

MINUTES

10th FISO Congress and World Obstacle General Assembly

19h30 Local (GMT – 8 hours), Friday 23 August 2024

Location: Estadio Nacional, San Jose, Costa Rica and Zoom

1) Call to Order by the President

The regular meeting of the FISO Congress and World Obstacle General Assembly was called to order at 18h32 Central American local time (Costa Rica) by the President Mr. Ian Adamson.

2) Roll Call

Roll call for those attending in person was taken by Mr. Christopher Holmström (SWE). The 43 countries in attendance were:

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| 1. Australia | 26. Switzerland |
| 2. Belgium | |
| 3. Brazil | 1. Andorra (Zoom) |
| 4. Canada | 2. China (Zoom) |
| 5. Chile | 3. Great Britain |
| 6. Columbia | 4. Greece (Zoom) |
| 7. Costa Rica | 5. Hungary (Zoom) |
| 8. Croatia | 6. India (Zoom) |
| 9. Ecuador | 7. Iran (Zoom) |
| 10. Estonia | 8. Ireland (Zoom) |
| 11. Finland | 9. Japan (Zoom) |
| 12. France | 10. Jamaica (Zoom) |
| 13. Georgia | 11. Malaysia (Zoom) |
| 14. Germany | 12. Mongolia (Zoom) |
| 15. Italy | 13. Norway (Zoom) |
| 16. Lithuania | 14. Paraguay (Zoom) |
| 17. Mexico | 15. Thailand (Zoom) |
| 18. New Zealand | 16. United States of America (Zoom) |
| 19. Philippines | 17. Venezuela (Zoom) |
| 20. Peru | |
| 21. Poland | • Mr. Alex Franca, UIPM COO |
| 22. Portugal | • Mr. Rob Stull, UIPM EB member and NOCRCEA President |
| 23. Puerto Rico | |
| 24. Russia | |
| 25. Sweden | |

Attendees on Zoom who did not identify themselves or their country: Stepan,

3) Approval of the following:

- a) Minutes of the 9th Congress

The minutes of the 9th Congress were approved by the Congress. Mr. James Burton (GBR) noted the new sports should be listed (Item 5. below). There were no objections.

- b) 2023 Annual Accounts

The 2023 Annual Accounts were approved by the Congress with objections. Mr. Adamson noted the accounts are similar to the 2022 accounts with the exception that the salary for the Deputy Secretary General was added in 2023.

The delegate from Britain, Mr. James Burton, asked about the debt owed to Mr. Adamson for funding World Obstacle. Mr. Adamson stated that he is in the same position those who have funded national federations, only on a larger scale. He confirmed that there is no way for FISO to pay back the debt at this time, and he hopes to be reimbursed but does not expect this while the organizations liability cannot be practically addressed.

c) Ratification of the 2025 Statutes & Internal Regulations

Mr. Burton stated there is no clear mandate for the sports being included within obstacle sports. Mr. Adamson stated the General Statutes say, "Obstacle sports and related disciplines". The delegates from Estonia and Britain commented that a process for inclusion of new sports is required. Mr. Adamson stated that Calisthenics (clubs and leagues) and Chase Tag (TV show competitions) don't have federations and expressed interest in collaborating and formalizing the sports. Mr. Burton suggested a technical committee and to create a process and a timeline for each new sport, and to remove new sports from the Statutes until confirmed. The Congress agreed to the ratification of the statutes once the above proposals are included. There were no objections.

4) Reports from the Continental Confederation Presidents

- a) Mr. Claude Eksteen, Africa reported no updates and sent apologies for missing the Congress due to travel.
- b) Mr. Panna Utpaul, Americas showed a presentation of the progress and events in the region (attached)
- c) Mr. Thunbie Remigio presented for Mr. Al Agra, Asia-Pacific the progress and events in the region (attached)
- d) Ms. Léa Frugier & Mr. Stefano Zappa, Europe showed a presentation of the progress and events in the region (attached)

5) Confirmation of new member federations, officials, chairs, and committee members

The new member associations were confirmed by the Congress. The following countries have joined FISO since the 2023 Congress:

- 1. Andorra
- 2. Argentina
- 3. Bahamas
- 4. Belgium (BOCRF, replacing BOCRA which was dissolved)
- 5. Chile
- 6. Ecuador
- 7. Greece
- 8. Israel
- 9. Korea
- 10. Mexico
- 11. Peru
- 12. Puerto Rico
- 13. Thailand

6) International recognition and AIMS status

Mr. Adamson reiterated FISOs recognition as an observer member of GAISF included recognition by AIMS requiring a unanimous vote of all IOC recognized sports and GAISF/AIMS members (previously reported to the 9th Congress, item 7). The dissolution of GAISF does not change FISOs recognition status with AIMS.

7) Pentathlon update

Mr. Rob Stull gave an overview of the benefits of becoming an Olympic sport, including the financial advantages at national level. He explained the UIPM's approach to the integration, stressing the UIPM has no desire to take over FISO, its sports or members. He emphasized UIPM welcomes all obstacle sports with no requirement or mandate to join, and that UIPM will assist in collaboration with FISO for those who wish to explore the opportunity. He said there is no time constraint to integration.

8) Pentathlon collaboration, integration, progress and process

Mr. Adamson summarized the information presented in the integration information meetings (included in the agenda information). He emphasized that contrary to conflicting information being spread by some individuals and organizations, FISO remains the recognized international federation for obstacle sports and that no external organization has the authority to change this. The only way FISO can cease being the international governing body is by dissolution, which per the General Statutes requires an 80% vote of the members.

9) Vote to confirm collaboration and continued integration with Pentathlon federations.

Congress approved the continued discussions between UIPM and World Obstacle regarding a potential merger. Congress will vote on the detail of any proposed merger based on integration documents presented by World Obstacle and UIPM. Obstacle national federations are free to continue to act independently. Collaboration with pentathlon federations is recommended wherever possible. The vote was 28 for, 8 against and 7 abstentions (or failure to vote).

10) Vote to accept the resignation of OCR Romania.

The Congress approved the resignation of OCR Romania. There were no objections.

11) Vote to expel Austrian OCR.

The Congress approved the expulsion of Austrian OCR. There were no objections.

12) Vote on suspension of OCR Hungary while Tamás Rozina remains an officer of OCR Hungary.

The Congress voted to approve the proposal from FISO and EOSF to assist OCR Hungary to find a solution to the conflict created by HOCRA Vice President Mr. Tamás Rozina who is also Vice President and a founder of the rival organization WOCRF. The Congress further voted to allow HOCRA 90 days (by to provide a solution to the conflict. If HOCRA fails to provide a solution, it will be suspended, and if and if not amended in 120 days from Congress, then membership will be revoked (HOCRA will be expelled).

There were no objections, however a question was raised asking why Hungary should not be suspended immediately. The President replied that FISO will always support the members and athletes and provide a pathway for them to compete at international events. Should HOCRA fail to provide a solution to their conflict and becomes expelled, EOSF / FISO will assist with the formation of a new association.

Mr. Stepan Zsolt Anal, President of Hungarian OCR Sports Federation, was contacted to confirm he was in attendance on Zoom and replied that he believe "that HOCRA's votes have no impact on FISO's operations."

13) Sports and world level events sanctioned or supported by FISO:

- a) 2024 Spartan Sprint and 100m World Championships (\$100,000 prize purse), October 10-13, Hvar Croatia, <https://race.spartan.com/en/race/championships/sprint>
- b) 2024 Spartan Beast World Championships Abu Dhabi November 29 - December 1 (\$47,500 prize purse) <https://race.spartan.com/en/races/abu-dhabi>
- c) 2024 Dubai World Obstacle Championship (\$200,000 prize purse) December 6-8 <https://www.dubaiworldobstacle.com/en>
- d) 2025 OCR Pan Am Championships, Costa Rica
- e) 2025 OCR European Championships, Portugal, June
- f) 2025 OCR LatAm Championships tbd
- g) 2025 OCR Asia-Pacific Championships tbd
- h) 2025 Ninja World Championships is being confirmed for Spring in Birmingham Alabama, USA
- i) The 2025 OCR World Championships is September 11-14 in Gothenburg, Sweden hosted by Swedish Athletics, the Cit of Gothenburg, and produced by Tough Viking
- j) Adventure Racing World Cup and World Cup Finals continue in its third season

14) Other Matters

The first meeting of the new sub-continental association OCR LatAm followed the Congress with attendance by LatAm president Abraham Laines (PER), Mr Stull, Mr. Franca and Mr. Adamson.

15) End of official proceedings of the Congress

Mr. Ian Adamson thanked everyone for their presence, ratified all the deliberations and approvals of the items on the agenda, and declared the Congress session closed.

16) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 20h00. The 11th Congress will be scheduled on a date to be confirmed during the 2025 OCR World Championships, according to the statutory rules.

Minutes

Approved by the Presidents of the International and Continental Federations.



Panna Utpaul
President Americas



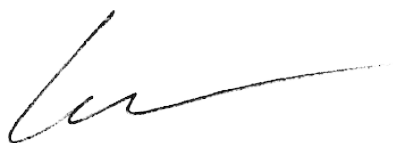
Alberto Agra
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President Europe



Claude Eksteen
President Africa



Ian Adamson
President

An AI summary and recording of the first 30 minutes of the meeting is available here:
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