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EVENT REPORT 10-23 AUGUST 2015

BANGKOK // THAILAND

Please find enclosed the official report from the IFMA Royal World Cup 2015 and all the activities that took place for the duration of the event. We would like to extend a special thanks to the 23 AIMS International Sport Federations, the IOC, IWGA, FISU, TAFISA, IEC in Sports and everyone else who took part in the AIMS conference.

The IFMA Royal World Cup, conferences and commission meetings were all a huge success and a fantastic gathering in the city of Bangkok, the heart of the Kingdom of Thailand. A total of 120 countries have participated to some degree, either as athletes, coaches, delegates, officials or spectators. The event was the first qualifying event for the World Games 2017 under patronage of the IOC. Congratulations go out to all the winners of the Royal Trophies and all gold medalists who have been the first to qualify for spots in the 2017 World Games in their respective divisions.

Above all, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Royal Thai Family which have honoured us greatly by donating 4 Royal Trophies – His Majesty the King's Trophy presented to the best male national team, Her Majesty the Queen's Trophy presented to the best female national team, His Royal Highness Crown Prince's Trophy and Her Royal Highness Princess's Trophy given to the best junior teams.

Our sincere gratitude also to the Royal Thai Government for the support and to H.E. ML Panadda Diskul for presiding over the Opening Ceremony and the Muaythai Awards Night of Olympism. Special thanks to H.E. Mrs. Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul for presiding over the AIMS Gala Dinner and the Closing Ceremony of the IFMA Royal World Cup 2015.

Furthermore we would like to thank the Department of Physical Education for their contribution to the event; the Institute of Physical Education for their contribution to the AIMS Conference; the Ministry of Culture for their contribution to the Cultural Square; the Amateur Muaythai Association of Thailand under Royal Patronage as the host federation; the World Muaythai Council under patronage of His Majesty the King for their support, and the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for opening their homes and hearts to the people and especially the youth of the world.

We think everyone would agree that the IFMA Royal World Cup 2015 was an event in which the athletes have been the true center, heart and soul. A thank you to all our fantastic ambassadors, especially to the youth of Muaythai. We are all looking forward to the World Championship in Sweden in 2016.

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11-13 August 2015 Bangkok, Thailand

DAY 1 // 11 AUGUST 2015

AIMS Executive Board Meeting

All of AIMS' member federations which are made up of 23 members of SportAccord, met in Bangkok to restructure AIMS with the objective to establish itself as a larger stakeholder and more independent group in the world of sports.



The main agenda was the amendment of the constitution. The changes of the constitution have been made in close cooperation with the 3 IOC recognised sporting groups: ASOIF, AIOWF, ARISF. In addition, the membership criteria for AIMS have been tightened with the input of the IOC recognised sporting federation.



AIMS CONFERENCE

AIMS President Stephan Fox stated that the meeting was decidedly successful. The fact that so many sports with their most senior reprvesentatives came to Bangkok is a testament of the cooperation and unity of the AIMS family.



AIMS Election

Another important event that took place during the AIMS Annual General Assembly in Bangkok was the election. The following positions have been filled by the AIMS members:



Vice PresidentPanagiotis Theodoropoulos

Directors

Robert Keller Mike Haslam Julie Gabriel Michal Buchel Karl Weiss

General Secretary *Gerhard Zimmermann*

Honourary member

Espen Lund

The AIMS family is looking forward to a close cooperation with the IOC, ASOIF, AIOWF, ARISF and all Olympic recognised stakeholders in the world of sports.

AIMS Gala Dinner

IFMA hosted the AIMS conference in Bangkok from 11th to 13th of August with representatives from the IOC, IWGA, FISU, TAFISA, all recognised IOC groups, the representatives from 23 AIMS recognised sports, IEC in Sports, the World Games Channel and many others in attendance.

H.E. Mrs. Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul, Minister of Tourism and Sports, graciously opened the AIMS conference at the Gala Dinner. Her Excellency opened the beautiful evening with a heart-warming speech on behalf of the Royal Thai Government welcoming all sport dignitaries in the unique Thai tradition.

Thailand is a sporting country and the government is in full support of sporting development. Her Excellency cordially thanked AIMS for choosing Thailand and Bangkok as the host city for the conference and thanked all the delegates for their presence. Mrs. Wattanavrangkul shook hands with every delegate while handing out a personally signed Souvenir book. Representatives from the IOC, IWGA, FISU, TAFISA and UN Women have all made welcome speeches. AIMS President Stephan Fox presented the plaque of appreciation to all delegates.





DAY 2: 12 AUGUST 2015

Olympic Family And UN Women Present At AIMS Conference

23 International Federations under the AIMS membership came together for a meeting in Bangkok, hosted by IFMA, the world governing body of Muaythai. IFMA General Secretary and President of AIMS Stephan Fox welcomed all the members of the Olympic family from the IOC, IWGA, FISU, TAFISA and many others for a day of insightful presentations.

Mr. Christian Wassmer, Head of Recognised Stakeholder Relations, IOC, kicked off the day with an important presentation on the IOC Agenda 2020, the Olympic Channel and the future of AIMS within the IOC Movement. He also presented detailed information on the IOC recognition process. AIMS President Stephan Fox thanked Mr. Wassmer for his presentation and the support from the IOC towards the AIMS family.



The CEO of the International World Games Association,

Mr. Joachim Gossow was the second speaker. The World Games is an important part of the Olympic movement as many sports in the Olympics come via the World Games. Many AIMS members are already members of the IWGA and/or included in the World Games. Mr. Gossow presented the IWGA structure and a detailed presentation on the 2017 World Games in Wroclaw, Poland and ensured the close cooperation between IWGA and AIMS.



Mr. Paulo Ferreira, FISU WUC Director, talked on behalf of FISU on the importance of education and sport, the Universiade program, the World Championship program and the first step towards FISU patronage for sports not recognised by FISU.



Dato Sarjit Singh Sekhon, the representative of TAFISA Sport for All, testified to his positive surprise to see so many sports and Olympic stakeholders coming together for the meeting in Bangkok, and expressed his satisfaction on the cooperation between the IOC, TAFISA and AIMS in continuing to use sports on all levels and the exchange of sport and culture.



Anna-Karin Jatfors, the Regional Program Manager from UN Women, spoke about the topic for UNiTE to End Violence Against Women and the role of sports and sporting heroes in the campaign.



Amongst the other key speakers in attendance were Mr. Guy Horne for IEC in Sports, an important platform for all federations, Mr. Hagen Bossdorf on the World Games Channel and Mr. Igor Lanzoni on behalf of the Pierre de Coubertin Foundation.

The meeting was a huge success, with federations leaving informed on the vital steps towards the highest recognition and the importance of a much closer cooperation between the stakeholders in the world of sport. Everyone is looking forward to the next meeting in Lausanne in November. AIMS would like to thank all the participants for attending. Thailand hopes you have enjoyed your time in the beautiful Kingdom.



Sporting Family Social Night

After some busy days of congress meetings, IFMA, the host of the AIMS conference in Bangkok, invited all representatives from the IOC, FISU, TAFISA, IWGA and the 23 sports federations to a night of cultural experience and enjoyment in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Bangkok, the heart of the Kingdom of Thailand.

IFMA President, Dr. Sakchye Tapsuwan welcomed everyone at the "Muaythai Live: The Legend Lives" Show, taking the participants on a one hour journey through the history of Thailand: from the old days of the Tiger King, The Prisoner with the Eight Limbs known as Nai Kanomtom, The Warrior with Broken Swords led by General Pichai and The lethal art of Muaythai to the modern days of the art.

Following this, a private wooden barge picked up the participants on the pier for a one and a half hour dinner cruise admiring the exquisite beauty of the ancient temples and Bangkok by night whilst savouring delicious Thai food.



DAY 3: 13 AUGUST 2015

The World Of Sport Convenes In Thailand







The Royal Thai Government, the Institute of Physical Education in cooperation with AIMS invited sport universities, the Departmentof Physical Education and other stakeholders in Thai sport for a day of informational sport demonstration. This has given the 23 AIMS sports federations a unique chance to introduce their sports and their activities.

AIMS President Stephan Fox stated that this gathering was vital to exchange information in order to discover and promote the sports as some are stronger in certain regions while others have no presence at all. It is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the sports, awaken interest and work together with higher sporting authorities. The representatives from the IOC, IWGA, FISU and TAFISA applauded the initiatives that will now continue in different regions around the world.

The key speakers were informational, pairing engaging videos with their presentations; the physical demonstrations from the sports of Kendo and Savate were particularly riveting.

AIMS Executive Board Member, Michal Buchel from FIAS summed it up: "Sport has a unique power,

the unity in sport is important for the overall development of each of our sports."











IFMA ROYAL WORLD CUP OPENING CEREMONY

13 August 2015

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was a spectacular exhibition of cultural exchange, unity and respect featuring the youth as our future champions. The ceremony was officially opened by H.E. ML Panadda Diskul, Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office. A special welcome message from the President of the IOC, Dr. Thomas Bach, was read out by Mr. Christian Wassmer, representative of the IOC.



With a record 120 countries participating counting some 2,000 athletes, officials, supporters and delegates, the Royal World Cup opening ceremony was also attended by representatives from IWGA, FISU, TAFISA, the 23 representatives of AIMS and diplomats from over 60 embassies.

Spectators looked on in reverence as the Royal Guards marched in the four Royal Trophies — His Majesty the King's Trophy, Her Majesty the Queen's Trophy, His Royal Highness Crown Prince's Trophy and Her Royal Highness Princess's Trophy. The patronage of Thailand's Royal Family clearly testifies to the importance of this honourable event.









The rest of the opening ceremony was centred on the youth of the world, showing how Muaythai as the torch of life is passed on from one generation to another. Many memorable performances were presented by Thai youngsters but the most surprising one was the traditional Maori Haka performed by the athletes from the New Zealand team; it filled the whole stadium with unforgettable emotions. The local Thai crowd provided a unique Thai support for the host athletes and offered the famous Thai hospitality for the guests. The event was televised around the world and broadcasted live on primetime Thai TV.



Having served as the main arena for the Asian Games and Asian Football competitions before, the Thailand National Stadium was host the 2015 IFMA Royal World Cup. Located in close vicinity to the official hotel, the National Stadium presented a great logistical solution benefiting all stakeholders and demonstrated the sustainability policies IFMA has taken as a rule for each event.

This is the second time IFMA has used the National Stadium after the very successful Muaythai University World Cup which has written history by gaining Muaythai the official recognition by FISU. Muaythai has taken a strong position in the world sports community and the Royal World Cup proved to be another firm step up for Muaythai, with yet another successful world-class event.



The Exciting Matches

The IFMA Royal World Cup was scheduled from 13th to 23rd of August with quarter-final, semi-final, Junior-final and final being broadcasted live to over 200 counties around the world. In addition, the opening ceremony was televised live on Channel 5 in Thailand.



After months of planning, lots of sweat, dedication and sacrifices, the IFMA Royal World Cup tournament kicked off on 14th of August with an array of amazing bouts.

The stadium was packed to capacity with no free seat in the VIP section; embassy representatives and sport officials from all around the world cheered for their national teams with colourful flags creating an electrifying atmosphere.

This journey does not end here in Bangkok as all the gold medal winners in the respective weight divisions will be the first qualifiers for the World Games 2017.



At the final bell of day one Russia, Morocco, Australia, Ukraine, Finland, Belarus, England and China so far showed outstanding form in the male division.

In female division Finland, Ukraine, Thailand, Sweden, Belarus, Italy, USA, Australia, Israel, Peru and Slovenia all booked their place in the second round which truly showed the strength of female athletes.

The second day of the Royal World Cup was also packed, with crowds supporting the athletes from the first to the last bell. The stadium was filled with flags from all participating countries, while fans cheered on their teams.

Muaythai truly proves to be an international sport and winning against a Thai champion in Thailand in front of thousands of spectators and millions watching on TV is a big achievement. The crowd erupted when Australian champion Yolanda Schmidt, won over the Thai superstar, FISU and IFMA champion and Muaythai Angel, Yadrung Tehiran. After a world class match, the Australian's hand was raised. A standing ovation from the entire stadium went out to both athletes.

Amongst other exciting matches, there was another Australian victory in the female division. USA won over Italy, Philippines beat India, France came out as a winner in a tight match against Germany and New Zealand showed more strength over Sweden. Another Thai athlete restored national pride by beating Russia.



Throughout the event, the Royal World Cup continued to give joy to all visitors and most importantly brought athletes closer to their personal and team goals. Medals in 105 weight and age divisions were contested by athletes from 120 countries and four trophies donated by the Royal Family were awarded to the most outstanding athletes of the Royal World Cup.

By days four and five, many matches had been fought and won. Even before the kick off of the quarterfinals, it was obvious that 2015 Royal World Cup trophies would be awarded to different countries with representatives of different nationalities making it into the following round.

Many new member countries that have recently started to participate in IFMA events have already secured medals, proving that the skill levels of Muaythai throughout the world have grown within these recent years. New member countries that have just joined IFMA this year are looking forward to the proud moment when their athletes will take their place on the podium at one of the following IFMA events.



Day four and five were full of close-decision matches. The high level of professionalism of the experienced Technical Officials ensured that decisions were fair and satisfied both winning and losing corners.





The last two days of the event saw matches between Konstantin Trishyn from Ukraine and Kobilbek Tulabaev from Uzbekistan. Trishyn won by points showing a real team captain's spirit. Watson Smith Malik from USA defeated Maes Jens from Belgium and Polish representative, Remijonsz Szkudlarek got one step closer to the award podium by winning the second match at his first World Cup.

The fifth day gave the audience exciting bouts with the heavy artillery matches between Belarus athlete and multiple IFMA world champion, Andrei Kulebin winning over Akzhanov Rustem from Kazakhstan. Artem Vakhitov competed against his regular rival in his weight division, the Belarus champion, Dzianis Hancharonak. In the end there can only be one winner and Artem Vakhitov moved to the following round of the Royal World Cup.



Youth World Cup

The Youth World Cup was a separate event where besides the Royal World Cup, many other activities were held. Cultural understanding, education, sport and fun were the themes. There is no doubt that the junior athletes returned home with fond memories of the beautiful kingdom of Thailand. As young ambassadors of the sport of Muaythai, they carry the sport's hope for the future.

At the closing, the Royal Thai Government and the Department of Physical Education presented special trophies for the best junior athletes. The winners were:

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The Finals

There was no empty sitting or standing space at the finals of the IFMA Royal World Cup 2015 when the best of the best met to secure their medals and a place of honour to compete in the 2017 World Games, together with the chance to be nominated for the highly coveted Royal World Cup trophy. There has been so much hype and it was truly the night of the champions.



54 kg division, Thachtana Loungphon from Thailand beat Eduard Michovich from Belarus in a world class fight.

In 63.5 kg division, Thailand lost in the semi-final. Igor Liubchenko from Ukraine won against Itai Gayer from Israel in a truly outstanding performance by both athletes.

67 kg division, Thailand also lost in the semi-final. It was Magomed Zaynukov from Russia against Kurt Staiti from Australia. Both athletes put forward a world class performance with Russia coming out as the winner.

71 kg division was the fight the world truly waited to see. Thailand champion, Muensang Suppachai against European Champion, Andrei Kulebin. With thousands of Thai fans present to support their national hero, it was Thailand who won with a point decision in a fantastic match.

75 kg division was Olivier Ngoto from France against Islam Murtazaev from Russia. It was Olivier from France who brought home the glory in an electrifying performance.

European superstar, Dimitry Valent defeated Nadir Iskhakov from Russia in a fantastic performance. IFMA President Dr. Sakchye Tapsuwan stated how truly international Muaythai has become. With Thai superstars losing in the semi-finals on their home turf, this shows the strength and even opportunity of Muaythai on a worldwide scale. This is the achievement of the IFMA's work over the last decade by developing Muaythai from the grassroots.



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SOUVENIR MESSAGES

We wish to convey our appreciation to all the dignitaries for their support towards the IFMA Royal World Cup 2015.





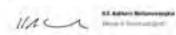








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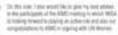




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Meetings

Many important meetings, a total of 36, took place during the Royal World Cup. Many decisions have been made, shaping the future of the sport and protecting Muaythai as a cultural art form.

18 August 2015 - IFMA Executive Board Meeting

The IFMA Executive Board Meeting took place at the Salathai of the Ambassador Hotel with 29 executive board members from 26 countries present.

The meeting was chaired by President Dr. Sakchye
Tapsuwan, IFMA Vice President Mr. Yeo Kyu Tae
from Korea, the 5 continental presidents, IFMA General
Secretary Mr. Stephan Fox and IFMA Sport Director Charissa Tynan.

The long meeting saw reports from all Commissions, with recommendations for the AGM, paving the future for the sport towards its recognition by the IOC. IFMA President Dr. Sakchye Tapsuwan thanked the executives for the work they have done in the last 4 years. He thanked the outgoing executive members as they continue to rally for IFMA in its strive for excellence.



19 August 2015 - IFMA Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Assembly was an important one as it was election year. A total of 122 countries participated with 92 electoral rights. Dr. Sakchye Tapsuwan, president of IFMA was unanimously elected as President for another 4 years. H.E. Karim Massimov, Prime Minister of Kazakhstan was unanimously elected as Vice President and Stephan Fox was unanimously elected as General Secretary. Results of the election are:

President: Dr. Sakchye Tapsuwan

General Secretary: Stephan Fox Treasurer: Kajorn Prowsri

Vice Presidents: H.E. Karim Massimov (Kazakhstan), President of Asia

Yeo Kyo Tae (Korea)

Sue Latta (New Zealand), President of Oceania

Ana Vital Melo (Portugal)

Gennadiy Trukhanov (Ukraine), President of Europe

Driss El Hilali (Morocco), President of Africa

Tim Lee (Hong Kong) Elisa Salinas (Mexico)

Executive Committee: Zhou Jin Biao (China)

Sherzod Tashmatov (Uzbekistan)

Detlef Turnau (Germany)
Sham Seetaram (Mauritius)
Dmitry Putilin (Russia)
Halil Durna (Turkey)
Sami Kiblawi (Lebanon)
Iztok Vorkapic (Slovenia)

Gen. Lucas Managuelod (Philippines)

Victoria Nansen (New Zealand)
Shahnaz Azmi (Malaysia)
Cheryl Garcia (USA)
Mervyn Tan (Singapore)
Rafal Szlachta (Poland)
Rodrigo Jorquera (Peru)
Petr Ottich (Czech)
Carlos Portolan (Brazil)
Pernilla Johansson (Sweden)
Valentina Shevchenko (Peru)
Sami Kiblawi (Lebanon)
Caroline Aebersold (Australia)

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Presentations at the AGM

Important presentations have been made during the AGM, especially by the upcoming host cities of future events.

The Swedish government made an impressive presentation for the World Championship 2016 to be held in the city of Jönköping, Sweden.



The Vietnamese National Olympic Committee and government made a detailed presentation on the 2016 Asian Beach Games.



The organising committee and National Olympic Committee of Turkmenistan made a presentation on the 2017 Indoor Martial Arts Games.



Korea made a detailed presentation on the 2016 World Martial Arts festival in Cheong Ju.



The Country Representative of Jordan made a proposal to the floor in a bid to host the 2017 Youth World Championship.



Another was a presentation of the World Games 2017 in the City of Wroclaw, Poland, under the patronage of the IOC.



One of the highlights of the AGM was the official flag ceremony of the FISU flag to mark the recent recognition granted to IFMA by FISU. It was an emotional moment when 4 university students from 4 continents carried in the official FISU flag. The entire room rose to their feet, honouring IFMA's recognition in the FISU family while the official FISU anthem played.



The 5 hour meeting has truly shaped the landscape of IFMA for the next few years, with many decisions that will determine the future of the sport of Muaythai.