



FÉDÉRATION **I**NTERNATIONALE
DE LA **P**ÊCHE **S**PORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

**MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF
F.I.P.S.e.d. STEERING COMMITTEE
Rome (Italy), November 18 and 19, 2016**

PRESENT MEMBERS: Dragan BOSKOVIC, Igor CHINYAKOV, Richard CLEGG, Jacques GOUPIL, Eric HUMPHREYS, Roland MARCQ, Claudio MATTEOLI, Jan VAN SCHENDEL, Joao VIZINHA, Barbara DURANTE (Secretary General and Treasurer).

The CIPS President, Mr. Ferenc Szalay, is present as invited.

AGENDA

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the Steering Committee's Meeting of 13rd and 14th November 2015 in ROME;
- 2) Chairman's Report;
- 3) General Secretary/Treasurer's report;
- 4) FIPSeD Extraordinary and Ordinary Assemblies 2017 for the Statutes and Regulations modifications and Elections;
- 5) Anti-doping;
- 6) New membership(s);
- 7) National Federations questions;
- 8) Rules for the various competitions – Special Organization Conditions (Cahier des Charges);
- 9) 2017 Championships (venues to be confirmed, baits and groundbaits quantities);
- 10) Future Championships bids;
- 11) FIPSeD financial contribution to "YOUTH" events;
- 12) Date of next *Praesidium* meeting;
- 13) Miscellaneous.

The President welcomes all Members of the Steering Committee and the CIPS President who attends, this year also, the annual meeting, the last of this four-year term, of FIPSEd.

1) Approval of the minutes of the Steering Committee's Meeting of November 13 and 14 2015 in ROME

The Steering committee unanimously approves the minute of the meeting of Rome, November 13 and 14, 2015.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reads his report and underlines the main topics.

The President is delighted to announce that, despite the financial recession that is gripping most of the Continents, our Sport keeps on with its low but inexorable worldwide expansion, in terms of growing of the participation of Nations and in terms of start of new Championships. In this last four-term, in fact, if we also consider the last membership applications that we received, the number of Federations that are already or are about to become member is even 63, with respect to the 52 member Countries at the end of last four-year term.

The President reminds that in the last CIPS Congress, held in Setubal, the following Federations were cancelled from the list of FIPSEd members: the "*Association Camerounaise de Pêche Sportive d'Eau Douce*", considering that since their acceptance they have never attended any championship, neither they have ever paid their membership fee, and, under their request, the "*Australian Federation of Coarse Anglers Association*", who informed that the participation costs are too expensive now in consideration of the flight tickets and the material transportation.

As far as the situation of the CIPS membership, regarding FIPSEd, is concerned, at this date we still miss to receive the payment from: the "*Coarse Fishing Sport Club of Malaysia*", which despite many reminders, has never paid the 2015 and 2016 membership fees and it has not even participated at any championship; the "*Fédération Sénégalaise de Pêche Sportive*", which although it paid € 900 for the FIPS-M membership, it still miss to pay the membership fee to FIPSEd¹.

Hence he proposes to bring the question of these Federations permanence inside CIPS to the attention of the next CIPS and FIPSEd Assemblies.

The Steering Committee agrees with the President's proposition.

The President informs that the "*Federação Brasileira de Pesca Sportiva*" claims the fact that they find many troubles when making foreign bank transfers from their Country. The Brazilian Federation President suggests to adopt the CMAS (World Confederation of Underwater Activities, his Federation is member of) system, which also accepts payment via credit cards.

Mr. Goupil, in quality of CIPS Treasurer, will contact the Bank "Banca Nazionale del Lavoro" or the "Crédit Agricole" in order to verify if this new payment modality can be used.

The President shows the steps pursued for the application of the IOC recognition.

The application consists in filling a questionnaire, which requires the presentation of many data and information. One of the questionnaire requests, which engaged us a lot and which took us up long time before being able to fulfilling it, consisted in reaching the statements from each of the 136 CIPS member Federations, in which they had to declare their belonging to CIPS and in receiving the information regarding the number of individual members and of member clubs.

¹ On January 24 2017, just during this minute drafting, the Sport Fishing Federation of Senegal has paid the membership fee 2016 for FIPSEd.

Another request that took us many time was the research of all classifications of the championships organized under the aegis of the three International Federations, aimed to assessing and calculating the presence of all Countries in each event and from each Continent.

However, we faced the main difficulties for reaching some adequate and valid answers to the questions concerning the MEDIA. In fact, an important section of the questionnaire was dedicated to the acknowledgement of the quality and quantity of the CIPS media communication (magazines, TV, social network, etc.). For this reason, we have immediately activated a CIPS facebook page and, consequently, a facebook page of the other three International Federations, even in consideration of the fact that until that time, both CIPS and FIPs had never taken care for an active presence on the social networks.

As far as FIPs is concerned, the facebook page is www.facebook.com/FIPs1954, 1954 being the year of birth of the Coarse Angling World Championship. In the facebook page that we opened, we post the championships programs and pictures, the relevant classifications and whatever is deemed useful for our sport best diffusion.

Of course, the information regarding MEDIA that we gave to IOC are still too weak, so we shall strengthen our efforts in order to fill this gap in the briefest delay.

The President wishes to point out that the documentation sent to IOC is just finalized to being recognized as Olympic Federation; thus, also in the case our application is accepted, which is far to be reached in this first phase, it wouldn't entail the immediate admission of the CIPS disciplines within the next Olympic Games.

At the beginning of 2017, the Commission that shall deal with the evaluation of the applications received will decide whether to accept our application, to refuse it or to suspend its judgement, waiting for further information to adjourn our application.

This year, only three of the 17 recognitions applications forwarded by International Federations to IOC will obtain this recognition. Many International Organisms have presented their application many years ago but they are still pending for it. Therefore, we shall only wait for the IOC's response.

Mr. Van Schendel believes that a higher visibility could only be reached if the main TV channels broadcast the striking moments of the International Championships. An event assisted by several TV channels sponsoring the manifestation would be very interesting to organize.

Mr. Clegg informs that a big sport fishing event, sponsored by a TV channel, is about to be organized in England. Information of it was released to several European Countries. In practice, each Country shall organize, on its national territory, a selective tournament with 130 participants paying a participation fee of € 30 per person. This fee would be turned to the English organizers in order to increase the final competition prize. 28 anglers would finally fish for the final competition, free of accommodation costs. In this event, we will see competing together some English anglers, selected by their National tournaments, and the winners of each national selection held outside England. The maximal length for the rod is 16 m.

The President explains that it will be very hard for Italy to send some participants because nobody in Italy has ever fished with a 16 metres long rod (in Italy the limit for a rod is 13 metres). Moreover, another handicap comes out from lack of information regarding the competition venue, which would inexorably advantage the local anglers.

The Steering Committee unanimously approves the President's report.

3. General Secretary/Treasurer's report

The Secretary General illustrates her report.

She represents a summary of the financial framework, which shows the state of registered incomes and allocated funds, as it comes out from the financial statements concerning 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Year 2013. The beginning balance started with an availability of € 62,489. On December 31 2013, the registered incomes were € 45,036 while the allocated outcomes were € 50,869, for a final loss for the financial year of € 5,833, which restored the beginning balance at € 56,656.

Year 2014. The beginning balance started with an availability of € 56,656. On December 31 2014, the registered incomes were € 56,252 and the allocated outcomes were € 45,687, for a final profit of € 10,565, which restored the beginning balance at € 67,221.

Year 2015. The beginning balance started with an availability of € 67,221. On December 31 2015, the registered incomes were € 60,942 and the allocated outcomes were € 58,204, for a final profit of € 2,738, which restored the beginning balance at € 69,959.

The Secretary General reminds that since 2014, the contribution that CIPS pays to FIPSeD is not of € 15,500.00 anymore, but it is determined by a calculation that takes into consideration:

- a) a starting fixed amount of € 4,000;
- b) a variable amount that is the result of € 300 per National Federation belonging to an International Federation;
- c) a quota (€ 100) taken from the royalties (€ 500) that each National Federation shall pay to CIPS when they organize a Championship.

Hence, there is a substantial difference from the past, because this solution has increased the CIPS contribution of about € 6,000 a year. Moreover, the fee that each National Federation pay to FIPSeD for attending a championship, since 2014, was increased from € 120 to € 150, which brought to an additional incoming increasing.

The Secretary then deals with the examination of the registered incomes and of allocated outcomes for 2016. On November 16, 2016 (naturally, the costs of the ongoing F.I.P.S.e.d Steering Committee meeting are excluded), we can observe the following situation:

INCOMES:

	€ 34,950.00	Championships inscriptions
	€ 21,800.00	CIPS Subvention
	€ 314.64	Bank Interests
	€ 210.00	Contribution for Extra medals
TOTAL:	€ 57,274.64	

OUTCOMES

	€ 12,888.18	F.I.P.S.e.d. Steering Committee travels in occasion of Championships
	€ 3,884.53	F.I.P.S.e.d. Steering Committee travels in occasion of meetings
	€ 5,550.00	Contribution for the trophy purchase for the Federations that have organized Championships
	€ 799.00	Others
	€ 573.76	Charge for Accountant
	€ 290.84	Bank charges
	€ 583.16	Bank costs
	€ 12,600.00	Contribution for Youth Championships
TOTAL:	€ 37,169.47	

It results that at this date, the balance 2016 closes with a profit of € 20,105.17.

Regarding the contribution for the youth participation in the Championships that FIPSeD every year pays to the organizers, it amounted in 2016 at € 12,600.00, less than usual (normally it is an average of € 15,000.00), because of the lower number of teams that attended the Youth Championships held in Portugal.

The Secretary shows a table reporting the participations in the various championships of the national teams over this four-year term and the Nations where these Championships took place. This is in order to have an idea of how the localization of the host Country can determine the number of attending nations. In fact, during these years of big recession, the travel costs have represented an element of influence for Nations when deciding whether to participate to Championships, if we consider the costs for transferring trucks and mini-vans for thousands of kilometers

This reason, besides other causes linked to some specific situations, such as for instance the difficulties that can be found when crossing national borders or for the selected venues that present fishing habits to much different, have determined a drastic decreasing in terms of participation.

CHAMPIONSHIPS	2013		2014		2015		2016	
	N.	Organizer Country						
ICE FISHING	11	USA	14	Belarus	13	Finland	10	Ukraine
CARNIVOROUS A.B. SHORE	16	Czech Republic	17	Bulgaria	10	Ireland	17	Slovakia
CLUBS	29	Italy	30	Slovenia	27	Slovakia	28	San Marino
EUROPE	25	Serbia	24	Belgium	12	Belarus	26	Netherlands
VETERANS	11	Bosnia	14	Italy	8	Portugal	14	Czech Republic
YOUTH U14 - U18 - U23	10	France	11	Netherlands	10	Serbia	9	Portugal
	14		16		16		13	
	20		17		21		14	
DISABLED	9	Bosnia	10	Italy	7	Portugal	11	Czech Republic
LADIES	18	Slovenia	13	Portugal	17	Belgium	15	Spain
NATIONS	36	Poland	37	Croatie	37	Slovenia	34	Bulgaria
TOUTS WITH NATURAL BAIT	10	Italy	10	Andorra	8	Bulgaria	10	Italy
CARNIVOROUS A.B. BOAT	14	Ireland	16	France	16	Estonia	17	Ireland
BLACK BASS	11	Spain	9	Mexico	10	Italy	10	Portugal
CARP	20	Portugal	24	Italy	24	Spain	26	France
FEEDER	16	South Africa	25	Ireland	26	Netherlands	28	Serbia
TOTAL	270		287		262		282	

The Steering Committee unanimously approves the Secretary General/Treasurer's report.

4. FIPSeD Extraordinary and Ordinary Assemblies 2017 for the Statutes and Rules modifications and Elections

The President illustrates the modifications that shall be done to the FIPSeD Statute in order to uniform it to the CIPS one, which was duly modified in compliance with the IOC requirements and in order to being able to presenting the recognition application as Olympic International Federation. The most important modification concerns the immediate establishment of an Athletes' Commission of CIPS and, consequently, the obligatory interposition of an Athlete inside the *Praesidium*. Hence, we have to mention this figure inside the FIPSeD Statute.

The Athletes' Commission shall be composed of 6 members, two per each FIPS. They shall elect among them a President who shall become member of the CIPS *Praesidium*.

Mr. Marcq stresses the fact that in the art. 6 “Structure of the F.I.P.S.e.d.”, a new point shall be added to the list, to be named “the President of the Technical Commission”.

The Steering Committee proposes to cancel from art. 10, letter b) the charges of the Vice-president, in particular the following words: “in charge of youth and the protection of waters”; while in the art. 17, at the end of the point 1, the following sentence shall be added “or another person of his/her choice”.

The Steering Committee approves all the modifications presented.

The President asks the Steering Committee’s Members to modify the order of the agenda, proposing the advancing the discussion on point 9. The Board unanimously approves.

9. 2017 Championships (venues to be confirmed, baits and groundbaits quantities)

9.a- 14th Ice Fishing World Championship

- Latvia - Riga/Lake Mazais Baltezers – February 25 and 26, 2017
- 2 liters groundbaits and 1 liter baits, of which a maximum amount of 0.25 liter of bloodworms and 0.5 liter of earthworms

9.b- 15th Carnivorous Artificial Bait Shore Angling World Championship

- Italy - Trento/Noce river – June 3 and 4, 2017

9.c- 37th Coarse Angling World Championship for Clubs

- France- Saint-Quentin/ Saint-Quentin Canal – July 29 and 30, 2017
- 20 liters groundbaits and 2 liters of baits, of which a maximum amount of 1 liter can be aquatic larvae (jokers and bloodworms). In any case the maximum amount of bloodworms can be 0.25 liter. A maximum amount of 0.5 liter of earthworms is allowed in the total baits.

9.d- 23rd Coarse Angling European Championship

- Italy - Cavanella Po (RO)/Canal Bianco – May 20 and 21, 2017
- 20 liters groundbaits and 2.5 liters of baits, of which a maximum amount of 1 liter can be aquatic larvae (jokers and bloodworms). In any case the maximum amount of bloodworms can be 0.25 liter. A maximum amount of 0.5 liter of earthworms is allowed in the total baits.

9.e- Coarse Angling World Championship – Veterans and Disabled

- Serbia - Kanjiža/Canal – June 9 and 10, 2017

Veterans: 20 liters groundbaits and 2.5 liters of baits, of which a maximum amount of 1 liter can be jokers. Bloodworms can be used only on the hooks. A maximum amount of 0.5 liter of earthworms is allowed in the total baits

Disabled: 15 liters groundbaits and 2 liters baits, of which a maximum amount of 1 liter can be jokers. Bloodworms can be used only on the hook. A maximum amount of 0.5 liter of earthworms is allowed in the total baits

9.f- Coarse Angling World Championship – Youth

- Ireland - Inniskarra/ Lee river – August 12 and 13, 2017

U15 15 liters groundbaits and 1.5 liters baits, of which a maximum amount of 0.5 liter can be jokers. Bloodworms can be used only on

the hook. A maximum amount of 0.5 liter of earthworms is allowed in the total baits.

U20 and U25 20 liters groundbaits and 2 liters baits, of which a maximum amount of 0.5 liter can be jokers. Bloodworms can be used only on the hook. A maximum amount of 0.5 liter of earthworms is allowed in the total baits.

9.g- 24th Ladies Coarse Angling World Championship

- Hungary - Szolnok/Canal Alcsi-Szigeti Holt-Tisza – August 26 and 27, 2017
- 20 liters groundbaits and 2 liters baits, of which a maximum amount of 1 liter can be jokers. Bloodworms can be used only on the hook. A maximum amount of 0.5 liter of earthworms is allowed in the total baits

9.h- 64th Coarse Angling World Championship for Nations

- Belgium - Ronquières/Canal Bruxelles-Charleroi – September 9 and 10, 2017
- 20 liters groundbaits and 2 liters baits, of which a maximum amount of 1 liter can be aquatic larvae (jokers and bloodworms). In any case the maximum amount of bloodworms can be 0.25 liter. A maximum amount of 0.5 liter of earthworms is allowed in the total baits

9.i- 25th Trout Fishing with Natural Baits World Championship for Clubs

- France - Arreau/ Neste d'Aure River – July 1 and 2, 2017

9.j- 10th Carnivorous Artificial Bait Boat Angling World Championship

- Russia - Konakovo/Ivankovskoe Reserve – September 2 and 3, 2017

9.k- 13th Black-Bass Fishing World Championship:

- South Africa - Gauteng/Vaal River – October 5 to 7, 2017

9.l- 19th Carp Fishing World Championship:

- Hungary - Kaposvár/Deseda Lake – September 20 to 23, 2017

9.m 7th Feeder Fishing World Championship:

- Portugal - Cabeção/Raia River – June 24 and 25, 2017
- 12 liters groundbaits and 2.5 liters baits, of which a maximum amount of 0.5 liter can be earthworms. No bloodworms and jokers are allowed

9.n 1st Feeder Fishing World Championship for Clubs:

- Spain - Valencia/ZPC Fortaleny/Rio Jucar – April 1 and 2, 2017
- 12 liters groundbaits and 2.5 liters baits, of which a maximum amount of 0.5 liter can be earthworms. No bloodworms and jokers are allowed

5. Anti-doping

Before defining numbers and venues of the tests 2017, the President informs that in 2016, on occasion of the Ice Fishing world Championship held in Ukraine, the anti-doping tests in program (2) have not been done. The reason is that, at the last second, the competition has been advanced of two days and the persons in charge with the local WADA could not modify their planning. The unexpected anticipation was deemed necessary considering the gradual and fast depletion of the ice, which could cause many safety troubles to competitors.

Moreover, the President informs that he has received from the relevant anti-doping national agencies the answers concerning 7 different World Championships, which all resulted negative. However, he points out that up until today, we still miss to receive the results of the tests made on

occasion of the Coarse Angling European Championship, held in Netherlands, and of the Youth World Championship U23, held in Portugal.

The Steering Committee, after acknowledging the 2017 calendar, decides that 14 anti-doping tests shall be carried out during the competitions and 10 tests outside the competitions. 24 controls in total will be done in the different championships.

Hence, the Board starts choosing the championships where the tests shall be done; this list, which shall be COVERED BY SECRET, will be communicated to the World Agency of Anti-Doping.

The relevant Federations will be contacted by the General Secretariat in this regard.

6. New membership(s)

As he highlighted in his report, the President informs that during the year, we received the following membership bids:

- *“National Federation of the Georgian Sport and Amateur Fishing”*, as applicant member;
- *“Fédération Tunisienne des Pêches Sportives”*, which was affiliated to F.I.P.S.e.d. in the past, from which it came out after its request of freezing their membership because of lack of teams to be sent to the championships;
- *“Association Nationale des Pecheurs de Plaisance (ANPP)”*, from Algeria, that asked to be re-accepted within F.I.P.S.e.d. as Ordinary Member, after having been suspended some years ago from the C.I.P.S. Assembly for non-payment;
- *“Zambia Sport Fishing Federation”* as Ordinary Member;
- *“Zimbabwe National Bass Federation”* as Applicant Member.

The Steering Committee is in favor to the admission of the above mentioned Federations inside CIPS. The applications shall be presented to the next FIPSeD Assembly and, afterwards, to the CIPS Congress for the final approval.

7. National Federations questions

The President informs that there are no specific requests from the National Federations.

In consideration of the time, 8:15 pm, the President suspends the meeting.

On November 19, at 9:30 am, the President opens the suspended meeting and, before stressing the topping concerning the Rules modifications, he advances the point 10 in the agenda for the examination of the Championships organization bids. The entrusting only concerns the year 2018, except for some special cases.

10. Future Championships bids

The President informs that, in addition to the applications already received, new organization bids have arrived, concerning championships in 2018, 2019 and 2020. The list of new requests is listed below:

- Spanish Federation:
 - Feeder Fishing World Championship 2018
- Croatian Federation:

- Coarse Angling World Championship for Nations 2018 or 2019 or 2020
 - Coarse Angling World Championship for Disabled and Veterans 2018 or 2019
 - Coarse Angling World Championship for Clubs 2018 or 2019
- Mexican federation:
 - Black Bass World Championship 2018
- Italian Federation:
 - Trout Fishing with Natural Baits World Championship – Clubs 2018
 - Feeder Fishing World Championship for Clubs 2018 and 2019
 - Coarse Angling World Championship for Nations 2020
 - Coarse Angling World Championship for Disabled and Veterans 2020
 - Black-Bass Fishing World Championship 2020
- Polish Federation:
 - Coarse Angling World Championship for Ladies 2018
- Bosnian Federation:
 - Carnivorous Artificial Baits Shore Angling world Championship 2018 or 2019
- Irish Federation:
 - Coarse Angling European Championship 2018
 - Coarse Angling European Championship for Clubs 2019
 - Carnivorous Artificial Baits Boat Angling World Championship 2020
 - Feeder Fishing World Championship for Clubs 2020

The President informs that the CIPS Congress, held in Setubal, has entrusted South Africa with the organization of the “Sport Fishing World Championships” in 2019.

As far as FIPSEd is concerned, the championships that have not been scheduled in the program of the Sport Fishing Games 2019, the organization of which can still be requested, are:

- Ice fishing World Championship
- Coarse Angling World Championship for Clubs
- Coarse Angling World Championship for Disabled
- Coarse Angling World Championship for Youth U15 and U20
- Trout Fishing World Championship with Natural Baits for Clubs
- Feeder Fishing World Championship for Clubs

The Steering Committee, in consideration of the applications received, after examining all documents and considering which nations had already organized competitions before 2018, decides to allocate the following Championships to the Federations put besides:

CHAMPIONSHIIPS	2018	2019	2020
ICE FISHING			
CARNIVOROUS A.B. SHORE	<u>BOSNIA</u>	<u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>	
CLUBS	<u>HUNGARY</u>		
EUROPE	<u>SLOVENIA</u>	<u>IRELAND</u>	
VETERANS	<u>CROATIA</u>	<u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>	
DISABLED	<u>CROATIA</u>		
YOUTH U15 - U20	<u>ITALY</u>		
YOUTH – U25	<u>ITALY</u>	<u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>	
LADIES	<u>POLAND</u>	<u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>	
NATIONS	<u>PORTUGAL</u>	<u>SERBIA</u>	
TROUT NATURAL BAITs	<u>ITALY</u>		
CARNIVOROUS A.B. BOAT	<u>ENGLAND</u>	<u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>	
BLACK-BASS	<u>MEXICO</u>	<u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>	
CARP	<u>SERBIA</u>	<u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>	
FEEDER	<u>ITALY</u>	<u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>	<u>UKRAINE</u>
FEEDER CLUBS	<u>BELARUS</u>		

These championships will be confirmed only after the venue inspection carried out by a member of the Technical Commission.

8. Rules for the various competitions – Special Organization Conditions (Cahier des Charges)

Propositions of modification of Rules by the following Federations:

- Russian Federation
- Belgium Federation
- Italian Federation
- Irish Federation
- English Federation

The President opens the discussion on the propositions of Rules modification.

Mr. Clegg, in consideration of the prohibitive costs and of the very low-level availability of bloodworms, proposes to decrease to maximum 0.25 litres the amount allowed for this bait.

The Steering Committee unanimously approves the proposition.

Afterwards, Mr. Marcq remarks that there is often the obligation to pay in advance to the baits supplier the full order for the entire championship week (trainings and competition days). This is not fair and it is not acceptable! In fact, it should be possible to pay the baits day by day because the training days shall serve for assessing which kind and which quality of baits could be necessary during the competition days; so, it is fundamental to have the possibility to modifying the quantities of baits that was ordered at the beginning.

The Steering Committee unanimously approves and decides to put what it comes to decide on the Specifications that the organizers of a championship and, consequently their baits suppliers, shall subscribe and approve.

Moreover, the organizers will be also requested to insert in the competition program the indication of the official baits and groundbaits supplier(s); besides them, when possible, there should also be the indication of other shops or alternative suppliers. Should only one baits supplier be indicated, the organizers shall also deemed responsible of any possible lack.

Afterwards, the Steering Committee unanimously approves to modify, for all FIPSeD Rules, the method of calculation of ranking concerning the last 5 years results. After a brief discussion, it is established that this ranking will come out taking into account the top 5 results of the last 6 years (discard of the worse result).

They go then discussing over the propositions of modifications concerning the different disciplines.

Official FIPS Rules concerning the International Events for Nations – Ice Fishing

As far as the Rules concerning the Ice Fishing World Championship are concerned, there are no specific requests of modification, so no variations will be done on these Rules, outside those ones concerning the general provisions for all Rules.

With regard to this championship, Mr. Humphreys asks for information regarding the reason why the fishes caught cannot be kept alive; in fact, this is the only FIPSeD championship where it is allowed to present dead fishes for weighing.

In this regard, Mr. Chinyakov explains that, considering the very low external temperature, it is very difficult to keep fishes alive.

Official FIPS Rules concerning the International Events for Nations and Clubs – Feeder

With regard to the Feeder Fishing World Championship for Clubs, Mr. Marcq reminds that when this championship was conceived, the participation of maximum 3 Clubs per Nation was allowed. An analysis of the effective available space of the Spanish venue that will host this championship has finally demonstrated that this venue is unavailable to accepting such a number of Clubs. In fact, the competition venue of Fortaleny can accept maximum 45 Clubs, so they decide to fix at 2 the acceptable maximal number of Clubs per Nation, in the hope that this restriction is enough, otherwise a criteria of priority for choosing the Clubs to be excluded shall be established.

Mr. Clegg believes that for the next edition of this championship, the participation of only 1 club per Nation shall be authorized, just as for the coarse angling. This is also because there is lot of space deemed necessary for the venue setup.

The President considers that, irrespective of the available space of the venues that will be selected year-by-year, the possibility to participate with maximum 2 Clubs shall be preserved. Moreover, he also believes that the space that as by the International Rules is actually devoted to each competitor is too big (from 12 to 30 metres), if we also consider that for this discipline anglers fish in the bottom.

At the end of the discussion, the Steering Committee decides to allow as from 2018 the participation of one single Club per Nation. The team shall be composed of 5 competitors and one reserve instead of 4 competitors plus one reserve, as in 2017.

Mr. Clegg represents the request from Ireland, which regards the participation in the FIPSeD Championships of persons, who, although they have not an Irish passport, have been working and living in said Country for longtime. In this regard, he mentions the case of football teams, where Clubs are allowed to participate in Championships with some players holding a nationality other than the nationality of the team they play for.

The President can accept this proposition for Club teams, but not for the National ones.

At the end of the discussion, the Board decides to allow the participation of an unlimited number of foreign competitors inside Club teams (Coarse Angling World Championship for Clubs, Feeder Fishing World Championship for Clubs), on condition that the following provisions are observed:

- the competitor shall have resided in said Country for at least 5 years and he/she shall hold an official document confirming that;
- the application shall be forwarded by the Nation the angler wishes to represent.

Mr. Chinyakov illustrates the Russian requests regarding this discipline. In the art. 37, c) of the Rules, the following sentences should be added:

“During the official training days, the 6 athletes and the 2 Team managers of each team will be allowed to fish within their training box, on condition that the training box limits are not exceeded and that the extra day fishing license has been paid”.

The request is formulated because, in case of need, the captain could substitute the angler and he could fish. In this situation, it is logical to give the captain the possibility to train.

The Russian Federation envisages that the same proposition could be also good for the Coarse Angling Rules.

The Steering Committee does not approve this proposition, considering that in all championships Rules a maximal number of official athletes is previewed (5, 6 or 8), which usually does not include captains and delegates. However, nothing prevents the captain to substituting a competitor in competition, on condition that he was duly listed as captain/athlete in the registration form sent to the organizers and that he is part of the maximal available number of competitors provided by the relevant Rules.

Of course, the purchase of extra fishing licenses, being always possible, will allow to fish, without giving however the right of running in competition.

Official FIPS Rules concerning the International Events– Coarse Angling for Nations, Clubs, Ladies, Youth (U15, U20, U25) and Veterans

With regard to the Coarse Angling World Championship for Veterans, the President believes that the separation of this championship into two categories could be possible only in the presence of an adequate number of participating Nations. The actual numbers do not allow this solution. Only a strong participation in the World Championship in 2017, encouraged by the widening of the age limits, could envisage the establishment of 2 different Championships in 2018: one for the “Masters”, devoted to athletes aged between 56 and 65 years old, the other for the “Veterans”, dedicated to athletes aged from 66 to 75 years old and over. It is also specified that the athletes over 75 shall hold a specific medical statement, certifying the sports aptitude and/or a suitable insurance. They are requested to provide this documentation to the FIPSeD representatives present on place during the championship.

At the end of the above-mentioned championships, two different classifications shall be produced with two different titles. Each Nation shall be allowed to register two teams, one per each category.

Mr. Chinyakov illustrates the requests of modifications presented by the Russian Federation, regarding Coarse Angling Championships.

The first one concerns the art. 12, where they propose to add the following sentence:

“Only the addition of flavouring liquids during the angling is allowed in small quantity (less than 100 ml)”.

The request is formulated because often, during angling, it is also necessary to aromatize the bait or a small part of it. Naturally, it is possible to do that by mean of dry aroma, but often aromatic liquid are more effective and comfortable. We are talking about small quantities (for example, no more than 100 ml). The addition of this liquid would not entail any consequence on the baits amount.

After a brief discussion, the Steering Committee decides to modify the part of all Rules related to this subject; Mr. Marcq will draft the new version.

Mr. Chinyakov asks to discuss and, in case, to modify the section of the Rules concerning the fishes that, after being caught, get out the peg and hang another angler’s line.

In this regard, Mr. Marcq proposes to modify this section as below:

“If a fish caught by an angler hangs the neighbouring angler’s line, outside his fishing zone, the fish shall be deemed valid on condition that the 2 lines during the fishing action get free before that the fish is caught.

If 2 anglers catch each one a fish (2 fishes) and the 2 anglers’ lines hang on each other, the 2 fishes shall be deemed valid on condition that the 2 lines during the fishing action get free before that the fishes are caught.

If 2 anglers lines remain hung on each other after the catch, the fishes (1 or 2) shall not be deemed valid and shall immediately be put back into the water”.

The Steering Committee unanimously approves Mr. Marcq’s proposition and it charges him to provide the necessary modification in the Rules.

Mr. Chinyakov illustrates the last request of the Russian Federation, which concerns the trainings duration. In order to make the duration of trainings match the duration of the competition days, it would better advancing the 10 minutes of heavy baiting prior the first signal, which marks the fishing start, which is usually sounded at 10:00 am.

The Steering Committee approves this proposition, which will be reported in all Rules.

Mr. Marcq remarks that the controls carried out in general by stewards are not effectiveness and, although the Rules ban it, some anglers use both hands for preparing the balls of ground baits and sticky maggots and the noise that these balls produce when they are cast into the water during the competition endangers the neighbours’ fishing action.

No valid solutions are raised and the Steering committee decides not to proceed to any modifications in rules in this regard.

As far as the ground baiting by means of cups is concerned, Mr. Marcq proposes to impose the use of cups of a maximal size fixed by the Steering Committee. This proposition is not accepted because controls are not effectual. Nevertheless, after discussing, it is decided that when light baiting is performed with a cup, the quantity of ground baits or sticky maggots shall be handled with one hand only, but they may subsequently be handled with both hands to prepare the ball.

When light baiting is performed with a catapult, by using sticky maggots, these latter shall be handled with one hand only, but they may subsequently be handled with both hands to prepare the ball. Ground baits, earth, etc.... can be handled with one hand only and the balls can be prepared

with one hand only. Balls for light baiting shall not be formed before the beginning of the competition (fifth signal).

Mr. Humphrys asks whether anglers are allowed to use binoculars during competitions.

The Steering Committee believes that there are no obstructions for this use.

The President remarks that people often ask him if it is allowed to fish with a roubasienne equipped with a permanent cup for groundbaits on the tip.

The Steering Committee agrees also with this proposition.

The President reminds that as from 2017, new age limits concerning the youth Championships come into force. In fact the old categories U14, U18 and U23 will become U15, U20 and U25. This entails the review of some of the Youth categories limitations and dispositions.

A brief discussion is generated, at the end of which it is decided to modify the following disposition in the Rules:

- competition duration: 3 hours for U15 and 4 hours for U20 and U25;
- length of rods: 10 m for U15, 11.5 m for U20 and 13 m for U25;
- maximal limits of groundbait: 17 litres for U15, 20 litres for U20 and U25.

Official FIPS Rules concerning the International Events for Nations – Coarse Angling for Disabled

The same modifications approved for the Coarse Angling Competition for Nations will be also applied in these Rules.

Official FIPS Rules concerning the International Events for Nations – Carnivorous Artificial Baits from Shore

There are no modifications in these Rules, excepting for the general dispositions, which concern all Rules.

Official FIPS Rules concerning the International Events for Nations – Carnivorous Artificial Baits from Boat

Mr. Chinyakov has two propositions for this discipline. The first one concerns the boats departure, which usually get off together. As he considers this situation as very dangerous, he proposes the following modification:

“Inside groups A and B, for safety reasons, 4 boats at a time shall depart every 20 seconds. The boat starting order shall be fixed by drawing. The second day, the starting order of the big groups A and B shall be reversed”.

The other proposition concerns the boats location by the organizers:

“The boats provided by the organizing Nation to foreign anglers shall have a minimal length of 4.5 m and shall be equipped with a minimal engine power of 30 HP. These boats’ characteristics shall be communicated in the competition program. The maximal speed of navigation on water for all participants shall be as the maximal speed of the boats provided by the organizers. The speed control shall be carried out by the stewards by mean of a GPS or an echo sounder”.

The Steering Committee considers as too complicated the proposition of making boats depart in group of 4 every 20 seconds. On the other hand, it believes it possible to divide each one of the two groups A and B into under-groups, which could depart at intervals of time, reversing the order of departure in the two competition days. All said-provisions shall be well determined in the Rules on article 7.

As far as the second proposition is concerned, the organizers will be requested to specify the engine speed of the boats provided and the maximal speed allowed on the venue. The stewards shall ensure the respect of the speed limits.

The President points out that a phrase shall be cancelled from point 8 of the Rules, which was copied by the Black Bass Rules, but which cannot be applied in this championship. The sentence is the following:

“Should it not be possible to have a steward on each boat, there shall be general stewards with their own boats (1 boat every 10 competing boats), and only such boats will be allowed to tow and repair “competing” boats”.

As already said, the above-mentioned event could never exist, in consideration if the fact that for the discipline “Carnivorous Artificial Baits from Boat” the presence of a Steward on each boat is compulsory, with the task of measuring the fish after its catch, which shall immediately be put back into the water.

The Steering Committee approves the President’s modification.

The President reads then the two requests of modification received by the Irish Federation.

- 1) “The use of Lip Grippers or Boga Grips to hold larger species such as Pike has become a source of concern for Irish predator anglers. Research suggests these items are damaging to the fish and we ask that FIPSeD lead the way by introducing a ban on the use of this item in international competition.”
- 2) “We wish to suggest that for the convenience of all competitors, the Carnivorous A.B. programme should in future include reference to speed limits to be imposed at the championships. This will allow the competing nation to make the decision whether to travel to the hosting country with their own boat or hire locally, and will assist the organiser in fielding the many questions received pre-event in relation to this topic.”

The Steering Committee agrees with the first proposition, while the second one was already discussed and accepted.

Official FIPS Rules concerning the International Events for Clubs – Trout fishing with Natural baits

The President recalls that the Trout Fishing with Natural Baits for Clubs was established in the hope of increasing the participation, but despite this modification, the Nations that take part to this championship are still 4. Hence, it is non-sense keeping on holding two different championships with two different classifications and two prizes awards, one for Nations and one for Clubs. It is proposed that as from 2017, only the World Championship for Clubs is preserved and the participation of maximum 4 Clubs per Nations, composed of 4 anglers plus 1 reserve, is allowed.

The Steering Committee approves what is proposed by the President.

Moreover, it is decided that the organizing Nation shall be obliged to supply free of charge and in the same amounts the baits (woodworms, earthworms, etc.) deemed necessary for trainings and

competitions to all Clubs members. The distribution and delivery of baits to the participating Clubs shall take place by lot in the competitions and trainings morning. All of this will be duly specified in the Rules and the Specifications.

Official FIPS Rules concerning the International Events for Nations – Black Bass

Mr. Vizinha suggests adding at the end of the second-to-last paragraph of art. 9 that the owner of a privately rented boat shall not be entitled to act as a Steward or as a driver during the competition days, neither can he be entitled to act as a driver or to be present on the boat during trainings.

As far as the French version is concerned, always in this paragraph, the word “le locataire” shall be changed with “le propriétaire”.

In that same article we can read “It shall not be allowed to use reserves as stewards, except for the last leg”.

Every year there are long discussion regarding the use of reserves as stewards for the first and second competition day. He suggests to ruling this specification in a separated article as to be more emphasized.

The Steering Committee approves Mr. Vizinha’s propositions.

The President illustrates the requests of modification proposed by the Italian Federation.

Art. 8. It is requested to introduce the following modification:

During the two trainings days scheduled in the program, the team members, the Captain and the Vice-captain can be on board of each of the three boats the national teams are supplied with (provided that the boats are homologated for 4 persons).

The Steering Committee approves this proposition and decides that the same modification shall be introduced also in the Rules concerning the Carnivorous from Boat.

Art. 10: It is requested to introduce the following modification:

“Moreover, the National (or Regional) Rules shall be communicated to all Nations registered to the event, by annexing it at the organizational program”.

The Steering Committee approves this modification.

Art. 13. Request of introducing the following modification which allow the use of the Spinner Bait or similar, but it forbids the use of artificial baits of the type “Umbrella Rig”:

“Any kind of artificial baits are allowed, even those ones equipped with hooks and with grapnels (with three or four tips), provided they DO NOT cause multiple catches.

The Steering Committee authorizes the use of the Spinner bait, but it forbids the Alabama rig. The same rule shall be also introduced in the Rules concerning the Carnivorous from Boat.

Art. 20. It is requested to introduce the following modification to what is now in the Rules:

In case a boat provided by the organizers belonging to the first group falls in trouble before the competition start time – also valid during the official trainings days – because of technical troubles, breakage, lack of fuel or any other technical matters, the involved crew shall have the right of an

extra competition (or training) time up to 40 minutes maximum, subject to the Jury's uncontroversial decision.

However, some specifications concerning procedures in case of boat breakage during competitions shall also be specified. Example: if a boat provided by the organisers breaks during the competition (or training), or in case of the steward (driver)'s stroke, the organisers shall be required to rescue the boat and to immediately substitute it or the involved steward (driver).

The Steering Committee does not accept this proposition as it finds it advisable not to specify too much in the Rules. The International Jury will judge on place each case, time after time.

Art. 23. It is requested to introduce the following modification to what is now in the Rules:

“The distance between boats during competition in a lake or in an artificial basin shall be of at least 50 meters (both during angling and when navigating near another “pair”). The distance between boats during competition in a canal or in a river shall be of at least 50 meters during angling and of at least 20 meters during navigation”.

The Steering Committee approves this proposition and decides that the same modification shall be introduced also in the Rules concerning the Carnivorous from Boat.

Art. 27. and art. 40.

The President suggests implementing the art. 27, in the first line, after the word “thermal” with the following words “of a capacity of 50 litres of water maximum”, whilst in art. 40, it is suggested to add, after the first paragraph, the following sentence: “During the leg, competitors are allowed to use common communication means, such as telephones or walkie-talkie”.

The Steering Committee approves to modifying the art. 27 in the Rules, whilst for the modification of the art. 40, it shall be added that the use of telephones and walkie-talkies is only allowed to captains and athletes. Stewards are not allowed to use them, excepting for cases of force majeure. This last modification is also valid for the Rules concerning the Carnivorous from Boat.

Art. 53. It is requested to introduce the following modification to what is now in the Rules:

The article shall be named:

“Rules in the event of bad weather or water-related conditions, before the start” (not only in case of thunderstorm)

At the second point to add:

“Rules in the event of bad weather or water-related conditions, during the leg”

At the second point, second paragraph, to start with:

“Should the swell or a sudden flood be such as to endanger the boat crews, the stewards.....”

The Steering Committee approves this modification and decides that it shall be introduced in all Rules.

The President has one last remark, which is the following: if a zone is banned to the navigation, it could be possible to stay at the limit of the forbidden zone and to fish inside, because that is what has happened during the last world Championship in Portugal.

The Steering Committee decides that it shall be put clear in the Rules that it is not forbidden to fishing inside a zone that is banned to the navigation. The same shall be specified in the Rules concerning the Carnivorous from Boat.

Official FIPS Rules concerning the International Events for Nations – Carp fishing

The President informs that, also for this year, because of the large number of registered Nations, we reached the maximal available capacity of the competition venue that hosted the world championship. However, considering that there are always more inscriptions every year, it shall be previewed to individuate bigger venues or, maybe, to decide for two, instead of three, the number of pairs composing each team. This would also entail a reduction of costs for the attending teams.

The Steering Committee decides that the individuation of some possible solutions shall be adjourned to when this problem would really occur.

Mr. Marcq firstly thanks publicly the French Federation for the perfect organization of the last Carp Fishing World Championship. Then he stresses the propositions of modifications presented by the Captain of the Belgium Federation.

“On occasion of the world championship, I noticed the presence of more fishing tents installed (by one nation) and the mini-van (even if it had been inspected) behind the ring of two of their anglers. Actually, nothing in the rules prevent them from acting like that, however you can understand that it is necessary to fill this gap, because it facilitates deceptions (change of an angler in night time, which would allow another angler to regain, or make some gears easily get into the ring). So the installation of tents outside the rings for non-angler, as well as the presence of parked vehicles other than the anglers’ ones shall be forbidden”.

The Steering Committee proposes to implement the Rules with the obligation for the organizers to reserve an appropriate zone nearby the competition venue, far from the competitors’ boxes and tents, where the national teams’ reserves and captains can install their tents and lodge.

The President reminds to Mr. Marcq what happened during the last championship, when the captain of the Slovenian team presented a reclamation against a pair for a repeated groundbaiting outside their fishing zone.

On that occasion, it emerged the presence of a contradiction between what was reported at the end of the second paragraph of art. 17 “Baiting outside such angling area is forbidden”, which entails a red card sanction, and what is specified in the second paragraph of art. 21, which on the contrary previews a yellow card.

The Steering Committee, after a long discussion, decides to leave unchanged the art. 21 and to confirm then a yellow card sanction, as preview in art. 31a, whilst it is decided to modify the art. 17, changing the sanction from red card into yellow card (art. 31b).

As far as the art. 17 is concerned, the Steering Committee agrees with Mr. Chinyakov’s proposition to number all paragraphs, considering that the article is too long and it could bring in confusion.

This article, as soon as it is divided into under-paragraphs, will be thereafter sent to all the Committee’s Members, who shall express their opinion on the kind of sanction (yellow or red card) to be assigned to each infraction.

Mr. Chinyakov proposes to modify what is in art. 17.25 and to let the fishes deemed valid also when, at the end of the catch, there is no more lead on the line.

The Steering Committee believes that, for ecological reasons, this proposition cannot be welcome.

It is however accepted Mr. Chinyakov’s request of modifying the specifications of art. 6, as reported underneath:

B - Access authorised for Jury members, reserves, stewards, Team Managers and reserves of the Nation of belonging and the press, with the consent of the two competitors.

C and D - Access authorised for the organisers, Jury members, reserves, press, reserves, Team Managers and Delegates of all Nations, but forbidden to the public and to spectators.

Mr. Clegg wishes to points out that there is a word to be changed in the English version of the Rules: art. 17.27, the word “under” shall be changed with “inside” the tent”.

Finally, the President reads Mr. Chinyakov’s proposition concerning all disciplines:

The angler that violates a rule, for which a yellow card is required, will receive some extra penalties (up to three) in the concerned leg.

A long debate is raised over this topic, at the end of which the Board decides not to accept this proposition.

Mr. Marcq proposes to raise the participation fee that Nations are required to pay when they attend championships, in order to increase the Organizers inputs, in consideration of the constant costs raising and that in the Championships with low participation, the organizers hardly can cover the costs with the programmed inputs.

The President welcomes Mr. Marcq’s proposition. The President only raises one remark, whether this proposition shall be pushed by the departing Steering Committee or by the upcoming new one.

The Steering Committee also agrees with Mr. Marcq’s proposition, hence it is decided for € 100 raising of the registration fees that each Nation shall pay to the organizers for their participation in Championships.

11. FIPSeD financial contribution to "YOUTH" events

The Steering Committee decides that in 2017 FIPSeD will recognize again a contribution to the Federations that will attend the Youth Championships U15, U20 and U25.

12) Date of next Steering Committee meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on November 17 and 18, 2017.

13) Miscellaneous

The President informs that he has received a letter from the Croatian Federation claiming the high costs of participating at the Black Bass World Championship held in Portugal, for this reason they decided not to participate.

In fact, the costs were high, if we consider that the life cost in Portugal is lower than in many other European cities indeed.

The President shall reply this letter, so he asks Mr. Vizinha to get information and to draft a reply.

The President informs that an English Company managing classification programs contacted him. They are interested in presenting their program, which was used on occasion of the Fly Fishing World Championship held in the USA.

Mr. Marcq informs that, under Mr. President's request, he got in contact with this company and it showed him a demo. The program looks very interesting. He asks the President to verify whether the program is able to support all the criteria set forth by the FIPSe.d Rules.

The President reserves to contacting the Company and, in case, to receiving its representatives on occasion of one of the upcoming championships in order to verify on place what it is necessary.

The President informs that Mr. Chinyakov has proposed to deliver to the championships winners a statement, in addition to the medal. This is deemed necessary because the medal remains anonymous while the statement would mark the winner's name and surname.

The Steering Committee accepts it. A discussion is opened now on the decision of how many should be the teams and the individuals these statements should be deliver to.

At the end of the discussion, the Steering Committee decides for one statement per each member of the teams on the podium (who however shall be present at the ceremony) and for one statement to the first five ranked individuals.

Mr. Chinyakov wishes to underline that after the conflict occurred between Russian and Ukraine, many Ukrainian people hold now a Russian passport, so there could be some anglers who up until yesterday used to fish for Ukraine, which was their National Country, but who has become Russian. What shall we do in these cases?

The Steering Committee, only for these specific cases, decides to allow the participation within Russian teams to all anglers who held in the past a Ukrainian passport and that for this reason were members of Ukrainian National team, but who actually hold a Russian passport.

Mr. Chinyakov has two propositions regarding the "Specifications".

The first one: "the hosting Nation shall provide an on-line coverage to the World Championship on its web site or on a web site especially produced".

Furthermore, he suggests that "the hosting National shall supply a steady internet connection on the venue and on the other official spots for the championship (captains meetings, drawing, etc.) or supply the public and all teams' members with a place where it is possible to be connected".

The Steering Committee agrees with the introduction, with some small modifications, of these two propositions in the "Specifications" of the Championships.

At the end of the meeting, the CIPS President thanks the President and the full Board for the invitation extended to him and for the work produced.

At 8:00 pm the President closes the meeting and wishes Happy season's greeting to all.

The F.I.P.S.e.d Chairman
Ugo Claudio MATTEOLI



The Secretary General
Barbara DURANTE

