

MINUTES

European Calendar Meeting

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Opening

Piet Broekhuizen welcomes everybody to the 35th European Calendar Meeting and introduces the ISU Council Members Stoytcho G. Stoytchev and Roland E. Maillard and the members of the Short Track Technical Committee Reinier Oostheim and Wim de Deyne.

Antanas Vilcinskas, President of the Lithuanian Federation, welcomes all participants.

Roland Maillard thanks the Lithuanian Federation for organizing and hosting the European Calendar Meeting in the name of the ISU Council. He emphasizes that the future of Short Track is very important. At the Olympic Winter Games Short Track was one of the most successful sports. Take care of all discussions and plans for the future which will come out from this meeting and in particular we have to work for our competitions to bring people into the stadium.

General Information

Virginija Oguleviciene gives some general information.

Introduction of the delegates.

Reports of the Season 2017/2018

Roland E. Maillard gives an overview about the Olympic Games

At the Olympics everything is huge, exciting and everybody is very nervous. The IOC had decided to give two wildcards to North Korea and the ISU had to deal with it. All qualified skaters were going through four World Cups to qualify. Suddenly we had two more skaters. How to deal with this? There were remarks from some team leaders not to let them start from lane position 1-4. Because there are no other rules these skaters had to be accepted as qualified skaters and treated as all other skaters. There was another complaint one day before the 500m races. The ice conditions were a problem at the test event because the ice machine was not able to change the temperature in short time (for Figure Skating -3,5°C – for Short Track -7°C). Therefore a second ice machine had to be hired to solve this problem. One machine for the main stadium and one for the training rink. The accommodation and everything was ready in due time, we had good games, everything went very well, we had good competitions and a filled stadium with good atmosphere. Some buildings were already known what will be done with them after the Olympics. The skating rinks are owned by the Province of Gangneung. For the oval it is not known what will be done with the building in the future; we should be thinking about the legacy. What will remain AFTER the games are finished? What are the costs?. There were more media people at the Olympics than athletes which did put pressure and made it a hard time for the athletes and officials. The TV-coverage was the biggest for Short Track ever. Short Track was the number one.

Reinier Oostheim gives an overview about the other ISU Competitions

World Cups: The season was very much under the pressure of the four World Cups which were held over four days instead of three days to qualify for the Olympic Games. The qualification was a fair and good qualification.

For the qualification for the Olympics the three best results out of four WC counted. This made it a little bit more difficult. Next time all four WCs will count. Every skater received points which were calculated, a classification per distances was made to define the qualification spots per country.

Shanghai Trophy in Shanghai/CHN: was a competition for Figure Skating and Short Track and was very successful. Included was the new Short Track Mixed Gender Team Event.

European Championships in Dresden/GER: went very well with many spectators, good atmosphere and good skating.

World Junior Championships in Tomaszow Mazowiecki/POL: beautiful new stadium, very high number of participants, we have to find a solution for the future to keep it manageable.

World Championships in Montreal/CAN: went well. Good end of the season.

Officiating in general was good. We will start to train intensively the referees via internet, .give the Referees homework to improve.

Hermann Filipic reports about the Danubia Series:

6 competitions in the last season: Category C/D in AUT/SVK/HUN
Category S/A/B in CZE/BUL/CRO

Participants: 315 individual skaters in total
120-128 athletes per competition
18 nations took part

There were less Jun A skaters participating because many of them were taking part at the World Cups. The Video Replay from Willy Bargauan was a good experience for the lower level referees, the coaches and the younger skaters.

Ian Gooch reports about the StarClass Series:

6 competitions in the last season: Category C/D in ITA/ITA/GER
Category S/A/B in SUI/GER/NED

Participants: 396 individual skaters in total
140-150 athletes per competition
14 nations took part

Danubia and StarClass-Series in total:

In total in the last season: 6 Competitions for Category C/D
6 Competitions for Category S/A/B
1 Final for Category S/A/B/C/D
711 individual skaters
32 nations (at World Junior Championships 40 Nations)

R. Maillard informs that the announcement for the final in Ventspils/LAT was coming out very late, they had to put pressure on the organization to finalize everything. The transport worked well, volunteers were at the airport to welcome the participants. There was an issue about the padding system which was solved by having additional padding.

Hermann Filipic informs that the Referees were checking the safety equipment of the skaters, the tip of the plates and the neck protection. Especially the neck protection is a problem. After washing the racing suits with included neck protection several times the neck protection is not working anymore. The costs for full board were 35 Euro per day.

Annemarie Gijsberts remarks that the final was not in the center of Europe. The way to get to Riga and from there to Ventspils was not the easiest to organize. It was very expensive and an extra day was necessary because it was not possible to fly home on Sunday.

Elena Comolo asks if the organizers have sent a marketing plan to Roland Maillard and Stoytcho Stoytchev; it would be good to share this information and to know if this has worked out.

Challengers Cup 2018/2019

Roland Maillard presents in the name of Tron Espeli the idea of a Short Track Challengers Cup. This program would be managed by the ISU Council, not by the Development Commission. This would represent the transition from a European to a Worldwide Series. There would be nine competitions for Junior A/B/C open to all ISU Members. The addition of Junior D could be possible without financial support by the ISU.

1 Competition in North America

2 Competitions in Asia

6 Competitions in Europe (3 in East and 3 in West Europe)

There would be no Final; skaters would be awarded points after every competition and an overall classification would be drawn up at the end of the season. The financial support from the ISU would be 20.000 SFR per competition.

The total budget possible is 600.000 SFR. That means that $9 \times 20.000 \text{ SFR} = 180.000 \text{ SFR}$ will be used for the Challenger Cups and the remaining 420.000 SFR could be used by applying through the Development Commission for special projects or international competitions. For the European competitions there would still be two Council Members responsible like it is now, one for the East and one for the West European Competitions. The organizers would be reporting to the responsible Council Member. There would also be a European Coordination Group.

The current cost for the Danubia + Starclass Series + Final is SFR 300000.

The presentation generated mixed feelings among all present whose resolution was to ask the ISU for renewed support for the coming season at the current conditions giving mandate to the TC and Starclass/Danubia co-ordinators to formulate a proposal workable in numbers and contents to be presented to the ISU for further implementation. A document was produced, signed by all present, and handed over to Roland Maillard for onward submission to the Council.

Proposals for the Congress

Reinier Oostheim held a presentation with a summary of the proposals to explain the directions.

- Tracks: 5 or 7
- Padding
- Gloves: white so that they can be seen better on the video
- 2 new events: Mixed Gender Team Competition (New event for the Olympics)
Four Continents Championships
- Olympics: Qualification more easier to check
- World Cups – rules move to a Communication, introduction of the Mixed Gender Team Event
- Races - Auto Advance, Fastest Thirds
- Make up – based on the Distance Classification
- Lapped Skaters move to the outside
- What is the meaning of “excluded from the competition”
- Pen/YC/RC/DNS/DNF – order to be published in the Classification
- Heatbox

- World Junior Championships: the Overall Title will be replaced by Distance Titles over 1500, 500 and 1000 meter. If this works well then the same will be proposed for the Senior Championships.
- Officiating: role of the TC Rep., Senior officials, Video specialist “make a mark on the A-List”, Video Assistant / 1. Assistant, Trainee Program – referees can attend.

Presentation Two Video Referees – Proposal from AUT:

Hermann Filipic : explains the idea behind this proposal;

A lot of important steps have been taken by the ISU

- Video
- Database
- Analyzing System

Referees plus one Ass.-Referee on ice, 2 Video Referees who independently follow the competition with two monitors and can make better decisions; if the two Video-Referees have contrasting opinions then the Chief-Referee decides: writes down the decision and show it to the public.

Willy Bargauan: this was tested at the Danubia Competitions – not only the Chief Referee can look at the video; in case the two Video-Referees have different calls, the Chief Referee will watch the video and take the final decision;

Sending to the public and media which decision was made is stressful for the operator; sending the correct clip to the coach box and to the public in a fraction of a second is no easy feat; the workflow to inform everybody has to be done after the referee has pushed the final button;

Infringements can be prepared in writing – for example infringement number 2; everybody can read what has been decided; we have to speed up the decision of the Referee; in the Olympics we have the best Referees, only one Video Referee as specialist is very dangerous;

Several

Law about privacy / data safety - May 25th 2018 , everybody has to take care;

Danubia and StarClass Series

One Memorandum to be re-checked

Entry Fee: 30.- Euro for Danubia and StarClass Competitions

40.- Euro for the Europa Final

This Entry fee has to be paid to the organizer for all skaters that have been entered at the moment when the entry is closing.

A marketing plan should be worked out by the organizers and should be send to the responsible ISU Council members.

Danubia Cup:	1. ROU	14.-16.09.2018	
	2. Benatky /CZE	19.-21.10.2018	
	3. Sanok / POL	23.-25.11.2018	
	4. Spisska Nova Ves / SVK	14.-16.12.2018	
	5. Budapest / HUN	04.-06.01.2019	
	6. Ventspils / LAT	22.-24.02.2019	
StarClass:	1. DRESDEN / GER	26.-28.10.2018	CD
	2. Davos / SUI	09.-11.11.2018	SAB
	3. Bormio / ITA	23.-25.11.2018	CD
	4. Heerenveen / NED	07.-09.12.2018	SAB
	5. Trondheim /NOR	18.-20.01.2019	CD
	6. Bergamo /ITA	08.-10.02.2019	SAB
Europa Cup Final	Rostock / GER	22.-24.03.2019	SABCD

The Calendar made during the European Calendar Meeting is attached. The Competitions have been assigned a level. This level is an indication of the expected participation. Not all competitions are World Championships and not all competitions have the same requirements as World Championships.

Level 1	Olympic Games, YOF, EYOF, University Games, ISU Events: WCh, WJCh, ECh, WC
Level 2	Country events for national Teams
Level 3	Danubia and StarClass Series, Global International Competitions
Level 4	International Competitions
Level 5	National / Regional / Club Competitions

PLEASE NOTE: All members have to send an application for the International Calendar to the ISU !

Next European Calendar Meetings:

European Calendar Meeting 2019	Last weekend of April (26.-28.04.2019), will be in Germany (location has to be decided, Dresden or Berlin)
European Calendar Meeting 2020	in East Europe, at a good reachable place
European Calendar Meeting 2021	in the Netherlands