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ART/RG	32 nd FISU World University Games	July	16 – 27	RHINE – RUHR	GER
TRA/ACRO/AER/PK	The World Games	August	07 – 17	CHENGDU	CHN

2025 FIG SPORTS EVENTS

Gymnastics for All	5 th World Gym for Life Challenge	July	22 – 26	LISBON	POR
Artistic Gymnastics	World Cup	April	10 – 13	OSIJEK	CRO
	World Cup	April	16 – 19	DOHA	QAT
	World Cup	April	25 – 28	CAIRO	EGY
	World Challenge Cup	May	08 – 11	VARNA	BUL
	World Challenge Cup	May	15 – 18	KOPER	SLO
	World Challenge Cup	June	18 – 21	TASHKENT	UZB
	World Challenge Cup	September	13 – 14	PARIS	FRA
	World Challenge Cup	September	26 – 28	SZOMBATHELY	HUN
	53 rd World Championships	October	19 – 25	JAKARTA	INA
Rhythmic Gymnastics	World Cup	April	04 – 06	SOFIA	BUL
	World Cup	April	18 – 20	BAKU	AZE
	World Cup	April	25 – 27	TASHKENT	UZB
	World Challenge Cup	May	09 – 11	PORTIMAO	POR
	3 rd Junior World Championships	June	18 – 22	SOFIA	BUL
	World Cup	July	18 – 20	MILAN	ITA
	World Challenge Cup	July	25 – 27	CLUJ – NAPOCA	ROU
	41 st World Championships	August	20 – 24	RIO DE JANEIRO	BRA
Trampoline Gymnastics	World Cup	April	05 – 06	RICCIONE	ITA
	World Cup	July	05 – 16	COIMBRA	POR
	World Cup	September	27 – 28	VARNA	BUL
	World Cup	October	11 – 12	STUTTGART	GER
	World Cup	October	03 – 05	ANTIBES	FRA
	38 th World Championships	November	06 – 09	PAMPLONA	ESP
	31 st World Age Group Competitions	November	13 – 16	PAMPLONA	ESP
Acrobatic Gymnastics	World Cup	May – June	30 – 01	BURGAS	BUL
	World Cup	June	13 – 15	BAKU	AZE
	World Cup	June	19 – 21	AALEN	GER
	World Cup	June	27 – 29	RZESZOW	POL
Aerobic Gymnastics	World Cup	April	26 – 27	TOKYO	JPN
Parkour	World Cup	May	16 – 18	AMSTERDAM	NED
	World Cup	May – June	30 – 01	MONTPELLIER	FRA



2025 ADMIN EVENTS

GfA Colloquium 2025	April	01 – 04	BAKU	AZE
Presidential Commission	May	06	QAWRA	MLT
Executive Committee	May	07 – 08	QAWRA	MLT
Council	May	09 – 10	QAWRA	MLT
WAG TC Meeting	June	23 – 26	TASHKENT	UZB
MAG TC Meeting	June	23 – 26	TASHKENT	UZB
ACRO TC Meeting	July	04 – 07	LAUSANNE	SUI
RG TC Meeting	July	05 – 08	LAUSANNE	SUI
Presidential Commission	July	08	LAUSANNE	SUI
Executive Committee	July	09 – 10	LAUSANNE	SUI
TC Presidents Meeting	July	11	LAUSANNE	SUI
Presidential Commission	October	07	VIENTIANE	LAO
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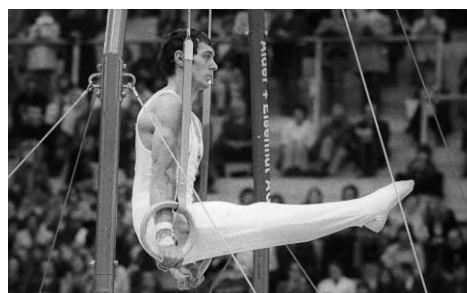


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THE FIG IN MOURNING



Dan Grecu (ROU)

1950-2024

Dan Grecu passes away

Dan Grecu (ROU), World and Olympic medallist on Still Rings, passed away at 74. Considered a pioneer in Romanian Gymnastics, he also led the men's team to historic success as a coach.

The first inkling that Bucharest native Dan Grecu might make a good gymnast was his penchant for climbing trees as a child. The step between swinging from branches to holding himself steady on Still Rings turned out to be an easy one for the future Romanian standout.

Born 26 September 1950 to a border guard and his wife, Grecu won the World title on Still Rings in 1974, two years before Nadia Comaneci brought worldwide renown to the country at the Montreal 1976 Olympics. Grecu earned bronze on Still Rings at those Games too, the first Olympic medal for a Romanian man in gymnastics.

He dedicated his life to the sport, first as a gymnast who competed at three Olympic Games and later as a coach alongside his wife Elena. Under Grecu's tutelage the Romanian men's team earned bronze at the 2004 Olympic Games, their highest-ever finish, as well as European titles in 2002 and 2004.

"Gymnastics was my life," Grecu recounted at an awards ceremony earlier this year, where he was honoured for his lifetime achievements in gymnastics. "I lived as an athlete to win and as a coach to create teams. I am grateful to those who have been with me in my career, my family and the athletes because they understood that hard work beats talent."



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John Atkinson (GBR)
† 2024

John Atkinson (MBE) passes away

John Atkinson was head coach of the British Men's Artistic Gymnastics team for 30 years and a national coach for 43 years, retiring in 2003. He coached at three Olympic Games (Moscow 1980, Los Angeles 1984 and Barcelona 1992) and 14 World Championships, from Varna (BUL) in 1974 to Tianjin (CHN) in 1999.

He was a founding member of the International Federation of Sports Acrobatics, a member of the FIG's Executive Committee and the first president of the FIG Aerobic Gymnastics Technical Committee between 1994 and 2009 after the sport of Aerobic Gymnastics was incorporated within the FIG. He was responsible for developing the technical regulations and a Code of Points for Aerobic Gymnastics that paved the way for the first World Championships, transforming Aerobic Gymnastics from a fitness trend to a competitive sport.

Long after his involvement in the Aerobic Gymnastics Technical Committee ended, John maintained an active role in the gymnastics community, serving as an FIG academy expert for both Artistic Gymnastics and Aerobic Gymnastics.

In 1989, he was named a Member of the British Empire (MBE) by Queen Elizabeth II for his services to Sport and Coaching in Great Britain. He was awarded the distinction of Honorary Vice-President at the FIG Congress in Helsinki (FIN) on 19 October 2008 in recognition of his exemplary work as a long-standing president of the Technical Committee. His legacy lives on in the form of the John Atkinson Award, presented by British Gymnastics in his honour to world champion gymnasts.

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THE FIG IN MOURNING



Agnes Keleti (HUN)

1921-2025

Agnes Keleti passes away

Legendary Ágnes Keleti (HUN), who passed away on January 2nd in Budapest, just a week shy of her 104th birthday, will remain one of the sport's most revered names. She is celebrated as much for the courage she showed in facing the horrors of the Holocaust as for her Olympic achievements. IOC President Thomas Bach praised her inspiring story, highlighting her determination to overcome tragedy, having survived the Holocaust before going on to win ten Olympic medals, five of them gold.

Born on January 9, 1921, Keleti's gymnastics triumphs came after a tumultuous war era during which she was excluded from her gymnastics club and the Hungarian national team. Her mother and sister secured protective passports, but her father perished in Auschwitz. Keleti spent her life savings to purchase a false identity, hiding in plain sight as a maid in a Nazi sympathizer's country house.

After the Allied victory, Keleti returned to gymnastics and was selected for the 1948 London Olympics, but missed the Games due to an ankle injury. She made her Olympic debut in Helsinki in 1952 at 31 years old, winning gold in Floor Exercise and bronze in Uneven Bars, along with silver and bronze medals for team and team portable apparatus competitions.

In 1956, at the Melbourne Games, she won four gold medals (Uneven Bars, Balance Beam, Floor Exercise, and team portable apparatus) and silver medals in the All-Around and team events. At 35, she became the oldest woman to win an Olympic gold in gymnastics, a record that still stands.

Keleti later emigrated to Israel, where she coached the women's national team and taught at the Wingate Institute. In 2017, she received the prestigious Israel Prize for her services to sport. In 2019, at the age of 98, she became the oldest living Olympic champion.



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Nakayama Akinori (JPN)

1943-2025

Nakayama Akinori passes away

An impeccable performer who was consistently among the best in the world on five apparatus during the 1960s and 1970s, Nakayama, who passed away on 9 March at age 82, inspired wonder by winning four of the eight Olympic titles in Men's Artistic Gymnastics at the 1968 Olympic Games.

After helping the stellar Japanese team take gold, Nakayama followed up with golds on Still Rings, Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar. Floor Exercise silver and All-Around bronze brought his medal count to six and made him the most decorated male athlete of the Mexico City Games.

He added another four medals in Munich in 1972, repeating as Still Rings champion and team titleist, along with bagging another Floor Exercise silver and All-Around bronze. With his six Olympic titles, Nakayama is second only to his contemporary Kato Sawao as Japan's most golden Olympic gymnast.

Born in Nagoya in central Japan on 1 March 1943, Nakayama only began Gymnastics at age 15. Early in his career, he tore his Achilles tendon and nearly quit the sport before a mentor talked him out of it. "He made me believe that I had potential, and taught me to train hard instead of grieving in bed," Nakayama recalled more than 40 years later.

Remarkably successful domestically — he won the All-Japan Championships four times between 1966 and 1971 — Nakayama's biggest international All-Around victories came at the Summer Universiade, which he won in 1965 and again in 1967. During his long career, he amassed seven World Championships golds in 1966 and 1970, and 12 World medals overall.

Mirroring his Olympic exploits, he is one of the rare legends to have won World titles on four different apparatus.

His eponymous skill on Still Rings, a pull to a cross done from a hanging scale, is still performed by gymnasts the world over and worth a hefty 0.4 in the current Men's Code of Points.

Nakayama dedicated his later years to coaching and mentoring, paying forward the care and support that he benefited from as a young gymnast. Always humble, Nakayama, who was also a vice-president for the Japan Gymnastics Association, was quick to point out that his titles and honours were the result of a great deal of teamwork.



Disciplinary Commission of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation

GEF Disciplinary Commission Panel Sanctions Azerbaijan's Former and Acting Rhythmic Gymnastics Head Coaches, a Coach, and AGF

LAUSANNE (SUI), 06 January 2025

The Gymnastics Ethics Foundation (GEF) Disciplinary Commission Panel, composed of Ms Laurence Burger (President), Ms Dorothée Schramm and Mr Maximilien Lehen (Members), notified on 18 December 2024 its decision in the disciplinary proceedings against:

1. Ms Mariana Vasileva, former AGF Rhythmic Gymnastics Head Coach and member of the AGF Executive Committee;
2. Ms Siyana Vasileva, AGF Rhythmic Gymnastics acting Head Coach, member of the FIG Athlete Commission and ex officio member of the FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics Technical Committee;
3. Ms Evgeniya Vilyayeva (née Zhidkova), coach with AGF;
4. Ms Natalia Bulanova, AGF Sport Director;
5. The Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation (the FIG Member Federation for Azerbaijan).

The case was brought to the attention of the GEF in July 2020, followed by an extensive investigation and the submission in June 2023 of a notice of charges for alleged physical and psychological abuse by AGF coaches against multiple gymnasts over the years, thereby violating numerous provisions of the FIG Statutes, Code of Ethics, Code of Discipline, and Policy and Procedures for Safeguarding and Protecting Participants in Gymnastics.

The decision rendered by the GEF Disciplinary Commission Panel seeks not only to hold the individual Respondents accountable for the established violations but also to build the necessary capacity to safeguard gymnastics participants at the national level. This objective is achieved by addressing both the systemic issues found within the National Federation and addressing the behaviour displayed by the individual Respondents.

The GEF Disciplinary Commission Panel decided as follows for each Respondent:

Ms Mariana Vasileva

Ms Mariana Vasileva is liable for various mistreatments and physical abuse against athletes, including beating for weight gain; for requiring athletes to perform or train when they were not fit to do so, so as to put the gymnasts' wellbeing and health at risk; for orally abusing and weight-shaming athletes; for withholding monies and/or rewards of athletes; for depriving and/or preventing athletes from having contact with their families and/or other private communication by depriving them of their mobile phone.



She is sanctioned as follows:

- Ms Mariana Vasileva shall be excluded from participation in any FIG activities and other international events for a period of 8 years;
- Ms Mariana Vasileva shall be prohibited for life from being the head coach of any FIG-affiliated Federation;
- Prior to any return to FIG-regulated gymnastics, Ms Mariana Vasileva shall be required, as a precondition of her return, to undergo safeguarding training 3 months prior to her return to gymnastics to the satisfaction of the FIG;
- The “Honorary Coach” Diploma awarded to Ms Mariana Vasileva in 2019 by the FIG shall be withdrawn.

Ms Siyana Vasileva

Ms Siyana Vasileva is liable for hitting a gymnast with a phone.

She is sanctioned as follows:

- Ms Siyana Vasileva shall be excluded from participation in any FIG activities and other international events for a period of 18 months, which sanction shall be suspended for 3 years.
- As a condition of the suspension of Ms Siyana Vasileva’s period of exclusion, Ms Siyana Vasileva shall:
 - o undertake and satisfactorily complete training approved by the GEF, in relation to good practice relating to behavioural awareness and the safeguarding of children and young persons to be arranged and supervised by the AGF, and a report on which to be sent by the AGF to the FIG and the Gymnastics Ethics Foundations, and
 - o undergo a 12-month period of monitoring by a person agreed by the GEF who is appointed by the AGF, and a report on which to be sent by the AGF to the FIG and the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation.

Ms Evgeniya Valiyeva

Evgeniya Valiyeva is liable for harassing a gymnast about her weight.

She is sanctioned as follows:

- Ms Evgeniya Valiyeva shall be excluded from participation in any FIG activities and other international events for a period of 12 months, which sanction shall be suspended for 2 years.
- As a condition of the suspension of Ms Evgeniya Valiyeva’s period of exclusion, Ms Evgeniya Valiyeva shall:
 - o undertake and satisfactorily complete training approved by the GEF, in relation to good practice relating to behavioral awareness and the safeguarding of children and young persons to be arranged and supervised by the AGF, a report on which is to be sent by the AGF to the FIG and the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation;



- o undergo a 12-month period of monitoring by a person agreed by the GEF who is appointed by the AGF, a report on which is to be sent by the AGF to the FIG and the Gymnastics Foundation.

Ms Natalia Bulanova

The Disciplinary Commission Panel acquitted Ms Natalia Bulanova on all charges.

The Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation, AGF

The AGF is liable for all of the infringements by the Individual Respondents, AGF coaches. It is sanctioned as follows:

- The AGF shall be suspended from participation in the 25th Council Meeting in Qawra (Malta) in 2025 and in the 86th Congress in Bangkok (Thailand) in 2026;
- The AGF shall be excluded from participation in any FIG activities and other international events for a period of 6 months, which sanction shall be suspended for 12 months subject to the completion of the requirements in respect of safeguarding addressed below.
- The AGF shall:
 - o Appoint a qualified safeguarding expert, agreed with the GEF, to inspect and to review its safeguarding procedures and mechanisms, including its disciplinary processes, and who shall produce an initial report to the GEF by 31 March 2025, and reports on reviews quarterly thereafter until 31 December 2026, which reports shall
 1. Identify any failings in the safeguarding procedures and mechanisms, and
 2. Make recommendations for any improvements or adjustments to be made with a time frame for remedy or enactment.
- Act on and remedy any recommendations made by the safeguarding expert within the timeframes identified;
- Appoint to its governing board an independent and impartial safeguarding director, who shall report to the GEF quarterly until 31 December 2028 on all and any safeguarding cases within the AGF;
- The AGF shall pay a fine of CHF 30,000.
- The Parties have the right to appeal the decision to the GEF Appeal Tribunal within 21 days of the notification of the decision.

The full text of the Decision is available [here](#).

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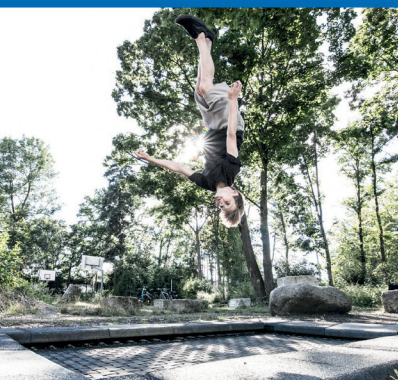
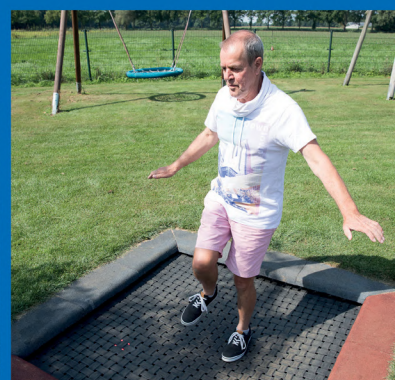
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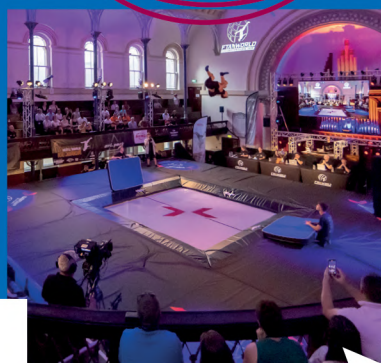
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Disciplinary Commission of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation

GEF Disciplinary Commission Sanctions Ms. Evangelia Trikomiti and European Gymnastics for Score Manipulation at the 2024 Rhythmic Europeans

LAUSANNE (SUI), 07 February 2025

The GEF Disciplinary Commission has issued its decision in the disciplinary proceedings against Ms. Evangelia Trikomiti & European Gymnastics.

These proceedings resulted from an extensive investigation conducted by the GEF* into several allegations, from multiple sources, of score manipulation at the 2024 Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in Budapest, 23-26 May 2024 (the "Championships").

Based on its investigation, including reports provided by several judges officiating at the Championships, the GEF submitted, on 23 July 2024, a notice of charges for infringements to the FIG Rules for score manipulation by Ms. Trikomiti and European Gymnastics.

After having heard the case, the GEF Disciplinary Commission Panel, composed of three independent members, found Ms. Trikomiti guilty of score manipulation at the 2024 Rhythmic Gymnastics European Championships and sanctioned her with a 4-year period of ineligibility from all gymnastics-related activities, excluding coaching activities. Moreover, her FIG Judge Brevet is annulled.

The GEF Disciplinary Commission Panel also ruled that European Gymnastics was held responsible for the offence committed by Ms. Trikomiti pursuant to Article 4 of the FIG Code of Discipline, providing for the joint liability of the federation.

For the sake of clarity, these proceedings did not aim to change the results of the Championships, a matter which does not fall under the GEF's remit and cannot be reviewed according to the "field of play" doctrine**. The scope of these proceedings was related to infringements of the FIG Rules, in particular the FIG Code of Ethics, the FIG General Judges' Rules and the FIG Technical Regulations in accordance with the GEF's mission.

Once again, this case emphasizes the crucial role of informants and/or whistleblowers. In particular, the GEF praises the courage of those who were called as witnesses on behalf of the GEF in the present proceedings, and commends their commitment to the integrity of the sport. The GEF also extends its thanks to all individuals who reported information and collaborated with the GEF from the outset of the investigation into this matter.

As a reminder, the GEF makes available several ways to report any concerns in an effort to protect the sport and all participants in gymnastics. Any complaint or information can be reported via the different [GEF Reporting channels](#).

The decision can be appealed to the GEF Appeal Tribunal within 21 days from its notification.

The reasoned decision is published [here](#).

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85th Congress

Sheraton Grand Hotel in Doha (QAT), 24, 25 & 26 October 2024

MINUTES

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Excused:	Zhongyi Miao (CHN)
Member Federations:	As listed under item 2.
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Technical Coordinator:	-
Guests :	Charles Perrière (CMR-Parkour); Ron Froehlich, Auditor (USA); Hanspeter Tschopp, Auditor (SUI).
Minutes:	Zina Terrier (FIG).

1. FORMAL OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

President Watanabe welcomes all participants to Doha. He thanks the QAT LOC and its President Ali Al-Hitmi for the wonderful hospitality. It is an honor having the attendance of HE Sheikh Jassim Al Buenain, General Secretary of the QAT NOC, as well as of Ms Sara Khalid Al-Mesnad, Mr Rahman Al-Shathri and Mr Ali Al-Hitmi. He warmly thanks all those involved in the organization of this wonderful event. QAT has hosted many events successfully. He declares the 85th Congress officially open.

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As the QAT President, Ali Al-Hitmi greets the representatives of the QAT NOC. He is very pleased to welcome the Gymnastics Family to his home city Doha. We all want Gymnastics to become the most successful sport in the world.

Ms Sara Khalid Al-Mesnad, Acting Director of International Cooperation and Communications of the Qatar Olympic Committee, welcomes everyone to Qatar. It is a privilege to meet the FIG Family. The Paris 2024 was a huge success for Gymnastics. We could see all the assets of the sport. The decisions that will be made here in Doha will shape the future of the FIG.

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



President Watanabe thanks the audience for the important attendance. Almost all our Member Federations are present. We used to have around 100 NF but since he became President, we have given all NF the possibility to participate in the Congress. Hopefully in the future we shall reach 160 NF. He is hoping that the discussions will be smooth and respectful during the Congress meeting.

In turn, Nicolas Buompane greets the assembly. He provides detailed information on the programme of the upcoming three days. The voting system is provided by Lumi company.

2. CONFIRMATION OF DELEGATIONS

The Secretary General is pleased to report that no Member Federations lost their voting rights.

Furthermore, the following Federations, whose affiliations will have to be decided by the Congress, will have no voting rights: CIV, GAM, GUI, ZAM, KEN and ANT. The latter is a current associated member. He warmly welcomes the representative of CIV who is on site.

As an associated Member, MAA has no voting rights.

Article 11.7 of the Statutes states that only the accredited representatives of affiliated Federations may vote. Members of the FIG governing bodies may represent their Federations only in exceptional cases and with the agreement of the majority of the Congress. Nobody is affected by this rule in 2024.

Depending on their participation in the major FIG events and in the Olympic Games, each affiliated Federation has either 1, 2 or 3 votes according to the Statutes. Nicolas Buompane conducts the roll call and specifies the number of votes for each Federation individually.

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BAR 3	ESA 2	KSA 2	PAR 1	TOG 2
BEL 3	ESP 3	KUW 2	PER 3	TPE 3
BEN 1	EST 3	LAO 2	PHI 3	TTO 3
BER 1	ETH 1	LAT 3	PLE 1	TUN 3
BIH 3	FIJ 2	LBA 1	PNG 1	TUR 3
BLR 3	FIN 3	LBN 1	POL 3	UGA 1
BOL 3	FRA 3	LES 1	POR 3	UKR 3
BRA 3	GBR 3	LIE excused	PRK 1	URU 2
BRN 1	GEO 3	LTU 3	PUR 3	USA 3
BUL 3	GER 3	LUX 3	QAT 3	UZB 3

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CAM 1	GUA 3	MAR 3	RSA 3	VIE 1
CAN 3	GUM 1	MAS 3	RUS 3	VIN 1
CAY 2	HAI 2	MDA 3	RWA 1	YEM 1
CGO 1	HKG 3	MEX 3	SEN 1	ZIM 2
CHA 1	HON 3	MGL 3	SGP 3	
CHI 3	HUN 3	MKD 1	SLE 1	CIV (no voting rights)
CHN 3	INA 3	MLI 1	SLO 3	

Situation at the conclusion of the first roll call: 154 NF are present with voting rights. As the Congress is duly constituted and is quorate, it may officially deliberate.

The Secretary General asks the representatives of Lumi company to conduct some testing with the voting pads.

TRIBUTE TO THE DECEASED

President Watanabe asks the assembly to stand up and observe a minute of silence to pay tribute to the memory of the personalities who passed away since the last Congress.

List of the deceased

Yuri Korolev (RUS), MAG World champion
 Szilveszter Csollany (HUN), MAG Olympic champion
 Viktoras Surpikas (LTU), MAG coach and judge
 Jonathan Duyols (BEL), TRA gymnast
 Istvan Berczi (HUN), MAG judge
 Dora Cortigiani (ITA), WAG judge
 Albert Azaryan (ARM), MAG Olympic champion
 Vitaly Dubko (RUS), TRA coach
 Jenny Martinez Diaz (PER), former PER president
 Mustapha Zekri (MAR), former FIG Council member
 Vladimir Markelov (RUS), MAG Olympic champion
 Maria Herranz (ESP), TRA gymnast
 Victor Galeano (PAN), former PAGU President
 Dervis Catalbas (TUR), former TUR President
 Galina Majina (LAT), RG judge
 Martin Gotz (NZL) former MAG gymnast and coach
 Mia Sophie Lietke (GER), RG gymnast
 Lasse Nettum (NOR), Academies consultant
 Norbert Bueche (SUI), Honorary VP and former FIG Secretary General
 Eric Poujade (FRA), MAG gymnast
 Alena Horka (CZE), WAG judge
 Frank Bardy (FRA), TRA national coach
 Carmen Algora de Sanjuan (ESP), former FIG EC member
 Alan Sommerville (GBR), former GBR President
 Yoshie Harinishi (JPN), FIG Honorary Member
 Sonia Iovan (ROU), WAG gymnast
 George Gorgoi (ROU), WAG coach



3. FORMATION OF THE VOTING OFFICE

The Executive Committee (EC) proposes the following members for the composition of the voting office:

Chairwoman:	Ms Rosy Taeymans (BEL)
Scrutineer:	Mr Hanspeter Tschopp (SUI)
Scrutineer:	Ms Karen Norden (SGP)
Scrutineer:	Ms Albertine Goncalves (SEN)
Scrutineer:	Mr Jose Vargas (PUR)
Scrutineer:	Mr Sam Offord (AUS)

► **Decision: The proposal is approved with 335 yes, 6 no and 11 abstention.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Secretary General points out that the agenda appeared in the "Special Congress" FIG Bulletin and on the Intranet (FIG Administration).

Now, the agenda needs to be amended. With the approval of the Congress, the elections (item 9) will start at 09:00 on the second meeting day. Moreover, the allocation of the 2026 FIG Congress (item 11) will take place on the third meeting day at 09:00.

SYR: wants to add 1 item to the agenda. Due to some special circumstances, the SYR NF did not submit the candidacy of Youssef Altabbaa for EC position within the deadline. SYR is now asking the Congress to accept the candidature of his representative.

The Secretary General explains the position of the FIG Office which was confirmed by the EC. The Statutes do not allow us to accept candidatures received after the deadline.

FIG Lawyer Vincent Jaeggi: explains the procedure in effect. Due to some internal problems that were faced by the SYR NF, Youssef Altabbaa's candidature was not received in due time. However, it is possible for the Congress to make an exception if the proposal is unanimously accepted.

Nicolas Buompane proposes to launch a vote in order to potentially accept the candidature of Youssef Altabbaa for EC position.

► **Decision: The SYR request is rejected with 178 yes, 138 no and 38 abstentions.**

NOR: proposes to keep the agenda as it is, that is to say to start with the elections whenever the respective agenda item is reached.

LUX: it was said that the elections would start tomorrow at 09:00 but hopefully it will be possible to finalize all previous items listed on the agenda prior to the elections.

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► **Decision: The agenda is approved as published with 323 yes, 13 no and 7 abstentions .**

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2022 CONGRESS IN ISTANBUL (TUR)

Nicolas Buompane recalls that those minutes were published in the Bulletin No. 260 in April 2023 and on the Intranet. Any remarks or comments were due to be sent to the FIG Office by 30 September 2023. None were received within the specified deadline.

► **Decision: The minutes are approved with 310 yes, 6 no and 14 abstentions.**

6. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS

6.1. Report of the FIG President – Morinari Watanabe

President Watanabe opens his report with the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. The event has been a huge success for the Gymnastics Family. Thanks to the new development environment that was implemented by the FIG, some new National Federations were able to win medals. Moreover, we were in a position to increase our presence despite the difficult times following the Covid pandemic and the war in Ukraine. We were lucky that despite those sad circumstances, it was still possible to hold the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Some supports and special funds have been made available to assist those in need.

During the current cycle, several commissions and working groups were created to improve the future of Gymnastics. We took care of mental health and transgender issues, and the Marketing Commission has been in charge of the rebranding of the FIG. On a different note, the Safeguarding Commission developed the 10 Golden Rules in order to make sure that the safety and the security of the Gymnasts will be ensured. He lists many actions taken by the different bodies in charge. He thanks all those involved for their work and their dedication.

Regarding the sponsorships, some contracts were lost because of the Covid pandemic, but the final results are good. We have to realize that times are changing. Nowadays, people no longer spend time watching television.

After the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, many companies have started to provide sponsorship agreements again, and some negotiations are already ongoing with some of them. Hopefully, the new contracts will be finalized in the near future. He thanks the members for their efforts and for their collaboration.

6.2. Report of the Technical Coordinator

This position is no longer filled, but as it is still in the Statutes, this item had to be listed in the agenda.

6.3. Reports of the Presidents of Technical Committees, GfA Committee, PK Commission

a) Report of the MAG-TC President – Arturs Mickevics

Arturs Mickevics reminds the audience that his report has been published. He highlights the fact that all the work accomplished was for the benefit of the gymnasts, the coaches, the judges and the National Federations. He shows some statistics on the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The event was very successful for many countries, but especially for the Asian ones. He shows a video of some of the best performances. It is great to see that the last Junior ART World Championships which took place in Antalya (TUR) in 2023 have permitted to create a future Olympic Champion. The evaluation proved that the quality of the judging was excellent. Live judging project will provide even more transparency, speed and fairness. He is looking forward to stepping into this new area.



b) Report of the WAG-TC President – Donatella Sacchi

Donatella Sacchi's report is available in the Bulletin Special Congress. After the silent Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021, it was good to see the wonderful atmosphere of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The feeling was great for the athletes, as the Bercy Arena was sold out every day thanks to the stars of the discipline. At the time, Larissa Latynina was a record breaker, but now Simone Biles, who also participated in 3 Olympic Games, is very close with regard to the number of gold medals. If she participates in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games, she might be in a position to break this long-time record. The current code of points allows the gymnasts to remain active longer. The WAG judges did a wonderful job in Paris. She thanks all those involved in the success of the 2024 Olympic Games.

c) Report of the RG-TC President – Noha Abou Shabana

Noha Abou Shabana is happy to share this moment with the Gymnastics Family. Back in 2021 the discipline was facing many problems, but today she is proud to see what has been done by all TC members. She thanks her TC for the hard work and the motivation, as well as the athletes' representative and the FIG Office. She lists the main achievements of the current cycle. Thanks to the improvement of the code of points, new National Federations were able to join the discipline. Some World Cups are being held in Europe and in Asia, and hopefully, it will be possible to have the same events on another continent as well. Everything went well in Paris, and for the first time ever there were no judging issues. The RG competitions were sold out every day.

d) Report of the TRA-TC President – Christophe Lambert

Christophe Lambert reports that the cycle has been short but intense. He thanks the members and the athletes' representative for their precious cooperation, and he shows a video on the recent events of the discipline. He is looking forward to welcoming the TRA community to Pamplona (ESP) in 2025. The new inflatable track which will be tested in the near future will allow the gymnasts to practice the discipline everywhere and for low cost. The Paris 2024 Olympic Games were outstanding. The judges did a great job and a large number of countries were able to participate in the event. The Bercy Arena was full and enthusiastic. With 16 quotas places only for both men and women, it was still possible to have many National Federations participating. He thanks the FIG Staff for its support.

e) Report of the ACRO-TC President – Rosy Taeymans

According to Rosy Taeymans, the current cycle has been very difficult for the discipline. The 2024 ACRO WCH were supposed to be held in Holon (ISR) and due to the conflicts in the Middle-East, a new host had to be found at the last minute. Finally, the event was hosted by Guimaraes (POR) which was the best possible location to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the discipline and 25 years within the FIG Family. She thanks the POR NF for the wonderful hospitality. A new athletes' representative was elected: Ms Lore Vandenberghe (BEL). A road to success has been prepared for ACRO. Obviously, the participation is increasing. She thanks everyone who has been supporting the discipline. This is her last Congress. She loves ACRO and wishes the new ACRO-TC all the best for achieving their Olympic dream.

f) Report of the AER-TC President – Tammy Yagi-Kitagawa

Tammy Yagi-Kitagawa comments on the recent AER WCH which took place in Pesaro (ITA). She thanks the ITA NF for the wonderful support and for the perfect hospitality. Everything went well. She thanks her TC members, the athletes' representative, as well as all the EC members who were on site. The first Junior AER WCH were held as a test event. She shows some statistics on the participation. The 2024 AER WCH were the qualifying event for the 2025 World Games in Chengdu (CHN). A round table was organized in order to understand why there are not enough World Cup events in AER. It turned out that the main reasons are the number of floors that are required as well as the lack of financial support from the governments because the discipline is not an Olympic one.



g) Report of the GfA-Committee President – Rogério Valerio

Rogério Valerio thanks the Congress for its trust and for the opportunity to lead the GfA-Committee. The 3 last years have been very intense and challenging. He thanks the members for the great collaboration. The goal was to involve all 5 continents in the GfA events. "Worldwide Experiences" is about an e-book that is published on the FIG website. It is available for all those interested in the discipline. Let us share what has been done. He shows a video of what has been achieved during the current cycle. The next Gym for Life Challenge will take place in 2025 in Lisbon (POR) and the next World Gymnaestrada in 2027 in Lisbon (POR) too. Moreover, there is the colloquium organized on a yearly basis that should not be forgotten.

h) Report of the PK-Commission President – Charles Perrière

Charles Perrière thanks the members of the commission who worked very hard to develop the discipline. It has not been easy to include the PK discipline into the FIG. Starting from 1st January 2025, there will be a PK-TC. He warmly thanks Michel Boutard for his collaboration. The recent activities were mainly the preparation of the new code of points and the organization of the World Cup events. The participation has increased drastically thanks to the success of the 1st World Championships. During the last few years, a great effort was put into the development. Thanks to the success of the 1st edition of the Brick PK Tour in Asia, the second one could be organized in PAGU. He thanks Mr Alshathri and Ms Valenzo for their assistance as well as all NF involved. We have to be creative in order to be able to generate revenues with PK.

6.4 Reports of the Continental Unions

a) European Union – President Farid Gayibov

Farid Gayibov thanks the QAT NF for offering excellent conditions for this Congress. On occasion of the last EG Congress, the Statutes of the Continental Union were revised and a new vision was defined. It is not a problem for the EG to find LOC for hosting its events. In fact, most FIG events are hosted by European NF. This is due to history and to the fact that almost all EG members are active NF. One of the strategies for the future is the online live streaming events. An agreement has been found with a company active in this field. It has already been possible to generate some revenues. Smartscoreing and EBU are 2 important sponsors for the EG, which have helped to generate additional revenues.

b) Asian Union– President Rahman Alshathri

Rahman Alshathri thanks all participants for coming to Doha (QAT). It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to his home country. The success of the AGU gymnasts has increased drastically in the recent years. This became obvious at the time of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. He congratulates all NF which have been successful in Paris. The AGU organized many events such as Continental Championships, training camps, Academies, etc. He thanks the CHN NF for having hosted the last AGU Congress successfully. He thanks the new sponsor from the Middle-East, as well as Taishan company. His report is available in the Bulletin Special Congress and on the Intranet.

c) African Union– President Ehab Esawy

Ehab Esawy is honored to represent his continent in front of this audience. He wants to summarize all the work that has been accomplished during the last 2 years. He thanks all NF for their cooperation, as well as President Watanabe for his support. He also thanks the FIG staff in charge of the development. It is not easy to promote Gymnastics on his continent because some NF are in the early stages of the development. He introduces the new strategies that have been implemented. The UAG Academy was created to allow gymnasts, coaches and judges to reach the minimum level required by the FIG. The UAG is now investing in PK, AER and RG. Thanks to Kaylia Nemour (ALG), Africa was able to win its first gold medal ever in the Olympic Games.

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d) Pan American Union – President Naomi Valenzo

Naomi Valenzo wants to add some verbal comments to her written report published on Intranet and in the Bulletin “Special Congress”. She starts by showing a video of the recent events which took place recently in PAGU. The 32 NF are very active with 8 disciplines. She shows the list of the PAGU sponsors. Some courses and training camps have been organized to promote the new disciplines. 19 Academies including foundation courses took place in the recent years. She concludes her report by thanking PAGU and the FIG. She is proud to work in an environment of friendship and solidarity. She thanks the authorities and the FIG Staff for their precious collaboration.

e) Oceanian Union – President Denis Mowbray

Denis Mowbray resigned from his position as OGU President a few months ago. A written report is published on behalf of the OGU.

6.5. Report of Ms Albertine Goncalves, Member of the Foundation for Solidarity

In the absence of Mr Bill Hybl, who is the President of the Foundation for Solidarity, the report is presented by Ms Albertine Goncalves. She recalls that the foundation was created by former and late FIG President Prof. Bruno Grandi. At the time, his intention was to provide some assistance to gymnasts who are victims of severe injuries or serious illnesses. In the recent years, some special funds were allocated to TUR and SYR NF following the terrible earthquake that affected their region in February 2023, and to RWA which suffered from terrible flooding. Furthermore, other funds were made available for UKR NF to help them in times of war. Moreover, since 2011 some scholarships are available for those in need. The FIG encourages the NF to apply on behalf of their meritorious gymnasts.

6.6. Report of Ms Micheline Calmy-Rey, President of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation

Micheline Calmy-Rey underlines that the Gymnastics Family should not only be competitive, but also safe and welcoming for all gymnasts. The FIG EC receives reports on a regular basis from the GEF. Most cases that have to be dealt with are about the protection of the children. By looking at the repartition of the cases per continent, it is obvious that most of them come from Europe, but the reason is that in Europe people tend to speak more openly about those matters. The GEF is considered as a secure organization for protecting the young gymnasts. The GEF recommends to cancel the Appeal Tribunal because this body is time and money consuming, but does not help the procedures. This change would allow the GEF to have a more appropriate and fair system. She thanks President Watanabe and the Secretary General for their support. The Safeguarding Commission is collaborating actively with the GEF. The work of the GEF is a must for the Gymnastics community. Independence is crucial to protect the interests of those in need. The GEF costs should not be considered as being too expensive.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 Presentation of the 2022 & 2023 Accounts

The Secretary General recalls that those accounts are available on the Intranet. The 2022 accounts show a loss of CHF 2,461 million. At the time of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, the ASOIF informed us that we would receive a certain amount of money, but the revenues that were finally confirmed by the IOC were lower. However, the IOC agreed to pay the difference from a reserve foreseen for specific development projects. Nicolas Buompane comments on the main items. The Covid pandemic allowed us to save money, because not all meetings could be held in-person. Nevertheless, it was still possible to make all the decisions that were required. The 2022 Congress was supposed to be hosted by NOR in the first place, but we had to find a B plan at the last minute. The amount that has been budgeted for the 2024 Congress in the quadrennial plan is not sufficient, due to the fact that the FIG now covers the costs of 1 flight ticket and 1 hotel room for all NF in good standing. About the 2022 Council meeting, since it was not possible to hold the transfer of power in

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Lausanne (SUI) in February 2022 because of the Covid pandemic, those additional meetings were added to the Council programme. The education department made a great job with the e-learning. Some positions in the FIG Office were already approved by the EC, but not yet fulfilled. Swiss salaries are high in comparison with those of other countries, but life is very expensive. A survey was conducted in Switzerland, and it turned out that the salaries offered by the FIG are average. Furthermore, it is true that the FIG has to spend more money on lawyers' fees, but the reality is that there are always more legal cases to be dealt with. About the investments, it is crucial to have a good understanding of the situation and to remain prudent.

SLO: It was never said that the salaries of the FIG were too high. For obvious reasons, we should not spend more money than what we can earn. We cannot say that a loss of CHF 2,4 million is not a drama.

Nicolas Buompane: It was never mentioned that a loss of CHF 2,4 million is not relevant.

President Watanabe: All salaries of the FIG staff were analyzed carefully and it turned out that they are not too high. The elected Auditors, who are part of an evaluation commission, are requested to make sure that everything is correctly done. The FIG has always been very transparent with the salaries. We went through a very difficult financial situation because of the Covid-19, but it has now started to recover.

The Secretary General presents the 2023 accounts. A net result of CHF -1,7 million was expected, but we finally ended the year with a loss of CHF 900'000.--. There were some unclear items in the World Gymnaestrada bid contract with regard to the costs to be borne either by the LOC or by the FIG. This has been clarified for the future contracts. Despite our efforts, we are still losing money with the World Cup events. When it comes to the judges' courses, the aim of the FIG is to break even. He recalls that a budget is an estimation of the future situation. He goes through all items that present a significant difference between the budget and the reality. We are currently almost at the end of the current quadrennial plan, and at this moment in time we may expect a positive result of CHF 132'000.—by the end of 2024 despite the loss of CHF 5,328 million that was foreseen in the first place.

SLO: When talking about finances, we have to avoid being emotional. The Continental Unions refer to a cycle that is different than the cycle of the FIG. The report presented by President Watanabe showed a sponsorship revenues of CHF 623'000.—. Where is it possible to see those figures in the quadrennial plan?

Nicolas Buompane: It is a very serious lack of respect toward President Watanabe, the EC and the Auditors to imply that some money was shifted. It is not possible to manipulate numbers in a country like Switzerland. Everything is made in accordance with the Swiss law. The results are based on a quadrennial plan. It is therefore not correct to comment on 3 years only. The last year of the cycle always shows bad results because during the Olympic years, there is no WCH for the Olympic disciplines.

Ron Froehlich: Some amounts were shifted from 2020 to 2021 because most of the events had to be postponed by 1 year due to the Covid pandemic. About any other financial questions, according to the Statutes the responsible person is the Secretary General.

7.2 Auditors' Presentation of the 2022 & 2023 Financial Report

Ron Froehlich comments on the Auditors' report on his behalf and on behalf of Hanspeter Tschopp and of the professional Auditor. The foreign exchange is currently not in favor of the USD versus the CHF, whereas the revenues we receive from the IOC are always paid in USD. The 6 million reserve was partly used to cover some costs in 2022. The revenues from the fees were transferred to the

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Foundation for Solidarity. The Auditors are very confident that the revenues we shall receive following the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will allow us to have a balanced budget.

Ron Froehlich then reports on the 2023 accounts. The reserve built with the revenues of the OG is dropping every year as the money is split over the 4 years of the cycle. There are meetings with the banks at least twice a year. Now that Credit Suisse has been included by the UBS, we shall have to find a 3rd bank. He recommends the Congress to approve the 2022 and the 2023 accounts.

7.3 Approval of the 2022 & 2023 Accounts and the Financial Report

Nicolas Buompane asks the Congress to approve those accounts.

► ***Decision: The 2022 and the 2023 accounts, as well as the financial reports are approved, and the Executive Committee is discharged with 269 yes, 33 no and 31 abstentions for 2022 and with 298 yes, 32 no and 12 abstentions for 2023.***

7.4 Presentation of the quadrennial plan for the new Olympic cycle (2025-2028)

Nicolas Buompane explains how the quadrennial plan has been prepared. Again, a loss of CHF 4,386 million is expected. The main reasons are the following: the inclusion of new approved projects such as the Para Gymnastics which will require the appointment of a new Sports Manager, the current exchange rate of the USD versus the CHF given that the amount we shall receive from the IOC will be in USD, the loss of the yearly VTB sponsorship of USD 1 million, etc. He specifies that the VTB amount was spent on the development. From now on the FIG will have to cover any development projects. He goes through all items that require some clarifications. Starting from 2025, there will be a proper PK-TC. We shall have to invest on marketing if we want to receive new incomes.

Some of the provisions that we had will be dissolved in order to balance the additional costs to be covered in the quadrennial plan. Until now we had provisions to an extent that is not needed. According to the Swiss law we should not keep money in the reserves if the amount is not being spent. There is also the amount the FIG has to spend on the GEF. The EC decided not to increase this amount despite the GEF's request. Our situation will most probably improve thanks to the new marketing rebranding strategy that will be implemented in the near future. It is obvious that additional incomes are needed. We have to find a way to be less dependent on the IOC.

BEL: Why do we not react more efficiently with regard to the financial investments? What is the position when we lose money? We do have some reserves but is there another option?

Nicolas Buompane: It is not so easy to be more efficient. We have 24 EC members who have to decide on all financial matters. About the second question, we can use provisions that are not needed, but again we have to find a way to increase our incomes. The reserves amount to CHF 24 million. They have increased a lot since 2012 when the amount was 16 million. It is true that we need additional revenues but it is difficult to find new sponsors.

KUW: Some of the items show a big difference. We should justify those differences if the percentage is very important.

Nicolas Buompane: It is difficult to prepare a budget 4 years in advance. There are many unknowns at this moment in time. There will always be differences. The financial market is not stable, and we never know what will happen in the coming months. Anyway, everything can be explained.

7.5 Auditors' report on the quadrennial plan for the new Olympic cycle

Hanspeter Tschopp underlines that is the duty of the elected Auditors to give an independent report. A quadrennial plan is a political document showing the strategy and the projects that have been

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approved by the EC. The Auditors' report is the guarantee that everything is done in accordance with the Swiss law. The Congress has to approve the quadrennial plan, whereas the EC receives regular reports. The Secretary General is responsible for the accounts; he has to make sure that the decisions made by the EC are respected and implemented. A loss of CHF 8,3 million was the first result of the quadrennial plan. This proves that the FIG spends more money than what we earn. Now the current result is a loss of CHF 4,3 million. The result is better thanks to the provisions that have been dissolved. The provisions are also helpful in case of variations in the currencies. The Auditors are concerned. The EC must have a clear strategy which will allow us to increase our revenues. The Auditors do not make any recommendations on the plan. The new EC will have to make sure that there will be no additional expenditures. In principle the provisions should not be used for new activities, but should help balancing a result that is not satisfactory. It should be up to the Congress to decide if we should have a higher loss or a smaller one by using some reserves.

SLO: There is a foreseen loss of CHF 4,3 million in the quadrennial plan. And there is already a sponsorship revenue that is included although not yet confirmed. This means that the results are not reliable.

Nicolas: The sponsorship revenue of CHF 3,4 million has been guaranteed by sponsors. About the reserves, if we need money and do not need this amount for another purpose, we have to use them. Should we have used those provisions for the current quadrennial plan, some delegates could have pretended that we spent the money for election purposes.

The Secretary General officially thanks the 2 elected Auditors and the professional Auditor for their professional assistance. It has been a pleasure to cooperate with them during this cycle.

7.6 Approval of the quadrennial plan for the new Olympic cycle

The Secretary General seeks the approval of the Congress.

► ***Decision: The submitted 2025-2028 quadrennial plan is approved with 262 yes, 71 no and 21 abstentions.***

7.7 Approval of the membership fees for the next Olympic cycle (2025-2028)

The Secretary General asks the delegates to approve the proposal to change nothing.

► ***Decision: The proposal not to amend the membership fees for the next cycle is approved with 308 yes, 24 no and 10 abstentions.***

8. ADMISSIONS, RESIGNATIONS, SUSPENSIONS, EXCLUSIONS

a) Admissions

The Secretary General asks the Congress to confirm the following new affiliations, which were provisionally approved by the Council in 2023 and in 2024: CIV (Ivory Coast), GUI (Guinea) and ZAM (Zambia). Moreover, a new finalized application was received from KEN (Kenya) and ANT (Antigua and Barbuda), which is an associated member requested to become an affiliated member. All application files are complete. He proposes the approval of the 5 applications all at once.

GAM (The Gambia) was provisionally accepted by the Council in June 2024, but since then we discovered that the GAM NOC never supported this NF. The representatives of the GAM NF sent us a fake. Therefore, the provisional affiliation of GAM was cancelled.

► ***Decision: The affiliation requests received from CIV, GUI, ZAM, KEN and ANT are approved all at once with warm applause.***

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b) Resignations

Nicolas Buompane informs the delegates that no resignations were received.

c) Suspensions

Nicolas Buompane informs the delegates that no suspensions had to be decided.

d) Expulsions

The Secretary General reports that the expulsion of SEY (The Seychelles) had to be decided by the Council in May 2023.

The President comes back to the sponsors we had until the Covid pandemic. At the time, in addition to VTB we had several JPN companies on board. Some new contracts are currently about to be signed.

2nd meeting day

President Watanabe opens the meeting. He thanks the members for the fruitful discussions. He wishes good luck to all candidates for the elections.

After the roll call, Nicolas Buompane informs the audience that we currently have 157 member federations present having voting rights. During the election of the President, the presidency will be ensured by 1st Vice-President Ali Al-Hitmi.

The 2 candidates for the presidency are invited to present their respective programmes. The passing order was defined by a draw during the EC meeting: 1. Farid Gayibov (AZE) and 2. Morinari Watanabe (JPN).

Farid Gayibov takes the floor. He is not happy with the current situation of the FIG. This is the reason why he decided to submit his candidature for the presidency. We have to know what we want and where we want to go. Currently, there is no strategy as far as he can see. In comparison with other sports, we could do much better.

In turn, Morinari Watanabe presents his vision. He is at peace because he is facing his dear family, the Gymnastics family. Now the time has come to move forward and to take the next big step. He will focus on marketing. We have to increase the population of Gymnastics. Next year the WCH of the Olympic disciplines will take place on 3 different continents. It is important to give access to our sports to all children and to the aging society.

9. ELECTIONS

PRESIDENCY						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
1	Mr	WATANABE Morinari	JPN	Current	102	Elected / 1
	Mr	GAYIBOV Farid	AZE	New	54	

The President-elect thanks the assembly for its trust. He thanks Farid for his candidature and wishes him all the best for the future. Hopefully, it will be possible to collaborate together. He visited many countries in the last years, to see the conditions of each of them. We are the Gymnastics family.

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9.2.) Election of the 3 Vice-Presidents

VICE-PRESIDENCY						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
	Ms	KIM Nellie	BLR	Current	10/49/23	
1	Mr	AL-HITMI Ali	QAT	Current	84	Elected / 1
3	Mr	CELEN Suat	TUR	Current	19/-/125	Elected / 3
	Mr	TANSKANEN Jani	FIN	New	9/-/9	
2	Ms	VALENZO Naomi	MEX	New	33/108	Elected / 2

9.3.) Election of the 7 Executive Committee Members

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
	Mr	TANSKANEN Jani	FIN	Current	24	
	Ms	FUMEA Maria	ROU	Current	33	
4	Mr	TITOV Vassily	RUS	Current	59	Elected / 1
2	Ms	LEUNG Li Li	USA	Current	90	Elected / 1
	Mr	ZAHl Sofiane	ALG	New	30	
5	Mr	THOMSON Jeffrey	CAN	New	55	Elected / 1
1	Ms	ZHOU Qiurui	CHN	New	118	Elected / 1
3	Mr	RODRIGUEZ Edwin	DOM	New	64	Elected / 1
	Mr	HOELZL Alfons	GER	New	50	
7	Ms	AINDILI Eirini	GRE	New	54	Elected / 1
	Ms	INCHEH DARGAHI Zahra	IRI	New	39	
	Ms	JONSDOTTIR Solveig	ISL	New	28	
	Mr	PARVAIZ Ahmad	PAK	New	6	
	Mr	ROCHA Joao Paulo	POR	New	38	
	Mr	PEGAN Aljaz	SLO	New	40	
6	Mr	PATANASAK Srayuth	THA	New	54	Elected / 1
	Mr	ABDUVALIEV Timur	UZB	New	13	

9.4.) Election of the Presidents of the Technical Committees and of the GfA Committee

MAG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
1	Mr	TOMBS Andrew	GBR	New	95	Elected / 1
	Mr	BUTCHER Steve	TTO	New	60	

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WAG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
1	Ms	SACCHI Donatella	ITA	Current	154	Elected / 1

RG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
1	Ms	ABOU SHABANA Noha	EGY	Current	150	Elected / 1

TRA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
1	Mr	LAMBERT Christophe	FRA	Current	113	Elected / 1
	Mr	POLIAROUSH Dmitri	BLR	New	40	

ACRO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
1	Ms	HRISTOVA Nikolina	BUL	New	109	Elected / 1
	Ms	MILEWSKA Wieslawa	POL	New	17	
	Mr	GOLIAK Yurii	UKR	New	29	

AER TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
1	Ms	YAGI-KITAGAWA Tammy	JPN	Current	150	Elected / 1

PARKOUR TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT						
VOTES RECEIVED						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
1	Mr	PERRIERE Charles	CMR	New	150	Elected / 1

GFA COMMITTEE PRESIDENT						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
1	Mr	VALERIO Rogerio	POR	Current	148	Elected / 1

9.5.) Election of the 21 Council Members

Nicolas Buompane explains the procedure in effect. Only the NF of the concerned Continental Union have the right to vote.

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COUNCIL (EG) – 7 positions (minimum 2 of each gender)						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
6	Mr	MOZNIK Marijo	CRO	Current	24	Elected / 1
	Mr	ALTORJAI Sandor	HUN	Current	16	
4	Mr	WISCHNIA Jacob	ISR	Current	27	Elected / 1
5	Mr	DUNEV Krasimir	BUL	New	27	Elected / 1
1	Ms	MLEJNKOVA Blanka	CZE	New	45	Elected / 1
3	Mr	HOELZL Alfons	GER	New	29	Elected / 1
2	Ms	THORGEIRSDOTTIR Hlif	ISL	New	45	Elected / 1
7	Mr	ROCHA Joao Paulo	POR	New	22	Elected / 1
	Mr	GOLIAK Yurii	UKR	New	6	

COUNCIL (AGU) – 5 positions (minimum 2 of each gender)						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
2	Mr	ALMULLA Saqer	KUW	Current	31	Elected / 1
3	Ms	NORTON C. Cynthia	PHI	Current	31	Elected / 1
	Ms	INCHEH DARGAHI Zahra	IRI	New	18	
4	Ms	DUISENGALIYEVA Danissa	KAZ	New	31	Elected / 1
5	Mr	PARVAIZ Ahmad	PAK	New	19	Elected / 1
	Mr	LIYANWALA Udara Sasanla	SRI	New	3	
1	Mr	ABDUVALIEV Timur	UZB	New	35	Elected / 1

COUNCIL (UAG) – 4 positions (minimum 1 of each gender)						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
	Mr	ZAHl Sofiane	ALG	Current	11	
	Ms	SMITH Elizabeth	RSA	Current	5	
2	Ms	ABDELRAHMAN Lamiaa	EGY	New	14	Elected / 1
1	Mr	DAGNEW Gebeyaw Takele	ETH	New	16	Elected / 1
	Ms	WILLIAMS Anna	SLE	New	4	
3	Mr	MUTTAZ Bakhit	SUD	New	14	Elected / 1
4	Ms	AYAA Harriet	UGA	New	14	Elected / 1

COUNCIL (PAGU) – 4 positions (minimum 1 of each gender)						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
2	Mr	MEDINA Juan	COL	Current	26	Elected / 1
4	Ms	DIEGUEZ Patricia	GUA	Current	16	Elected / 1
3	Ms	HERRERA Kenia	NCA	Current	22	Elected / 1

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1	Mr	CACHO RESENDE Ricardo	BRA	New	29	Elected / 1
	Ms	HERNANDEZ Zobeira	VEN	New	12	

COUNCIL (OGU) – 1 position1 (no gender requirement)						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Since no candidacies were received from OGU NF, the EC will nominate a person as soon as we receive a finalized candidature from the OGU.

9.6.) Election of the Members of the 7 Technical Committees and the GfA Committee

The Secretary General outlines that pertaining to the TCs without gender requirement, the candidates having received the highest number of votes will automatically be elected respectively as first and second Vice-Presidents of the committee concerned.

MAG TC MEMBERS						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
6	Mr	MARCOS FELIPE Julio	ESP	Current	79	Elected / 1
2	Mr	HAN Yoon Soo	KOR	Current	93	Elected / 1
	Mr	MICKEVICS Arturs	LAT	Current P	69	
	Mr	ANDREEV Dmitrii	RUS	Current	73	
3	Mr	ZUNICH Butch	USA	Current	86	Elected / 1
1	Mr	JING Li	CHN	New	103	Elected / 1
5	Mr	SOLIMAN Mohamed	EGY	New	81	Elected / 1
4	Mr	BUTCHER Steve	TTO	New	86	Elected / 1

WAG TC MEMBERS						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
2	Ms	LARIO Helena	ARG	Current	88	Elected / 1
4	Ms	GRATT Johanna	AUT	Current	81	Elected / 1
1	Ms	ZAYED Nehad	EGY	Current	112	Elected / 1
6	Ms	ANDRIANOVA Liubov	RUS	Current	67	Elected / 1
5	Ms	HADE Trisha	AUS	New	77	Elected / 1
	Ms	SEILE Nadezda	LAT	New	52	
	Ms	CABRERA DAVILA Yazaira	PUR	New	56	
3	Ms	LI Lyudmila	UZB	New	86	Elected / 1

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RG TC MEMBERS						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS
3	Ms	BULANOVA Natalya	AZE	Current	80	Elected / 1
	Ms	CHARKASHYNA Liubou	BLR	Current	53	
1	Ms	AVERSANI LOURENCO Marcia	BRA	Current	98	Elected / 1
2	Ms	PETROVA MIHAYLOVA Maria	BUL	Current	81	Elected / 1
5	Ms	SAWADE Isabell	GER	Current	67	Elected / 1
	Ms	MOLTUBAKK Marie	NOR	Current	52	
4	Ms	BEKTUROVA Alua	KAZ	New	80	Elected / 1
	Ms	LEANDRO Catarina	POR	New	28	
	Ms	DMYTRASH Olena	UKR	New	50	
6	Ms	MUMINOVA Gyoza	UZB	New	67	Elected / 1

TRA TC MEMBERS						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS
1	Ms	SHUISKA Tatiana	UKR	Current	129	Elected / 1
3	Ms	STOYCHEVA Mariela	BUL	Current	120	Elected / 1
2	Mr	VICENTE MARINO Miguel	ESP	Current	127	Elected / 1
4	Mr	MORGAN Clive	GBR	New	101	Elected / 1
5	Mr	MAKAROV Nikolai	RUS	New	90	Elected / 1
6	-	-	-	-	-	-

Since there are only 5 eligible candidates for 6 positions, the EC will nominate a 6th member at the time of its first meeting scheduled in February 2025, based on criteria defined by the concerned TC.

ACRO TC MEMBERS						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS
3	Mr	BERNARDO Tomas	POR	Current	121	Elected / 1
1	Ms	NIKITINA Irina	RUS	Current	140	Elected / 1
2	Mr	LEON Juan Antonio	ESP	New	126	Elected / 1
4	Mr	PALELLA Marco	ITA	New	114	Elected / 1
5	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	-	-	-

Since there are only 4 eligible candidates for 6 positions, the EC will nominate 2 members at the time of its first meeting scheduled in February 2025, based on criteria defined by the concerned TC.

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AER TC MEMBERS						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS
2	Mr	FILLON Jorge	ARG	Current	94	Elected / 1
5	Ms	BOGUSHEVA Desislava	BUL	Current	64	Elected / 1
1	Ms	CASENTINI Cristina	ITA	Current	102	Elected / 1
4	Ms	MACANITA Ana	POR	Current	75	Elected / 1
3	Mr	OSKNER Vladislav	RUS	Current	88	Elected / 1
6	Ms	STENGL Barbara	GER	New	43	Elected / 1

PK TC MEMBERS						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS
4	Mr	BOUSTILA Aimene	ALG	New	122	Elected / 1
1	Ms	SANCHEZ Angie	COL	New	151	Elected / 1
2	Mr	KAM Man Fung	HKG	New	140	Elected / 1
3	Mr	ROBLES JIMAREZ Jose A.	MEX	New	129	Elected / 1
5	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	-	-	-

Since there are only 4 eligible candidates for 6 positions, the EC will nominate 2 members at the time of its first meeting scheduled in February 2025, based on criteria defined by the concerned TC.

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VOTES RECEIVED						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS
	Ms	HUTCHINSON Petrina	AUS	Current	32	
	Ms	BARTON Gemma	GBR	Current	26	
1	Mr	HUEBSCHER Jérôme	SUI	Current	108	Elected / 1
4	Ms	SISKOVA Monika	SVK	Current	59	Elected / 1
6	Ms	CARBINATTO Michelle	BRA	New	45	Elected / 1
	Ms	AHLQVIST-LEHKOSUO Liisa	FIN	New	18	
3	Ms	ITOH Yumiko	JPN	New	78	Elected / 1
5	Ms	LAZNOVSKY Lori	USA	New	56	Elected / 1
2	Mr	MUCHATUTA Chris	ZIM	New	101	Elected / 1

9.7. Election of the 2 Auditors

AUDITORS						
N°		NAME	FED	STATUS	VOTES	RESULTS / ROUND
2	Mr	FROEHLICH Ron	USA	Current	102	Elected / 1

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	Mr	LEVAK Ivan	SLO	New	48	
1	Mr	HUNZIKER Kurt	SUI	New	112	Elected / 1

3rd meeting day

10. APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Secretary General proposes to renew the mandate of Mr Vincent Bernasconi, who has been our professional Auditor since 2013. Mr Bernasconi is a graduate in public accountancy and auditing, and is fluent in several languages. The EC and the current elected Auditors support this nomination.

► **Decision: Mr Vincent Bernasconi is nominated with 309 yes, 15 no and 13 abstentions.**

11. ALLOCATION OF THE NEXT CONGRESS

Nicolas Buompane is pleased to report that a finalized application was received within the deadline; it comes from THA (Bangkok). The candidate NF will make a presentation, but will not have the right to vote on the allocation.

THA President Mr Srayuth Patanasak introduces the bid submitted on behalf of his NF.

► **Decision: The Congress decides to allocate the 2026 Congress to THA (Bangkok) with 345 yes, 0 no and 0 abstention.**

Srayuth Patanasak thanks the delegates for their trust. He assures that everything will be done as expected. He is looking forward to welcoming the Gymnastics Family to the “Land of smiles”.

12. PROPOSALS OF THE FIG AUTHORITIES AND MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Nicolas Buompane introduces all new changes that are proposed. A 2/3 majority is needed for the Statutes changes.

Addition of Para Gymnastics - Approved

Art. 1.1: The name “FIG” will remain but it will be possible to use “World Gymnastics” - Approved

Art. 2.1: Objectives - Approved

BEL: What is the purpose of the proposal? He also asks about the political reason.

Nicolas Buompane: The goal is to set some principles. There is no political reason. We need to be ready on a legal point of view. He asks for a vote.

► **Decision: The proposal is approved with 259 yes, 48 no and 39 abstentions.**

Art. 10: The position of Technical Coordinator should be removed from the Statutes. This position is important for the FIG Office. It was in the Statutes because at the time the idea was to nominate the TC Presidents. In this case, those concerned would have been represented by the Technical Coordinator at the EC. The position is no longer needed in the Statutes, but we are going to appoint a Technical Coordinator for the FIG Office.

► **Decision: The proposal is approved with 293 yes, 36 no and 13 abstentions.**



Art. 31: The removal of the Appeal Tribunal was requested by the GEF. The EC supports the proposal. This body is no longer needed. This change would save money and would allow cases to be dealt with in a more efficient way. If approved, several articles will be updated but the cases that are currently open would not be affected by the decision.

► **Decision: The proposal is approved with 245 yes, 83 no and 21 abstentions.**

The Secretary General explains that the initial idea was to have a second phase with regard to the revision of the Statutes. However, as we currently have a user-friendly and very efficient document, there was no real need to go through a second phase. He asks for a global vote on all changes that have been already accepted.

► **Decision: All submitted proposals are approved with 316 yes, 19 no and 8 abstentions.**

13. HONORARY DISTINCTIONS

On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Secretary General proposes to award the following distinctions to those who will leave the FIG at the conclusion of the current cycle. Distinctions are awarded based on our internal rules. Bronze and silver distinctions are under the responsibility of the EC, whereas the honorary positions are the prerogative of the Congress.

Bronze Distinctions

Sofiane Zahi (ALG)
Ita Yuliati (INA)
Abdessadeq Bitari (MAR)
Elizabeth Smith (RSA)

Silver Distinctions

Zhongyi Miao (CHN)
Denis Mowbray (NZL)
Maria Luciene Cacho Resende (BRA)
Stoian Dimitrov (BUL)
Hala Salama Youssef Hamoud (EGY)
Athanasoula S. Lampropoulou (GRE)
Sandor Altorjai (HUN)
Lise Lorentzen Mandal (NOR)
Ruslan Mustaev (UZB)
Dmitrii Andreev (RUS)
Marie Moltubakk (NOR)
Shinya Muto (JPN)
Petrina Hutchinson (AUS)
Gemma Barton (GBR)

Honorary Members

Jani Tanskanen (FIN)
Alejandro Peniche (MEX) (already Honorary Member)
Maria Fumea (ROU)
Youssef Altabbaa (SYR)
Daniela Delle Chiaie (ITA)
Kym Dowdell (AUS)
Elena Davydova (CAN)

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Liubou Charkashyna (BLR)
Xing Liu (CHN)
Dmitri Poliaroush (BLR)
Frank Boehm (GER)
Wieslava Milewska (POL)
Yurii Goliak (UKR)
Maria De Oliveira Poli (BRA)
Marco Antonio Bortoleto (BRA)
Tatsuo Araki (JPN)
Hanspeter Tschopp (SUI)

Honorary Vice-Presidents

Nellie Kim (BLR)
Arturs Mickevics (LAT)
Rosy Tayemans (BEL)

► ***Decision: The Congress agrees to award all honorific distinctions as proposed by the EC with a long and warm applause.***

14. MISCELLANEOUS

14.1 Rebranding of the FIG

FujitaTadashi, in his capacity as the President of the Branding, Marketing & TV rights Commission, presents a video showing all FIG disciplines and highlighting their values. This is what “World Gymnastics” is about. He introduces the members of the commission and explains the reasons why a rebranding is necessary. He shows the timeline that has been defined for this important project.

14.2 National Federation Survey (Insights)

Diogo Jurema, FIG Staff member, comments on the NF Insights which is a global snapshot of our sport. This project was implemented with the support of all Continental Unions. The goal is to know who our member federations are, and what they expect from the FIG. 93% of the members responded. In 2025 a 100% response rate will be expected.

JOR: He thanks the FIG for the presentation and for the support. This will improve the relationships between the FIG and its member Federations.

14.3 Good governance

Nicolas Buompane comments on the fifth review made by the ASOIF. Transparency, integrity, democracy, development and sustainability, and control mechanisms are the 5 main criteria. The current position of the FIG is in the middle of the ranking of all IFs, in group A2. It is still possible for us to improve through different ways, but mostly by amending our Statutes. The goal set by President Watanabe is to reach 240 points at the time of the next evaluation, that is to say the maximum number.

ANG: He reports that the governments of many African countries do not know anything about Gymnastics. The concerned NF need money and have to be able to explain what they are doing. The FIG must visit its members in order to educate them. The delegations are attending the Congress because they want to vote, but for what advantages?

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Nicolas Buompane: Since he became FIG President, Morinari Watanabe has visited more than 140 countries. All Continental Unions have contact with their own NF and can support them with the help of the development funds provided by the FIG.

PHI: Is it possible for the FIG to evaluate the good governance of its NF? And what does the FIG do if some NF do not comply with good governance expectations?

Nicolas Buompane: The FIG does not evaluate its NF for the time being.

PAK: The FIG receives the Statutes of all its member Federations. There should be no additional pressures.

Nicolas Buompane: Confirms that there are neither pressures nor dirty games. The FIG is currently considering setting new procedures to prevent bad behaviors prior to the elections.

UGA: Is thankful that President Watanabe introduced a New and Developing Countries Support Commission.

President Watanabe: Believes that Gymnastics is part of everyone's life. Hopefully, he will have the opportunity to visit ANG again. Anyway, his job is to make sure that he knows the situation of all NF.

14.4 2025 World Gym for Life Challenge in Lisbon (POR)

As the President of the GfA-C, Rogério Valério asks the members of the POR delegation who are part of the LOC in charge of the upcoming WGFLC to join him on stage. 24 NF with a total of 2'803 participants have already registered so far. He presents a map and some slides showing the various venues of the event. The deadline for the registrations is 20 January 2025. He invites everyone to come and visit Lisbon (POR). The POR LOC is looking forward to hosting this important event.

14.5 2025 World Games in Chengdu (CHN)

Nicolas Buompane shows a video on behalf of the CHN LOC. This is not an FIG event, but it is the biggest event for the non-Olympic disciplines. TRA (SYN, TUM and DMT), ACRO, AER and PK are the FIG disciplines on the agenda. The qualifying event for ACRO and AER were the recent WCH, for TRA it was the 2023 TRA WCH in Birmingham (GBR), and for PK it will be the 2nd PK WCH which will take place in Kitakyushu (JPN) in November 2024. The schedule will be posted on the FIG website, and the directives will be released in the near future.

14.6 2025 ART WCH in Jakarta (INA)

Ita Yuliati, INA President, reports that it is an honor to stand in front of the Gymnastics family. She thanks everyone for trusting her NF for hosting the 2025 ART WCH. It will be the first time that such an important Gymnastics event will be held in this region. The event has the full support of the INA government and will serve as a showcase to promote Gymnastics at all levels. A press conference took place recently, and everyone is kindly invited to participate in the 2025 ART WCH in Jakarta (INA). The FIG aging society programme will be included in the event. Move to inspire is the slogan.

14.7 Presentation on safeguarding

Donatella Sacchi, President of the Safeguarding Commission, reports that safeguarding is a scary word, but this is due to a misunderstanding. All Members of the commission are experts in this field. She explains what has been done until now. Safeguarding is for everyone involved in our sports: gymnasts, coaches, judges, managers, etc. The commission collaborates with the Development

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Commission. The key word is “care”. Everyone has to take care of their community. All NF can refer to the safeguarding unit of the FIG. We want the FIG to remain a leader in safeguarding. She concludes her report by referring to the Japanese art of Kintsugi which teaches us that a broken cup can be repaired and become even more precious.

GUA: Education is crucial. In his country, they educate the parents of the athletes too. Families have to support their children and to have good relationships with the coaches.

14.8 Paralympic discipline (Para Gymnastics - ART only)

Nellie Kim, who is the President of the Paralympics and Special Olympics Working Group, is pleased to present this new topic with the assistance of Patrick Bonner. First, she wants to thank the delegates for having accepted to bring Para Gymnastics under the umbrella of the FIG. She gives the floor to Patrick Bonner who is a former successful ACRO athlete and who is now in charge of Para gymnastics in GBR.

Patrick Bonner thanks the audience for having accepted the new discipline. This will allow many more gymnasts to compete at the highest level. A lot of work has already been accomplished by the working group in order to get ready for the 2032 Paralympic Games in Brisbane (AUS). The goal is to start with ART, and to take care of the other disciplines as a second step. He comments on the 34 NF already practicing the discipline. He concludes his report by showing the foreseen roadmap. The first WCH of the discipline are expected to be held in 2027. In 2028, Para Gymnastics could be a demonstration sport at the Paralympics in Los Angeles. There are 2859 days to go until the 1st Paralympics event in 2032 in Brisbane (AUS).

Nicolas Buompane thanks the translators, the FIG Staff, the President, the EC members, and last but not least all delegates for the collaboration. It was a pleasure to work in such fantastic conditions.

Ali Al-Hitmi is hoping that all participants are satisfied with the organisation. His team has tried to do their best to make sure that everyone feels comfortable. He thanks his staff on behalf of all delegates. He has mixed-feelings. The Congress was a success but all participants will be missed.

In turn, President Watanabe thanks the delegates for the very fruitful and smooth discussions. He officially thanks the QAT LOC for the wonderful and efficient hospitality. He presents QAT President and FIG Vice-President, Mr Ali Al-Hitmi, with the FIG pennant, and awards medals of recognition to Ms Abeer Al-Buainain, Mr Essa Al-Hitmi and Mr Mohammed Al Meraghi. A new chapter comes to an end, and a new one is about to start.

Morinari Watanabe thanks the Secretary General and the EC members for their cooperation. He adjourns the meeting at 14:00 wishing everyone a safe trip.

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Morinari Watanabe
President

Nicolas Buompane
Secretary General

Lausanne, 14 November 2024 / zt

Remarks or observations must be sent in writing to the FIG Secretary General in Lausanne no later than 30 September 2025.

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Executive Committee

Official News from the Executive Committee held in Lausanne (SUI) on 26-27 February 2025

LAUSANNE (SUI), 27 February 2025

The FIG Executive Committee (EC) met at the FIG Office in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 26-27 February 2025. This was the first meeting of the 2025-2028 cycle and, as such, of [the authorities elected at the 85th FIG Congress in 2024](#).

Here is a summary of the main decisions:

NOMINATION OF THE FIG SECRETARY GENERAL

The EC has followed the recommendation of the Presidential Commission and nominated Mr Nicolas BUOMPANE (SUI) as FIG Secretary General for the 2025-2028 cycle. Mr Buompane has been FIG Secretary General since 2019.

FIG COUNCIL – NOMINATION OF THE OGU REPRESENTATIVE

The EC has nominated Ms Tessa EASTGATE (FIJ) as the OGU representative on the FIG Council for the 2025-2028 cycle.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) MEMBERS

The EC appointed the missing members on the Parkour, Acrobatic Gymnastics and Trampoline Gymnastics TCs. The members appointed are as follows:

Trampoline Gymnastics Technical Committee:

- Mr Shinya MUTO (JPN)

Acrobatic Gymnastics Technical Committee:

- Mr Amir MOZES (ISR)
- Ms Carisa LAUGHON (USA)

Parkour Technical Committee:

- Mr Plutarque VODOUNOU (BEN)
- Mr Xu HUANG (CHN)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) WITH COMMONWEALTH GAMES FEDERATION

The EC agreed to the signature of a MoU with the Commonwealth Games Federation.

30TH FIG ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The EC has entrusted the Italian Gymnastics Federation with the organisation of the 30th FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships in 2026. The exact location and dates will be communicated in due course.



COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS FOR THE 2025-2028 CYCLE

The following commissions and working groups were appointed for the 2025-2028 cycle, based on a proposal from the FIG President. Their compositions will be published on the FIG website in due course.

- New and Developing Countries Support Commission
- Safeguarding Commission
- Gender Equality Commission
- Anti-Doping, Medical and Mental Health Commission
- Competition Innovation Commission
- Education & License Commission
- Apparatus Commission
- Branding, Marketing and TV rights Commission
- Ageing Society Working Group
- Paralympics Working Group
- Gymnastics and Peace Working Group
- Securing Fairness at Competition Working Group

NEW DATES FOR THE 86TH FIG CONGRESS

Due to a clash of dates with the 54th FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships, the EC approved the new dates for the 86th FIG Congress in Bangkok (THA). It will now take place on 4-5 October 2026.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES

The EC approved the proposed changes to the following rules and regulations:

- Accreditation rules
- Technical regulations (to be ratified by the FIG Council)
- Code of discipline (to be ratified by the FIG Council)
- GfA Manual (to be ratified by the FIG Council)

The approved changes will be published on the FIG website in due course.

AMBASSADOR FOR THE 41ST FIG RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The EC approved the proposed ambassador for the 41st FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in Rio de Janeiro (BRA). The ambassador chosen is Ms Déborah MEDRADO (BRA).

NATIONALITY CHANGES

The EC approved the following nationality changes:

- **Anna KHUTSISHVILI** – RG gymnast – Former: GEO / New: FRA
- **Olivia FISCHER** – RG gymnast – Former: USA / New: ESA



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- **Tonya PAULSSON** – WAG gymnast – Former: SWE / New: TPE
 - **Xiaopeng LI** – MAG judge – Former: CHN / New: HKG
 - **Ege SOIDLA** – RG judge – Former : EST / New : FIN
 - **Quazi Syque CAESAR** – MAG judge – Former : BAN / New: USA
 - **Vitaly KONDRATOV GUIMARAES** – MAG gymnast – Former: USA / New: BRA
 - **Eva Blanka GYULAI** – RG gymnast – Former: HUN / New: POR
 - **Ibsen NOGUEIRA** – AER judge – Former : BRA / New: USA

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Mr. Suat ÇELEN

Member of the Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board:

Mr. Youssef AL-TABBAA

General Topics

It was a very important and exciting experience for me to take part in such a World Championship for the first time. The Local Organizing Committee was highly organized, solution-oriented, qualified and enthusiastic. The Japan Gymnastics Association, which I observed to be very serious and well prepared, prepared a beautiful organization that won everyone's appreciation. I would like to congratulate and thank them for their efforts and organizational success.

I think it was a very good choice to have the hotels close to the competition area and to have the competition area in a central location, so that the local people could easily come to watch the competitions. In order to spread the sport of gymnastics to the masses and increase its comprehensibility, providing all kinds of facilities that can attract spectators should be one of our focal points. The Japan Gymnastics Association has done a great job in this regard. Despite the rainy weather, it was impressive to see the FIG President, the members of the appeal jury, the secretary general and especially the federation presidents watching from start to finish.

Although there is no problem with the general functioning of the competition, I would like to share some of my observations below:

1- Explanation of Speed Track Check Points with Visuals at the Technical Committee Meeting

Detailed visual descriptions of each control point should be prepared in order to clearly and comprehensibly explain the check points on the speed course. These visuals should be easily understandable by both the technical team and the judges and should be shared at the meeting.

2- Adding Extra Warning Signal to Swiss Timing System

An extra warning signal should be added to the Swiss Timing system in order to minimize technical failures and to respond to emergencies faster. This signal will speed up the recognition of technical problems and ensure timely intervention of the relevant teams.

3- Using Extra Cameras to Record Blind Spots

More cameras should be installed on both the free track and the speedway to record blind spots that the judges cannot see. This would make the judges' decision-making process more objective and prevent mistakes.

4- Providing Staffs Close to the Competition Area in Case of Rain

In order to protect the competition site from adverse weather conditions, measures must be taken to protect the site in case of rain. This measure will ensure that the competition site is maintained in suitable conditions.

5- Duties of Judges and Judges Evaluation Meeting after the Competition

I think there is a need to update the judge system, the design of the judge's table, going backwards when they're scoring, and the number of judges. After the competition, the judges should gather to make an evaluation and identify the problems experienced during the competition.

6- The President of the Technical Committee is responsible for the Judges during the Competition

The president of the Technical Committee should be on the field with the judges and his duties should include, as in other disciplines, being among the judges from the beginning to the end of the competition and checking the scores given. This will contribute to a healthier decision-making process.

7- Creating Waiting Areas

I think it is necessary to create an office where Appeal Juries and FIG EC Members can rest and wait.

I would like to especially thank the President of FIG, Mr. Morinari Watanabe, for his hospitality and I would like to thank the Japan Gymnastics Association for this dedicated and professional organization.

Yours sincerely.

Suat ÇELEN

FIG Vice President

Youssef AL-TABBAA

FIG Executive Committee Member

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SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT UNDERWAY



Aerobic Gymnastics Technical Committee

Meeting held in Lausanne (SUI) 28 Oct.- 02 Nov. 2024

MINUTES - SUMMARY

Participants

President	Tammy YAGI-KITAGAWA (JPN)
Vice-President	Jorge FILLON (ARG); Cristina CASENTINI (ITA)
Members	Desislava BOGUSHEVA (BUL); Vladislav OSKNER (RUS); Ana MACANITA (POR); Maria Eduarda DE OLIVEIRA POLI (BRA)
Sport Manager	Alexandre COLA (SUI)

1. Welcome and approval of the agenda

TYK welcomed all the TC members present. TYK informed that this TC meeting is to prepare all the materials for the Intercontinental Judges' Courses and that our Athlete's Representative (Dora HEGYI-DEMETER from HUN) was not invited.

The agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting in Pesaro (ITA) during the WCH, JR WCH and the WAGC were unanimously approved.

3. TC President's Report

TYK informed following:

- FIG EC / FIG Congress:
During the Congress, the FIG President, Mr. Morinari WATANABE has made a comment mentioning ACRO and AER discipline definition as:
ACRO – Silent beauty
AER – Dynamic and elegant
MW also commented that both disciplines hopefully will go to the Olympic Games, and he will do his best effort.
- Election Results:
TYK congratulated all members re-elected for the TC members (XVI cycle) in addition to the new member (Barbara STENGLE – GER) who will join us from February. **TYK** is looking forward to having greater team work together as the FIG AER-TC.

4. TC Members Reports

- **JF:** Development Program
Development Program updated, working with Ana.
- **CC:** Judges' information
No updates on the judges' information currently.
- **DB:** reported on STS Study Platform
All the necessary information documents will be updated as soon as the materials are ready.



- **VO:** FIG Rules
Checking the FIG Technical Regulation for the next cycle.
- **AM:** Publication material
Possibly to add some information in the Newsletter regarding some clarifications to the CoP 2025-2028.

5. Preparation of the Intercontinental Judges' Course

- **Expert Marks (40%)**
The AER-TC have re-checked and confirmed all the Expert Marks given for the 40%.
- **Final STS Material**
TYK asked all the members to re-check the materials (PPT presentations) to make sure that they are correct including the Practice routines PPT. **DB** is in contact with the STS to update the materials.
- **Symposium / Seminar Preparation**
The AER-TC discussed and confirmed the procedures of delivering the Symposium / Seminar Preparation to be unified with all NF.

6. Apparatus Commission

TYK appointed the newly elected Barbara STENGL (GER) to take over Dora's position as she is in Germany (where the laboratory is located) and informed Eunice Lebre.

7. Conclusion

TYK thanked all their hard work at this TC meeting. **TYK** asked all the members to finalize the PPT materials for the Intercontinental Judges' Course. **TYK** also informed that the rehearsal of the Judges' Course presentations will take place at the next TC meeting scheduled just prior to the Intercontinental Judges' Course.

Respectfully submitted,

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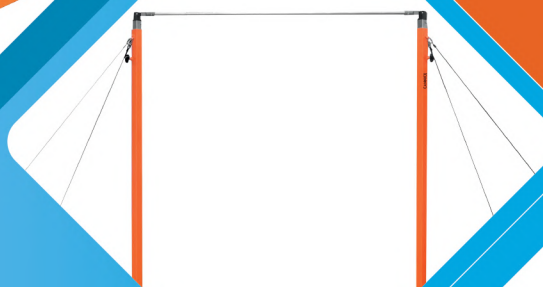
Tammy YAGI-KITAGAWA
AER-TC President

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Maria Eduarda DE OLIVEIRA POLI
AER-TC Secretary



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Gymnastics for All Committee

Meeting held in Tokyo (JPN), 12-14 December 2024

MINUTES

Participants

President	Rogério VALERIO (POR)
Vice-President	Monika SISKOVA (SVK); Tatsuo ARAKI (JPN)
Members	Gemma BARTON (GBR); Marco BORTOLETO (BRA); Jerome HUEBSCHER (SUI); Petrina HUTCHINSON (AUS)
Sport Manager	Alexandre COLA (SUI)

1. Opening and approval of the agenda

Rogério Valério (RV) declared the meeting open and welcomed the committee.
The agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the last meeting held in Minneapolis, USA in June 2024 were approved.

2. Report from the FIG Executive meeting and Congress

RV shared an update of significant information from the EC meeting and Congress in Doha 2024. RV shared the presentation he delivered. The GfA C made comments regarding their personal experience of the Congress. In summary, the GfA C suggested that more could be made of the Congress opportunity of having the world of gymnastics together in one place and at one time, to share learning, experience, and knowledge.

3. Events

a. GfA Colloquium 2025

A personal review of the agenda was presented from each GfA C Member.

- i. Dates and venue confirmed as Baku, AZE
- ii. Official invite has been sent to all National Federations including the deadline for registrations.
- iii. The theme for 2025 has been agreed as Gymnastics for All and Social Innovation. This will be split into daily themes; Day 1 Internal affairs of FIG and GfA events, Day 2 Social innovation, Day 3 Networking and sharing ideas across nations.

b. GfA Colloquium 2026

- i. An expression of interest form has been sent to request Federations who may want to host the event.
- ii. 10 National Federations have responded and have been sent additional information on expectations and the contract implications.

c. World Gym for Life Challenge 2025

- i. It was requested for all current GfA C members to make contact with the LOC representative responsible for each work area. Each GfA C member will provide a summary as a handover to new committee members.



- ii. The opportunity for teams to perform with live music was discussed. The decision was made to accept the request on the parameters that live music must be within the performance area as part of the performance, with no technical support. This will be offered to all teams and added to the next newsletter/bulletin.
- iii. The definition of Large Apparatus was discussed in terms of the groups applicable for registration. The decision was made to provide the following clarification *'For a group to be considered within the Large Apparatus category, the large apparatus used must be interacted with during the performance. Roll mats and landing mats are not classed as being large apparatus if they are solely used as safety equipment.*
- iv. The registration system is working well and Provisional Registration is open.
- v. An online meeting in late-January was proposed to prepare the joint meeting.

d. World Gymnaestrada 2027, Lisbon

- i. The joint meeting for WGfL 2025 and WG 2027 will be held in February 2025.

e. World Gym for Life Challenge 2029

- i. Currently received no bids.
- ii. Several countries have listed an interest informally. These conversations are progressing positively.

4. Education

a. Foundation courses

- i. Foundation course in Italy cancelled due to lack of candidates. A new date will be accommodated.
- ii. It has been received interest in hosting a Foundation of Gymnastics course in 2025 by CRC and PAR.

5. Projects

a. E-book

- i. The 2nd edition with additional articles is underway as the budget has been approved.
- ii. National Federations have been contacted for articles to cover 16 chapters. 8 NFs have responded 'Yes' and the remaining have until 15th December 2024 to confirm. A reminder will be sent by FIG Office.
- iii. The deadline for submission by 15th February 2025.
- iv. The GfA C will be required to support in June with the inclusion of a GfA C page.
- v. Planning is in place for publication in time for the World Gym for Life Challenge in Lisbon, 2025.
- vi. A request will be made to monitor the usage of the 1st Edition, including the number of downloads/click throughs.
- vii. Following the result of the FIG elections for the next cycle, from now on this project coordination team will incorporate RV - GfA C President and the former members MB and PH.

b. GfA Committee Newsletter

- i. Action in this area will be taken forward into 2025 by the newly elected committee.

6. Documents

a. Gymnastics for All Manual Review

- i. The Committee updated the whole manual to apply learnings from the GfA Colloquium in 2024 and learnings from World Gymnaestrada 2023.



- ii. The updated version of the manual will be submitted and presented at the next EC meeting.

7. Business Plan

The business plan document was updated to include all completed actions.

a. GfA Manual

- i. See above agenda point

b. External experts included within the colloquium

- i. The GfA C continues to bring in external experts into the work and will do so in planning for 2025.

c. Calendar

- i. The GfA C calendar was reviewed and updated adding new courses and event dates.

d. Inclusion

- i. Actions in plan to be completed.

e. Education

- i. Foundation Courses - List created of new experts

f. Events

- i. To hold a GfA Colloquium outside of Europe has been achieved at the 2024 colloquium in Brazil.

g. Communication

- i. Website development is in progress.
- ii. Work continues on the Newsletter.

8. Other Business

a. Smart Cities and Sport Summit

- i. RV attended the event to represent the FIG and GfA and invited Marie Louise to share the experience of hosting the World Gymnaestrada 2019.
- ii. RV shared his experience with the GfA C and highlighted the importance of FIGs future involvement in this summit.

9. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- a. Online GfA C meeting, end of January / beginning of February.
- b. GfA C meeting, arrival 21st February, meeting 22nd & 23rd February, Lisbon.
- c. Joint Meeting for WGfLC.2025 and WG.2027, meeting 24th - 26th, Lisbon, depart to Lausanne 27th February 2025.
- d. Transfer of Power 28th February to 1st March, Lausanne, depart 2nd March 2025.

10. Closing the meeting

- a. RV thanked the committee for their commitment, dedication, all contributions and achievements during this cycle.
- b. RV closed the meeting.

Rogerio VALERIO
GfA C President

Gemma BARTON
GfA C Secretary



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Rhythmic Gymnastics Technical Committee

Meeting held in Lausanne (SUI), 2-4 March 2025

MINUTES (Summary)

Participants

President	Noha ABOU SHABANA (EGY)
Vice-Presidents	Márcia Regina AVERSANI (BRA) Maria MIHAYLOVA PETROVA (BUL)
Members	Natalya BULANOVA (AZE), Alua BEKTUROVA (KAZ), Isabell SAWADE (GER), Gyoza MUMINOVA (UZB)
Athletes' Representative	Siyana VASILEVA (AZE)
Sport Manager	Sylvie MARTINET
Excused	-
Guests	Gerald BIDAULT

1. Welcome and information

- Welcome by Noha Abou Shabana
- Welcoming new members and providing an overview of procedures.
- Information from the Executive Meeting of FIG

2. Distribution of TC Assignments for the Cycle

- President Abou Shabana has distributed for each member the TC assignments and their responsibilities during the 2025-2028 cycle.

3. Distribution of TC Assignments for the Junior and Senior World Championships

- Junior World Championship, Bulgaria
- Senior World Championship, Brazil

4. Assignments of the presentation during World Cups 2025

- Each assigned member must prepare and deliver a presentation on a designated topic relevant to the competition.
- Presentations should include a Q&A session to encourage discussion and engagement.
- Deadlines for submission and review of presentations will be set to ensure thorough preparation.
- Prepared sets for the judges for the LIVE Practice



5. Selection Criteria LA 2028

- Selection criteria for ITOs for LA 2028 had been prepared for EC approval.
- Criteria of qualifications for Athletes for LA 2028 had been discussed and to be further developed for next EC and Council.

6. Athletes' webinar for JR/SR World Championships

- Topics for the webinar:
 - President of Safeguarding – Invited Donatella Sacchi (ITA) to speak about safeguarding, difference between High Performance and Hobby Sports – Explanation of the key differences.
 - Dr. Peter Safwat - Hydration and Nutrition for Athletes, focusing on water intake and eating healthy intake.
 - Mrs. Dora Demeter Hegyi – to speak with the athletes about WADA.

7. Meeting with IT Technician

- TC had a meeting with Mr. Gérald Bidault to explain all the materials FIG is providing to facilitate the work of the TC with details instructions.

8. Miscellaneous

- Amend general judges' rules to match Olympic Qualification System
- Dates proposed for next TC RG Meetings
- Judges Brevet upgrade system: explanation how to upgrade the brevet for the RG judges.
- The TC wants to thank the Secretary General Nicolas Buompane, Sport Manager Sylvie Martinet, and Video Technician Gérald Bidault for their time and collaboration this period

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Noha ABOU SHABANA

RG-TC President

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