Solna 17.04 2000

To: IFF member Associations

THE CONGRESS 2000

Dear Floorball friends,

The Congress 2000 will, as announced 08.02 2000, be held on the 18th of May 2000 starting 11.00 at Grand Hotel, Karl Johans gate 31, Oslo, phone +47-23 212 000, fax +47-23 212 100.

After the Congress, at 15.30, a Cocktail is planned to be held by the city of Oslo.

Enclosed you will find the preliminary agenda and the material to be handled by the Congress.

Regarding the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee we are short of nominations and therefore urge you to send in nominations.

Looking forward meeting you in Oslo.

With sincere regards
International Floorball Federation

Tomas Eriksson
President

Stefan Kratz b.d.
Secretary General
IFF CONGRESS 2000

PREL. AGENDA

1. Opening of the Congress
2. Election of Chairman of the Congress
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Election of Secretary of the Congress
5. Election of two person for counting of votes
6. Approval of the protocol of the last Congress in the case of article 33.2 and 33.3
   
   No objection to the minutes of the last Congress has arrived. The minutes are therefore approved.

7. Approval of the CB reports
8. Approval of the financial report and the auditors report
    a) 1998
    b) 1999
9. Decision on freedom of responsibility for the CB
10. Decision on membership fee - There is no proposal of changing the existing membership fee
11. Approval of the budget and working plan for the next two years
    a) Budget 2000
    b) Budget 2001
    c) Budget 2002
    d) Plan of Action 2000-2002
12. Elections
    a) IFF President for two years
    b) Six to nine CB members for two years
    c) Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee
    d) Two members and two substitutes of the Disciplinary Committee
    e) Chairman of the Appeal Committee
    f) Two members and two substitutes of the Appeal Committee
13. Appointment of a chartered auditor - CB proposes re-election of Mikael Brandstam
14. Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members
    There are no proposals or motions
15. Examinations and decisions on proposals from the CB
    a) System on Changing the Rules of the Game
    b) Ratification of the Material Approval system
16. Approval of Regulations within the meaning of article 15 paragraph 2 littera c)
    There are no objections against any regulations
17. Decision on all affairs being reserved for the Congress by the statutes or by law
18. Appointment to be honorary member - There is no proposal on honorary membership
19. Dissolution of the IFF - There is no proposal on dissolution.
20. Admission or expulsion of official member Associations
    There are no application.
21. Decision on the meeting Place for the next Congress
    CB proposes Helsinki, Finland during WFC 2002
22. Closing of the Congress
**PARTICIPANTS OF THE 5th IFF CONGRESS 18.05 2000**

Ordinary member Associations

Czech Floorball Union                        Martin Vaculik*
Danish Floorball Federation                 Ole Peltola*
Estonian Floorball Association              Ain Lillepalu*
Finnish Floorball Federation                John Liljelund*
Norwegian Bandy Federation                  Kjell Hovland Olsen*
Polish Floorball Federation                 Mariusz Machnikowski*
Russian Floorball Union                     Vadim Vassiliev*
Swedish Floorball Federation                Lars Granqvist*
Swiss Floorball Association                 Renato Orlando*

Provisional member Associations

Australian Floorball Association            Rainer Martiskin
Austrian Floorball Association              Heidemarie Leb
Belgian Federation for Floorball and UniHockey Francis Vanbellingen
German Floorball Association                Arndt Rüger

Japanese Floorball Federation**            Andrew Clough
Japan Floorball Council**                  Sadao Saito

IFF Central Board

Tomas Eriksson
Thomas Gilardi
Peter Lindström
John Liljelund (also representing Finland)
Per Jansson
Tomas Jonsson
Ain Lillepalu (also representing Estonia)
Risto Kauppinen (also representing Finland)
Martin Vaculik (also representing Czech Republic)

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Stefan Kratz (Secretary General)

Others

Mikael Brandstam (IFF Auditor)
Pavel Charnetski (Russian interpreter)
Alexander Ustinov (Russia)
Hiroshi Okubo (Japanese interpreter)
Hiroko Kimura (Japanese interpreter)
Anne Wike (Norway)

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* Voting

** Due to the work of unifying Japanese floorball representatives from both the co-operation board, JFC, and JFF participated in the Congress.
INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION - ANNUAL REPORT 1998-2000

1. General
IFF consists of 9 ordinary member Associations: Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden and Switzerland.
The Central Board of IFF has admitted 13 provisional member Associations: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Hungary, Great Britain, Japan, Latvia, the Netherlands, Singapore, Slovakia and the United States.

2. The IFF Central Board (CB)
The CB elected by the IFF Congress held in Prague 28th of May 1998 has had the following composition:

Tomas Eriksson, President
John Liljelund, Vice President
Tomas Jonsson, Treasurer
Thomas Gilardi, Member
Per Jansson, Member
Risto Kauppinen, Member
Peter Lindström, Member
Ain Lillepalu, Member
Ramasamy Sinnakaruppan, Member
Martin Vaculik, Member
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Stefan Kratz, Secretary General

There has altogether been nine CB meetings between the Congresses, held as follows:

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3. The Appeal Committee (AC)
The composition of the AC has been:

Lars Granqvist, Chairman
Eija Wallenius, Member

The AC Chairman has had one meeting together with the IFF DC Chairman and the IFF Secretary General, in Helsinki 29.12 1998, and have had one matter to treat during December 1998.

4. The Disciplinary Committee (DC)
The composition of the DC has been:

Mika Hilska, Chairman
Erich Pfister
Matts Spångberg

The DC Chairman has had one meeting together with the IFF AC Chairman and the IFF Secretary General, in Helsinki 29.12 1998, and have had one matter to treat during 1999.
5. The Education and Development Committee (EDC)
The composition of the EDC has been:

Thomas Gilardi, Chairman (from 04.09.1999)
Per Jansson (Chairman until 04.09.1999)
Michael Jørgensen
Jari Oksanen
Karlis Strelis

When developing floorball the three IFF founding Associations, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland, has taken a great responsibility in co-operation with the IFF Education and Development Committee.

In a positive sense, the world has been “divided” between the three Associations so that Finland supports the development in the Baltic States, Russia, Australia; and Sweden supports Southeast Asia (with Singapore as key-point), Japan, Great Britain and the neighbouring Associations Norway and Denmark; whilst Switzerland supports Central and South Europe, Canada and USA.

Examples of efforts made between the Congresses are: Finland has, together with the Latvian Floorball Union, organized a seminar in Riga, Sweden has had an instructor situated in Singapore for more than a year, also visiting Japan, and has sent instructors to Great Britain and Switzerland has sent instructors to Austria, Germany, Italy and Poland.

6. The Material Committee (MC)
The composition of MC has been:

John Liljelund, Chairman
Beat Flepp

MC has mainly worked with the implementation of the Material Regulations which has involved several meetings with the Swedish Testing and Research Institute (SP) as well as the manufacturers of floorball equipment. The system has been in charge since 1st of July 1999 and should work well from 1st of July 2000.

The transfusion period for equipment approved before May 1, 1999, has been prolonged until June 30, 2003.

7. The Marketing and Information Committee (MIC)
The composition of MIC has been:

Peter Lindström, Chairman
Mikhail Baguirov
Stefan Dahlgren
Jussi Lähde
Heidi Tofterå
Axel Wester

One formal meeting was held in Borlänge during the Women’s World Championships in May 1999. There have been several informal meetings between Axel Wester, Jussi Lähde and Peter Lindström.

MIC has mainly tried to find a main-sponsor for IFF, a work that has not yet been successful. To be able to work more intensive and during daytime the CB decided to appoint Axel Wester to work full time with the task. Unfortunately Axel Wester left his work within the SFF and therefore couldn’t fulfil his task.

There have been meetings with our semi-sponsors PUMA and Unihoc. Among other things the possibility to start up a continuously dialog between the sponsors and IFF where discussed. A first attempt will take place during the Men’s World Championships in Oslo in May 2000.

Tarkett has declared no interests to stay as a semi-sponsor. New negotiations are soon to be ready with a new floor-sponsor, to be settled before the World Championships in May 2000.

Furthermore the MIC produces a new updated brochure, which we aim to translate into more languages than English.
8. The Rules- and Competition Committee (RACC)
The composition of the RACC has been:

Risto Kauppinen, Chairman
Andris Dzenis
Martin Vaculik
Axel Wester

The RACC has been gathered for meetings five times between the Congresses:

06-07.03 1999 in Helsinki
14.05 1999 in Borlänge
04-05.12 1999 in Helsinki
29.12 1999 in Bern
04-05.03 2000 in Riga

One of the RACC tasks has been to act as Jury in the following IFF events:

European Cup in Finland 1998
Women’s World Championships in Sweden 1999
European Cup Qualification Round in Czech Republic 1999
European Cup Final Round in Switzerland 1999

Other tasks for the RACC has been to follow up on International Transfers, do preparation work for coming IFF events (including the preparation of a schedule on how to appoint organizers), prepare a lighter version of the Organizer’s Regulations, prepare a proposal on how to change the Rules of the Game and to start the work with the next edition of the Rules of the Game.

9. The Referee Committee (RC)
The composition of the RC has been:

Werner Schlossmacher, Chairman
Andrew G. Clough
Jörg Heuer (from 29.01 1999)
Jukka Parviainen
Karl-Heinz Seiler
Tom Synstad
Jens Gottfredsen (resigned 20.07 1999)

The RC has mainly appointed referees to the World Championships’, European Cup’s and friendly Internationals.

Education as well as observation of referees has mainly been made during European Cups and World Championships, but also in some friendly Internationals where the home Association has provided observers. Education has been made in the means of observation.

IFF RC was also represented, through Mr. Seiler, in the 4-Nations tournament organized by the Belgian Association (BFFU) in February 2000, and through Mr. Seiler and Mr. Clough in the RACC meeting in Riga 04-05.03, 2000.
10. The Senior Adviser’s Group (SAG)
The composition of the SAG has been:

Max Sterchi, Chairman
Bengt Sevelius
Peter Tallberg

The SAG has mainly been assisting the IFF CB with contacts in International Sports but did also, through Mr. Sevelius, participate in the President’s Meeting in Borlänge 1999.

Mr. Sevelius also took part in a meeting with GAISF Director General Jean-Claude Schupp on March 8, 2000.

The result of the contacts with GAISF has led to that the ad-hoc commission of GAISF has submitted the IFF membership application to the GAISF council with the recommendation to submit the application to the GAISF Congress held in Monaco in October 2000.

11. The IFF Competitions
a) World Championships

Men’s 2nd World Championships 1998 in Czech Republic
14 Associations from 3 continents participated. The WFC was divided into an A-division with 8 teams and a B-division with 6 teams.

A-division: 1) Sweden 2) Switzerland 3) Finland 4) Denmark 5) Norway 6) Czech Republic 7) Russia 8) Germany (Germany relegated to the B-division 2000)


Women’s 2nd World Championships 1999 in Sweden
12 Associations from 3 continents participated. The WFC was divided into an A-division with 8 teams and a B-division with 5 teams.

A-division: 1) Finland 2) Switzerland 3) Sweden 4) Norway 5) Czech Republic 6) Germany 7) Latvia (Russia withdrew from participation and therefore relegated to the B-division 2001)

B-division: 1) Austria 2) Australia 3) Denmark 4) Japan 5) Singapore (Austria promoted to the A-division 2001)

b) European Cup

European Cup 1998
The European Cup 1998 for both men and women was arranged in Helsinki and Vantaa. 11 teams participated in the Men’s EC and 6 teams participated in the Women’s EC.

The ranking of EC 1998 for men:

The ranking of EC 1998 for women:
1) Högdalens AIS 2) Vantaa FT 3) HC Rychenberg-Winterthur 4) IK Akerselva 5) Tatran Stresovice 6) Roja
European Cup 1999
For the first time a Qualification Round of the European Cup was organized in the Men’s EC. 6 teams participated in the qualification, played in Prague, and two teams qualified for the Final Round.

The Final Round of the European Cup 1999 for both men and women was arranged in Bern, Sarnen, Winterthur and Zuchwil. 8 teams participated in the Final Round of the Men’s EC (12 teams totally) and 8 teams in the Women’s EC.

The ranking of EC 1999 for men:


The ranking of EC 1999 for women:

1) Tapanilan Erä 2) HC Rychenberg-Winterthur 3) TJ Tatran Stresovice 4) IK Akerselva 5) Lauku Avize 6) TSV Halle Süd 7) Hafnia FC 8) Gdynski Klub Unihoc UNO

12. Economy
The financials of IFF is separately reported.
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### Balance sheet 31.12 1998

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## INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION

### Statement of income 1998

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1. General
The International Floorball Federation (IFF) is the international organization for floorball.

IFF consists of totally 22 member Associations.

During 2000-2002, the number of member Associations is expected to increase from the present 22, to at least 30. Efforts will mainly be concentrated to strengthen the existing members.

The popularity of floorball will continue to grow in the world and new members are expected not only from Europe but also from Asia and America.

The overall aim for IFF is to gain membership of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

During the period 2000-2002 the aim is to continue the efforts to gain membership of General Association of International Sports Federation (GAISF), which will give floorball the opportunity to be part of the World Games.

To support the Central Board with promoting floorball world-wide a special working group, the Development Board will be installed. The group will be composed by representatives from IFF and from manufacturers of floorball equipment.

2. Administration
The IFF office has since the Congress 1996 been located in Solna, Sweden.

The total cost for the administration has earlier been paid by the Swedish Floorball Federation, but from 1st of January 2000 the cost is borne by the IFF.

If the financial situation permits the administration will be strengthened during the period between the Congresses 2000 and 2002.

3. Central Board
The Central Board of the IFF will improve its efficiency by allocating specific areas of responsibility to the Committees to create more time for development of finances and administration.

The Central Board will have approximately four meetings per year.

4. The Committees
More responsibilities will be allocated to the Committees.

Guide-lines for the Committee work will be further developed and when the finances of IFF increases more funds will be allocated to the Committees for their work in developing floorball.

5. Competitions
World Championships will be played 2000 for Men in Norway, 2001 for Women in Latvia and 2002 for Men in Finland.

When appointing organizers of the IFF competitions the aim is to follow the schedule on how to appoint organizers, meaning that a first letter asking for organizers will be sent 72 months prior to the competition and the appointment will be done 48 months prior to the competition.

Preparations for the Women's World Championships 2003 and 2005, the Men's U19 Championships 2001 and 2003, the Men's World Championships 2004 and 2006 will be made during the period 2000-2002.

The European Cup is played every year for both Men and Women. Since 1999 the Final Round of the EC consists of 8 teams in each category, meaning that Qualification Rounds are played when needed.
5. **Continuation**  
During the period 2000-2002 organizers for the European Cup 2001-2006 will be appointed, and the Rules- and Competition Committee will continue the efforts to develop the IFF Club Competitions.

Efforts will be made for floorball to be part of multi-sport competitions such as World Games and the South-East Asian Games. Further the IFF will actively support efforts to make floorball a part of the University Sports family.

A new Match Record that better meets the requirements of better statistics concerning penalties etc. will be worked out.

6. **The Rules of the Game**  
The next edition of the Rules of the Game will be worked out during the period between the Congress 2000 and the Congress 2002, to be made valid from the 1st of July 2002.

The work with the new edition involves testing of rules proposals.

7. **Material Regulations**  
During the period between the Congresses 2000 and 2002 a follow-up on the implementation of the Material Regulations will be carried out.

8. **Information services**  
The development of the IFF web-site, www.floorball.org, will continue.

The minutes from the CB meetings will be sent to the member Associations and published on the web-site as they have been finalized.

Mainly informations will be distributed via e-mail instead of ordinary mail.

A promotion video based on material from the Men’s WFC 2000 will be produced in a co-operation between the IFF Marketing and Information Committee and the Norwegian Bandy Federation.

9. **Economy**  
The income from sponsoring and advertisements will have to increase the coming years and therefore extra efforts will be done by the Marketing and Information Committee. This might also lead to the use of competences from external persons or companies.

The income from equipment approval will improve the possibilities for development of the IFF.

The Budgets and Financial Reports will be published in the IFF web-site.
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## NOMINATIONS

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### Auditor

The CB proposes:

Mikael Brandstam, Qualified public accountant Re-election
CB Proposal to the IFF Congress 2000
Change of the Rules of the Game

1. The normal process for changing the rules of the games
The new rulebook should be changed in a 4 years rotation. The following milestones have to be set within this period:

- **January 2000**
  Request shall be sent to all member Associations and all persons in the IFF bodies urging them to send in proposals, with a priority list.

- **25 February 2000**
  Deadline for sending in proposals.

- **February/March 2000**
  RACC + RC meeting
  Preparing a list of rules for testing and asking for test Associations

- **April 2000**
  Dead-line to apply as test Association

- **May 2000**
  CB-decision of test Associations

- **Autumn 2000**
  RACC organizes a seminar for Interpretations of the Rules of the Game.
  All member Associations will be invited to participate on their own cost.

- **15 February 2001**
  Collection of experiences

- **Feb/March 2001**
  RACC + 1 RC representative meeting
  RACC proposals to the IFF CB

- **May 2001**
  IFF CB makes final decision

- **September 2001**
  New printed IFF Rules of the Game is sent to all member Associations

- **July 1, 2002**
  The new edition of the IFF Rules of the Game becomes valid

- **January 2004**
  Request shall be sent to all member Associations and all persons in the IFF bodies urging them to send in proposals, with a priority list.
2. **The handling of important exceptions**

The IFF shall always have the possibility to make necessary changes of interpretations. Proposals will come from RACC.

The IFF should be the only official organisation who decides about the Rules and Interpretation's of the Game. This will prevent the consistency and continuity in the World of Floorball.

The IFF RACC must have the competencies and acting as an international information centre for Rules and Interpretations.

Testing new rules is possible if RACC gives an Association or an organizer of a tournament the permission.

There can be exceptions from the rules in certain Associations concerning Game time, except from in the first divisions.

**Proposal**

The IFF Central Board proposes that the Congress decides that the system of changing the IFF Rules of the Game shall be according to the proposal.
CB proposal to the IFF Congress 2000

Ratification of System for Approving and Testing Material within the IFF

Background
The IFF Congress of 1996 decided to approve the Material Criteria’s for Floorball Equipment according to the proposal of the IFF Central Board.

The Congress of 1998 decided to adapt the System for Approval of Floorball Equipment concerning all IFF member federations according to the, at that time present, Swedish system. The IFF Central Board was decided to be the governing body of that Testing System. The CB was given the power to negotiate and sign a contract with one or more Testing Sites, in accordance to the Material Criteria’s and the Testing Methods. The approved equipment should be marked with an IFF logotype.

The IFF Congress of 1998 further decided that the System of Approval should be in power from first of July 1999, with a transfusion period until the first of July of 2000, for all Member Federations to fully adjust to the effect of the decisions.

The IFF Central Board has negotiated and signed a contract with the Swedish National Testing and Research Institute (SP), and the system has been in charge since 1st of July 1999.

Further the Central Board has had several negotiations with the manufacturers which has lead to a better mutual understanding.

The IFF Central Board believes that the system will work satisfactory from the 1st of July 2000.

Proposal
The IFF Central Board proposes that the Congress decides to ratify the Material Approval System.