



United World Wrestling – European Council General Assembly

On the 27th of March 2022, at 10:00am, at the Corinthia Hotel Budapest in Budapest, Hungary, took place the United World Wrestling – Europe General Assembly with the following:

Agenda

1. Opening of the Annual Session of the General Assembly:
 - President of UWW-Europe.
 - President of the Hungarian Wrestling Federation.
 - President of UWW.
2. Documents and the working commissions:
 - Agenda.
 - Selection of the editors for the minutes (English/French).
 - Commission for verification of power of attorneys of the delegates, establishment of the quorum.
3. Minutes from the General Assembly of UWW- Europe in Dortmund, Germany (June 2021).
4. Report by the President of UWW-Europe.
5. Annual report of UWW Europe's finances in 2021.
6. Program of UWW-Europe for the period 2022-2024.
7. Budget for UWW-Europe in 2022.
8. Calendar of UWW and UWW-Europe for 2022-2024:
 - Presentation by national federations
9. Miscellaneous.

In attendance:

United World Wrestling – Europe Council Bureau:

- Mr. Karl-Martin Dittmann – UWW-Europe President and UWW Bureau Member
- Mr. Razvan Pircalabu – Vice President
- Mrs. Csilla Ali – Secretary General
- Mr. Betim Vrenezi – Member
- Mr. Pertti Vehvilainen – Member
- Mr. Zeljko Trajkovic – Member
- Mr. Onder Yaksi – Coopted Member

United World Wrestling Bureau:

- Mr. Theodoros Hamakos – Vice President
- Mr. Arsen Julfalakyan – Member
- Mr. Lucio Caneva – Member
- Mr. Pedro Silva – Member
- Mr. Peter Bacsa – Member



Country Delegates, according with the accreditation done by Mrs. Petra Eigenbrodt, from:

1. Armenia
2. Austria
3. Azerbaijan
4. Bulgarian
5. Croatia
6. Spain
7. France
8. Great Britain
9. Germany
10. Greece
11. Hungaria
12. Israel
13. Italy
14. Kosovo
15. North Macedonia
16. Netherlands
17. Norway
18. Poland
19. Portugal
20. Romania
21. Serbia
22. Switzerland
23. Slovakia
24. Turkey
25. Ukraine

Opening the conference, Mr. Dittmann, greeted the audience, welcoming the delegates as well as the President and Bureau Members from UWW and UWW-EC. The President highlights the current situation regarding the still ongoing pandemic and the war that is going on, since February 24th in Ukraine.

He then gives the floor to Mr. Bacsa, who in representation of the Wrestling Federation of Hungary presents greetings and highlights the importance of hosting this event to wrestling in Budapest and all the efforts of the organizing committee in creating an atmosphere to ensure all the participants have the best possible conditions. He too addresses the situation in Ukraine, wishing that sport and this event, in particular, helps the promotion of peace and friendship through sport. Mr. Bacsa invites everybody to a visit to the new Wrestling Academy. Mr. Bacsa welcomes everyone to Budapest.



Mr. Dittmann thanks the warm welcoming of the Hungarian federation and then gives the floor to the President of United World Wrestling, Mr. Nenad Lalovic, United World Wrestling President, and International Olympic Committee Executive Board Member, who takes part via videoconference.

Mr. Lalovic addresses the decision of UWW's Bureau regarding the exclusion of athletes and officials from Russia and Belarus from UWW events. This is a political and diplomatic question that highly impacts sports. Being wise in such a situation is very difficult. We cannot apply double standards. We must be solidary for those in need and be focused on our activities and on sport. We followed the recommendation of the IOC and the provisions of the Olympic Charter.

Mr. Nenad Lalovic, praised the Hungarian Wrestling Federation for hosting this event, especially considering that geographically Hungary borders Ukraine and welcomes all participants.

Concerning the election of the writer of the minutes, in English and French, of the present conference, the UWW Bureau Member and President of the Federation of Portugal, Mr. Pedro Silva was unanimously approved.

The minutes of the conference in Dortmund were unanimously approved.

Regarding the point 4 of the agenda, the President Mr. Dittmann made a detailed oral presentation of the report that was previously and in due time made available to everyone.

Mr. Dittmann opens the floor for debate and questioning.

The report was unanimously approved.

Mr. Dittmann gives the floor to the Vice President, Mr. Pircalabu, to address the financial report and the budget.

Mr. Pircalabu, then, highlights the main revenues and expenses mentioned both in the financial report and in the budget. He finishes his address proposing that the report be approved.

Mr. Dittmann opens the floor for debate and questioning.

Following the discussion all the documents are unanimously approved.

On the point 6 of the agenda, program of UWW- Europe for 2022-2024, Mr. Dittmann presented the plan in detail. He then opened the floor for debate.

The plan was unanimously adopted.



On the 8th point on the agenda, calendar of UWW/UWW-Europe for 2022-2024, Mr. Dittmann presented all the European hosts for the period, and the following made a presentation:

- Croatia, Zagreb – 2023 European Championship.
- Spain, Pontevedra & Santiago de Compostela – different events during the period.

Regarding point 9 on the agenda, miscellaneous, Mr. Dittmann reminds the statutes foreseen in our constitution that we are a sports organisation and that we must refrain to make political statements in connection with the event.

Mr. Lalovic takes the floor to address and underlines what Mr. Dittmann said and reminds us that athletes are the best we have as a sport, and we must protect them.

Regarding the calendar, UWW President, highlighted the strategic importance of Beach Wrestling and the real chance of Beach Wrestling being included on the Olympic sports program. He called upon all national federations to have a big presence on the Beach Wrestling World Series events, especially in the season opener in Turkey, next May, as we'll be under scrutiny from the IOC.

Mr. Dittman introduces the new President of the Athletes Commission and UWW Bureau member, Mr. Arsen Julfalakyan, that takes the floor to show his openness to be the voice of athletes worldwide.

Mr. Dittmann reminds everyone that there's a workshop at 13:30 with the Development Department of UWW.

Mr. Supron, President of the Wrestling Federation of Poland, asks for the floor and he addresses his concerns regarding the non-inclusion, so far, of wrestling on the program of the European Games. Mr. Dittmann explains that he knows there's an open line of communication between UWW and the organising committee and he will try to find out more immediately regarding the present status quo.

Mr. Dittmann expresses his gratitude to everybody by the flawless way the assembly took place. The General Assembly is officially closed by 11:23am.