meet the Executive Director (Development) and the Development Manager about development initiatives and cooperation and Alison to organize the meeting for Moscow;
- b) regional representatives to make contact with the regional development officers;
- c) regional representatives to propose a country in the region for development this year in cooperation with the Executive Director (Development);
- d) Alison to develop a draft of criteria for selecting countries for development.

The Division agreed in principle to continue funding for development programmes till 2012.

#### 8 **ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:** the Division noted the Athlete Representative's report including:

- 8.1 brochure on player education on the rules: had been translated into Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and was available on the rules page of the website.
- 8.2 hall of fame and merit award: the impact of the criteria on PTT athletes should be assessed and fine tuned.
- 8.3 athletes' representation and elections at the world championships 2010: the Athletes' Commission had not yet been formed and elections should be organized for the PTT representative during the PTT World Championships.
- 8.4 donations to the Museum: some had come in but information was just as important as exhibits.
- 8.5 improvements to tournaments: this was discussed in the Tournament Officer's report.
- 8.6 cheating: this had been addressed in the classification process.

The Division asked:

- a) Alison to provide contacts for translation of the brochure into Chinese and Arabic;
- b) the selection committee to assess the impact of the current criteria for the Hall of Fame on PTT athletes and fine tune proposals for consideration of the Executive Committee;
- c) Vincent and Alison to work with the chairperson of the Athletes' Commission and Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to prepare the election of an athlete representative at the World Championships;
- d) Gaël to put a request on the website for memories of the human element as well as donations for the Museum;

e) Vincent to develop criteria for an award for the best organized tournament.

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

- 9.1 shorter questionnaire on the organisation of tournaments, review and feedback: no progress.
- 9.2 PTT Tour 2010 (Fa20 bigger groups in singles, split open classes):
  - the same format should be implemented across all tournaments;
  - the Paralympic Games format was decided (no open, singles in round robin and knock out, team in knock out)
  - the World Championships' format could not be changed due to the number of days;
  - there was a contradiction in players wanting more matches but cheaper and shorter tournaments;
  - the format for regional championships in 2011 could be discussed;
  - time could be reduced if matches were the best of 3 instead of 5 sets;
  - the preferred option was the team event to be played in small groups in round robin but this could affect the length of the event.
- 9.3 World Championships 2010:
  - this event was part of the preparation for the London 2012 Paralympic Games;
  - Steven Lee had been appointed deputy TD;
  - Raúl Calín as competition manager who would be replaced by Leandro Olvech when Raúl left early;
  - Georgios Seliniotakis should be appointed field of play manager.
- 9.4 signature of contracts for all events: contracts should include the details agreed on the site inspection and penalties included if changes were made.
- 9.5 distribution of players' education brochure by TDs at events: distribution through the pigeon-holes or players' bags would assist.
- 9.6 status of the German Open 2009 and 2010: this event had been cancelled for 2010 and discussions could be held for 2011.
- 9.7 Regional Championships 2011:
  - Croatia had put in a proposal to host the European Championships;
  - Hong Kong (2011) and China (2013) had submitted proposals for the Asia-Oceania Championships;
  - the All African Games in Mozambique could be the African Championships;
  - the ParaPanAm Games in Guadalajara would be the Americas Championships;
  - the continental associations should receive communication about the regional championships;
  - intervals between the regional championships should be considered.
- 9.8 World Championships 2014: an indication of interest had been received from Slovenia.
- 9.9 media and results on line during tournaments: would be appropriate.
- 9.10 quality assurance for tournaments, penalties (German Open complaint, Slovak Open, Brasilia): some tournaments were well organized and others poorly organized with some TDs not addressing issues appropriately.
- 9.11 TD reports submitted within 2 weeks: this was being followed up.
- 9.12 limit on entry fees and number of competition days: this was an ongoing discussion and would form part of site inspections and contracts signed.
- 9.13 tournament organiser's handbook and education: would be followed up.
- 9.14 special petition from class 6 players from the Americas: this was dealt with under other topics.
- 9.15 status of multi-sport games:
  - games with restricted entries (Commonwealth, language) should not be allocated a ranking factor;

- if an IOSD games was open to all disabilities and nations and applied the PTT rules and regulations, Fa20 could be allocated;
  - regional games (Asia, Arafura) could be allocated Fa20 if PTT rules and regulations were applied;
  - if the regional championships were organized as part of a regional games, Fa50 would still apply;
  - youth regional games, starting 2012, could be organized with a separate ranking list.
- 9.16 ITTF World Championships 2011: discussions were underway to organise a Fa20 event for 2 wheelchair classes and 2 standing classes to play the finals in the main hall.

The Division asked:

- a) Gorazd to follow up with TDs on accreditation rights and access to the field of play;
- b) Alison to investigate with the Executive Director (Competitions) the signature of contracts to be sent to organisers urgently before the event was reflected as approved on the website;
- c) Gorazd to ensure TDs distributed the players' brochures with assistance from the organisers;
- d) Gorazd to ensure site inspections for the regional championships;
- e) Gorazd and Alison to follow up with the regional championships organisers where the event was part of the regional games;
- f) Alison to follow up processes for the German Open with the German Table Tennis Association and NPC;
- g) Neil and Alison to follow up the inclusion of PTT events on the ITTF calendar;
- h) Gorazd to put on the website the invitation to host the World Championships;
- i) Gorazd to discuss the online results system with Georgios Seliniotakis;
- j) Alison to contact the Brasilia organisers about hosting a Fa20 event with a Fa40 to follow;
- k) Gorazd, Karol and Alison to work on the tournament handbook;
- l) Gorazd to confirm all TD appointments with the SOC before they were made public.

The Division resolved to:

- i) appoint Georgios Seliniotakis as the field of play manager for the World Championships;
- ii) allocate the European Championships to Croatia subject to an acceptable signed copy of the airline contract being submitted;
- iii) allocate provisionally the Asia-Oceania Championships to Hong Kong subject to a satisfactory site inspection and approval from the HTTA;
- iv) allocate provisionally the African Championships to Mozambique subject to a satisfactory site inspection, approval from the host association and cooperation with the organisers;
- v) allocate provisionally the Americas Championships to Mexico subject to a satisfactory site inspection, approval from the host association and cooperation with the organisers;
- vi) allocate a Fa20 event to Brazil in order to assist in building capacity in hosting PTT events;
- vii) revise its previous decision on the format of events as follows, with immediate effect, in Fa20 and Fa40:
  - the open be played best of 3 sets in the knock out or first phase;
  - the open be played best of 5 sets in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final;
  - in the team event, the round robin should give priority to groups of 3 and should be the best of 3 sets;
  - in the team event, the knock out phase would be the best of 3 or 5 sets as decided by the referee depending on time available.
- viii) for all competitions, with immediate effect, no bonus points would be allocated for the medal won in the open or for wins against a player in a higher class but no changes would be made to bonus points in the singles.

**10 TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** the Division noted the Technical Officer's report including:

- 10.1 update of the handbook and integration with the ITTF: the handbook had been updated in 2009 and the integration process was in process including ranking as a leaflet, tournament regulations as directives and all drafts needed editing.
- 10.2 IU refresher course and referee course covering PTT matters: this was covered in the referees' briefing and the IU course and examinations.
- 10.3 glue testing and purchase of equipment: there was no need to purchase equipment.
- 10.4 the change to the wheelchair serve tested in Romania and Copa Tango: this would not be pursued.
- 10.5 knock out system in team events: this was covered above.
- 10.6 combination of players from different countries in team event: this had been covered.
- 10.7 selection of referee and deputy referees for the World Championships: the selection panel, with the addition of Karol, as with able-bodied World Championships, would select the referee team with a neutral referee and the selection would not be ratified by the SOC or the Division.
- 10.8 selection of umpires for World Championships: the selection panel, with the addition of Karol, as with able-bodied World Championships, would select the umpires.
- 10.9 proposed change to the laws of table tennis, regulations and handbook for match officials: was discussed and approved for submission to the AGM.
- 10.10 ranking points after World Championships and Paralympic Games: the decision from the last meeting (9.15) was reviewed.
- 10.11 currency of PTT: was Euros but the ITTF events usually operated in US dollars.

The Division asked:

- a) Karol to institute the implementation date for the documents to be 1 September 2010;
- b) Karol to consider the purchase of glue testing equipment and liaise with the Equipment Coordinator;
- c) Alison and Graeme to assist Karol with the draft documentation;
- d) Alison to submit the motion to change the laws to the AGM and the regulations to the BoD;
- e) Karol to confirm all referee appointments (other than for World Championships and Paralympic Games) with the SOC before they were made public.

The Division resolved to:

- j) approve the change to the regulations for size of court for wheelchair play to 8m x 6m;
- ii) approve the proposed changes to the laws and regulations for international competitions and to submit them to the AGM as a motion;
- iii) rescind the decision taken that: following the World Championships, the remaining tournaments in 2010 would count towards points on the ranking list and so 3.2.4 should be amended such that ranking points gained at tournaments organised in the year of the World Championships and of the Paralympic Games, but after those tournaments, would count as ranking points until 31 December the year after i.e. tournaments organised after 1 November 2010 would remain on the ranking list until 31 December 2011;
- iv) maintain the currency in Euros.

## **11 MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** the Division noted the Medical Officer's report including:

- 11.1 classification handbook and consistent terminology (with coaching committee), definition of severe disability, Nanism, need for a newsletter: most of this had been covered in the classification code.
- 11.2 classifier education and fees for the Americas:
  - official level A classification courses may be done in the regions in Fa20 events for new classifiers;
  - courses for level B would be run by the Medical Officer or nominee after the trainee had done classifications for a period since the level A course;
  - for level C, a minimum period of 2 years practical experience was necessary;



- the process would be incorporated into the classification code;
  - incorporating basic classification information could be included in general PTT development courses.
- 11.3 implementation of the new system for sitting classes for 2010:
- ensuring players currently playing in sitting classes who could stand to play were classified in standing classes was easily achievable;
  - this would require more classifiers at the World Championships;
  - as with 2002, the players would be told after the World Championships had been completed what class they were in if eligible for sitting classes and for those who were not, that they would be classified into a standing class at the next appropriate event;
  - the classifiers should explain that if players did not cooperate, they would be regarded as cheating which would have serious implications;
  - the issue was those players with a stump amputated through the femur which would be discussed by the classifiers.
- 11.4 update of Handbook and classification code: the handbook (medical [Juraj] and technical [Sheng Wu]) was being finalized and the classification code was close to finality.
- 11.5 multiple sub-minimal disability: this was not necessary as minimal disability for standing and sitting classes had been defined.
- 11.6 technical classification issues: various technical classifiers were being developed.
- 11.7 outstanding payment for Rafael Martinez Cayere's refund from Brazil (Rio) for airfare: several unsuccessful attempts had been made to contact Rafael.
- 11.8 classification cards: were not necessary but access to classification information via a database with secure access for a limited number of people should be addressed.
- 11.9 implementation of classification changes immediately: the implementation of a change of classification should be guided by what was correct for the player rather than the convenience of the officials.

The Division asked:

- a) Gaël to remove the Spanish classification document from the website immediately;
- b) Juraj to prepare an announcement for the review of sitting classes at the world championships on the website as soon as possible;
- c) Juraj to recommend the length of the femur stump by the end of March 2010 for approval by the SOC;
- d) Juraj, Nico, Vincent and Alison to investigate a classification database;
- e) Juraj to contact Aart about the classification information to be included in the TD training and to send it to Gorazd;
- f) Juraj and Nico to liaise with Iraq about the proposed course;
- m) Juraj to confirm all classifier appointments with the SOC before they were made public.

The Division resolved to approve the change to the regulations with immediate effect so that "If a player was reclassified after a protest or by a classification panel during a tournament, he or she would be transferred to the new class in the next event and the draw would be altered".

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

- 12.1 proposals for the Parapan American Games 2011: the number of players for table tennis was needed before any progress could be made.
- 12.2 selection for the World Championships 2010:
- several regional gold medalists from the regionals would not be selected as they had not met the tournament credit criterion;
  - the selection committee would meet in early March 2010.

The Division asked Nico to review the time period for the selection process to be concluded.

**13 COACHING COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT:** the Division noted the Coaching Committee Secretary's report including:

- 13.1 ITTF level 1 coaching manual: was available in Spanish and the French version would be printed once the old stock had been used.
- 13.2 coaches' education, seminars: a course for PTT trainers would be held in French in March 2010 and level 1 courses had been held in Iraq, India and Australia.
- 13.3 integration with the ITTF, certification as well as level 2 and 3: no progress reported.

**14 RANKING OFFICER AND WEBMASTER'S REPORT:** the Division noted the Ranking Director and Webmaster's report including:

- 14.1 integration with the ITTF website: much of what had already been developed by the ITTF would be used, access for articles would assist visibility and the results system could be integrated.
- 14.2 migration of the website and creation of an online database: the archive material would remain with a link from the ITTF website and the database would be developed.
- 14.3 calendar management with ITTF database and phasing out all references to IPTTC: the ITTF calendar would be adapted to include additional fields for PTT information.
- 14.4 rating and ranking: the rating expertise within ITTF should be investigated.
- 14.5 ittf email addresses: no progress.
- 14.6 online entries: the ITTF system could be used in time.

The Division asked:

- a) all to ensure that documents put on the website were appropriate and approved by the relevant person;
- b) Neil to discuss the possible assistance of internal ranking expertise with the President.

**15 REGIONAL REPORTS:** the Division noted the regional representatives' reports including:

15.1 Americas:

- 4 tournaments had been held in the region including the Youth Parapan Games;
- 5 coaching courses were run;
- a level A classification course was run;
- articles from activities were sent to the ITTF.

15.2 Africa:

- the African Championships were the main focus;
- discussions were underway with Rwanda about development which could lead to Rwanda supporting other East African countries;
- discussion was underway with Kenya about a PTT course;
- the All Africa Games may host a development session;
- with a change in leadership in ASCOD, some contact should be made to promote development.

15.3 Europe:

- DVDs of video and photos had been provided from the European Championships;
- the players' brochure would be translated into other European languages;
- a query from an NPC about the tournament credit system had been resolved by a proposal that a wild card application be submitted;
- the invitation for the Al Watani Championships had been sent out as requested;
- 4 Fa20 and 2 Fa40 events were held.

15.4 Asia-Oceania:

- Asian Youth Para Games were held with table tennis as one of six sports with 32 players participating;
- in 2014, Thailand would host the next Asian Youth Para Games;

- the Asia-Oceania Championships had some challenges;
- the APC training centre proposal in Beijing was being considered by the APC;
- the APC was also considering another training centre in Incheon for table tennis specifically which may be available for training camps for participating nations before the World Championships;
- another training centre in Thailand was a possibility;
- a new Asian Table Tennis Development Committee had been established under APC to develop table tennis in south, west and central Asia;
- various contacts had been established at the Asia-Oceania Championships;
- the 1<sup>st</sup> Women Leadership Summit Seminar would be held in Korea during the world championships;
- Bangladesh had submitted entries for the Lignano tournament;
- the Australian Paralympic Committee was very supportive of development in the region and would consider hosting a tournament linked to the Arafura Games every second year;
- contact had been established with the ITTF Oceania Development Officer;
- a sanctioned tournament was being investigated by south Pacific countries;
- New Zealand had sent a trainee classifier to the Arafura Games.

The Division asked:

- a) Barbara to take on the Oceania representative role as the full member and Silas the Asia representative role as the corresponding member, reporting to Barbara on developments in Asia;
- b) Silas to inform Nico whether the Korean training centre would be available for players preparing for the World Championships;
- c) all regional representatives to establish contact with the continental associations to provide support and to facilitate integration;
- d) all regional representatives to invite continental association presidents to the regional championships in 2011.

**16 LONDON 2012:** the Division noted a report from the TD including:

- 16.1 the number of events and player slots: the number of medal events had increased from 24 to 27 and the number of slots had increased by 12 to 274 to provide for the participation of class 11.
- 16.2 report from the Olympic and Paralympic Games Commission: the input about the Paralympic Games was short but several items had to be decided in Moscow.
- 16.3 equipment discussions including the athletes' committee: the equipment had been decided for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- 16.4 nomination of an assistant TD: the IPC had approved the appointment of Steven Lee as assistant TD, not the second TD, and LOCOG had been informed that Georgios Seliniotakis (technical operations manager) had been appointed.
- 16.5 officials:
  - nominations for the referee and 1 deputy referee would be submitted to the Olympic and Paralympic Games Commission in May 2010 and the 2 other deputy referees would be nominated later;
  - umpire selections would be done by selection by the URC selection panel;
  - classifier recommendations would be submitted to the Olympic and Paralympic Commission.
- 16.6 jury: would be nominated once the number of technical officials was confirmed with IPC and LOCOG.
- 16.7 site inspections: were limited to 2 TD visits and one would take place in December 2010.

The Division asked:

- a) Nico to send Gaël the qualification guide for 2012 for the website;
- b) Alison to check with the Director (Marketing) what information about equipment could be published on the website;
- c) Alison to follow up the number of approved technical officials.

**17 GENERAL:** the Division noted the following reports:

- 17.1 liaison with IWAS: there was no report.
- 17.2 liaison with CP-ISRA: there was no report.
- 17.3 invitation event: an application had been received for a special invitational event for a player about to retire.

The Division asked Alison to liaise with IWAS and CP-ISRA.

The Division agreed to support the invitational event (top 16) by including it on the calendar in 2011 after the ITTF World Championships and appointing a referee but not to allocate any ranking points and to request articles, photos and videos for publication on the website.

**18 NEXT MEETING:** the Division noted that the dates of the World Championships had changed to 25 October to 3 November 2010 with the PTT meeting taking place on 31 October and 1 November 2010 (arrivals 29 October and departures on 2 November 2010).

In closing, the Executive Vice-President (Finance) thanked all the Division members for their voluntary contributions and constructive decision-making.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10h40.

**READ AND CONFIRMED AT THE MEETING**

**HELD ON .....**

**CHAIRPERSON .....**

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31 January 2010