

# MINUTES OF THE XXII<sup>d</sup> EAP CONGRESS

Namur 2, 3 & 4 November 2012



## Delegations :

**Nivelles** (BEL): Noël Levêque et Micheline Smeets, **Pavia** (ITA): Antonio Putzu, **Genève** (SWI): Pablo Cassina, **Celle Ligure** (ITA): Giorgio Ferrando, **Palafrugell** (SP): Josep Massa, **Donnas** (ITA) : Hermes Perotto et Cristina Ratto, **Chambéry** (FRA): Nadine et Denis Marin, **Cagnes-sur-Mer** (FRA): Cyrille Perez et Martine Gioanni, **Amsterdam** (NED): Peter Wolters, **Bilbao** (SP): Alfonso Echanove, **Aosta** (ITA): Lyana et Eddy Ottoz, **Hexham** (GB): Richard Hunter, **Loughborough** (GB): Nick Dakin, **Namur** (BEL): Christian Halloy, Serge Moreaux, Vincent Bodart.

*Total: 14 delegations*



## Excused delegations :

Biella (ITA), Ludovico Meliga [représenté par Celle Ligure]

*Total: 1 excused delegation*



## Candidates :

Budapest (HUN): M. László Sátor, Mme Eliza Balázs, Mme Tímea Téglássy  
Riga + Kuldiga (LAT): M. Zalitis Guntis et Mme Ieva Zunda.

*Total: 3 candidates*



## Absents :

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*Total: 0 absents*

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## 1. Welcome speech by the local congress organizer

Christian Halloy, president of SMAC, welcome the delegates who are attending this year's meeting and describes the program of the day.

## 2. Inaugural speech by Noël Levêque, EAP President

See attachment (in French).

## 3. Approval of the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual EAP Congress in Nizza

The report is approved by all the delegates, without any modifications.

## 4. New candidates to the organization of EAP athletics meetings in 2013

EAP is very pleased to welcome two candidates to EAP membership, from Hungary and Latvia.

### • Application from the latvian athletics federation

Ieva Zunda, from Latvian athletic federation, introduces the application of 2 meetings.

The first one is the indoor meeting of Kuldiga (Kuldiaga Katherina Cup), that is scheduled for January 19, 2013. The city of Kuldiga is distant of about 160 kms of Riga, where is located the main national airport. The budget for the meeting is 14.000 € (partly provided by the city of Kuldiga). The local organizers have not yet decided whether they will cover (totally or partly) the travel expenditures of athletes coming from other EAP members.

The second meeting will take place in Riga and it is scheduled for May 30, 2013. The budget for the meeting is 80.000 € (with a strong financial support, of about 47.000 €, from the city of Riga). Usually, the meeting put the accent on javelin and jumps, which are disciplines where there are often top athletes from Letony, but the organizers are ready to increase the number of races if it turns out that athletes from abroad are interested in participating to the meeting.

### • Application from the Budapest athletics federation (Hungary)

The Budapest athletics federation's representative explains that they propose to include into the annual national championship several races that would be open to foreign athletes and so to the athletes from other EAP members. Their meeting is already

included in a 3-meeting circuit (Budapest, Vienna, ???). The meeting is broadcast on TV. The stadium is new (2011) and it is located at about 13 kms from the city center.

- **EAP members decision**

Before the vote, Noël Levêque mentions that these new meetings are an interesting opportunity to extend the EAP circuit to Eastern Europe and to important European capitals.

**EAP members agree unanimously to include the Kuldiga, Riga, and Budapest meetings into the EAP circuit as of 2013.**

## 5. **Agenda 2013 of EAP meetings**

The agenda of the EAP athletics meetings for 2013 is already available and is attached to the report. It is also available for download from the EAP circuit website.

## 6. **Development of a computer software for global meetings' management**

Pablo Cassina makes the presentation of this new computer program, whose purpose is to be a support to the management of meetings. This program provides several interesting and helpful features, in particular quick updates of the financial situation of the meeting and of the booking of accommodation.

Serge Moreaux, from the SMAC (Namur, Belgium) explained that he has used this new program for his meeting of last year and he found that the program was very useful (in particular because it reduced significantly the time that he had to spend to the management of the meeting).

Pablo mentions that the program still needs several improvements and he requests from the EAP a financial support of about 850 € to complete the development of the program. EAP members unanimously agree to provide the financial support requested by Pablo.

It is also decided that the financial support that EAP members agree to provide to the maintenance and the improvement of the program will be fixed at every annual EAP meeting. According to Pablo, the costs for the maintenance and the improvement of the program should be about 350 € per year.

## 7. **EAP 2012 financial accounts**

Christian Halloy presents the EAP financial accounts for 2012.

For 2012, EAP revenue amounts to 6575,85 € while the amount of expenditures is 2702,08 €. The balance is therefore positive and reaches 3873,77 €.

The 2012 accounts are unanimously approved by the delegates.

## 8. General evaluation of the 2012 meetings

Overall, all the meetings went well and had a great success. No major problems had to be recorded.

Informations per meeting :

- Celle Ligure (ITA) : the track is in a very bad condition and because of that, they will have to cancel several races in 2013, in particular the 400m. They however hope that the track will be repaired in 2014.
- Palafrugell : They no longer have the budget to organize a large meeting. Therefore, in the future, they will only organize a meeting for junior athletes and they leave to Bilbao the organization of a large meeting for « senior » athletes.
- Valbonne : Because of a small attendance and of accommodation problems, the Valbonne meeting will no longer take place. It is replaced by a meeting at Cagnes-sur-Mer.
- Geneva : As usual, the meeting had a great success. So far, the meeting has benefitted from strong financial support but, because of the economic crisis, they fear that part of those financial supports will no longer be available in the next few years.
- Loughborough : The meeting has a great success. The organizers were very happy to count on the participation of some of the best English athletes, among them Jessica Hennis. The meeting was broadcast live on Athletic Sport. The 2013 budget should be similar to the 2012 budget.
- Nivelles : The meeting was again a great success, partly thanks to the participation of Oscar Pistorius (400m) and Sally Pearson (100m hurdle). The meeting was broadcast live on the a regional TV channel.
- Namur : The meeting went well. Despite a very cold temperature (10°), the meeting realized its best score since it exists.
- Hexham : The EAP observers mention that it was not easy to follow the progress of the competition. There were athletes of 15 different nationalities.

## 9. Designation of the 2013 meeting's observers

<i>EAP meeting</i>	<i>EAP observer</i>
1. KULDIGA	AMSTERDAM
2. PALAFRUGELL	RIGA
3. PAVIA	GENEVE
4. NAMUR	NIVELLES
5. RIGA	PAVIA
6. GENEVE	BUDAPEST
7. BUDAPEST	GENEVE
8. BILBAO	CELLE
9. CAGNES	CHAMBERY

10. NIVELLES	NAMUR
11. CHAMBERY	LOUGHBOROUGH
12. AOSTE	DONNAS
13. BIELLA	DONNAS
14. HEXHAM	GENEVE ?
15. DONNAS	AOSTE
16. CELLE	BUDAPEST
17. LOUGHBOROUGH	HEXHAM
18. AMSTERDAM	NAMUR

## 10. EAP meeting ranking and stats by Josep Massa

Detailed meeting's stats are presented by Josep. Josep also established the ranking of the meetings.

## 11. Next EAP congresses

2013 : NEWCASTLE (8 - 10 novembre)  
2014 : BIELLA  
2015 : AMSTERDAM  
2016 : NIVELLES

## 12. EAP marketing & communication

Pablo Cassina gives details about the costs related to the EAP website. The costs, including the website maintenance, web hosting and domain name, plus the subscription to Tilastopaja and all-athletics, is for 2012 to 1.151 €.

Pablo Cassina encourages EAP members to use more extensively Facebook, Twitter and Flickr to promote of the EAP meetings and to broadcast the results of the EAP sporting events.

He also invites EAP members to use the EAP-TV platform, in particular to post videos from the EAP athletics meetings. He indeed realized that when videos are posted on the EAP-TV platform, the number of visits on the EAP website is significantly increased. He also explains that, as of 2013, the EAP-TV platform will be compatible with the mobile platform of Apple (ipad and iphone). He thus strongly encourages EAP members to post videos of their meetings and to do it as soon as the meeting is over.

He reminds that, as usual, the registration to any EAP meeting will be available on the EAP website 2 months before the date of the meeting. However, if this is an indoor meeting, athletes are able to register on the EAP website just 1 month before the meeting. Pablo also stresses that on-line registration to EAP meetings can also be

made through the new program that has been set up for the management of meetings (see the discussion on point 6.).

The access to Tilastopaja and All-Athletics will be renewed and the access codes will be given to the organizers of the EAP meetings.

During the discussion, it is mentioned that it would be useful that the presentation of every EAP meeting include a few sentences explaining what is EAP and what are its objectives. A short text making the promotion of EAP will be written by Noël Levêque.

It is also suggested to organize an « EAP T-shirt » action, of the same kind of what has been done about 10 years ago. Christian Halloy will investigate how much this project would cost and he will make a proposal about what could be.

### 13. Conclusions

To conclude the meeting, the representatives of the different delegations exchange presents. They look forward meeting each other next year in Newcastle.

By the end of Sunday morning, all the delegations have left Namur.

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