



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

Para Table Tennis Division 2/2015

Minutes of a meeting of the Para Table Tennis Division will be held in Vejle, Denmark on 10 and 11 October 2015 from 09:00 am.

MEMBERS:

Dorte Darfelt (Chairperson), Nico Verspeelt (Vice Chairperson), Juraj Stefak (Medical Officer), Gorazd Vecko (Tournament Officer), Barbara Talbot, Georgios Seliniotakis, John Ng, Lotfi El Haidag (Continental Representatives)

BY INVITATION:

Alena Kánová, Trevor Hirth, Petra Sörling, Gael Marziou, Leandro Olvech, Oivind Eriksen, Raul Calin, Ronald Kramer

APOLOGIES:

Alejandra Gabaglio, Pieter de Plooy

IN ATTENDANCE:

Emese Barsai

WELCOME, REGISTER AND APOLOGIES:

The Chairperson welcomed everybody, especially the new members of PTT Division: Lotfi El Haidag from Africa and Trevor Hirth from Oceania who was representing the Players' Committee at this meeting.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15, 16 and 17 January 2015 were confirmed and signed.

2. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Division noted the report the Chairperson's report including:

2.1. The new Division just started the common work: all members should have continued the process. There is a small standard operation committee who takes care day-to-day things (includes Nico, Gorazd, Dorte and Emese).

The Division has a big problem in India, as there are different organizations that want to enter players for the events. The PTT Division together with the ITTF leaders and India NPC try to solve this problem bearing in mind that the main target is to provide possibility for every players who would like to take part in our events. But now the Division has to follow the decision made by IPC, so the only body, that can enter the players is the Sport Authority of India.

2.2. Succession planning: it is just a reminder for everyone to have good communication between the PTT members. For example if somebody retires the Division member needs to find the best solution how and who can continue his/her job.

2.3. Contact with continental federations: in daily life the Division doesn't have so much contact with the continental federations. This year the Division had done something new, because PTT Division invited all Continental Presidents to come and take part for few days in the Regional Championships. It had mentioned that Mr Khaled El-Salhy helped a lot in connection with the African Regional Championships in 2015.

2.4. Working group for Tokyo 2020: it is a little bit difficult. There was a meeting in Suzhou where Dorte and Nico met with Graeme Ireland and Tony Kiesenhofer.

The Division asked:

- Dorte to send out the documents of the last working group for Tokyo 2020 meeting before Christmas.



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3. VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

The Division is asked to note the Vice-Chairperson's report including:

3.1 Dr Wu Program: based on the playing system of Paralympic Games in 2016, added the new team system to the program for continentals 2015: it was tested and was working.

3.2 Experts in classification according to the experts of ITTF: there are more and more requests from development side to organize classification seminars (North Korea, Nigeria etc.) It is not necessary to be organized an international event: only a national event could be enough and useful for the classifier seminar participants. And the Division has some materials showing the differences between the classes like the first step. The conditions are the same for everyone from the development budget. The main aim is to build up a system regardless of the events. The PTT Division is a service provider, needs to serve of 222 countries claim. This is a question of the structure: if any country is asking to send an expert, the PTT Division should be able to send one. The medical and the technical classifiers both are very important. The classification structure must be built up with timelines as soon as possible.

3.3 Cancelled tournament: this matter is coming now from Morocco, as if the travel tickets paid by the associations or the players, but at the end lack of enough start-ups there is no event organized in his/her category. The PTT Division cannot guarantee that there will be organized every classes in all tournament. We need to add and clarify this point to the new Prospectus, which has been preparing based on the WT and WJC prospectus. We need to insert the same text in our prospectus, as it has been in WT prospectus as:

"By entering the event, each association must ensure that all delegation members have medical, travel and other appropriate insurance."

3.4 Active and new players with TC but not on the rating on January 2016: it could happen, that a player has entered for an event but cannot play lack of other players on the same class. This player will get the TC points, but will not be active without playing any match. And this could be the same problem in case of new players.

The player can be on the ranking list with 0 point, but the player cannot be rated with zero point. The Division has to clarify the selection rules, as the player must be on the ranking list instead of changing the ranking system. The player must be active and ranked with due Tournament Credit points to be able to take part in Rio.

So the word "rating" must be changed for "ranking".

The Division asked:

➤ Leandro, Nico, Juraj, and Gorazd as an advisor together to setup timelines and start and build up a plan of a new classification structure.

➤ Raul and Emese to insert the following text into the new prospectus:

"By entering the event, each association must ensure that all delegation members have medical, travel and other appropriate insurance."

➤ Nico to clarify the selection rules with the IPC the technical issue that change the "rating" word for ranking. All active players should be in the world-ranking list.

4. SECRETARIAT'S REPORT: the Division is asked to note the Secretariat's report including:

4.1. Marketing and sponsorship: based on the able-bodied event documents, the new kind of 2017 PTT WC Bid document was sent out with the deadline 01st October.

We will publish as soon as possible the BID Document for the 2017 Regional Championships also with a deadline 31st December so we can make a decision about the hosts for 2017 at our next meeting.



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There are more and more articles published on the website by Mr Ian Marshall. Aspiration to work as closer as possible with the Singapore office may cause potential changes from 2016.

4.2 Player biographies: the contract has signed, and the first part was sent to the IPC. The next one will be sent after the 2015 Regional Championships.

4.3. Commonwealth Games at Gold Coast 2018: it is a great success that the table tennis is added to the para-sport program with 2 PTT events as: Women's singles standing class TT 08-10 and Men's singles – standing class TT08-10 (Anticipated number of players will be 8-8)

4.4. Capitation fee 2014: the French organizers have not transferred us the capitation fee. They promised that they would transfer immediately, but after instead of transfer the amount they asked a permission to pay the cost month by month. As this event was one-year ago, it was not possible. The Division has to contact the French Association directly.

4.5. Online entry system: it was too long discussion about this matter. First The PTT Division tried to set up the system with MSL/Atos, and now there is a new company the Sport 80 from England. The PTT Division has 2 different kind of things to do now, after canceled the contract with Atos:

1) From middle of 2016 ITTF will probably have a new website, the process is going on now, and within the new IT structure it is planned to have an on-line entry system for Para events within the ITTF website. This would give possibility for para TT to manage all this kind of job through the ITTF website and no need to pay a big amount for another company. As it is needed, PTT will be invited to setup the new system as soon as next step taken.

Nevertheless in this case the PTT Division should follow the same way as did until now in 2016.

2) To sign a contract with Sport 80 only for a year, because the Division can start to use the program immediately but it does not seem too logically again pay a huge amount for a new company.

The final decision was delegated to a smaller operative group including Dorte as Chair, Nico and Georgios.

4.6. IPC Grant: we have received 2nd part of 2014 (17.162, 50 €) and 1st part of 2015 (9.832, 70 €) during this year. The second part of 2015 will be transferred on March in 2016. The IPC grant for 2015 is around 19.000 €. The Chairperson thanked to Raul and Emese for their hard work in this matter.

4.7. Agitos Foundation: (plus 668 €) thanking for Alison's earlier work on this application. But the office had only few days to send all closing documents of this project. Raul thanked everybody who was involved in the project for the kind and fast help and also Mr Georg Schlachtemberger, Agitos foundation director who provided extra 10 days for the project. Finally everything was presented.

4.8. IPC meeting: will be held in Mexico City (14-15 November 2015) Raul Calin will represent ITTF.

4.9. ITTF Hall of Fame: the originally plan was to give the plaques for the members during the 2015 PTT World Championships in Beijing, as there are 6 players from Asia and only 2 from Europe. At the end it did not happen, so we sent the 6 plaques to Jordan (the organizers of the Asia Regional Championships) with a request to give these the players ceremoniously, and the other 2 plaques will be given in Vejle during the PTT European Championships.

4.10. Budget 2016: will be discussed in the next meeting, as we have not closed this year.



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4.11. Budget plan for 2016:

INCOME	2016	EXPENDITURE		2016
IPC	15000	Meetings		
Sanction fees	8000	➤ PTTD	15000	21000
Capitation FA20, FA40	60000	➤	6000	
		➤ Other		
Interest	0	Chairperson		3600
Classification	3000	Vice-Chairperson		1000
TOTAL: 86000		Development program		30000
		Medical officer		4000
		Selection officer		12000
		Tournament officer		1000
		Webmaster		5000
		Referee education		5000
		Athlete representative		1000
		Players Committee		5500
		Regions		25000
		➤ Africa	5000	
		➤ Americas	5000	
		➤ Asia	5000	
		➤ Europe	5000	
		➤ Oceania	5000	
		Media/TV		5000
		Paralympic Games		10000
		Other expenses		3500
		Gifts		2000
		Dr. Wu		2000
		Dimitrios Katis		4800
		Online entry system		15000
		Class 11 provision		5000
		Racket testing provision		5000
		TOTAL: 165 400		

For the time being the PTT activities still in Euros and the ITTF budget is in USD. It can be a question of time to be followed the ITTF exercise.

The Division asked:

- Emese to contact the French Association and ask their help to get the capitation fee from the French organizers.
- Georgios, Nico and Dorte to work in a small group checking the possibilities and make the final decision in case of online entry system.
- Emese to complete this table with Dimitrios' cost and add 3000 € to the selection officer expenditure as next year will be the Paralympic Games.

5. DEVELOPMENT REPORT: the Division is asked to note the report from the Development Program including:



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5.1. Continental development: the best way is to think in long term the development program is working with a 4 years budget. The agreements are different with each Continent because they have different needs and different aims.

In 2015 there were planned 118 activities including Coach Education, Training Camps, URC Courses, PTT, Women's, Marketing and Tournament Organization courses.

The ITTF Development and Education structure is: the leader is Mr Glenn Tepper, the deputy CEO, there is one director for development program (Mr Leandro Olvech) and one for the education and training program (Mrs Polona Cehovin). And there are a development manager/officer in every continent, furthermore one education and training coordinator. The development side includes the different coaching courses, Women's Development with courses and forums, Olympic Solidarity courses, PTT Development, URC courses, umpires and referees trainings, special program as "Table tennis for All" started with Table tennis Day on 06th April 2015.

5.2 PTT Activities in 2015: for the first time, agreements include a PTT exclusive development project per year per Continent. It is funded by the PTT Division and has a 5000 € budget allocated each of them. Courses allocated for 2015 are as follows:

Africa:	Coaching course and training camp in Seychelles (September)
Latin America:	Coaching course and training camp in Jamaica (June)
North America:	2 Training camps (Wheelchair and Standing) (March/April)
Oceania:	Coaching course and training camp in Solomon islands (June)
Asia:	still allocate – probably in India
Europe:	TD and Classification seminar in Vejle

The PTT Division must be involved stronger in the programs, but the continental representatives need to submit their request immediately for 2016. The Development part must plan the next year in advance.

5.3 International Training Center Network: the system is going on in different level. It is accessible now and there are professional coaches, but the development needs the PTT Division's help to step for a higher level in integration. It could be even in German, in Sheffield or in Vienna.

5.4 Coach accreditation system: is under review after 10 years. The PTT education is the level one.

5.5 Dream building: the Development department still works with the UNOSDP, which is the agency of the United Nations. They are based on Geneva (Switzerland) and they are organizing every year 6 youth leaderships. This is possible to apply if somebody is under 25 year old. They select 40 people from the European countries. It was started in 2012.

5.6 UNOSDP: this is an International Working Group. This Group is composed by 4 subcommittees, and one this is sport for people with disability. The country that was selected finally was Nepal. After a lot of paperwork it has been approved, this is a 3 years project to promote para table tennis in Nepal in 6 different venues.

6. PLAYERS' COMMITTEE REPORT: the Division is asked to note the Players' Committee report.

6.1 Pieter du Plooy was not able to take part in this meeting. Instead of him Trevor Hirth represented the Players' Committee. There was election during that year, now the next step that the elected players will have to choose a new Chairperson among themselves. Now it is time to modify the ToR changing some points of the process for example the nomination has to be covered 2 calendar years.

6.2 There is a very good Ukrainian player, Juriy Shchepansky who was attacked in Kiev. He needs an operation to survive the injury but they family don't have enough money. But the PTT Division has only non-officially information in this case yet, it needs to get an official letter about what really happened before the next step.



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6.3 Class 11 representative in Players' Committee: the PTT Division does not have a special person for representative for class 11, but the PC need and advisor who will be able to represent this class.

6.4 The players who has got the quota until the end of the classification period, they cannot change their class, only after the Paralympic Games.

6.5 During the classification period for Rio, some players withdrew to play in team events to keep their points, or just send a confirmation by the doctor that he is injured because to get the TC points without the possibility to loose points and get down on the ranking list. Based on the rules, if a player injured and withdrew between the team matches, he can start only one more time. The PTT Division will try to find a solution how it is possible to make the system better.

6.6 To get ranking points for the doubles as this match get more important in the current system: it is not possible only if the players accept to set up the second ranking list.

6.7 For the next PTT Team World Championships there will not be managed any qualification system. It will be opened. The next qualification period will be for the following Individual WC in 2018 where will be held only single events. In the earlier system once the WC was always too long, but the other side there were for example only 4 teams in one class, and it did not draw nice picture for the sponsors. It could better with opening the entry to have 6-16 teams in one class. As it assumes that the event will be shorter, the participants can save money, which could be a problem also, if there is held a WC and Paralympic Games at the same year.

6.8 Classification system: how it is possible if a player not eligible to classify once, and 3-4 months later he is eligible in another tournament. It could happen as base on the rules everybody can protest against the first classification. And during the next event the result of the classification could be changed. This problem must be avoided.

The Division asked:

- the Players' Committee to review the Terms of Reference and submit a new one for the next PTT Division meeting.
- the Office if get an officially letter in Yuriy Shchepansky's matter to ask officially the Ukrainian NPC what really happened.
- The PC to discuss to appoint a class 11 advisor for helping them in class 11 matters.
- the new working group (Georgios, Gorazd and Raul) to check the possibility how it is possible to make the system of the main events better.

7. ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: the Division is asked to note the Athlete's Representative report.

The Athlete's Commission had a meeting during the 2015 World Championships in Suzhou, and also together with another committees about some question as: the quality of the balls, to review the ranking system, the service rules, new coaching rules and the umpires and referees quality.

The Committee supports to have more joint tournaments with ITTF.

After the Olympic Games from 01st October will start the new rule, which is confirmed and was tested in Germany before. The rule means that the game will be continuous, but between the points, for the coaches will be allowed to make comments to the players.

8. TOURNAMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: the Division asked to note the Tournament Officer's report including:



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8.1. Review of the tournament structure and quality of tournaments including the World Championships and Junior event (U23) beginning from 2016 (for players born after 1st January 1993):

There will be organized only single event in Junior category. Until now Italy and Romania have applied, but this possible is free for every organizers. It will be a 2 days event before the Factor event. The same playing system will be held on all FA events in 2016 as will be used in Rio, to see how it works.

8.2. Prepare and publish the youth ranking list: to manage the junior events the PTT Division need to setup a separate ranking list for juniors. The best junior players can go directly and attend on the next PTT Individual WC.

8.3. ITTF PTT World Championships: will be started in 2017. There are 4 bids sent: Slovakia, Costa Rica, Italy and Romania.

The BID documents for the 2017 Regional Championships will be published soon with a deadline 31st December 2015. One main event will be organized the first part of the year, the second one the next half in 2017. The PTT Division will make a decision about the organizers in the next meeting but that time without presentation. For the next Regional Championships will be used the same system as now for the 2017 PTT World Championships.

For the future the ITTF PTT will need to select the date of the main events adapted also to the ITTF Calendar.

The PTT Division will invite 2 of 4 candidates for the next meeting to make a presentation: Slovakia and depend on Gorazd' experiences in Costa Rica, the Division make a decision about the second country to be invited in January. The Division will provide possibility for them to make their presentation personal, on Skype or with power point, video etc.

8.4. 2016 Calendar: now the candidates are for FA40: Italy, Slovenia, Slovakia, and for FA20: Romania and Spain (with the same date), Bosnia, China, Taipei, Turkey, Greece, Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Morocco and USA maybe. The first event will be held in Italy, probably on February.

8.5. 2015 Regional Championships

- *Parapan Games*: generally the tournament was good. The problem was that the organizers limited the number of participants. It was a huge problem if we see that this event was a part of the classification period. In other Regional Championships mainly it was free to attend. The presentation and the program of the Parapan Games was excellent.

- *Oceania Regional Championships*: the PTT Regional Championships was combined with the able-bodied event and the venue was perfect. The problem was that because of less participants, the organizers had to combine more classes. It could be an issue for the future also as this event is a selection tournament for Paralympic Games.

- *European Championships*: it is just started. Starters, the TDs had to resolve the problems with the accommodation. The issue was also, that the organizers wanted to provide only tap water instead of battles, which cannot be a solution for the wheelchair players. The venue is excellent.

- *African Regional Championships*: here was the same problem because of the few numbers of participants. After the site inspection there was nothing to prepare for the event. But the organizers were very kind and helpful. It was a good start with hope that Morocco will organize an event also in 2016. Thanks to Mr Khaled El-Salhy and in the future Mr Michael Brown, who is the ITTF Africa Development coordinator, will be able also to help to the Division.

- *Asian Regional Championships*: it will be started next week.

8.6. Tournament organizers' handbook: it is very important, the Division may ask NPC's help.



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8.7. TD seminars in 2015: there were organized a one day seminar in Morocco, and will be held in Vejle also with 16 really good candidates and all are involved in table tennis. Next year it could be nice a seminar should be organized together with development department or merged with ITTF Competition Manager training.

8.8. Tournament credit system for 2016: this was a big issue, the PTT Division gave to some continent higher TC points because there were organized lots of tournaments. It is very difficult to be fair with every Continents. Don't need to have tournament credit in for the next PTT Team WC. (There is only one limit: there is possible to organize one team/class/country).

8.9. Classification system (changing classes of athletes): was discussed together with the classification report (point 9.).

8.10. Allocation process for continental championships (open until 31 December 2015) It must be published as quickly as possible by Emese.

8.11. Referee team nomination for 2016: it has been the same problems for ages. As it is time to change in the spirit of the integration the best solution is to use the same system as it is used at the able-bodied events together with the URC.

8.12. To serve shortly with the new ball in Men and Women Cl. 1 and 2: it is easier to serve short, and the ball stops just behind the net, which is kill the table tennis in this classes. But if the Division wants to change the service rules, it must be allowed by ITTF AGM.

8.13. Reduce the number of team members: based on the new playing system we have reduced the players' number from 4 to 3.

8.14. Application system for 2017 para events: the organizers shall apply until 31 July 2016: the Division needs to know in advance and sooner when and where will be organized the events in the following year.

8.15. To modify the 3.10.2.3.5.2 based on Georgios' recommendation: this new point give approval to the TD that if there are lots of participants in an event, together with the Referee and the organizers would be able to organize the team events in KO system instead of groups.

8.16. To clear the tournaments situation which are not under the ITTF rules: if some organizers ask us to send classifier for their event which is without Factor, we need to send the classifiers if they provide every conditions.

8.17. To clarify the Handbook 3.10.2.3.2 according to Mr Albert Rooijmans' proposal: if there is a mixed class team in any PTT event, the team has to play in the higher class, and the high class player must play at least one single match during the team event.

The Division asked:

- Gael and Georgios to prepare and publish the U23 ranking list in January.
- Emese to publish the BID documents for 2017 Regional Championships as soon as possible.
- Gorazd to send his suggestion to the members after Copa Costa Rica event, which one could be the second invited country for our next meeting to make a presentation (2017 PTT Team World Championships).
- Gorazd and Emese to publish the provisional 2016 Calendar not latest than at the end of the 2015 PTT EC.
- Gorazd and Emese to manage the tournament organizers' handbook.
- Alena and Trevor to hear what the players are saying about the short serve with the new ball in class 1 and 2.
- Georgios to send the correct text based on Mr Albert Rooijmans' proposal first to the office for checking and after publish it.



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9. Mr. Young Sam Ma's presentation

He has been the Korean ambassador in Denmark and he is only an international umpire so he knows table tennis from inside. He is Chairperson of Sports and Persons with Disabilities Working Group.

He was invited to make a presentation at the United Nations' meeting organized by IOC in 2012, where the sport and peace program was very successful.

9.1 *UNOSDP*: there are 5 working groups, and one of these is the Sports Persons with Disabilities Working Group was established in July 2014. The priorities are:

- Policy recommendation: needed because this area in the other continents it is not as good as in Europe. The Action Plan is to stop the difference between the continents with the help of media.

- Public awareness: they need to raise the efficiency with the help of media

- Close cooperation with IPC, International Federations, NGOs, Media and the Government

- The common program with the ITTF is the Pilot Program. The main goal is to provide opportunity for the disabled persons to enjoy the sports. This is a 3 years project.

- Private sector: to find the appropriate partner from the private sector is the other important area for the working group. The result can be measurable in the program of "Table tennis for NepALL".

9.2 *Table tennis for NepALL*: Leandro started to build this program detailed around one year ago. The major part of the equipment had already arrived to Nepal, and then just started the operation. The Opening Ceremony will be held on next April with special guests. One part the Korean Government supports this program through UNOSDP, but the other side the organizers must find the potential supporters from the private sector. During the last PTT World Championships he had won over the help of the Chinese Disabled Persons' Federation. But is a long process and the project need more manpower. Thanked to the ITTF for the very effective and kind cooperation.

10. CLASSIFICATION OFFICER'S REPORT: the Division is asked to note the Classification Officer's report including:

10.1 General overview on the period from the last EC meeting with some important notes: this is very important period as the Paralympic Games coming soon. Of course one main goal is to find more and more new players. But the Classification part on PTT webpage is not too clear. The Division must highlight something with more information. Not enough knowledge in countries in some basic classification articles, information and procedures, even they are published on our web.

Confusion in re-evaluations

During the last 2 years there are too many classifications (sometimes more than 40) in some Fa 20 tournaments, even with too many re-evaluations more. It is not possible to do this for 2 persons during only one afternoon and morning. Sometimes there are some conditions, which made more difficult the classifiers, for example if there are two venues or the players finished their competition very soon and there is no chance for the observation.

Necessary to publish list of players who were protested or who received need for re-evaluation form.

Systematic processes of many countries to enter into our system with „professional players“ with some problems, that are not real disabilities, or that are really sub minimal disabilities. The classifiers have to be very carefully. To solve these things needs 2 things: to find place where the new classifiers can get more experiences and it must be arranged to be invited more classifiers.



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10.2 Class 10 classification: it is very problematic and sensitive class as this is the closest class to able-bodied. The PTT Division can do only one thing in this matter that to review them.

10.3 The PTT Division will not publish anymore the classifier's name in advance on the webpage excluding the possibility to cheat.

10.4 Practical classification process:

- Determine maximum number of players for one Classification panel in Fa 20 tournament, and how to continue if more entries /2 panels, limited entries,.../
- Make clear difference and announcement in various kinds of re-evaluations. /regular in 1, 2 or 3 years or in adolescence age, or re-evaluation on demand of players country/

10.5 ID players classifications and Re-evaluations requests on demand of players country:

- Find another way of doing it, not in common Fa 20 tournaments because of too many problems. Proposal is to appoint some Fa 40 tournaments for this in more regions, with more classifiers.

This is very important to avoid mistakes in time press in Fa 20 tournaments by overworked classifiers. And also not all panels in Fa 20 are able to solve some re-evaluation requests.

10.6 Classification seminars planning and organizing from 2016:

- Conditions for organizing of the Level A seminars in Regions,
- Appointments for Level B/C
- Seminar fees for participants and seminar reward for lecturers.

10.7 Classification manual info: IPC will change some points in the Code we will need to follow it.

The Division asked:

- Juraj to make proposal to set up a new structure of classification, how it is possible to make better the classification system according to the mentioned problems.

11. SELECTION OFFICER'S REPORT: the division is asked to note the Selection Officer's report including:

11.1. Selection issue for the 2016 Paralympic Games (tournament credit): Nico, Georgios and Dimitrios are working hard on it closing with 31st December 2015.

11.2. Situation Tournament credit: it is finished but with lots of experiences for the future.

11.3. Composition of the next selection committee, date and place for the meeting: members will be Nico, Georgios, Dorte, players committee and PTT staff one. The meeting must be held before the AGM on 19-21 February 2016.

12. WEBMASTER'S REPORT: the Division is asked to note the Webmaster's report including:

12.1. The website has been translated to Portuguese and also Russian.

12.2. They have started to rewrite the ranking list website.

12.3. They are starting to work with the mobile application.

12.4. Thanked to Alejandra for her earlier work.

13. RATING REPORT: the Division is asked to note the report.

13.1. The collaboration with Dimitrios is excellent and this work is not easy.

13.2. ITTF new website: high priority for the ITTF to cooperate in this matter.

13.3. It is not a good idea to publish the ranking list immediately after the event, because there could be a mistake. It is better to delay and check everything is went well



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and it is impossible in the months when there are 3 or 4 events in a months. The PTT Division follows the system as at the able bodied, as there is the new ranking list published at every end of month.

14. REGIONAL REPORTS: the Division is asked to note the regional representatives' reports including:

14.1. *Americas:* the report has sent by Alejandra.

14.2. *Africa:* the new Representative thanked the possibility to be here in the Committee. Thanked for the former African Representative his job. There were organized 2 big events in Africa the 1st Morocco Open and the 2015 Africa Regional Championships. The situation is very difficult in Africa, the communication does not work very well. The main problem was during the events the lack of communication between Moroccan Federation and the other NAs. This is one part where the PTT Division can help in this region.

14.3. *Asia:* thanked to the ITTF Development part for their understanding.

It is planned to organize a coaching course during the 1st West Asian Para Games to be held at Khorfakkan City, UAE from 19-25 November in 2015. Until that moment there is entered only 10 athletes from 3 countries. The deadline for entries is on 15th October 2015 and it depends on the participants have to be checked if it is suitable to organize such a course.

The problem in India has not been solved. A lot of emails are sent in this matter. The PTT Division must follow the rules and the agreement with IPC as only the Sport Authority can enter players officially for the para events.

14.4. *Europe:* a questionnaire was sent out to all members, but only 25 countries have answered.

There were organized 4 FA40 and 5 FA20 para events in Europe in 2015.

The European Youth Games was held in Croatia, but I was very simple. The PTT Division was contact them. This is a half of professional event yet.

14.5. *Oceania:* The Regional Championships was held in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia and run at the same time as the Oceania Cup which is the able bodied competition, which leads up to Rio qualification. This was the first time the AWD and Able Bodied were combined in regional tournament. The tournament was well attended and classification was held there. Michael Brown the ITTF Oceania Development Officer is continuing to work with Para Table Tennis and Christian Holtz, PSP Para Development Officer. Christian has done an outstanding job working with Fiji, Vanuatu, Kirabati and Tonga.

There is elected a new President in New-Zealand. In the publication "Paralympic Movement at a Glance" could see the work of "Smash Down the Barriers" was reported for the work going on in Kiribati. This work is undertaken through the Australian Government and Table Tennis Australia has been included as one of the sports included in the program. With a change in government the program was in jeopardy but has at this time been promised to continue but will be overseen by the Defence Department. We will continue to lobby for the continuance of this program.

The Division asked:

- Raul to help to word a letter in French to Moroccan Federation to clarify how the system is going on exactly to complete with the exercise of the Continental Representative's job description.

15. 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES: the Division is asked to note a report including:

15.1 Travels and accommodation for the Paralympic Games: the office will handle the process to collect all information. A form will be created where everyone will be able to



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remark for example the title or which days would like to attend in Paralympic Games. The office will sent out this for after the PTT EC with a deadline.

It could be checked that the last table tennis finals will not be organized at the same time with the closing ceremony.

15.2 Directives point 1.6.2: It has discussed earlier that from 1st of January if there are 3 players (maximum) in a team, we have to give medals for all players who are represent.

The Division asked:

- Emese to change in the directives the point as all 3 players gets a medal even if due to results the third one has not played.

16. NEXT MEETING:

The meeting should be organized every 6 month. The next meeting could be organized during the World Championships in Kuala Lumpur.

17. Any other business

Ronald Kramer: thanked for the invitation. As ETTU has responsibility for all European championships, it could be nice to clarify with ITTF how the ETTU will be able to support and organize the next European Championships.

Gorazd Vecko: if there is a rule that the players have to be in the call room 25 minutes before the match, all players must follow it. It is not fair with the players who are there in time.

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