

Kurzbericht
AUSSERORDENTLICHE GENERALVERSAMMLUNG
der IAU

Sulgen, 09.07.2008

- Ad 1. Begrüßung durch den Präsidenten sowie globaler Überblick über den Sitzungsverlauf.
Einstimmige Korrektur der Reihenfolge der Agenda: Pkt. 6 wird umrangiert auf Pkt. 9, nachfolgende Punkte werden analog gereiht.
- Ad 2. Ermittlung der Stimmberechtigten
- Ad 3. Einstimmige Annahme des Protokolls der IAU Generalversammlung von Steyr 2006
- Ad 4. Berichte:
Präsident, lt. Anhang
Generalsekretär, lt. Anhang
Kassier, lt. Anhang
Rechnungsprüfer: Die Bücher wurden genau und korrekt geführt und die Entlastung des Kassiers sowie des gesamten Vorstandes wurde beantragt.
- Ad 5. Einstimmige Entlastung des Vorstandes
- Ad 6. Die neuen IAU Statuten wurden einstimmig beschlossen - analog des eingebrachten Entwurfes (Anhang) mit kleinen Abänderungen:
Article 1: Korrektur des Postfaches auf 144 statt 184
Article 8: Unterpunkt e) wird zu selbstständigem Text (Anm.: e-Rangierung ist Tippfehler)
Article 11 k: Verweis auf Article 8 statt auf 8e
Article 14 c: Schweiz forderte entgegen der vorliegenden Statuten ein Stimmrecht für das Exekutivkomitee, wurde mittels Abstimmung aber abgelehnt. Somit bleibt das Exekutivkomitee ohne Stimmrecht.
Article 18: ein neuer Punkt a) wird zusätzlich eingeschoben und die nachfolgenden werden analog rangiert: a) Verantwortlich dafür Organisationen/Verbände zu finden die internationale Wettkämpfe (WM, EM, KM, WC, EC,) veranstalten.
Article 30 b: Die Mitglieder der Disziplinarkommission werden (nach Antrag von Gottfried Diener) vom Exekutivkomitee und nicht von der Generalversammlung gewählt.
- Ad 7. Anträge
- 1) Ein Versicherungsschutz für das Exekutivkomitee wird beschlossen
 - 2) Die Annäherung bzw. die Wiedervereinigung von IAU und WCSA wird von allen Mitgliedern sowie dem anwesenden WCSA-Vertreter unterstützt. Als erster Schritt wird der Bohemian Field Cup (Tschechien) als gemeinsamer Testlauf veranstaltet. Am 1. Tag wird der IAU-Bewerb IA900 ausgetragen am 2. Tag der WCSA Matchplay-Bewerb
 - 3) Die Verhandlungen über eine Mitgliedschaft bei der GAISF werden weiter geführt und die dafür bei den Mitgliedern eingehobenen Gebühren werden weiter in diesem Sinne verwendet und vorerst nicht refundiert.
 - 4) Der Target-Fund wurde umbenannt in Development-Fund um ein breiteres Spektrum zur Bedienung des Funds zu erreichen.
 - 5) Weltmeisterschafts DVD. Die IAU unterstützt das Projekt des Schweizer Sportfernsehens mit dem Armbrustverband der Schweiz mittels finanzieller Zuwendung aus dem General-Fund. Diese DVD über die WM 2008 ist für alle Mitglieder kostenlos erhältlich und darf

unbeschränkt kopiert, veröffentlicht und aufgeführt werden. Es besteht ein Veräußerungsverbot!

6) Die Erstellung/Einführung eines Ranglistensystems wird befürwortet.

7) Die Kategorie Match U23 wird mit 31.12.2008 ersatzlos gestrichen

8) Die Kategorie Field Senioren (über 55 Jahre) wird eingeführt

9) Die Erarbeitung von Richtlinien und Einführung von Behinderten Kategorien wird befürwortet

Ad 8. Präsentation der Indoor 18m Field Europameisterschaft in Kroatien

Ad 9. Wahl des IAU Präsidenten:

Neuer Präsident für die nächsten 2 Jahre ist Gérard Boutteville (FRA)



INTERNATIONAL CROSSBOW-SHOOTING UNION

Founded 1956

INTERNATIONALE ARMBRUSTSCHÜTZEN UNION

IAU EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SULGEN SUI

Date: July 9, 2008 Place: Restaurant Löwen, Sulgen Time: 16:00 hrs

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Attendance, Roll Call & Entitlement to Vote
3. Approval of Minutes IAU General Assembly Steyr AUT 2006

Note: Distributed by mail in October 2006 and can be downloaded from the IAU website

4. Reports
 - 4.1 President - Mr. Chris Aston
 - 4.2 Secretary General - Mr. Eric Dougliss
 - 4.3 Accountant - Mrs. Ruth Laverie
 - 4.4 Auditors - Switzerland [SFSV] and Sweden [SAU]
5. Receipt of Reports and Discharge of Duties
6. Election of IAU President (interim until IAU GA 2010)
 - Mr. Gérard BOUTTEVILLE - Proposed by the FFTir France
 - Mr. Christian VETTERLI - Proposed by the EASV Switzerland

Note: Please refer to the attached sporting CV's

7. Adoption of IAU Statutes 2008

Note: Please refer to the attached list of proposals

8. Proposals

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9. World & Regional Championships 2009 onwards

- 9.1 Confirmation of Indoor 18m Field EC Croatia 2009*
- 9.2 Offers for European Championships Match and Field 2009*
- 9.3 Offers for Cup Events Match and Field 2009*
- 9.4 Offers for WC Match and Field 2010*

Note: * could also become IAU World Ranking qualification events

10. Miscellaneous

11. Closure

IAU President's Report (Interim 2006-2008)

To all IAU Member Federations and IAU Committee colleagues

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This report covers the period September 2006 to June 2008. The topics covered include:-

- the preparation of new IAU Statutes
- the relationship of the IAU and World Crossbow Shooting Association WCSA
- a visit by IAU VP Mrs. Pearl Ho Bin to the GAISF General Assembly in Beijing
- the development of a portable 30 Match Target system by the Netherlands federation
- development of IAU website and eNewsletter
- summary of Match and Field division events 2007/8
- looking ahead ...

IAU Statutes

Since the Special Meeting in Steyr Austria on August 20, 2006 the proposed new IAU Statutes have gone through two further revisions. The 3rd Draft was distributed to member early in June and is on the Sulgen EGA Agenda for approval by the Delegates.

If adopted, the 2008 Statutes will represent just the first step towards a complete restructuring of the IAU. The time scale for further changes will, to some extent, be influenced by the outcome of the negotiations between the IAU and the World Crossbow Shooting Association WCSA on re-unification. It would therefore be good if the Sulgen EGA will declare its support for the Executive Committees efforts to achieve reconciliation with the WCSA - and an early return to a single, more effective international organization.

Relationship of the IAU and the World Crossbow Shooting Association WCSA

At the end of 2002 the IAU lost a significant part of the IAU Field Division when Australia, Great Britain, Finland, New Zealand and the USA left us to form a new organization - the World Crossbow Shooting Association WCSA. Not only did we loose these nations - we also lost 2 continents; the Americas and Oceania.

Soon after I became President, the WCSA Secretary John Clark in Australia, the IAU Executive Committee and I negotiated an agreement (MOU appendix 1) which is intended to lead to eventual reunification. Sadly, not long after this agreement was signed in October 2006, the President of the WCSA Tony Bradbury died. In accordance with Tony's wishes, his colleagues on the WCSA Executive, lead by John Clark continued with the MOU initiative.

Since 2006 the IAU and the WCSA Executive Committees have considered a number of options; for example the running of combined IAU/WCSA Championships as a short-term measure. Consideration has also been given to the formation of a new "umbrella" body to co-ordinate crossbow shooting. However this would add yet another layer of administration, when what is actually needed is a reduction. In the end, the most effective solution will be full re-unification into a single world organization.

The recently elected WCSA President John Bingham (GBR) has been invited to attend our EGA in Sulgen. John's wife Iris, the WCSA Lady World Champion (wheelchair assisted category) is also taking part in the Weinfeld event as a Guest of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee and I are pleased to welcome John and Iris to the EGA.

IAU-WCSA relationship continued

My recommendation is for the IAU and WCSA Executive Committees to continue to work together with the objective of preparing a set of principles, and a time-table, through which re-unification can be achieved. This must also involve the IAU's Field and WCSA Technical Committees in order to prepare a set of harmonized competition rules. I suggest that 2010 be set as the target date for a decision on re-unification.

GAISF /AGFIS Membership Application

On April 26, 2007 the IAU Vice-President Mrs. Pearl Ho Bin and the Secretary General of the IAU's Asia Confederation Dr. Mrs. Ning-Ning Mahlmann attended the GAISF General Assembly in Beijing, China as observers. Afterwards Mrs. Ho Bin and Dr. Mrs. Mahlmann had a private meeting with the GAISF Director General Mrs. Christine Dominguez to discuss the IAU's prospects for future membership. Mrs. Dominguez confirmed that there is no limit to the number of times that an applicant can submit an application and that the ISSF (Shooting) and FITA (Archery) are both supportive of the IAU's application. However, we were advised that the IAU needs to prepare a much stronger presentation package for our next application.

For more than 20 years Mrs. Bin Ho has worked to secure GAISF recognition for the IAU at considerable personal expense. The IAU Executive Committee and I wish to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Pearl and to Dr. Mrs. Mahlmann for this work and for travelling to China and representing the IAU last year.

Since the Beijing meeting IAU Vice President Frans Fakkers has been in contact with the Netherlands Olympic Committee NOC, and there is the possibility that the NOC could assist with the IAU's next GAISF membership application.

As from 2007, in order to become a member of the GAISF, an international federation must have at least 40 member countries. Only one (1) national federation per sport per country will be counted. The list of member countries must include at least three (3) continents.

At the end of 2007 the IAU had 24 member countries on two (2) continents; Europe and Asia (but not all of these federations had paid the IAU annual fee in 2007).

On this basis, membership of the GAISF appears to be a very distant goal for the IAU.

My recommendation to the EGA is for the Executive Committee to be asked to start to prepare the next membership application and, at the same time, continue to negotiate with the WCSA in order to establish terms for reunification. In addition to this, efforts must be made to recruit new and former member nations. It should be noted that the WCSA supports GAISF membership in-principle, but has concerns about the cost to those federations who have nothing to gain through GAISF membership.

However, the efforts of the Executive Committee alone will not be enough to secure GAISF membership for the IAU. We will need to work as a team.

Our chances for success will be greatly improved if each and every national Delegate will commit to working together with the IAU Executive Committee. For example, if every existing IAU member federation made it their objective to mentor just one new member country each year for the IAU, the target of 40 countries on 3 continents could be reached by 2010.

IAU Finances

The IAU Secretary General Eric Dougliss will report on the IAU's financial state during the Sulgen EGA. However, I would respectfully ask the Delegates for their co-operation by making sure that the IAU annual fees are paid into the IAU's bank account by the due date each year - and not waiting until the next IAU championships to pay in arrears.

As and when the IAU becomes a member of the GAISF, it will cost at least 5,000 CHF per year in annual fees. On top of that will be the expenses to send a Delegate to the GAISF General Assembly each year. For example in 2009 the meeting will take place in Denver, North America.

The cost to the IAU of championships medals has increased greatly in recent years. As an example; for the 2008 World Championships in Sulgen the total cost to the IAU for medals will be around 4'500 CHF (2'900 Euros).

I recommend to the Executive Committee that the situation with the IAU medals be reviewed immediately after these World Championships. Unless organizing committees are prepared to return to the situation where the medal costs are shared 50/50 with the IAU, it may be necessary to change to a less expensive design, or to reduce the number of medals presented, which would require changes to our rules.

Match Target Equipment developments

Earlier this year it was announced on the IAU website that a new portable rail-driven Match-crossbow target system (10 and 30m) has been developed by the Netherlands federation NKB. These targets will soon be available for hire to organizers of IAU Championships events. Further details will be handed out by Frans Fakkers during the Sulgen World Championships.

On behalf of the IAU I offer our congratulations to the NKB President Frans Fakkers and his national federation for their initiative.

IAU Match Division

Since the World Championships in Steyr 06, the IAU Executive Committee approved the organization of three Match division events for the years 2007-8.

An offer from the Russian federation to run the European Championships (Match & Field) in September 07 did not come about due to the non-availability of 30m Match target systems. However, as reported below, the Crossbow Union of Russia went ahead and organized a very successful Field division event.

In February 07 Switzerland [EASV] sent out invitations to an IAU Match 10 / 30m Euro-Cup in Höngg SUI. Unfortunately this event had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries. Even allowing for the fact that this event was announced at short notice (3 months) this was a very disappointing outcome for the EASV and for the IAU. But despite this set-back, the EASV were willing to support the organization of the 2008 IAU Match World Championships in Sulgen and Berg. The IAU Executive Committee would like thank the EASV President Mr. Andreas Burkhalter and his organizing team for making our event possible.

IAU Field Division

The Russian Crossbow Union CUR successfully organized the 8th IAU Field European Championships in St.Petersburg during September 07. Under new management from the end of December 06, the CUR did a remarkable job to put together their event in less than 9 months. The competitions were dominated by the Croatian team, and 10 new individual Field division records were set in St.Petersburg. On behalf of the IAU Executive Committee I would like to congratulate the CUR President Alexander Verennia and his team on the organization of a highly successful event.

It was at St. Petersburg in 07 that the Swiss Field Crossbow Federation SFSV offered to organize the 2008 IAU Field World Championships in Weinfelden. Once again we faced the situation where our organizer had less than one year to organize an event. SFSV President Peter Wohlgensinger and his team were up for the challenge, and as a result crossbow shooters from 17 nations will be taking part in the World Championships in Weinfelden.

For the past 2 or 3 years there have been major problems with the IAU Championship Calendar. Organizing committees have had less time to prepare - and it has also been difficult for national federations to plan annual budgets for their teams. This was the reason why the German team - including our reigning Ladies World Champion (Field) - was unable to take part in the European Championships in St. Petersburg.

To avoid any repetition of this in the future, the Executive Committee and I would like to see an early return to a situation where organizers have at least 2 years to prepare for a major IAU Championships.

In Sulgen, at the EGA on July 9, we hope to confirm the Championships calendar for 2009 (European Championships 18m Field Indoor in Croatia / European Championships Match and Field). The Executive Committee will also be inviting the national delegates to assist with the securing of new Championships bids for the 2010-11 seasons (International, Cup and Championship events Match and Field).

With regard to relations with the WCSA, there are two proposals on the EGA Agenda that will form a part of the rule harmonization process that I referred to earlier in my report. These proposals are (a) for the IAU Field division rules to include a new category for Assisted (Wheelchair) shooters and (b) the recognition of the Field Division Seniors (over 55's) as a full IAU title event.

IAU Website developments

Over the past two years the internet has become the principle means of communication for the IAU. Information is first made available on the IAU website www.iau-crossbow.org - or sent directly to member's computer inboxes by email. This has reduced the need for expensive meetings, and through improvements to the official website and an email newsletter, we have been able to keep our membership better informed.

The internet is now all about collaboration between people and organizations. So please Delegates, log-on to the IAU website as often as you can and interact with us. We need your News and also your ideas for improving the way we do things...

So that our records are up to date, please send us your latest email and web addresses for our records. This can be done through the Contacts page on the IAU website or by email to secretary@iau-crossbow.org

Looking ahead ...

As well as the preparation of new Statutes and ideas for restructuring the IAU, the Executive Committee and I have been working on a number of other development projects, some of which appear of the Sulgen EGA Agenda as proposals. These are two of the projects that could come into effect during the next 2 years...

IAU WORLD RANKING SYSTEM: Frans Fakkers has proposed the introduction of a crossbow shooter ranking system. At the moment this is only a concept, but the rankings could be based on the aggregate scores (including Finals) achieved at IAU registered qualifying events e.g. World, Continental, Cup and International events run according to IAU regulations. This proposal is on the Sulgen EGA Agenda and, if supported by the national Delegates the project, will be referred to the Technical Committees (Match and Field) for the preparation of new rules - possibly in time for the 2009 season.

The IAU Executive Committee and I believe that, with the cooperation of event organizing committees, IAU World Ranking Events could become a high profile target shooting series that will motivate new member nations to join the IAU.

CROSSBOW TRAINING PROGRAMME: I have recently begun to lay the groundwork for a new scheme to teach people (of all age groups) how to shoot a crossbow. To begin with this project will be developed at local level in England. This will be done in collaboration with the Coaching & Development Manager of the UK National Small-bore Rifle Association NSRA (member IAU Match division) and also local Air-Rifle and Archery clubs in the Wolverhampton area. My first objective is to prepare a crossbow shooting "module" that can be integrated with existing 10m Air Rifle and Archery instruction programmes in the UK.

I have already proposed the scheme to a leading manufacture who produces a basic target crossbow which retails in the UK for under 350 GBP (440 EUR / 715 CHF) less sights. They have said that they are willing to support the scheme. The publishing company that I write for is also willing to provide me with a promotional platform in their shooting-sports magazines (titles include 'Bow International' and 'Target Sports'). This company could also handle the publication of Training materials.

My ultimate objective is to have this scheme adopted by the IAU - possibly by 2010 - and for the IAU to use it to help nations new to crossbow-shooting take up our sport.

Closing remarks

This report marks my retirement from the IAU Presidency for personal reasons. My work for the IAU over the past two years has been accomplished without the help of national federation funding or administrative support. It has taken a big commitment to reach this point. Although much of the IAU's work can be done through the internet, bringing the IAU and the WCSA back together will involve travel and meetings. The same will be required if the IAU is to begin to recruit the new nations we need for GAISF recognition.

What the IAU needs to achieve over the next 2 years will demand far more in the way of resources than I personally can bring to the task. That is why I decided that we should look for the next President.

What the IAU ideally needs now is a President who has the support of a national federation that is fully committed to the development of Match and Field crossbow shooting – as well as being actively involved with ISSF (Rifle) and FITA (Archery) disciplines. Such a situation would offer the most possibilities in terms raising the profile of the IAU.

Closing remarks - continued

Following my invitation to member federations earlier this year I am delighted to report that two excellent candidates have been nominated to take-over the leadership of the IAU until the Elections at the 2010 General Assembly.

Both candidates have the full backing of their respective national federations which in turn each have a long and successful involvement with international crossbow shooting.

Whichever candidate wins in Sulgen I am sure that he will do a great job for the IAU.

To close my report I would like to thank each of my colleagues on the IAU Executive Committee for their support and encouragement during my term of office. My special thanks to Eric Dougliss for his work as Secretary General. As my appointee Eric is also retiring at the end of the Sulgen World Championships. Finally I would like to thank Mrs. Ruth Laverie for professionally managing the IAU's accounts and also Harry Lugmayr for his assistance with the IAU website.

Ich wünsche Ihnen einen wunderbaren Aufenthalt in Sulgen, Berg und Weinfeldern sowie viele spannende und faire Wettkämpfe.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

I wish you a marvellous stay in Sulgen, Berg and Weinfeldern as well as exciting and fair contests.

With cordial greetings

Chris Aston, President IAU
Wolverhampton, England
June 2008



REPORT OF IAU SECRETARY GENERAL & FINANCE CHIEF TO EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 9 JULY 2008

INTRODUCTION

Sadly, Chris Aston has found it necessary to stand down as President, mid-term.

I have held these positions, for the last 2 years, as your President's appointee. I have been pleased and privileged to serve in this capacity. I too am now standing down, so that your new President can make his own appointments.

I attach a few notes and observations on the main financial issues.

MRS RUTH LAVERIE

Most of the real day to day work of the IAU, including all the hard work of book-keeping, preparing financial reports and keeping our bankers in order, is done by Mrs. Laverie. Without her efforts, my work would have been many times harder and I would like to record my thanks to her for this.

ACCOUNTS 2006 and 2007

Outline financial out-turns for 2006 and 2007 are attached to this report.

There was a net loss of CHF 6186 during 2006. Most of this is explained by the exceptional expenditure, of CHF 5672, incurred due to the 50th Anniversary celebrations for IAU. Even without these exceptional expenses, there was an operational loss of CHF 515 for the year which, following a loss of CHF 584 for 2005, has to be viewed with some concern.

There was a net gain of CHF 4897, for the 2007. Whilst this is an improvement, it must be remembered that there were considerable savings (around CHF 2000); because your President was unable to attend the European Field Championships and that the Field Committee Chairman has yet to submit his expenses claim for these Championships. On the credit side, arrears of subscriptions, of up to CHF 5200, may still be collected for 2007.

BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

At its Meeting on 24 March 2007, the Executive Committee agreed to close the IAU Euro Account, in Germany, which was no longer needed and to transfer those assets to the IAU UBS Account in Switzerland.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INSURANCE

An insurance policy, covering IAU Officers for most liabilities likely to be incurred working for IAU, has been taken out with AIG Insurance, through their Zurich Office. The limit of cover is Generally CHF 1 million and the annual premium is CHF 1200.

ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTION

Some national federations have not shot in any IAU events for some years and, by 2006, several had built up considerable arrears of subscription, some dating back to 2000. The total due, at December 2006, amounted to CHF 14700,

Nine federations were 2 or more years in arrears. One had not paid since 1999, one since 2001, two since 2002, three since 2003 and two since 2004. Most or all of these arrears were unlikely ever to be paid.

With the need to encourage lapsed members to rejoin, the Executive Committee, at its Meeting on 24 March 2007, agreed to write off arrears of membership subscriptions up to 2006.

30M TARGET FUND

The 30m Target Fund was set up to support the purchase of portable 30m target changers by the IAU.

Contributions to the fund were raised as a levy on individual start fees, in IAU Competitions, the payment of which was required by Rule 106.4.

Various developments and proposals for 30m targetry put the future of the project in doubt and the Executive Committee suspended collection of the levy in 2007.

The development of a portable, 30m target system in the Netherlands, and the possibility that this will be available for hire, means that the Executive Committee is now unlikely to proceed with the purchase of portable 30m targets for IAU.

It is, therefore, necessary for the IAU General Assembly to consider the future of the Target Fund, the money in the fund and Rule 106.4.

The Target Fund stands at CHF 8387.

DEMAND FOR REPAYMENT FROM TARGET FUND

During early 2007, the President received a demand, from Mr. Edwin Hirte, of the Visier 59 Club, for the repayment of Euro 318-75, in respect of payments made by them into the Target Fund.

Repayment was denied, on the basis that Rule 106.4, which required these payments to be collected from shooters, by competition organizers, made no provision for repayments to be made

The Executive Committee confirmed this action, on 24 March 2007.

MEDALS

The price of medals and, in particular, the cost to IAU of providing some medals, for major championships, is becoming a matter of concern.

Whilst cost is not the only issue, the policies for medals have been unchanged for many years and the Executive Committee should consider a review of IAU policies and rules concerning medals.

It may well be that there is no wish or reason to change things. Nevertheless, things have remained the same for many years and the matter should be considered.

IAU SHOP STOCKS

The IAU shop stock was handed over to Mr. Diener, at the Executive Committee Meeting in March 2007.

An inventory and valuation of the goods is still outstanding.

Goods will be on sale at the 2008 World Championships

LATE PAYMENTS OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual Membership Fees are the IAU's main source of income.

Collecting Membership Fees, on time, is a long standing problem. Things have not improved over the last 2 years.

Some of our member federations are in the habit of paying membership fees only when they attend IAU Meetings and are obliged to pay, in order to take part in the shooting.

In 2007, of the total 31 Match & Field Division subscriptions due, from 26 member nations, only 14 were paid by 31 March and only 24 were paid by 31 December.

This is not satisfactory. Late payment of subscriptions, which are currently the IAU's main source of income, means that reserves need to be kept at a higher level than should be necessary, in order to ensure that IAU can meet its operating costs and financial commitments. The significance of this to member federations is that the need to maintain high reserves reduces the IAU's ability to invest its assets in initiatives to improve the sport of international crossbow shooting.

The Executive Committee or General Assembly may need to consider incentives for earlier payment of subscriptions and may also need to consider the formal suspension or exclusion of those federations who are habitually in arrears.

GAISF

IAU made an unsuccessful application for GAISF Membership in 2004. Since then, the criteria for acceptance have become more difficult.

IAU membership of GAISF is seen by some member federations as essential, for their governments to fund their continued participation in international crossbow shooting sports. For other nations, this is not an issue but a reduced number of nations taking part in international crossbow shooting might affect their interest in competing. For these reasons, IAU needs to continue with its aspiration to achieve GAISF Membership.

The essential requirements, to gain GAISF Membership, are now for IAU to have member federations from at least 40 nations and for there to be only one international federation for crossbow shooting. At best, there are currently only 34 national federations, from 29 nations, participating in international crossbow shooting – both IAU and WCSA. If crossbow shooting is to be recognized by GAISF, IAU must first resolve its differences with WCSA and must then work to increase the number of nations involved in our sport.

It seems that the application fee paid to GAISF in 2004, whilst not refundable, would have counted towards the fee for a renewed application in 2008, had IAU been in a position to proceed. It is not clear if the situation will be the same, if a later application is made.

The annual cost of GAISF membership is currently around CHF 5000. There will be additional costs, of attending meetings, etc, if the IAU is to maximize the benefits of membership.

IAU subscriptions were increased, from 2004, by CHF 100 per year, to cover the expected costs of GAISF membership.

Particular thanks are due to Mrs. Pearl Ho Bin and Dr. Mrs. Ning-Ning Mahlmann, who attended the GAISF General Assembly as observers⁷, for IAU, in April 2007, at their own expense.

LOOKING FORWARD

Whilst the IAU's current trading position cannot be described as strong, it is at least stable and sustainable.

Annual subscription income is currently around CHF 9600 and it should be possible to maintain annual expenditure at around this level, without compromising the level of service to members.

The annual cost of membership, at around twice that of WCSA, is clearly an issue for some nations. It is bound to be a consideration in re-unification negotiations. Reducing the annual subscription is not a viable option, with IAU's current membership levels. A lower subscription might well be viable if membership can be increased substantially, if other, reliable sources of income can be found and/or operational costs can be reduced, without compromising services to members.

Increased use of the internet, to conduct IAU affairs, has some potential to reduce operational costs.

The IAU reserves stand at around CHF 100k, giving the organization considerable financial strength and an ability to invest in the future. Under the new reserves policy, around CHF 80k of this is available, if needed, for investment to promote and improve our sport. This is a substantial resource which, used well, can help to popularize and expand international crossbow shooting.

The main financial threats to our sport are the increasing costs of fuel and travel and the increasing resistance of governments, throughout the world, to supporting non Olympic and/or shooting sports.

The immediate financial threat to IAU is that any further reduction in membership is likely to make its operation unsustainable.

For some nations, their continuing ability to compete in international crossbow competition will depend on the sport being recognized by GAISF. Unless IAU aspires to, and works towards GAISF membership, there is a risk that these nations will be forced to give up international crossbow shooting. The risk to IAU is that this happens sooner, rather than later. If, and when, IAU achieves GAISF membership, the subscription cost (currently around CHF 5000 per year), and costs of participation will need to be funded will need to be funded.

There is a clear need to increase the numbers of national federations affiliated to IAU, both to strengthen the subscription income base and to provide the numbers necessary for recognition by GAISF.

An issue which needs to be considered is how IAU can help promote the development of or sport, and of national federations, in nations new to crossbow shooting. It may be worthwhile considering the option of individual membership, to allow small numbers of shooters, from nations without an affiliated national crossbow federation, to take part, as individuals, in IAU's international crossbow shooting programme.

Increasing the IAU's membership will depend on its being an attractive organization, promoting an attractive sport that shooters want to take part in. In recent years, there seems to have been an increasing reluctance, among IAU's member federations, to organize World and Continental Championships and Cup events. There has also been a marked reduction in other events included in the IAU competitions calendar. Without a strong, IAU recognized, and well-supported, competition programme, there will be very little reason for some nations to stay in membership – let alone for other nations to join or rejoin.

Success, in any sporting organization, is ultimately measured by numbers taking part. It is easy to concentrate efforts on technical issues relating to the sport itself, which are important factors in the enjoyment and attractiveness of the sport. However, the real work of building a sport is developing and funding the systems and structures to promote and support growth.

IAU has the financial resources to change, to grow and to become a strong, effective organization, promoting and organizing international crossbow shooting. To survive, and to thrive, IAU needs to grow. The Officers and Executive can take a lead in this but success will depend on all member federations doing all that they can, as best they can, to promote, develop and expand our sport both in their own countries and internationally.

I wish the IAU, and all of you, well for the future.

I. NAME, FUNCTION & HEADQUARTERS

Article 1

The INTERNATIONAL CROSSBOW-SHOOTING UNION was founded on June 24, 1956 in Landshut, Germany as the *Internationale Armbrustschützen Union*. The founding national federations were Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands and Switzerland. The organizations title in short form is IAU

- a) The IAU shall be incorporated under the provisions of Article 60ff of the Swiss Civil Code. The Headquarters shall be located in Switzerland.
- b) For the time being the Headquarters of the IAU shall be domiciled at:-

Av. De Longueville 1, P.O. Box 184, CH-2013 Colombier, Switzerland
- c) The IAU promotes and guides the development of the crossbow-shooting sports, without discrimination on political, racial or religious grounds, gender or disability and strengthens the bonds of friendship between crossbow-shooting associations of all nations.
- d) The IAU's Business Year shall be the calendar year i.e. January 1st to December 31st. The IAU is a not-for-profit organization.
- e) The Official Languages of the IAU shall be English and German.

II. PURPOSE

Article 2

The IAU is an international organisation for all National target-shooting Federations. The IAU's objectives are:-

- a) to support and promote crossbow target shooting on a world-wide basis;
- b) to assign and supervise the organisation of World and Continental Championships as well as other International Competitions;
- c) to cultivate traditional, as well as modern crossbow-shooting on a world-wide basis;
- d) to establish Technical and Competition Rules and Regulations for the sport of crossbow target shooting;

Article 2 continued

- e) to administer the official IAU website, edit and distribute an email newsletter to Members and other interested parties (internet language - English);
- f) to publish Byelaws and Competition Rules in the English and German languages in all appropriate formats;
- g) to present awards to persons who have made extraordinary contributions to the sport of crossbow shooting or who have achieved outstanding success as an athlete;

III. MEMBERSHIP

Article 3

IAU recognises the following classes of memberships:

- a) National Federations
- b) Honorary Members

Definition: National Federations are those organizations which are recognised by the IAU's Executive Committee or by the General Assembly or EGA as the body representing the crossbow shooters of the nation concerned.

Article 4

Each nation may have up to two (2) Federations as members of the IAU provided that one Federation represents **Match** Crossbow-shooting and the other **Field** Crossbow-shooting. In such cases both National Federations are considered as having equal rights and therefore have the same voting powers in the General Assembly. Each Federation will pay the IAU annual Membership Fee.

- a) Applications for membership must be submitted in writing and must be supported by the documents listed in art. 5a and 5b, to IAU's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall decide on the acceptance of new National Federations. It may refuse a request without giving a reason.
- b) If a request for membership is refused by IAU's Executive Committee, the applicant may appeal in writing to the IAU Secretary General within 30 days of the official notification the National Federation concerned then has the right to be heard at the next GA or EGA. The decision of the IAU's GA or EGA is final.

Article 5

All Member National Federations of the IAU are obligated:

- a) to give information about its founding and organisational structure;
- b) to send two (2) certified copies of its Statutes and Byelaws to the IAU;
- c) to pay regularly every year the IAU Membership Fee before March 31st, including, on first joining the IAU, the Membership Fee for the current year provided they are accepted as new Member before October 1st. If they are admitted as Members after October 1st they do not have to pay a Membership Fee for the year in which they are first accepted;
- d) to comply fully with IAU's Statutes and the decisions and instructions of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the IAU's Technical Committees.

Article 6

- a) In the case of a National Federation not paying the IAU's Membership Fee before 31 March its rights as a Member are immediately suspended until the outstanding amount is paid in full.
- b) In the case of a National Federations dues' not being paid for at least two (2) years the IAU has the right to expel such a Member by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee (see Article 8e for the right to appeal).

Article 7

- a) Every Member Federation (Match or Field) may be represented at the General Assembly by one (1) Delegate and will have one (1) vote.
- b) In the case of a Member Federation being represented by both crossbow-shooting disciplines (Match and Field) and it is accredited by the IAU accordingly, such Federations may be represented in the IAU's General Assembly by two Delegates having one (1) vote each.
- c) In the case a Member Federation being prevented from participating in the IAU's General Assembly it may authorise (in writing) another National Federation, being a Member of the IAU, to represent it by Proxy. No such Member is allowed to carry the Proxy vote of more than one other Member (maximum 2 votes per Member federation). Members of the Executive Committee cannot carry Proxy votes.

Article 8

A National Federation may resign from the IAU at the end of a Business Year by sending a registered letter to the Executive Committee. Resignation from the IAU is conditional on all financial obligations towards the IAU being completely fulfilled.

The Executive Committee may expel a Member National Federation if:

- a) the National Federation fails to pay its due membership fees for two (2) consecutive years;
- b) the National Federation is wilfully, or with gross negligence, disregarding the IAU's regulations or decisions of the Disciplinary Commission or an award of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);
- c) the National Federation is no longer fulfilling its financial obligations to the IAU;
- d) the National Federation is harming the IAU's reputation or cooperation within IAU;
- e) An appeal against expulsion must be submitted in writing to the IAU Secretary General within 30 days of the official notification the National Federation concerned then has the right to be heard at the next GA or EGA.

III. GOVERNANCE

Article 9

The authority of the IAU shall be exercised by:

- a) the General Assembly;
- b) the Executive Committee;
- c) the Presidium;
- d) the Technical Committees (Match and Field);
- e) the Disciplinary Commission.

Article 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) & EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLIES (EGA)

- a) The IAU General Assembly GA is composed of the Delegates of the IAU Member National Federations and the Members of the IAU Executive Committee. The Voting Members shall be the National Federations. The IAU Executive Committee shall have no voting rights during GA or EGA.
- b) The General Assembly will meet every four (4) years. As a general principle the GA shall take place during an IAU World Championships.

Article 10 continued

- c) Extraordinary General Assemblies EGA may be called in writing by the Executive Committee or on the written request of ten (10) eligible voting Member nations. The reason for the EGA must be stated.
- d) The quorum for general business of the General Assembly (or Extraordinary General Assembly) shall be ten (10) Member federations including proxies or one-fifth (1/5) of the total number of eligible voting Member federations whichever is the lesser.

Article 11

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the IAU. The General Assembly shall:

- a) accept annual Reports from the Executive Committee members;
- b) accept the Budget and set the Annual Membership fees;
- c) accept the annual Financial Statements;
- d) discharge from duty the Executive Committee members and the Auditor;
- e) election of;
 - the President and Vice-President(s);
 - the Chairpersons and Members of the Technical Committees;
 - the Auditor;
 - the Disciplinary Commission;
- f) approve the Host Organisations who will organize forthcoming IAU crossbow championships;
- g) vote upon motions from the Executive Committee or the National Member federations;
- h) other business of which notice has been given;
- i) appointment of Honorary Members, on request of the Executive Committee;
- j) the revision of the Statutes;
- k) the expulsion of Members (Article 8e);
- l)
- m) the dissolution of the IAU (Article 32).

Article 12

- a) The GA may only deal with matters itemized on the Agenda as printed and distributed in accordance with these Statutes. All other matters shall be deferred for consideration by the Executive Committee or at the next GA or EGA as appropriate.

Article 13

NOTICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

- a) The Invitation to the General Assembly GA or an Extraordinary General Assembly EGA must be sent to all Members at least three (3) months before the date of the GA or EGA. The reason for the EGA must be stated.
- b) In order to be included on the Agenda at the GA or the EGA, proposals from Member federations must be received by the Secretary General (by letter, fax or email) in English or German language at least eight (8) weeks before the GA or EGA convenes.
- c) The final Agenda for the GA or EGA together with the periodic reports, the proposals and, in the case of elections, the nominations shall be sent to all Members four (4) weeks before the GA or EGA convenes.

Article 14

VOTING DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

- a) All decisions at GA or EGA are made by open vote and shall require a simple majority, except when a secret vote is requested by at least one-quarter (1/4) of the voting Member federations present.
- b) Resolutions entailing changes of these Statutes shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those eligible voting Member federations present or represented by proxy. The dissolution of the IAU shall require a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of those eligible voting Member federations present or represented by proxy.
- c) The IAU Executive Committee shall have no voting rights during GA or EGA except that, in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have one (1) casting vote.

Article 15

- a) The General Assembly shall be chaired by the President. In his absence the meeting shall be chaired by the most senior Vice-President. In case of Vice-Presidents being of equal seniority, the eldest (in age) Vice-President shall Chair the GA or EGA.
- b) In the absence of the President and all Vice-Presidents the GA or EGA will elect a Chairperson from amongst the other Members of the Executive Committee. If none of these persons are present, then a voting Delegate shall be elected as Chairperson.

Article 16

- a) In exceptional circumstances where no postponement is practicable GA or EGA decisions may be resolved by Postal Voting and/or Electronic Voting, except in the case of a motion to dissolve the IAU. The President shall explain to all Members the points to be voted upon and invite the Members to vote accordingly in writing.
- b) In the case of a Postal or Electronic vote Members will be given due notice by the IAU Secretary General and the results will be declared in writing within 30 days of the closing date of the ballot.
- c) For a motion to be adopted in any such Postal or Electronic ballot requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority in favour (voting YES) from those Member federations eligible to vote.

Article 17

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

The Executive Committee EC, being elected by the General Assembly, is composed as follows:

- the IAU President
- 1-5 Vice-Presidents (each being resident on a different continent)
- the Secretary General
- the Finance Chief
- the Chairperson of the Technical Committee Match
- the Chairperson of the Technical Committee Field

Article 17 continued

- a) The EC shall meet at least once per year preferably during an IAU Championships event.
- b) At meetings of the EC decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority vote of the EC Members present and entitled to vote. Any member of the Executive Committee holding more than one office, e.g. Secretary General and Finance Chief as combined duties, shall only have one (1) vote.
- c) At General or Extraordinary General Assemblies the IAU Executive Committee shall have no voting rights except that, in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have one (1) casting vote.
- d) The Members of the Executive Committee are elected by the General Assembly for a term of four (4) years. After such terms they may be re-elected.
- e) The President shall appoint the IAU Secretary General.
- f) The Executive Committee may appoint the IAU Finance Chief.
- g) As a general principle the Executive Committee shall consist of people from different Member National Federations except for the Secretary General who preferably resides in the same country as the President.

Article 18

The Executive Committee EC of the IAU shall be responsible for the conduct of all the affairs of the IAU and executing the decisions of the GA. The Executive Committee shall be exclusively responsible for:-

- a) deciding on the structure of the IAU (including website, domain name etc.), the sphere of activity and the power to sign;
- b) drafting, implementation and review of Byelaws;
- c) appointing of working- and project groups;
- d) appointing and managing of officers with special tasks e.g. Ambassadors, Press Relations; IAU Bulletin etc;
- e) granting of Honours (Article 26);

Article 18 continued

- f) cultivating friendly relations between Member National Federations, National and International Authorities, International and Private Organisations;
- g) acceptance of new Member National Federations;
- h) examination of the Motions and/or Proposals for the GA;
- i) supervision of activities leading up to World and Continental Championships;
- j) in an instance where the GA was unable to vote on such a proposal, appoint the host National Federation(s) to organize the next World or Continental Championships;
- k) granting permission for International Competitions;
- l) the appointment of temporary Continental Committees CC comprising of a maximum of three (3) persons per continent, until such time as a Continental Association CA (Article 25) for the continent concerned is officially recognized by the IAU. Such CC's shall be chaired by the IAU Vice President for that continent.
- m) to enter into agreements or affiliations with other international sporting bodies in order to develop the sport of crossbow shooting on a world-wide basis;

Article 19

The Executive Committee has the authority (within the IAU Budget as approved by the GA) to:

- a) purchase awards for World and Continental Championships;
- b) purchase budgeted office equipment for a term of four (4) years;
- c) pay appropriate budgeted travel expenses to the Members of the Executive Committee to meetings of the Executive Committee and the GA;
- d) pay extraordinary expenses (not being in the Budget) up to an amount of CHF 1'000.--, e.g. for gifts and honours per year.

Article 20

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (TC)

The Technical Committees Match and Field shall each be composed as follows:

- 1 Chairperson
 - 3 to 5 Members
- a) The Members of the Technical Committees as well as their Chairpersons shall be elected by the GA for a term of four (4) years and may be re-elected.
 - b) The TC will appoint their own Secretaries from amongst their Members: each Secretary will be responsible for the minutes of the meetings of the Technical Committee concerned.
 - c) The IAU President has the right to participate in meetings of the Technical Committees; the President has a right to participate in discussions and to file motions but does not have a right to vote.

Article 21

- a) The Technical Committees are responsible for the preparation and dissemination of Competition Rules in each discipline (Match and Field); such Rules must contain regulations regarding Doping which must be referred to the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)** Code which is applicable.
- b) Before any changes to the competition rules can be put into force the Technical Committee concerned must submit them in writing to the Executive Committee for their approval. If there are no objections the rule changes may be put into effect on the date determined by the Technical Committee. In the case of EC objections the Secretary General shall send written notice to the TC Chairperson concerned explaining the reasons to which a written reply must be given by the TC within six (6) months of the date of issue of the notice. If no agreement can be reached the proposed rule change shall then be submitted to the next GA or EGA for a decision.
- c) Further tasks of the Technical Committees are:
 - Scrutinize and recognise World and Continental Records;
 - Prepare and manage a list of World and Continental Records;
 - Recruitment and training of International Competition Judges;
 - Prepare Rules to acknowledge extraordinary shooting performances.

Article 22

- a) The Chairperson and three (3) members of an IAU Technical Committee (Match and Field respectively) shall constitute a Quorum for TC meetings.
- b) As a general principle Technical Committees will meet during an IAU World Championships but otherwise may make decisions by electronic voting.
- c) All Technical Committee decisions shall be by a simple majority vote.

Article 23

AUDITOR

- a) The General Assembly shall elect the Auditor for a term of four (4) years. The Auditor is required to have appropriate professional qualifications.
- b) The Auditor shall check the IAU Books of Account and report to the Executive Committee.

Article 24

PRESIDIUM

The IAU Presidium implements decisions of the General Assembly and/or the Executive Committee. The Presidium is composed as follows:

- the IAU President
 - the Secretary General
 - the Finance Chief
- a) As a general principle the Presidium will operate remotely except in the case of responsibilities which require a face-to-face meeting. Meetings of the Presidium will be chaired by the President.
 - b) The Secretary General will support the President and write the Minutes and undertake all correspondence for the IAU.
 - c) The power to Sign for the Presidium is as follows:
 - on all financial matters: the President and Finance Chief (2 Signatories)
 - on any other matter: the President and Secretary General (2 Signatories)

Article 25

CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATIONS CA

The IAU recognizes one (1) Continental Association CA for each of the following five (5) regions; Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania

The European region shall be the responsibility of the IAU Executive Committee.

The responsibilities of the Continental Associations shall be:

- a) to promote and encourage crossbow shooting throughout the region in conformity with the IAU rules and regulations;
- b) to arrange for the organization of Continental Championships and International events in all IAU crossbow shooting disciplines (where possible);
- c) to confirm and maintain Continental Record scores and maintain complete lists of scores from Continental Championships;

The IAU Executive Committee may delegate additional responsibilities to these Continental Associations as it deems appropriate in the best interests of the IAU.

IV. HONOURS

Article 26

a) HONORARY MEMBERS:

The General Assembly may, upon a proposal by the Executive Committee, grant the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member respectively to a retiring President or a retiring Executive Committee Member for their outstanding services to the IAU. They may attend the General Assembly, but do not have the right to vote.

b) HONORARY DIPLOMA:

The Executive Committee may Honour persons, Cities, communities and firms who, as organisers or sponsors of World or Continental Championships, have successfully supported the IAU, with the IAU Honorary Diploma.

c) HONORARY PLAQUE (29 x 26 cm, mounted on wood):

The Executive Committee may honour Member Federations and/or Organizing Committees of World or Continental Championships with the IAU Honorary Plaque.

Article 26 continued

d) HONORARY MEDAL (with pin):

The Executive Committee may honour persons who have distinguished themselves by their work for international crossbow shooting with the Gold, Silver or Bronze IAU-Honorary Medal with pin.

Member National Federations may nominate people who have distinguished themselves by their work for international crossbow shooting to receive the IAU Silver or Bronze IAU Honorary Medal with pin.

Written nominations, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Member National Federation concerned, together with a detailed Citation, must be handed over to the IAU General Secretary at least six (6) months before the presentation date.

The Executive Committee shall decide on the awarding of Honorary Pins.

In case of acceptance the applicant Member National Federation has to bear the expenses and make the formal presentation during the course of one of its own events.

The IAU Secretary General shall maintain a register of all recipients of IAU Honorary Awards.

V. OFFICIAL BULLETIN & COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Article 27

- a) The Executive Committee shall publish an Official Bulletin containing official news, results and other reports.
- b) This Bulletin will be first published (in English) on the Official IAU Website.
- c) If the Bulletin is printed and mailed, every Member National Federation, IAU Committee Member and Honorary Member will be entitled to one (1) copy free of charge. Additional copies can be obtained for a subscription fee.

Article 28

- a) The Official IAU Emblem (logo) and/or the IAU Flag may only be used with the written authorization of the Executive Committee.
- b) The Official IAU Medals (Individual awards) for presentation at World or Continental Championships, may only be produced with the written authorization of the Executive Committee.

Article 29

- a) Any commercial marketing of international Crossbow-shooting, especially events authorized by the IAU, may only take place with the written authorization of the Executive Committee.
- b) Rights and obligations are listed in the Byelaws which shall be issued by the Executive Committee.
- c) All income arising from the above agreements shall only be expended on internal advertising, the IAU Bulletin, special reproductions, brochures, promotions etc.,.

VI. DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION & ARBITRATION

Article 30

- a) The Disciplinary Commission consists of three (3) members, who may not hold any other function within the IAU.
- b) These members shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of four (4) years.
- c) The Disciplinary Commission is the only vehicle for enforcing discipline within the IAU.
- d) Referrals to the Disciplinary Commission DC can only be made by the IAU Executive Committee. In the case a referral arising out of a competitive event the Executive Committee shall be advised in writing by the Organiser and the Chairperson of the Competition Jury.
- e) The Disciplinary Commission can impose sanctions against IAU Members, functionaries and crossbow-shooters as well as members and licensees of the National Federations, if they infringe the IAU's Statutes, Regulations or Instructions.

Article 30 continued

- f) Such infringement may include unsportsmanlike behaviour, acting improperly, committing a criminal offence or otherwise infringing the Regulations of the IAU during any authorized event.
- g) The Disciplinary Commission can impose the following disciplinary measures:
 - A Warning verbally and in writing;
 - Fine up to an amount of CHF 5'000.— for any one offence;
 - Suspension from membership;
 - Request of expulsion from the IAU by a General Meeting (EGA or GA).
- h) **Right of Appeal;** The affected party may Appeal against the decision of the IAU Disciplinary Commission to the **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)** in Lausanne SUI, whose decision shall be binding on both parties.
- i) Any Appeal must be lodged within thirty (30) days of the IAU's ruling.
- j) Any disputes between members or between a member and the IAU which arise from these Statutes or decisions of the IAU Disciplinary Commission are all subject to clause 30h above.
- k) No such procedure may be referred to any Civil Court.

VII. FINAL CLAUSES & TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

Article 31

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

- a) Proposed amendments to these Statutes must be submitted in writing to the IAU Secretary General at least three (3) months before the General Assembly. Such proposals by Member Federations must be signed by the President and the Secretary of that Federation.
- b) Proposals by the Executive Committee shall require a majority decision.
- c) Any Proposal which arrives after the closing date (see clause 31a above) shall only be considered at the next General or Extraordinary General Assembly (whichever comes first).
- d) Amendments to these Statutes can only be adopted with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the GA or EGA.

Article 32

DISSOLUTION OF THE IAU

- a) The intended dissolution of the IAU shall require an Extraordinary General Assembly at which the proposed dissolution shall be the only item on the Agenda. The Proposal must be accompanied by supporting documentation and the submission must be received by the IAU President at least three (3) months before the proposed EGA is to be convened.
- b) Notice of intended dissolution must be circulated in writing to all Members at least two (2) months before the EGA.
- c) The dissolution of the IAU shall require a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of those eligible voting Member federations present or represented by proxy.
- d) Any assets remaining after the dissolution of the IAU, shall after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, be applied to the furtherance of any objective(s) of the IAU as determined by the General Assembly at, or before, the time of dissolution. If effect cannot be given to the foregoing provisions, they shall be given to an international organization which is engaged in social or charitable projects. Under no circumstances shall they be paid to, or distributed among the Members of the IAU.

Article 33

LIABILITY

- a) The IAU shall maintain appropriate Insurance cover e.g. 'Directors and Officers Insurance' for the serving members of the IAU Executive Committee.
- b) The IAU shall in no circumstances accept liability for damages resulting from injury to spectators or to members of any Member Federation or from the damage to or loss of property while participating in or attending any championship, competition or other function organized, sponsored or recognized by the IAU.
- c) Host Organizing Committees shall indemnify the IAU and shall maintain appropriate Public Liability (Event) insurance cover.

Article 34

OFFICIAL TEXT

In the case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Statutes, General Regulations or rules and official documents of the IAU the English text shall prevail.

These Statutes were approved at the Extraordinary General Assembly in (place) _____ on (date) _____ and are immediately operative.

All preceding texts are hereby revoked.

For the Executive Committee of the IAU:

IAU President

IAU Secretary General

PROPOSALS

Item	Topic	
7.	NEW IAU STATUTES Proposed by the IAU Executive Committee	Proposal: that, subject to any amendments made during the EGA in Sulgen, the new IAU Statutes 2008 (Draft 3.1) be adopted as from July 14, 2008.
8.1	LIABILTY INSURANCE COVER Proposed by the IAU Executive Committee	Proposal: that the EGA approves the purchase of AIG Europe 'Directors & Officers' liability insurance cover for the members of the IAU EC. Annual premium CHF 1,200 (745 Euros) for year 2008/9. The AIG policy covers; defence costs, damages and settlements for "wrongful acts". Legal fees and expenses. Policy cover up to GBE 1m (1.2m Euros / 2m CHF) for each and every officer includes past, present and future officers. Reason: considered by the IAU Executive to be a necessary protection for the IAU's executive officers in the modern regulatory environment.
8.2	IAU-WCSA Relationship Proposed by the IAU Executive Committee	Proposal: in accordance with the IAU/WCSA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of October 2006, that this EGA empowers the IAU Executive Committee to enter into formal negotiations with the WCSA with a view to developing a process and recommended organisational structures and rules harmonization measures sufficient to achieve total re-unification of international crossbow shooting and to circulate these proposals to members in time for a decision on re-unification at the 2010 IAU General Assembly. (refer to President's Report 2006-08)
8.3	GAISF Membership Application Proposed by the IAU Executive Committee	Proposal: that the IAU's GAISF membership application process is extended beyond the 2010 IAU General Assembly and that the collection of the IAU Annual Fee supplements (CHF 100) is similarly extended. (refer to Steyr '06 GA Minutes point 9.1 page 4)
8.4	IAU TARGET FUND Proposed by the IAU Executive Committee	Proposal: that the purpose of the IAU Target Fund be changed and re-named as the IAU Development Fund and that the General Rules and the Competition rules (Match and Field) be suitably amended. The new rules (to be determined) must clearly define the purposes to which the funds can be applied by the Executive Committee. Reasons: the EC believes that this change would be to the benefit of all IAU crossbow disciplines.

Item	Topic	
8.5	<p>WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DVD Proposed by the IAU Executive Committee</p>	<p>Background: In May '08 the Executive Committee agreed to contribute CHF. 3'000 towards the production costs of a DVD of the 2008 IAU World Championships by Swiss Sport TV. The 50 minute programme will focus on the 30m Finals plus coverage of 10m and Field events. The IAU logo will be shown on screen as Sponsor and the IAU has the rights to copy and distribute the DVD.</p> <p>Proposal: if item 8.4 above is approved by the EGA the Executive Committee proposes that the CHF 3,000 be paid out of the IAU Target Fund (refer to Agenda item 8.4), or otherwise from the General Fund.</p>
8.6	<p>IAU WORLD RANKING LISTS Proposed by the IAU Vice President Europe F.Fakkers</p>	<p>Proposal: to create a new IAU World Ranking system based (for example) on the results from IAU registered Championships and Cup events (up to 5 qualifying events per year, per IAU discipline). Shooter Rankings to be based on the aggregate scores (including final scores, for top 8 finishes) for all qualifying events in which a shooter has competed.</p> <p>It is suggested that the World Rankings be based on a rolling 2 year programme, with a annual ranking lists based on 2 consecutive year's performances.</p> <p>If this proposal is supported in principle by the EGA, the matter will be referred to the IAU Technical Committees (Match & Field) for the preparation of new rules – possibly in time for the 2009 season?</p>
8.7	<p>MATCH DIVISION U-23 CATEGORY Proposed by the IAU Executive Committee</p>	<p>Proposal: that the U-23 Match Division Category be removed from the IAU competition rules (as from December 31, 2008).</p> <p>Reasons: to stay in line with the Junior age limit in other international disciplines such as rifle and pistol, and to encourage more young people to take up Match-crossbow shooting.</p> <p>Experience has shown us that there are not enough nations interested in entering the U-23 category.</p>
8.8	<p>FIELD DIVISION SENIOR CATEGORY Proposed by the IAU President C.Aston</p>	<p>Proposal: that the IAU changes its policy to recognise the Senior (55 years and over) for receipt of all appropriate IAU Championships medals and awards, and that the Field Technical Committee be asked to prepare the rules accordingly to come into effect from January 1, 2009.</p>

Item	Topic	
8.8	<p>FIELD DIVISION SENIOR CATEGORY Continued</p>	<p>Reasons: that the IAU changes its policy to recognise the Senior (55 years and over) for receipt of all appropriate IAU Championships medals and awards, and that the Field Technical Committee be asked to prepare the rules accordingly to come into effect from January 1, 2009.</p> <p>Reasons: (refer to Agenda item 8.9)</p>
8.9	<p>HANDICAPPED/ ASSISTED CATEGORY Proposed by the IAU President C.Aston</p>	<p>Proposal: that the IAU moves to recognise Assisted/Handicapped shooters as far as is possible, and that the respective Technical Committees (Match and Field) be instructed to investigate appropriate rules accordingly.</p> <p>Justification: Proposals 8.8 and 8.9 are in accordance with Article 1 c) of the IAU Statutes 2008 “without discrimination” and Clause 10. of the IAU-WCSA Memorandum of Understanding of October 15, 2006 “rule harmonization”.</p>