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INFORMATION

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The WMA Council hereby submits its report for the period of July 2015 - September 2016 covering the time span between the XX1 Stadia Championship in Lyon, France and the XXII Championship in Perth, Australia.

WMA Council

During the period the Council has consisted of the following Officers:

President:	Stan Perkins, AUS
Executive Vice President:	Margit Jungmann, GER
Vice President, Stadia:	Serge Beckers, BEL
Vice President Non-Stadia:	
Secretary	Winston Thomas, GBR
Treasurer:	Jean Thomas, FRA
Women's Representative:	Selma Turkkal, TUR
IAAF Representative:	César Moreno Bravo, MEX
	To March 21st 2016
	Pierre Weiss, from March 21 st 2016

WMA Council Regional Delegates

Africa:	Leonie Etong, CAM
Asia:	Sivasambo Sivapragasim, MAL
Europe:	Kurt Kaschke, GER
North and Central	
America & the Caribbean:	Sandy Pashkin, USA
Oceania:	Lynne Schickert, AUS
South America:	Richard Amigo. PAR

WMA Committees

During the period the following WMA Committees were chaired by:

Stadia:	Serge Beckers
Non-Stadia:	
Doping and Medical:	Dr Steve Peters
Law and Legislation:	Jean Thomas
Records:	Sandy Pashkin
Organisational Advisory:	Margit Jungmann
Women's:	Selma Turkkal

WMA Meetings

During the period the following meetings have been held by the Council and committees

Council: Malaga, ESP. 22-24 April 2016

Meetings with other Organizations

During the period WMA had no meetings with other bodies.

Representation

During the period the following Council Members have served in other organizations:

IAAF Masters Commission	Stan Perkins, AUS
	Margit Jungmann, GER
	Serge Beckers, BEL
	Sandy Pashkin, USA

Championships

During the period the following Regional Championships have been organized:

World Mountain Running: Susa, Italy, 27-28 Aug 2016

Regional Championships

Asia: Singapore. 23-29 Sept 2014

Europe:

Indoors: Ancona, Italy, 29 Mar -02 April 2016

Non Stadia: Villa Real, Portugal, 20-22 May 2016

Oceania: Rarotonga, Cook Island, 5-9 October, 2015

WMA Affiliates and number of votes at the general assembly in Perth, Australia 2016.

Affiliés WMA et nombre de votes pour l'Assemblée Générale à Perth, Australia 2016.

Africa/l'Afrique	Votes		
Algeria	1	Democratic Rep of Congo	1
Angola	1	Djibouti	1
Benin	1	Egypt	1
Botswana	1	Equatorial Guinea	1
Cameroon	1	Ethiopia	1
Rep of Cape Verde	1	The Gambia	1
Central African Rep	1	Ghana	1
Chad	1	Guinea	1
Congo	1	Ivory Coast	1
		Kenya	1

Lesotho	1	Austria	2
Mauritania	1	Azerbaijan	1
Mauritius	1	Belarus	1
Morocco	1	Belgium	2
Mozambique	1	Bosnia Herzegovina	1
Namibia	1	Bulgaria	1
Nigeria	1	Croatia	1
Rwanda	1	Cyprus	1
Senegal	1	Czech Republic	2
Seychelles	1	Denmark	1
South Africa	2	Estonia	2
Sudan	1	Finland	5
Togo	1	France	5
Tunisia	1	Georgia	1
Zambia	1	Germany	5
Zimbabwe	1	Gibraltar	1
		Great Britain & NI	5
Asia/l'Asie		Hungary	1
Bangladesh	1	Iceland	1
Brunei	1	Ireland	2
Peoples Rep, of China	1	Israel	1
Hong-Kong	1	Italy	5
India	5	Kosovo	1
Indonesia	1	Latvia	1
Iran	1	Liechtenstein	1
Japan	2	Lithuania	1
Kazakhstan	1	Luxembourg	1
Korea	1	Macedonia (Former Yugoslav	
Kyrgyz Republic	1	Republic of)	1
Lebanon	1	Malta	1
Malaysia	1	Moldova	1
Mongolia	1	Monaco	1
Myanmar	1	Montenegro	1
Nepal	1	Netherlands	3
Pakistan	1	Norway	1
Philippines	1	Poland	2
Singapore	1	Portugal	1
Sri Lanka	1	Romania	1
Chinese Tapei	1	San Marino	1
Tajikistan	1	Serbia	1
Thailand	1	Slovak Republic	1
Turkmenistan	1	Slovenia	1
Uzbekistan	1	Spain	5
United Arab Emirates	1	Sweden	2
		Switzerland	2
		Turkey	1
		Ukraine	1
Europe/L'Europe	Votes	Greece, Russia :suspended	
Albania	1		
Andorra	1		
Armenia	1		
		North and Central America	

**& the Caribbean. L'Amerique
du Nord et Centrale & Caraibes**

Antigua and Barbuda	1
Bahamas	1
Barbados	1
Belize	1
Bermuda	1
Canada	5
Costa Rica	1
Cuba	1
Dominican Republic	1
El Salvador	1
Guatemala	1
Honduras	1
Jamaica	1
Mexico	5
Nicaragua	1
Panama	1
Puerto Rico	2
St Kitts and Nevis	1
St Vincent	1
Trinidad & Tobago	1
Unites States of America	5
US Virgin Islands	1

Aruba	1
Bolivia	1
Brazil	5
Chile	5
Colombia	4
Ecuador	1
Guyana	1
Paraguay	1
Peru	2
Surinam	0
Uruguay	2
Venezuela	2

Oceania/L'Oceanie **Votes**

American Samoa	1
Australia	5
Cook Island	1
Fiji	1
French Polynesia	1
Guam	1
Republic of Kiribati	1
Marshall Islands	1
Micronesia	1
Republic of Nauru	1
New Zealand	2
Norfolk island	1
Northern Marianas Island	1
Palau	1
Papua New Guinea	1
Samoa	1
Solomon Island	1
Tonga	1
Tuvalu	1
Vanuatu	1

**South America/L'Amerique
du Sud**

Votes

Argentina	5
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AGENDA for the WMA General Assembly 30th October, 2016 Perth, Australia

Mercure Hotel :10 Irwin Street, Perth, STARTING AT 09.00 AM

Registration from 07.30; Delegates to be seated by 08.50

1. 09.00 Opening of the General Assembly
2. 09.05 Certification of the proper calling of the General Assembly and voting instructions.
3. 09.15 Election of 2 scrutineers for the minutes
4. 09.20 Election of up to 4 persons to count the votes
5. 09.25 Matters arising from 2015 General Assembly Lyon, France.
6. 09.35 Submission and approval of reports from the:
 - President
 - Executive Vice President
 - Vice President Stadia
 - Secretary
 - Women's Representative
7. 10.15 Submission and approval of the auditor's report
8. 10.25 Submission and approval Treasurer Report
9. 10.40 Submission of report on IAAF Representative
10. 10.55 Elect WMA Honorary Members
11. 11:05 Coffee Break (30 minutes - sharp)
12. 11.30 Hearing of the Suspension of the Kenyan Amateur Athletics Association, WMA.
13. 12.10 Submission of the New WMA Constitution, By-laws , Championship rules and Registration in Monaco
14. 12.50 Elections
 - Executive Vice President: Margit Jungmann, GER
 - Vice President Competition: Brian Keaveney, CAN
 - Secretary : Serge Beckers, BEL
 - Maria Alfaro-Casan, MEX

15. 13.30 Lunch
16. 15:00 Status Report Indoor Championship 2017, Daegu, South Korea
17. 15:20 Status Report Stadia Championship 2018, Malaga, Spain
18. 15:40 Bid presentations and voting for future WMA World Championships
2019 Indoor Championship
 - Torun, Poland
Stadia Championship 2020
 - Gothenburg, Sweden.
 - Toronto, Canada.
19. 17.10 Voting on motions to Amend Rules of Competition.
20. 17.45 Date of the next GA, Malaga, Spain
21. 17:50 Closing of the General Assembly

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES

The General Assembly will follow *Robert's Rules of Order*, as required by the WMA Constitution.

- These call for a delegate to be recognized by the Chair before being allowed to speak. To ask to be recognized, raise your hand.
- All remarks are to be addressed to the Chair, not directly by one delegate to another.
- On all motions, the Chair will alternate between speakers in favour and those in opposition.
- A delegate may only speak a 2nd time on a motion when all other delegates wishing to speak have done so.
- Each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes per speech during debate.
- Voting shall be done electronically. If there are any difficulties with the electronic voting, either a voice vote or rising vote (the delegates stand) will be employed.
- Motions generally require a majority of those voting to be passed. Some motions, such as to close debate, require a 2\3rds approval.

Any ruling by the Chair may be appealed. It requires "a 2nd", whereby a second delegate endorses the request for an Appeal made by the first delegate. The Ruling of the Chair is then debated. The Chair is allowed to speak first and last in the debate. The decision of Chair is either upheld or overruled by a simple majority of the votes cast.

REPORT BY WMA PRESIDENT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN PERTH, AUSTRALIA ON 30 OCTOBER 2016

This report is for the period since the General Assembly held in Lyon, France in August 2015.

Overview

Whilst this report covers a period of only 14 months, it has been a busy period for the Council. Activities included inspections of bidding cities that seek to be host future WMA Championships, as well as follow up inspections of cities already approved to host WMA competitions in 2017 (Daegu, Korea) and 2018 (Malaga, Spain). A meeting of the WMA Council was held in Malaga, Spain and Masters athletes participated in IAAF Championship competitions in Beijing, China and Portland, USA.

One matter that has significantly impacted upon WMA has been the considerable instability within the IAAF organisation. This has created concerns for WMA and impacted in a number of areas, not the least being the Masters athletes of Russia who remain suspended from all athletic competitions outside of their own country. In addition, after considerable delay the IAAF appointed a new representative to the WMA Council and made significant changes to the IAAF members of the Masters Commission.

There has continued to be considerable activity within the WMA Regions with major competitions and other activities. WMA was represented at most of these competitions.

Work has continued on the registration of the WMA organisation in Monaco and further progressing the new Constitution that will become effective in Perth.

Specific Details

Administration

Council Meeting, Lyon, France 2015

A full Council meeting was held immediately prior to the Championships in Lyon.

Council Meeting, Malaga, Spain 2016

In April 2016 the Council held a meeting in Malaga, Spain, the host city for the 2018 WMA Stadium Championships. All Council members took the opportunity to familiarise themselves with Malaga and visited venues and other locations within the city. This meeting was also the first for Pierre Weiss who was appointed as the new IAAF Representative to the Council. Council also had an opportunity to meet with the Spanish Athletics and LOC representatives.

Executive Meetings

No meetings of the Executive have been held since Lyon, 2015.

Absence of Vice President Non Stadia from Meetings and Competitions

Giacome Leone, Vice President Non Stadia, was not present at any meetings including the General Assembly and did not attend the championships. He had requested and been granted leave of absence due to the serious illness of his father in Italy. However since that time he has not responded to communications and has taken no further part in WMA activities.

WMA Committee Activities

Stadia Committee

This Committee did not meet face-to-face although in Malaga several members worked together on competition schedules, but most communication was by email. However I believe that whilst this Committee has worked effectively in some areas, it has mostly been reactive rather than proactive in addressing its responsibilities. The failure to complete the Stadia Competition Guidelines has been extremely disappointing.

Non-Stadia Committee

No meetings were held. The VP Non-Stadia has made little contribution to his portfolio which created problems within this area of WMA's activities. The committee members have been willing to contribute and we thank them for their continued interest and their efforts to work with limited guidance and direction. This did ensure that standards were maintained. In particular WMA thanks Brian Keaveney for his continued contribution and commitment to non-stadia competition and administration, and Winston Thomas for performing the non-stadia duties as and when required.

Anti-Doping and Medical Committee

Dr. Steve Peters has continued to lead and guide an active Committee who have been reviewing several specific issues that are most relevant to Masters age athletes, in addition to ensuring that WMA maintains compliance with existing IAAF Rules in Anti-Doping. WMA now has approved out of competition testing and will increase its targeting testing to ensure that athletes adhere to the rules of our sport. The adaptation of the IAAF Medical Handbook to specifically cater to Masters competitions needs to be completed to provide effective guidelines to future WMA Championship hosts and for use within the WMA Regions.

Law & Legislation Committee

This Committee has been kept busy since the championships in Lyon dealing with a number of issues that arose from that competition. This includes some matters that are still to be finally resolved. It is to be noted that the matters dealt with included competing in incorrect age, competing under another athletes name and bringing the sport into disrepute. Legal services were engaged to assist the Committee with its deliberations where appropriate.

Organisational Advisory Committee

This Committee have worked effectively under the guidance of Margit Jungmann. A draft of the Organisational Guidelines has been completed and will be finalised soon. Committee members have been active and have concentrated on establishing standards that will enhance this area of operations in future championships at all levels.

Women's Committee

No meetings were held however Selma Turkkal has maintained contact with womens' activities in each Region.

Records Committee

Sandy Pashkin chairs this Committee and works with the members as and when required to resolve any issues. Any problems that arose were resolved within the Committee.

IAAF Co-Ordination Meetings

No meetings have been held. This has been very disappointing but the ongoing problems within the IAAF has resulted in such meetings not being possible to this point in time. We are hopeful that these meeting will re-commence in the near future.

IAAF Masters Commission

There have been no meetings of the Commission since Lyon, primarily because of the IAAF problems. Cesar Moreno Bravo has been replaced as Chairman by Pierre Weiss from France, a former General Secretary of the IAAF and a long time friend of WMA. The IAAF have appointed an additional three new members to this Commission, whilst WMA will review its member appointments following the General Assembly in Perth.

It is important that the service rendered to WAVA / WMA by Cesar Moreno Bravo be acknowledged for the exceptional contribution he has made to our sport. He remains committed to our sport and has volunteered to assist us in any way possible. His recognition of the worth of our organisation in the early 1990's saw him volunteer to guide the relationship

between WAVA/ WMA and the IAAF, a role he has performed with success, dignity and compassion. He and his successor, Pierre Weiss, are good friends and have a long time personal relationship and we are confident we will continue to have good relations with the IAAF in the years ahead.

Transfer of Registration of WMA Organisation to Monaco

The registration of the WMA organisation in Monaco has been challenging and we have to thank Pierre Weiss and Jean Thomas for their on-going negotiations and efforts to complete this process. Eventually, after a series of minor amendments to the wording of the new constitution, WMA has been successfully registered. Jean is now attending to the opening of the new Bank Account for WMA in Monaco, with 29 September determined as the date WMA will eventually be fully registered and financially operational in Monaco.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

During the General Assembly in Perth WMA Treasurer Jean Thomas will report on the financial status of our organisation. I want to acknowledge that WMA is now in the strongest financial position it has ever held and credit Winston Thomas for his co-operation in turning around our income structure to ensure greater stability, and our WMA treasurer for his astute financial management. I believe we have the opportunity to generate additional income streams and built additional financial resources to adequately cater for the future needs of AMA.

COMPETITIONS

WMA Stadia Championships, Lyon, France, 4 to 16 August 2015.

With more than 8,000 athletes this proved to be a major challenge to the LOC and WMA.

Significant changes in venues at a late stage of planning impacted considerably upon the championship and the decisions taken within Lyon in respect of venues and services such as transport caused athlete complaints that took a lot of effort to resolve. The late cancellation of permission to use the approved marathon course was particularly disappointing.

However these problems did not detract from the success of the championships and most athletes had a very enjoyable experience. The standard of competition was high and we acknowledge the efforts of the officials, volunteers and administrators, and indeed the athletes themselves who all contributed to the successful completion of the championships.

WMA's competition management team proved its real worth in Lyon as they had to work hard to ensure that relations with

the local officials and the standards that are expected at this level of competition were delivered. They did a great job and are proving invaluable in ensuring the quality, standards and principles of our sport are applied in the best way.

The LOC achieved a successful championship under considerable duress. However their commitment, experience and professional approach to organisation of this championship did not prepare them for the magnitude of the task that confronted them. However they achieved a good outcome. Well done.

WMA Masters World Mountain Running Championships.

The World Mountain Running Association delivered the organisation and management of this event in the town of Susa, Italy in August, 2016 with more than 600 athletes entered. WMA acknowledges the efforts of Brian Keaveney who has been the WMA representative at these championships since their inception, and thanks the World Mountain Running for their conduct of this successful event. In 2017 this championship will take place in Pruske, Slovakia during September.

Outstanding Issues from Past Championships

2013 WMA Stadia Championships Porto Alegre, Brazil

No further progress has been made since my report to the General Assembly in Lyon. In fact Porto Alegre was to host the South American Regional Championships in 2015 but these was cancelled by the Regional Council. WMA has written off the deficit that was outstanding as further recovery action seems futile. The final report of these championships has not been submitted and WMA will not pursue this further.

2014 WMA Indoors Championships, Budapest, Hungary

All financial aspects of the Championship have now been completed as all Affiliates fees have been paid. However the results have not been printed and the WMA Council will now look to complete this task and ensure that all athletes who paid for results books will receive them. No financial report or overall championship report has been submitted, despite promises by the Hungarian Athletics Federation to do so. This matter will now be reported to the EAA and the IAAF for their attention.

2015 WMA Stadia Championships, Lyon, France

Arrangements to complete financial matters have been agreed. A final report on the championships is still outstanding but we expect to receive this in the near future.

Regional Championships

Competitions were scheduled in several Regions across a range of athletic activities. These included:

- Non Stadia Championships, Chile, South America Region
- Stadia Championships, Cook Islands, Oceania Region
- Indoor Championships, Ancona, Italy, European Region
- Combined Events Championships, Chile, South America Region
- Stadia Championships, Singapore, Asia Region
- Non Stadia Championships, Portugal, European Region
- Stadia Championships, Cameroon, Africa Region

WMA Invitation Events at IAAF World Championships

August 1915 IAAF Track and Field Championships, Beijing, China

The IAAF agreed to a request from Cesar Moreno Bravo to include two events for Masters athletes during the IAAF World Championships held in Beijing, China at the Birds Nest Stadium. Separate races for men and women age group 50 plus 800 metres and a women's 50 plus 400metres were conducted, with athletes being nominated by their affiliate and selected according to a criteria that ensured close racing. This was a very successful initiative - to the extent that crowd approval was strong and the performances were well received.

March 2016 IAAF Indoors Championships, Portland, Oregon, USA

The success in China resulted in two Masters events with a Men's 60 plus 800 metres and a Women age 55 plus 800 metres being included in this championship and again the athletes who competed provided excellent spectator value with strong running and close finishes. This was deemed even more successful that the participation in Beijing.

NOTE: Arrangements for Masters events to be included in the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London had been initially confirmed, but we have now been informed that these races will not be included. We are continuing to try and change this decision.

UPCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Daegu, South Korea WMA Indoors Championships March 19 - 25, 2017

Representatives of WMA visited Daegu early April, 2016 and held discussions with the LOC and inspected facilities. A change of City Government resulted in an almost totally new LOC and a considerable amount of backtracking had to be done to establish relationships. There was an obvious need for close liaison to ensure planning continued along the correct

pathway for this competition but WMA is confident this will be a well planned, high standard event.

Malaga, Spain WMA Stadia Championships, 2018

Following a meeting of the WMA Council, representatives met with Spanish Athletics and Malaga Athletics representatives and inspected facilities. Discussions raised a number of issues that needed to be addressed by the LOC, including concerns that the University track could be in jeopardy as it required renewal. A report will be presented to the General Assembly in Perth to update the status of the preparations.

FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIP BID INSPECTIONS

2019 Indoors Championship - Bid by Torun, Poland

**2020 Stadia Championship - Bids by Gothenburg, Sweden -
Tampere, Finland,**

Toronto, Canada -

Bogota, Colombia.

The bid by Bogota was withdrawn before an inspection was undertaken.

The bid by Tampere, Finland was withdrawn after an inspection visit.

The other three bidding cities were visited by representatives of WMA and will be submitting their bids for consideration to the General Assembly in Perth.

Torun, Gothenburg and Toronto all present as strong, committed bidders who have demonstrated they have the experience, capacity, support and government backing to organise and conduct a WMA Championship.

OTHER MATTERS

IAAF

In August 2015 the IAAF Congress held in Beijing was attended by several members of the WMA Council who also represent on the IAAF Masters Commission. This was a highly anticipated meeting with the long term President Lamine Diack stepping down as President and the election of his replacement, Lord Sebastian Coe from Great Britain. Little did we know that this highlight for the IAAF would shortly turn into what could be described as a nightmare with a number of very damaging revelations by the media, arrests of several former IAAF administrators and extraordinary doping accusations against the Russian Athletics Federation.

The turmoil that followed continues to this day. There has been major disruptions to the day to day working of the IAAF and decisions that would normally have been taken many months ago have been delayed and in some instances are still pending. WMA has to get on with the management of its affairs and

perform business as usual. Certainly we have been very disappointed at many facets of what has happened in the past year, but we can now see that the planning that is being undertaken in the restructuring of the IAAF will result in a much more transparent, better organisation in the years ahead. Our relationship with the IAAF had reached a very high point and this had flowed through to the world Regions and the Affiliates therein. Certainly some of this strength seems to have been diluted but we are confident that we will regain and even grow as we move forward into a new era in our sport.

Despite the problems athletics is still the most popular of the Olympic sports and our family status continues. I urge you all to continue to enjoy your sport and to remain positive. The IAAF has very strong leadership and now just needs time to engage the reforms and improvements that have been put into place. WMA will play its role in supporting these initiatives.

IAAF Masters Athlete of the Year.

These awards will continue but unfortunately the annual IAAF Gala Dinner has been cancelled for 2015 and 2016, therefore whilst athletes have been selected for 2015 we have been forced to look for alternate award opportunities to ensure these athletes are rewarded for their outstanding efforts. The winners in 2015 were: Silke Schmidt (GER) and David Heath (GBR)

The 2016 winners will be selected after the conclusion of the Championships in Perth.

MASTERS GAMES

Unfortunately discussions with the IAAF Masters Commission have not been finalised due to the problems of the IAAF, but the relationship with World Masters Games continues to cause concern. It is expected that a meeting in February 2017 may allow this matter to be progressed at that time.

CONCLUSION

The WMA Council has an ever expanding challenge to meet the needs of its membership, with a continued growth in competitions and high expectations by athletes for well managed and presented championships. The introduction of a WMA Competition Management team has proven a major success and the capacity of this team to continue to provide expertise in competition management will see our standards maintained and improved.

The problems in past years with host organisations struggling to meet the demands of a competition with many thousands of competitors should reduce significantly in future years. Better event management, a more stringent approach to facilities and amenities and a substantial tightening of our championships contract is expected to lead to better standard bidders with both WMA and our bid partners benefitting from better outcomes for our athletes and their supporters.

I am confident that WMA has a strong future - excellent bidding entities for future years, a strong and improving financial position and an on-going emphasis on attracting skilled people to lead the organisation forward. We must be confident in our dealings with our partners on all fronts, and continue to look for progress and prosperity.

My thanks to the WMA Council, the supporting Committees, our partner organisations, our regional administrations and affiliate leaders and to the athletes from your continued support and dedication to this great sport.

Stan (Stanley) Perkins
WMA PRESIDENT

REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT: MARGIT JUNGMAHN

Margit Jungmann, Executive Vice President

Report 2015-16

Dear delegates, dear friends!

As my last report was given to Lyon GA, this report covers the period of one year starting with WMAC in Lyon. It was a very busy year with the deliverance of the championships in Lyon, 3 progression inspections and 3 bid inspections.

World Master Championships of Lyon

Lyon organized a good competition with extraordinary results. Fortunately most of the athletes could enjoy and did not see the problems that existed. 8000 athletes was a big challenge for all the team. TIC was excellent, the system of accreditation worked perfectly. The transport situation had been a problem. For money reasons the LOC could not effort free public transport for all athletes as promised. Athletes did not understand the system of getting tickets just for competition days and complained. The transport for officials and council started very difficult as well. As the technique to transfer results was not sufficient the medal presentation hold only in the main venue was not as successful as expected. The work in matters of media was excellent. Overall we had a good championship with some critical points.

Progression inspections

Perth

The one-year- to-go inspection in October 2015 allowed establishing intense relationship to the key people of LOC. It showed that Australian Masters, Western Australia athletics and City of Perth are ready to host an event with at least 4000 athletes. The preparation of organisational matters since the inspection was very effective as Lynne Schickert , Council member, acted as international liaison for LOC, so the cooperation worked very well. LOC is working on a high professional level and accepts at the same time guidance by WMA.

Daegu

The one-year-to-go inspection to Daegu took place in March. Daegu started in January with a completely new team of LOC, so the delegation met for the first time the members of LOC. Considering the short time of preparation the LOC did an impressive work in a short delay. The LOC is supported by the City of Daegu and experienced members of Korean Athletics Federation.

The inspection team was challenged to go through all matters

(Competition and organisation) in 3 days. Experienced in track and field but not in masters LOC asked for guidance in masters' matters. Another visit will be necessary to fix details of organisational matters.

Malaga

The inspection of Malaga took place end of April. From the organisational view as accommodation, transport, catering, TIC etc. the championships should not cause any significant problems. Technical problems are to solve as the city and region of Malaga might attract a big number of athletes (as in Lyon) and training and competition facilities must be sufficient. The city and the regional authorities seem to be good hosts used to organize big international events. They will be supported by the athletics Federation of Spain.

Bid Inspections

Indoor 2019: Torun

The city of Torun was the organizer of European Masters Championships in 2015. The responsible people are still involved and will bring in the experience of the successful Europeans. They are open to some small necessary changes to host World Master Championships. The facility is perfect; the distances in the city of Torun are no problem. LOC will work on the fact to come to Torun without problems.

World Master Championships 2020: Gothenborg and Toronto

Together with the Bid inspection team we prepared guidelines for the bidders to organize the inspection so that inspections were very efficient and also helpful for the bidders. Both candidates presented strong bids with very good general set-up and dedicated people to organize the championships. Both have the support of the regional authorities.

Council and Committee work

Beside the council meeting in Malaga intense and regular exchanges are established by mail to organize the work of WMA. With the committee we prepared a general draft of a handbook in order to have one form for the future. The hosting cities fit in the special information of their championship. It will be used in Perth and Daegu. The form will help Athletes, Council and LOC in the future to organize and participate in championships. As the Handbook is now on the same form it will be available not only in English but - online - also online in French, Spanish and German.

Conclusion

I want to thank the representatives of the countries for the confidence in me 3 years ago to do the job. I thank my

colleagues of the council and members of the organisational committee for their support and common work in the last 3 years. Together we developed to more professionalism and quality. I enjoyed the task even if it was sometimes very hard. I am ready to serve WMA for another 4 years

MARGIT JUNGMAHN

The period of this report only refers to one year, since WMA made the change-over from odd to even years.

The 21st World Masters Championships.

Were held in Lyon France. These championships were very successful. 8058 times an entry was made to participate in an event. 6094 athletes really competed in track and field events (=stadia). These numbers resulted in a prosperous financial outcome for as well the LOC as the WMA. However, big numbers of entries and participants also caused a variety of logistic and organisational endeavours. Four tracks and stadiums were used. One indoor athletics hall was completely used for TIC and medal ceremonies. The number of officials and volunteers needed, was never this high. With all these athletes, officials and volunteers also came the sword of Damocles of the transport. The LOC was able to cover all these big challenges and as a result WMA could register 43 new World Records.

The tracks were all in good condition, the implements were sufficient, the timing installations were sufficiently provided. A small minus was the delicate and small warming up area at the Balmont stadium.

My thanks go especially out to the LOC people that gathered all the results. Even though they were up to the task, the servers and data transfers were not. These problems became quickly visible and solutions had to be rethought and rerouted.

For the first time a real competition management team was created, formed and directed during the championships without Council members having to act whenever a problem arose. In Lyon especially, with its 4 stadiums this proved a very good set-up.

Special attention also goes out to the support of the French Athletics Federation and the Région d'Athlétisme de Rhône-Alpes throughout this whole championship.

Stadia Committee matters

In this short period not a lot of problems could get tackled. The inspections of future bidders (Göthenburg, Tampere and Toronto) and progress inspections of future championships (Perth, Daegu, Malaga) took a lot of time, planning and preparation.

The new Age Factors for Combined Events have been prepared already by Bernd Rehpennig in April 2016, but at the WMA

Council meeting in Malaga, it was decided to uphold the decision to make and publish new Age Factors only in 2020. The work is certainly not lost and is a good basis for the future new Competition Director.

The Stadia Guidelines exist in first draft and will be transferred to the new Competition Director to be updated and approved by the Committee and Council.

I would like to thank the members of the Stadia Committee for their work and co-operation during my seven year vice-presidency. It certainly has not been easy at some occasions (remember Porto Alegre to just mention one). I admire especially the work of Wilma Perkins and Sandy Pashkin with the planning of the time schedules. The earth could turn, but around the clock, time schedules were created, scrutinized and rechecked in Brisbane Australia, Mechelen Belgium and Eugene USA. Also, Sandy Pashkin (to whom I some times referred as "Misses Hy-Tek"), was always available to provide back-up and education sessions for LOC's during and before championships. This also proved a big asset in the good organisation of all the past championships.

Future items for the next years will be to make the use and directives of the Safety Officers more unified, as well in Stadia and Non Stadia matters as around the globe in the different regions.

One of my frustrations has been the fact that during the past 7 years, I did not get the possibility to have all the Stadia Committee members together to actually meet and work on items together. The lack of financial funding for this and the other directions of decisions of the WMA have made this impossible in the past years.

Farewell and adieu of the Vice Presidency

I would like to thank the WMA representatives of the affiliates for their confidence in me in the past 7 years. I have had a great time and opportunity as Vice President Stadia coming from the background of a master athlete, athletics trainer and official.

I would also like to thank the members of the WMA Council and the IAAF Masters Commission for their co-operation. They have allowed me to evolve and see things from an other and more complex perspective.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the master-athletes for their trust and willingness to discuss matters with me and to be open to try out new things. Even though they might some times not have resulted in the outcome we would have hoped

for. I would like to mention here especially Glen Reddington, a British hurdler.

I will certainly make sure that a proper hand-over on to my successor will be made, in order not to suffer difficulties. Of course he/she will have more responsibilities as Competition Director, of which the Stadia part will only be one of the elements.

As for my future, I will certainly remain within your midst as a master-athlete, team manager, country representative and perhaps serve in an other capacity in the WMA Council depending the outcome of the elections.

Thank you sincerely,

SERGE BECKERS

REPORT: WMA SECRETARY:

WINSTON THOMAS

For my final report I am taking the time to reflect a little on the past years and the number of times I have mentioned the relations with the affiliates, regional bodies and their administrators, and I have to say that things have not changed in the past 3 cycles. The relations with some regional bodies has deteriorated with several of them not communicating in a proper manner, and also not communicating with their own affiliates, and importantly not really looking to develop their regions. Changes are needed in some of these regions and Affiliates "Members" need to be more vocal as to how their regions are being run and what the officers are doing for them. There have been some real advancement in Asia and South America and I hope this continues and others follow.

Not withstanding these problems there are still many others things that need to be addressed and resolved internally in several regions and a lot more action in communicating with both their registered and non registered affiliates. I have outlined some of these in my administration and affiliation section but Regional Delegates and their Councils need to be doing more. My thanks to most of the Regional Secretaries for their co-operation in working together to fulfill the goals of WMA and their regions for the good of their affiliates "Members".

As per usual I continue in three sections, namely, Administration, Affiliates and Information:

1. Administration

I start as always with the previous assembly in Lyon, which turned out to be one of the best with a very timely finish. So thanks to all the members present there for their input and the timely and orderly way that the meeting was handled, with the bid presentations and all other matters and just one hiccup, with the Simultaneous translation.

This last years has really been hectic with no Non Stadia Vice President and 4 championship bids cities to visit as well as dealing with matter within council,

affiliates, enquiries, LOC's and other bodies, this has put many pressures on the Executive members. I look forward to the changes in the coming constitution which will help the new secretary in the future as we shall have a far better structure.

As said in 2015 I have to deal with many masters matters, and it still gets frustrating when it proves difficult because other are not responding, and thus affiliates, athletes and other do not get timely, sometimes proper, or at times any responses, and this is something that has continued even though changes had been made. So I make it clear that members of the council need to be more conscious of their roles and their responsibilities, as well as Affiliates and delegates need to look carefully at the persons that they select to posts on council, and make sure that the persons they are voting for are qualified for the roles and have the interest of WMA and the athletes foremost.

I would like to take this time to remind all "members" that for any Competition Rule changes they "Must submit their proposals to their Regional Associations" in 2017 so that their regions can discuss them, reject or adopt them and make any final proposal to WMA in 2018.

Communications:

During the past year, as usual I have had many communications from and with affiliates, athletes, advertisers and as usual an uncountable amount of junk mail which is always rising, (nothing changes). Once again a high percentage of the athletes mail was mainly directed to competition and records matters and these were in most cases dealt with by the various members. Some in a timely manner but some in a manner as with previous years unacceptable to me as secretary and to many of the respondents.

Following the 2015 championships and the organisation of the 2016 championships we still had more competition complaints from athletes, team managers and some affiliates, and I can say at last that the WMA have address many of these points and hopefully in Perth and then Daegu there will be a new chapters in WMA competition organisation. I believe you will all have

seen there has been far more communication from LOC's of Perth and "just wait for Daegu" there will be even more.

Bids, we have only one bid for 2019 Indoor championship and a real variety 2020. So I will wish all the bidders the very best for their presentations. And take the time to ask members and regions that are interested for 2021 Indoor Championship and 2022 Stadia championship to start planning from now, as the closing date for submissions will be 1st September 2017.

The championship "Online registration system" has been working well, and I have to mention Keith Lively for all the work he does to make sure we run a good system. There is still one point in that we have not had the proper communication from affiliates (members) on the persons that are supposed to validate their athletes, so I would ask that you all please keep me informed of any change in your contacts, and please respond to the mails that are sent by the Online coordinator for your validation information.

ANTI-DOPING:

Anti-Doping matter have been regularly dealt with and upgraded by the WMA Anti-Doping and Medical Team and there is a full report in the Presidents section, so all of my communication on these matter are forwarded to the chair of ADM, Dr Steve Peters, with any sanctioned athletes details being posted on the WMA and IAAF websites. As from Aug 2015 "Out of Competition Testing" has been adopted and will be fully in incorporated within many federations by the end of 2016.

WMA Best Master:

Dealing with the organisation of the WMA Best Master 2015, I have to congratulate the athletes for the period, David Heath (GB/NI) and Silke Schmidt (GER), Unfortunately the IAAF Gala was cancelled so we were not able to have our presentation, and was looking to do this in 2016, but the 2016 Gala has now been cancelled, so the athletes have not yet received their honours. It was hoped that this could be done in Perth, but both athletes are not able to attend, so presently we will

be looking to arrange something for the athletes separately.

2. Affiliates

The number of our Affiliates over the past two years has increased by 2, but within some regions there has still been no changes in regards to their IAAF members, and I have to say that following the amendment to the membership as long as Sacramento 2011 it is disappointed that there has been little or no increase in Africa, Asia and North Central America and Caribbean regions, whilst there are now three regions where all the IAAF Federations are members, so we still have some way to go in these regions to match the number of IAAF members, and this is also where there has been a lack of communication from and with some of these regions. So I repeat what I have said in the previous reports, that there is still work to be done and regional associations need to be more pro-active and that "members" also have to ask questions of their regional councils as to what is being done in the region. Following from this athletes also have a role to play in making sure that some of their non functioning committee members of their associations are replaced, there are too many affiliates where the presiding officers try to keep the post for "life" and in between do little or nothing for the advancement association, so both regional and "members" we have many problems, at the same point it is important to have persons that are true to the causes and with true unbiased sporting values.

I note several times that there have been change in "members", and I would ask all "members" that where there have been changes in the association please let the WMA Secretary and the regional secretary knows the full details of the changes.

And at this point I would like to outline the unfortunate position that we have with our Russian Masters. As the IAAF have suspended the RUSAF, WMA in its position as the IAAF masters body as per our constitution follows the ruling and therefore the Russian masters are suspended from International competition until this suspension is lifted. Whilst

there are some instances that Russian athletes that are not on the IAAF banned list are able to compete, WMA does not have an anti-doping register backed up by worldwide testing program, therefore our masters would not be on the IAAF list and thus are not eligible for this provision. Presently WMA are still in talks with the IAAF on the situation, so it is with deep regret that we still find our Russian friends missing from our competitions, and we look to have them back hopefully in the near future.

I will also draw your attention to the still ongoing problems in Asia, with the Sri Lanka member, which is Masters Athletics Sri Lanka, (MASL) and the Old Sri Lanka Masters association who are still trying to cause divisions. And in India, Masters Athletics Federation India (MAFI) David Premnath Secretary. And two groups who keep using the name of MAFI, but are in no way registered or approved. In both cases there have been several requests to some our regions and "members" for entry into their competitions, so I would ask all regions and members to make sure that only proper requests by the Affiliated member may be considered, Should you not be sure then please contact the WMA Secretary.

To follow the point of Affiliations, there is also a growing problem with affiliates accepting and changing athletes from other Countries without following the proper rules and any official notification, on the grounds of "Permanent Residence", this is not acceptable and there has been a warning, so in future any such infringements will render the athletes concerned ineligible and the affiliate will be sanctioned as per the Law and Legislation committee findings.

The present number of affiliates compared with our 2015 numbers and the IAAF on a region by region basis is as follows:

Region	WMA		IAAF
	2015	2016	
Africa	36	37	53

Asia	25	25	45
Europe	50	51	51
North and Central			
America & Caribbean	22	22	31
Oceania	20	20	20
South America	13	13	13

Totals	166	168	212
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There is still some way to go in three regions mentioned before, and whilst WMA increased their grant which should have helped regional development there has been no changes in these regions, with it seems very little will to reach out to the unaffiliated members.

3. Information

Following from my 2015 report on the use of the internet and the website for information, the WMA site has increased with more news, updates and other items to promote the championships, and we are now in the process of updating the WMA website, but still in the regions there is more to be done, as things we have become stagnant through lack of "volunteers" and the will from present members, so please change these members. In two regions there is still the need also to make sure their sites are more regularly updated, as some have not made any change or even updated their affiliate's information.

Finally, I have to thank so many members of the WMA "family" for their support, help, friendship and trust over the past years, you have really made my tasks worthwhile and enjoyable, knowing that I was always doing something to try and help you all regardless of the outcomes, but I really hope that you have all felt I was always with you. To the Present WMA Council, for the amount of work that most have put in on behalf of WMA in the last 12 months.

My deepest thanks to all of WMA Members and your athletes and may you all show the same friendship to the New Secretary.

God Bless You all.

WINSTON THOMAS

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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Association World Masters Athletics (WMA) ("the Association"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015, the statements of profit or loss for the period of 12 months then ended, and the notes to the financial statements.

Council's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles that are mentioned in the notes to the financial statements, and for such internal control as the Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2015, and of its financial performance for the period of 12 months then ended in accordance with the accounting principles that are specified in the notes to the financial statements.

Other Matters

The financial statements of the Association include budgeted figures for the period of 12 months ended December 31, 2015, for the period of 12 months that will end December 31, 2016 and for the period of 12 months that will end December 31, 2017. We have not performed any procedure on the budgeted figures and do not express any opinion on the budgeted figures for the period of 12 months ended December 31, 2015, for the period of 12 months that will end December 31, 2016 and for the period of 12 months that will end December 31, 2017.

This report contains 7 pages including the financial statements.

Nancy, September 6, 2016

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WMA - World Masters Athletics

BALANCE SHEET

	31.12.2014 US \$	31.12.2015 US \$
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	234 945	415 292
Cash at hand	7 000	193
Financial Investments	0	0
Accounts Receivable Budapest	2 924	0
Accounts Receivable (Trvl Advances)	3 207	608
Accounts Receivable LOC POA	19165	0
LOC POA Receivable depreciation	-19000	0
Accruals	0	49 598
LOC LYON Receivable depreciation		-20 000
Prepaid Expenses	0	
Total Current Assets	248 241	445 691
Liabilities		
Financial liabilities	26	0
Performance Bond	40 000	70 000
Accruals (Accounts Payable)	3 558	56 735
Total Current Liabilities	43 614	126 735
Net Current Assets (Working Capital WC)	204 627	318 956
Net Current Assets		
end of period	204627	318 956
beg. of period	85197	204 627
WC Increase/decrease during Reporting Period	119 430	114 329
Liquidity position (Cash at Bank/Cash)		
WMA funds at beginning of period	123 145	241 919
At end of period	241 919	415 485
Increase / - (Decrease) during period	118 774	173 566



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WMA – WORLD MASTERS ATHLETICS

PROFIT AND LOSS 2013 to 2015

Currency US\$	2013	2014	2015
Total Revenues	310 362,74	311 740,91	439 124,12
- SANCTION FEES	145 000,00	35 000,00	90 000,00
- INSPECTION VISITS REFUND		13 771,00	1 565,85
- WMA FEES	113 642,98	144 813,11	248 558,27
- NATIONAL ADDITIONAL FEES	11 664,00		
- IAAF GRANT	40 000,00	80 000,00	80 000,00
- FINANCIAL PROFIT		8 156,80	
- PROFITS PREVIOUS YEARS	55,76		
- RECOVER OF PROVISIONS		30 000,00	19 000,00
Total Expenses	295 461,65	192 309,89	324 795,33
- OFFICE EXPENSES	1 571,41	442,82	611,86
- RELATIONS IAAF/EAA/IMG	16 274,45	22 017,51	17 767,11
- BANK CHARGES	1 637,16	2 552,98	1 591,56
- AUDITORS FEES	3 244,60		3 282,89
- OTHER MEETINGS	5 485,85	3 158,16	4 641,19
- POSTAGE, PHONE, FAX	551,41	330,92	1 213,78
- GUESTS, GIFTS	2 379,39	4 264,55	797,01
- COMMUNIC* WMA WEBSITE	1 755,97	1 142,91	1 983,48
- COMMUNICATION	21 733,50	5 600,42	8 161,18
- COUNCIL MEETINGS + EXECUTIVE	14 019,36	28 712,84	
- TRANSITION COMMITTEE & LEGAL EXP.	1 272,09		588,03
- INSURANCE PREMIUM	10 070,00	7 685,00	10 282,00
- OTHER N/STADIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	2 645,68		3 620,91
- WMACS PORTO ALEGRE 2013	141 510,58	2 340,96	
- WMACI BUDAPEST 2014	3 873,84	61 064,09	
- WMACS LYON 2015		1 325,37	172 581,82
- WMACS PERTH 2016			9 215,50
- WMACI DAEGU 2017	6 928,71		
- WMACS MALAGA 2018			
- MASTERS EVENTS IAAF CHAMP.			15 068,35
- REGIONAL GRANTS & ASSISTANCE	11 400,00	20 000,00	30 000,00
- LOSSES PREVIOUS YEARS	107,65	46,36	23 388,66
- EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES		31 625,00	
- ALLOC* PROVIS* FOR RISKS	49 000,00		20 000,00
Surplus / (Shortfall)	14 901,09	119 431,02	114 328,79



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WMA P & L 2015 / BUDGETS 2016 -2017

Currency US\$	2015	2016 BUDGET.2	2017 BUDGET
Total Revenues	439 124,12	311 000,00	303 000,00
- SANCTION FEES	90 000,00	65 000,00	80 000,00
- INSPECTION VISITS REFUND	1 565,85	22 000,00	15 000,00
- WMA FEES	248 558,27	144 000,00	128 000,00
- NATIONAL ADDITIONAL FEES			
- IAAF GRANT	80 000,00	80 000,00	80 000,00
- FINANCIAL PROFIT			
- PROFITS PREVIOUS YEARS			
- RECOVER OF PROVISIONS	19 000,00		
Total Expenses	324 795,33	293 500,00	258 000,00
- OFFICE EXPENSES	611,86	800,00	1 000,00
- RELATIONS IAAF/EAA/IMGA	17 767,11	14 000,00	20 000,00
- BANK CHARGES	1 591,56	1 600,00	1 750,00
- AUDITORS FEES	3 282,89	2 400,00	
- OTHER MEETINGS	4 641,19	5 000,00	5 000,00
- POSTAGE, PHONE, FAX	1 213,78	1 200,00	1 250,00
- GUESTS, GIFTS	797,01	2 000,00	3 000,00
- COMMUNIC* WMA WEBSITE	1 983,48	2 000,00	2 000,00
- COMMUNICATION	8 161,18	10 000,00	10 000,00
- COUNCIL MEETINGS + EXECUTIVE		25 000,00	15 000,00
- TRANSITION COMMITTEE & LEGAL EXP.	588,03	500,00	500,00
- INSURANCE PREMIUM	10 282,00	10 500,00	11 000,00
- OTHER N/STADIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	3 620,91	3 500,00	3 500,00
- WMACS LYON 2015	172 581,82		
- WMACS PERTH 2016	9 215,50	165 000,00	
- WMACI DAEGU 2017		10 000,00	140 000,00
- INSPECTION VISITS OTHER CHAMP.		10 000,00	5 000,00
- MASTERS EVENTS IAAF CHAMP.	15 068,35	15 000,00	15 000,00
- REGIONAL GRANTS & ASSISTANCE	30 000,00	15 000,00	24 000,00
- LOSSES PREVIOUS YEARS	23 388,66		
- EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES			
- ALLOC* PROVIS* FOR RISKS	20 000,00		
Surplus / (Shortfall)	114 328,79	17 500,00	45 000,00



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WMA PROFIT & LOSS 2015 VS BUDGETS 2015-2016

Currency US\$	2015 REALIZED	2016 REVISED BUDGET.2	2015 REAL + 2016 REVISED.2	BUDGET 2015-2016 INITIAL
Total Revenues	439 124,12	311 000,00	750 124,12	684 000,00
- SANCTION FEES	90 000,00	65 000,00	155 000,00	120 000,00
- INSPECTION VISITS REFUND	1 565,85	22 000,00	23 565,85	10 000,00
- WMA FEES	248 558,27	144 000,00	392 558,27	394 000,00
- NATIONAL ADDITIONAL FEES				
- IAAF GRANT	80 000,00	80 000,00	160 000,00	160 000,00
- FINANCIAL PROFIT				
- PROFITS PREVIOUS YEARS				
- RECOVER OF PROVISIONS	19 000,00		19 000,00	
Total Expenses	324 795,33	293 500,00	618 295,33	553 700,00
- OFFICE EXPENSES	611,86	800,00	1 411,86	3 000,00
- RELATIONS IAAF/IMGA /REGIONS	17 767,11	14 000,00	31 767,11	35 000,00
- BANK CHARGES	1 591,56	1 600,00	3 191,56	16 000,00
- AUDITORS FEES	3 282,89	2 400,00	5 682,89	3 200,00
- OTHER MEETINGS	4 641,19	5 000,00	9 641,19	18 000,00
- POSTAGE, PHONE, FAX	1 213,78	1 200,00	2 413,78	1 500,00
- GUESTS, GIFTS	797,01	2 000,00	2 797,01	10 000,00
- COMMUNIC" WMA WEBSITE	1 983,48	2 000,00	3 983,48	4 000,00
- COMMUNICATION	8 161,18	10 000,00	18 161,18	28 000,00
- COUNCIL MEETINGS + EXECUTIVE		25 000,00	25 000,00	85 000,00
- LEGAL EXPENSES	588,03	500,00	1 088,03	12 000,00
- INSURANCE PREMIUM	10 282,00	10 500,00	20 782,00	25 000,00
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS LYON 2015	172 581,82		172 581,82	120 000,00
- OTHER N/STADIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	3 620,91	3 500,00	7 120,91	
- WMACI DAEGU 2017		10 000,00	10 000,00	8 000,00
- INSPECTION VISITS OTHER CHAMP.		10 000,00	10 000,00	
- MASTERS EVENTS IAAF CHAMP.	15 068,35	15 000,00	30 068,35	
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS PERTH 2016	9 215,50	165 000,00	174 215,50	140 000,00
- REGIONAL GRANTS & ASSISTANCE	30 000,00	15 000,00	45 000,00	45 000,00
- LOSSES PREVIOUS YEARS	23 388,66		23 388,66	
- EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES				
- ALLOC" PROVIS" FOR RISKS			20 000,00	
Surplus / (Shortfall)	114 328,79	17 500,00	131 828,79	130 300,00



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REPORT: TREASURER: JEAN THOMAS

**FINANCIAL REPORT to the General Assembly - Perth October 30,
2016**

My report consists in giving you some comments concerning the financial statements. These documents concern the financial year 2015 and the budgets for the next 2 years. In order to compare the year 2015 with the previous years, I have reminded the figures of the past years. Moreover, as we have changed the rotation of our Stadia and Indoor World Championships, the accounting period is only one year instead of a two year period previously. The 2015 accounts have been audited by our Auditors KPMG. I have provided them all accounting documents, all explanations they needed and at the end the financial statements for the accounting period ending on the 31st Dec. 2015, as well as the budget for the next two years. Their report is included within this booklet.

A) Balance sheet:

As you can see, our situation on December 31, 2015 is much better than ever in the past. At the end of the year 2015 the total of our Balance Sheet amounted to \$445,691 against \$248,241 at the end of 2014. WMA's liquidity position amounted to \$415,485 against \$241,919 on December 31, 2014, increasing by \$173,556. This good result is the immediate consequence of the surplus that the 2015 Profit & Loss statement shows. Regarding the receivables, an amount of \$49,598 is still owed by the LOC LYON2015 on December 31, 2015. Considering the fact that we have in our hands \$30,000 representing the performance bond, I have entered a provision for depreciation of \$20,000. However, at the date of this report the debt is going to be paid. About the liabilities, the detail of the \$70,000 Performance Bonds is as follow: Lyon (\$30,000), Daegu (\$10,000) and Perth (\$30,000). The main accruals (accrued expenses) are the WMA Regional Grants 2015 (\$30,000) and the anti-doping management in Lyon (\$17,420). Please notice that in between, these sums have been paid.

B) Profit & Loss Account:

- Income:

During the accounting year 2015 our revenues amounted to \$439,124, showing a sharp increase compared with the previous two years: 2014 (\$311,740) and 2013 (\$310,362). The main reason of this increase is the success of the WMA Championships in Lyon with 8013 registered athletes and thus a

total of WMA entry fees of \$248,558. We have also to thank the IAAF for their annual Grant that have been maintained at the same level (\$80,000).

- **Expenses:**

The expenses amounted to \$324,795 against \$192,310 in 2014 and \$295,461 in 2013. More than 50% of these expenses concern the WMA Championships in Lyon: \$172,581 including the travel expenses, the accommodations, the anti-doping management, the daily allowances, the registration system (Simply Register), etc ... In agreement with the Council, the 2015 Regional Grants represent \$30,000 while the 2016 Grant will be \$15,000 and then \$24,000 per year. You have noticed that we have a new expenses line for the Masters Events during the IAAF World Championships. It represents more or less \$15,000 a year that is covered by the yearly IAAF Grant. Regarding the other expenses categories: as it is explained above, I have entered a \$20,000 provision for depreciation about the debt of Lyon, while amongst the "losses previous years" I have recorded a \$19,164 loss regarding the Championships POA2013, knowing that this loss is covered by the provision recorded in 2013.

- **As a result:**

The 2015 accounting period ending December 31, 2015 concludes with a surplus of \$114,328 while the surplus of the two year period 2013-2014 was \$134,332 and the expected surplus for the budget 2015-2016 was \$130,300. I remind you that at the end of 2014 due to the efforts made to control the expenses and to increase the income, the losses of the four previous years have been covered, so now at the end of the year 2015 we are still on the right way to improve our financial situation.

C) Working Capital:

The Working Capital (WC) is calculated as current assets minus current liabilities. This ratio measures the capacity to cover the short term debts. It also shows how we are able to satisfy the upcoming operational expenses. At the end of December 2015 the WC amounted to \$318,956 against \$204,627 at the end of 2014 and against \$67,141 at the end of 2012. So within 3 years our WC has been increasing by \$251,815. On the December 31, 2015 our WC represents more or less one year of operational expenses against 5 months previously, it is good enough to ensure a real financial stability.

D) Budget 2016-2017:

Some comments about the budgets: first of all I have revised the budget for the year 2016 that I have added to the year

2015 in order to compare with the initial budget 2015-2016 that has been adopted by the GA in LYON. Both are very close to each other as you can see on the documents in the booklet. For the next two years 2016 and 2017, the main expected income come from the WMA entry fees in our Championships; I would add that I have been prudent in my expectations. Concerning the IAAF Grant, it seems that we will still be granted the same yearly amount of \$80,000. About the sanction fees, the average is around \$75,000 a year that is also the average between the WMACI (\$35,000) and the WMACS (\$120,000) Sanction fees amounts. Regarding the expenses, the main line is the championships expenses that are expected around \$175,000 - \$140,000. I have also maintain the line for the IAAF Masters Events. To conclude, after a \$114,328 surplus realized in 2015, we expect a surplus of \$62,500 at the end of the two year accounting period 2016-2017 of which the accounts will be presented at the GA in 2018. That way we will put WMA in a stronger position going into 2018.

WMA L&L Committee's report by Jean Thomas

Since our last meeting in Malaga, nothing really new concerning the cases that have been referred to the L&L Committee, which are:

- The first one is about the disqualification of the relay GB/NI W35 4x100m in Lyon because one athlete ran using the bib number of another athlete.
- The second one concerns a Greek athlete who has participated to international masters championships in incorrect age groups.
- The third case concerns a Team Manager.

These three cases are still ongoing.

Some information concerning the new WMA Constitution: the text in French has been submitted to the Government in Monaco. After several requested corrections, we (Pierre Weiss and I) have received an official letter early September recognizing the WMA as a Monegasque Registered Association.

L&L Committee's members: Jean Thomas (FRA) Chair; Bridget Cushen (GB); Elisabeth Pulcherie Bana (CAM); Mary Rosado (USA); Bob Schickert (AUS); Vern Christensen (CAN)

JEAN THOMAS

REPORT: WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE: SELMA TURKKAL

During the WMA General Assembly in LYON, I had an opportunity to inform you of the names of the new Women's Committee members in the regions who were elected to their office as a Women's Representative . It is the first time during my time as the WMA Women's Representative that we continue with the same names. This is a great opportunity for the regions representatives' to continue their work and achieve their goals, strengthened by this continuation.

Africa: Mrs Gloria Obajimi, Asia: MsKalaivalli Ratnam, Europe: Ms Emanuela Baggiolini, North Central America and Caribbean: Mrs.Magdalena Molina Romero, Oceania: Mrs Marie Kay, South America: Mrs.Miriam Finochetti.

We all know the difficulty of having the same goal for all regions because of significantly different conditions, situations and the cultural aspects. But all of us are willing to encourage more women to participate in our Championships with good conditions.

In all regions, women's committee members work hard to achieve the aim, based on the section Point 22.4 of the new draft WMA Constitution :

The Women's Committee shall develop strategies that encourage and facilitate the engagement and the retention of women in the sport of masters athletics as athletes, officials and administrators, particularly for those Member federations where there are significant imbalances between males and females athletes, officials and administrators.

For this purpose in all WMA Stadia Championships women's committee members come together to see each other face to face, share different ideas, create an opportunity to discuss, identify and reduce the barriers that limit women's ability to participate in our sport together. We do this with all interested women athletes and related people attending the women's committee meeting.

With the good start in Africa; the positive changes in Asia, already established Europe and with the long athletic history of North Central America and the Caribbean, successful and very well organized Oceania, and with the new structure of South America, all our women's representatives are working hard to encourage female athletes to be involved in masters athletics in the region. As a result of that, when we look at

the statistical results for recent WMA championships; we see an increase in the number of entries by event:

2011: 4808 total athletes, with 3589 women athletes event entries from 10,082 total;

2013: 4138 total athletes, 1388 women athletes with 3451 events from 9205 total events;

2014: 3883 total athletes, 1118 women athletes with 2495 event from total of 7778 entries;

2015: 8073 total athletes, 2515 women with 5365 of 15474 event entries.

Mathematically, participation of the women athletes are more or less one third for all championships but the entries by events are increasing significantly and this mostly varies depending on the championship place and the existing disciplines of the Championships characteristics - indoor or stadia.

The years 2015 and 2016 will be unforgettable for masters. This year was the biggest challenge for the masters especially for women athletes who competed for 800m W55+ at the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Portland; USA together with M60+ for the same race. The women's team was composed of; Helene Marie Douay FRA 2:37.30, Lesley Chaplin USA 2:37.57, Karen Brooks GBR 2:40.14, Julie Hayden USA 2:40.70, Deborah Drennan AUS 2:42.69 and Cheryl Bellaire USA 2:45.05. And the year before, in 2015; for the the first time in the master's history, women athletes had a chance to compete for one of the two masters track events which were held at the IAAF world Championships in Beijing. The event of W50+ 400m required times faster than 65 seconds.

I want to congratulate all women athletes who were in Beijing and Portland. They were outstanding athletes and it was an honor to see them compete in a very big platform like the IAAF Championships. On behalf of all women athletes, I want to express my special thanks to Mr Cesar Moreno Bravo, Mr Stanley Perkins, Mr Winston Thomas and also to the IAAF for making it possible for masters athletes to run in such a prestigious competition.

I also congratulate the WMA Best Masters women athletes of the year and the WMA record holders for their amazing high performances.

As the Women's Representative on the WMA Women's Committee, I want to express my warm thanks to my committee members and the ladies who have worked and still continue to do so to

encourage female athletes to be involved in master athletics in the region and to be a role model for their region by serving in the administrative roles. We are pleased to help women athletes with all aspects of our sport, to work together to achieve great performances and overcome all difficulties and all problems that they face in masters athletics.

SELMA TÜRKAL

REPORT OF THE IAAF REPRESENTATIVE: PIERRE WEISS

Introduction

Having taken over this post from Cesar Moreno-Bravo I must first thank him for all that he has achieved for WMA with the IAAF masters committee, now the IAAF masters commission, Cesar has built great bridge between the IAAF and WMA and I hope that we will continue on the same road. With eth many change in the IAAF since last September there has been no meeting of the masters committee, so presently I have nothing of merit to report. The other members of the IAAF on the committee are Fernando Marquina (ESP), Tom Jordan (USA) and Alfio Jorme (ITA).

INFORMATION / INFORMATIONS

WMA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
13 AUGUST/ AOÛT 2015
METROPOLE HOTEL, LYON

WMA COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL MEETINGS /
COMITE DE LA WMA ET REUNIONS REGIONALES
08 AUGUST/ AOÛT 2015

09.30h Europe, N&C America and Caribbean
Europe, Amérique du Nord et Centrale & Caraïbes.
Africa, Asia, Oceania, and South America.
Afrique, Asie, Océanie Amérique du Sud

11.00h WMA Council and Regional Council meeting

11.40h. Coffee break as and when

12.00h Law and Legislation
Comité Législation

12.00h Organizational and Advisory Committee
Comité Consultatif chargé de l'Organisation

12.00h Anti-Doping & Medical Committee;
Comité Antidopage et Médical

12.00h Records Committee
Comité des Records

13.00h Stadia Committee
Comité pour les épreuves sur Piste

14.00h Non Stadia Committee
Comité pour les épreuves hors Stade

14.00h Anti-Doping & Medical Committee CLOSED MEETING;
Comité Antidopage et Médical

15.30h Women's Committee
Comité des Femmes

ELECTION FOR THE POST OF WMA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Nominated by German Athletics

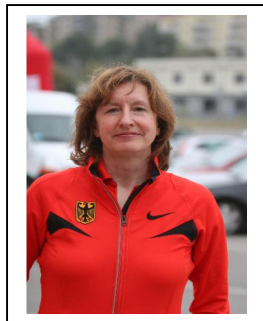
Margit Jungmann: GER

DATE OF BIRTH: 25.05.1956, Trier, Germany :

PROFESSION: Teacher, Administration Employee

LANGUAGES: German, French and English

Married to Lutwin Jungmann



EDUCATION

- University in Saarbrücken (Germany) and Tours (France) (1975 -1991)
studies of Sports and French

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Teacher in High-School until 1986
- 1986: Employee of the Landkreis Saarlouis (county), department of school, sports and culture, director of the department since 1997

SPORTS CAREER

- WMA Executive Vice-President since 2013
- Member of IAAF Masters Committee 2011-2013
- Member of IAAF Masters Commission since 2013
- Chairwoman of the Masters Committee of the German Athletic Federation since 2006
- German delegation leader to WMA championships: 2007 Riccione, Italy; 2009 Lahti, Finland; 2010 Kamloops, Canada; 2011 Sacramento, USA; 2013 Porto Alegre, Brasil
- German delegation leader to EVAA/EMA championships: 2007 Helsinki, Finland; 2008 Ljubljana, Slovenia; 2009 Ancona, Italy; 2010 Nyíregyháza, Hungary; 2011 Ghent, Belgium; 2012 Zittau/Bogatynia-Zgorzelec/Hradec; 2013 San Sebastian, Spain; 2014 Izmir, Turkey; 2015 Torun, Poland
- Vice-President of the State Athletic Federation of Saarland 2000-2013, responsible for Mass Sports
- Organizer/delegation leader of International Challenge Masters 2009-2016 (FRA/BEL/GER)

- Coach of young athletes in track and field from 1980 to 2000
- Track and field athlete on regional level in the events sprint and heptathlon.

Vision:

- To continue the progress with the Organisational Committee in putting together an organisational manual.
- Make WMA championships organisation more streamlined, athlete and IOC friendly

MARGIT JUNGMANN

ELECTION FOR THE POST OF VICE PRESIDENT COMPETITION

Nominated by Canadian Masters

BRIAN KEAVENEY

"Experience is my greatest asset"

"

Personal Information:

Married with two grown boys

Canadian born, raised and living in Toronto



Education/Training:

Honours BA in Geography and Computers

Member of Canadian Armed Forces Reserve

Professional Roles and Achievements:

Teacher, Department Head of Geography and Computers for 33 years in a highly multicultural high school in Toronto

Athletics:

Athlete -ran cross country, road racing and marathons

Coach - coached high school track and field and cross country - 33 years

Official -registered official from 1972 until now (starter, track & field referee, racewalk judge and technical manager)

Meet Director for Track and Field > 40 years hosting high-school, local to international Masters championships in Canada and in Central America

Meet Director for Cross Country, racewalk, and Road Races > 40 years

-from local, city, provincial, international to world, including 2nd WMA Non-Stadia Championship in Scarborough, Ontario

Team Manager for Canadian Masters at many world Masters Championships since 1991

WMA Vice President, Non-Stadia for 8 years and presently WMA Non-Stadia Manager

Took part in many site visits for WMA and Regional Championships

WMA Technical Delegate to Mountain Running and Ultra Running Championships

Presently Volunteering as:

Stadia Vice President Canadian Masters Athletics (CMA)
Stadia Vice President North, Central and Caribbean World
Masters Athletics (NCCWMA)
WMA Non-Stadia Manager, WMA Stadia Committee, WMA Race Walk
Panel
Canadian Air and Space Museum (CASM) - Curator
President Friends of Sam Smith Park (FOSS)- protecting, and
preserving its naturalized areas
Bruce Trail Conservancy -Trail Captain

I believe my previous experience with WMA as Non-Stadia Vice
President and my time on several WMA Committees, along with my
overall experience, gives me the qualifications for the WMA
Vice President post.

My Vision of the future:

1. I support the president's goal of being more professional
in providing services for the bidding cities by supporting
them with complete handbooks covering all aspects of
organizing a championship, and a team of experts to help the
winning bidder organize the event.
2. WMA committees need to work to provide more service to our
members and not sit idle. The members of the committees need
to be carefully chosen with knowledge and experience in that
area,
3. The WMA must look at itself and the state of the Masters
movement in all its regions for the purpose of finding
opportunities for all levels of athletes, in various types of
athletic events, to compete no matter where they live. That is
why I have supported not only track and field, cross country,
race walking and road running but also mountain running and
ultra. The WMA must support all athletes 35 and over.

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1-416-605-8478 Canada**

CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF SECRETARY

SERGE BECKERS



Nomination by Belgium Athletics

Born: 03/09/1962 in Dendermonde, Belgium).

Civil Status : married with Kathleen De Wolf
(master athlete, speciality Throws) in 2010

Children : 3 - Lauren 23 y - Andress 20 y - Wolf

Education: Law Studies at Ghent University (Belgium)
degree : Bachelor

Profession : Will be a Retired Officer of the Belgian
Defence at the 1st of Jan 2017.

Grade : Commandant

Original Formation : Field Artillery Officer speciality
Topography, Ballistics, Liaison

Present employment : Staf Department Well Being - Logistics -
Public Relations - Education - Prevention Counselor (Evere,
Belgium) on pre-pension leave.

Background:

Athlete for 25 years from 1972 until 1986 and from 2003 until
present.

Belgian Masters Athletes Administrator for 12 years (from 2004
until present).

Administrator in Athletics University Student Representative
from 1982 until 1986.

Team Captain Belgian Defence Military Athletics Team Captain
Jan 2008-Mar 2014.

Team Manager for Belgian Athletics Master Team at several
Masters Championships.

Stadia Manager for European Veterans Athletic Association in
Technical Board of Managers from 2008 until 2010.

Athletics trainer sprint-hurdles-relays-jumps for more than 13
years.

In the Belgian Defense, the executed functions were mostly in
the human resources and the logistics domain. Served three
years served as inspector in the General Inspection Belgian
Defense and served three years as aide-de-camp of the Military

Commandant of a Belgian Province.

Vision for WMA:

As the only one organization ruling the Masters Athletics Sport, we must use our empowerment by the IAAF to develop Masters Athletics in all regions in order to have a true masters athletics community throughout the world.

The Secretary position is a very important one. First of all, it is the key person for relations with a number of groups of stakeholders in our master community.

The first group of stakeholders are the regions. A good cooperation and even partnership with the regions is crucial for a good working secretarial administration.

The relations with member affiliates and national federations need also to have a big attention, as they are very important for the athletes, the member affiliate and WMA itself.

Another group of stakeholders are new bidders or possible candidates to host masters championships. These relations are not only very important, they are crucial to maintain an interest in our masters athletics sport from people that come from outside an athletics federation, as there might be political and/or corporate interest to organize championships, of course with the always necessary guaranteed support of the national federation.

The last two groups of stakeholders are actually the most crucial ones in order to have our masters athletics community. The officials and the athletes. The officials give our championships the official mark of legality, the athletes give the championships and the WMA their reason of existence. It is common knowledge that good relationships with these two groups of stakeholders are the condition sine qua non for a Secretary.

The Secretary is the person that the President needs to rely on. He has to earn or have the greatest confidence of this President and vice versa. When the President and the Secretary have the same understanding, solutions can easily be found.

Communication is the main way to improve public relations. Communication can always be changed and improved. It is the Secretaries task to search and develop better ways of communication, especially due to his privileged relations with the regions, member affiliates, officials and athletes.

The quality of the WMA administration output needs not only to be maintained but brought to a higher level.

Nominated by Mexican Masters

Name MARIA ALFARO-CASÁN
Date of birth May 12, 1966:
Nationality Mexican **Marital Status** Single
Education College Degree
Profession Architect



Work Career

-Currently, CEO and business owner: trophies, medals, plaques and awards. Tijuana, Mexico.
-For the last 10 years, design and construction of houses and apartments.
1993 -2006 Positions in, Analyst at Department of Cartography. Head Of Contracts, Director of Public works and auditor on Public Works in the Government of Tijuana, Mexico.

Work Career related to sports

-Responsible of Equity Gender area in the National Mexican Commission of Sports (CONADE). Mexico City. / 2006-2010.
-Head of Mexican Team at competitions previous to 2008 Olympic Games. (CONADE). Mexico City / 2006-2008. (Diving, Tae Kwon Do, Beach Volleyball, Canoeing)
-Sports reporter for four local news agency: 1999 to 2006.
-San Diego and Tijuana sports reporter for national broadcast MVS Radio in Mexico City / 1998-2000.
-Coordinator or Sports Infrastructure development and construction. Government of Tijuana, Mexico / 1997-1998.
-Coordinator of Award Ceremonies. "Ruta Mexico". Professional Cycling Series. Mexico City / 1995
-Press Coordinator. International Beach Volleyball Torunament "Tequila José Cuervo", Tijuana, Mexico / 1993.
-Reporter from Soccer World Cups in Mexico 1986, USA 1994, France 1998, Germany 2006.

Activities related to sports

-Member of IAAF-NACAC RaceWalk Panel / 2012.
-TIC Manager NACAC Games, Veracruz (Mexico) 2014.
-TIC Manager, Panamerican Games, Guadalajara, (Mexico) 2011.
-Organizing Coordinator Annual Awards for Women in Sports, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.
-Participant at the Mexican Olympic Committee Women in Sport Seminars- 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.
-Representative of Mexico at the International Congress of Woman and Sports, Santa Cruz, Bolivia / 2008.

International Racewalk Judge

-WMA European Championships, Zittau/Zgorzelec/Hrádek 2012
-WMA Canadian Championships, Saint John 2012

- IAAF-NACAC Sub-23 Championships, Irapuato 2012 (México)
- WMA World Championships, 2011-2012-2014-2015
- WMA South American Championships, 2012- 2014
- 2014 -IAAF-NACAC Youth Olympic Games (USA). and -IAAF-FMAA Youth Olympic Trials (Mexico)

WMA Scrutineer

- General Assembly - WMA World Championships, 2013-2015

Athlete

- State Champion, 100 m/w hurdles, 1987
- Mexican National Champion, Heptathlon, 1988
- Mexican Master National Champion, 100/80 m/w hurdles, 2009. 2015, 2016
- State Jr. High Champion, Volleyball, 1984
- National Jr. Champion Swimming Breaststroke, 1976-1977-1978.

Other activities in life

- Activist in favor of animals' rights.
- Actress in theatre plays and short films.

Languages

- Spanish -English - Fluent French

I accepted this candidacy for because:

- I want to collaborate in the continuity of the master movement worldwide.
- I can help WMA in their needs of growth, always in favor of development of the sport.
- I want to help WMA to achieve the phrases: "Athletics for Life" and "One single family"
- Most important of all, I love the sport of Athletics.

My skills for this post are:

- Good at public relations.
- Natural wish of service and communicate to athletes, colleagues and sport bodies.
- Very well organized.
- Capacity of multitasking.
- Easy and good on team work.
- Use of electronic ways of communication (E-mail, Facebook, Whatsapp, Viber, Skype)

How will I be available to achieve WMA goals as Secretary?

- My personal business , runs alone.
- This fact makes me available to do some other activities in life.
- I look forward to your support for my election as Secretary.

MOTIONS, AMMENDMENTS AND RULE CHANGES

WMA COUNCIL MOTIONS

MOTION: The 3km Indoor Track Walk is removed following the 2017 Indoor championship.

MOTION: New event from 2019. A 3km Outdoor Race Walk Event is included in Indoor championships following from the 2017 Indoor championship. Not a Team Event.

1. That the MARATHON event be removed from the WMA Stadia Championships programme, effective 1 January 2017.

Reason: with declining entries and costs in arranging Marathons Council feel that it is now the time that we looked at alternative ways of putting on the marathon.

It is suggested that WMA will look to attach a WMA Marathon championship to an existing, quality marathon event somewhere in the world.

2. That the HALF MARATHON event be included in future WMA Stadia Championships, effective from 1 January 2017.

Reason: Self explanatory - straight replacement for the marathon - easier to organise and much more cost effective due to possibility of loop courses etcetera.

3. That the HALF MARATHON event be removed from the WMA Indoors Championships, effective 1 January 2018.

Reason: This motion clears the conflict between Stadia and Indoors competitions having the same event as a championship distance event.

4. That a 10KM ROAD RACE be included in future WMA INDOORS Championships in all age groups, commencing 1 January 2018.

Reason: This replaces the half marathon and again is a logical adjustment to better cater for the indoors environment where it can be snow and cold weather and the half marathon is not suitable.

5. That the 10,000 METRES TRACK RACE be DELETED from the WMA Stadia Championships commencing 1 January 2017.

Reason: This event has been attracting declining number of athletes each championships. In addition the conduct of this event has created programming problems with the amount of time needed to run the entire event being disproportionate to the number of athletes involved.

6. The WMA introduce a 10KM ROAD RACE into WMA STADIA CHAMPIONSHIPS, commencing from 1 January, 2017.

Reason: This will be an event that allows more flexible programming and will take considerably less time than the event it replaces. It also provides the opportunity for championship hosts to conduct a mass participation event to increase awareness of the championships and involve the local communities.

7. That the CROSS COUNTRY RACE for MEN AND WOMEN age groups 70 plus be reduced from 8KM to 6KM, effective from 1 January 2018.

Reason: There have been a considerable number of requests that this change be considered, particularly as several recent championships have experienced hot and humid conditions for this event.

Note: The other consideration with this change is how to manage the team events for these age groups. It was agreed any runner from 70+ age groups that was being dropped down to form a team in a lower age group would have to still run the 8km.

WMA COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE RULE CHANGES AND IAAF EXCEPTIONS

WMA Stadia Committee

Amend Appendix A4 as follows:

Minimum Record Wt. kg	0.750
Maximum Recorded Wt . kg	0.775
Outside Diameter min. mm	166
Outside Diameter max. mm	182
Diameter of Flat Area min. mm	50
Diameter of Flat Area max. mm	57
Thickness at center min. mm	33
Thickness at center max. mm	39
Thickness of Rim at 6 mm from edge, min. mm	10
Thickness of Rim at 6 mm from edge, max. mm	13

Reason: The WMA rules change for 2014 that increased the allowable maximum diameter of the 750 gram discus was not wholly complete and this amendment completes the change to make the discus in line with all commercially produced 0,75kg discus.

NON STADIA IAAF EXEMPTIONS

IAAF Section VII - Race Walking RULE 230

Distances

1. Refer to WMA Handbook.

Judging

- 3.

New Rule

3 (d) Masters: All judges must be registered RW Judges. At WMA Championships RW judges shall include members of the WMA RW Panel.

Chief Judge

- 4.

(f) For all Rule 1.1(a) competitions, hand held computer devices with transmission capability must be used by the judges to communicate all Red Cards to the Recorder and the Posting Board(s). **In Masters events Hand held transmission devices are not used.**

Add Exception

Race Conduct

12. in events of **10km** or more, an athlete may leave the marked course with the permission and under the supervision of an official, provided that by going off course he does not shorten the distance to be covered.

Section VIII - Road Races RULE 240

1. Refer to WMA Handbook.

Race Conduct

Add new Rule. Rule 240 (10)Masters

Pacing by athletes or other persons not in the race is not allowed. It is recommended that before the beginning of the race that all athletes are made aware of this rule. This is considered a warning. Athletes may and can be given a red card for this infraction during or after the race.

Section IX - CROSS-Country, Mountain.

RULE 250

Cross-Country Races

Distances

4.

Exception to IAAF Rule

Masters:

Distance of all Championship Races shall be 8 km.

Add Rule as an exemption:

Drinking / Sponging and Refreshment Stations

7. water and other suitable refreshments shall be available at the start

and finish of all races. For all events, a drinking / sponging station

shall be provided every lap. Delete: if weather conditions warrant such

provision.

Race Conduct

Add new Rule (9) Masters

Pacing by athletes or other persons not in the race is not allowed. It is recommended that before the beginning of the race that all athletes are made aware of this rule. This is considered a warning. Athletes may and can be given a red card for this infraction during or after the race.

RULE 251

Mountain Races

Race Conduct

Add New Rule 7. Masters:

The WMA has an agreement with the WMRA to follow the rules they have established. A Technical Delegate and Safety Officer who may be the same person attends WMRA Masters Competitions.

PLEASES NOTE THAT THE PAGES WILL BE CHANGED WITH THE
INSERTION OF THE FRENCH TEXT.

Winston Thomas

WMA Secretary