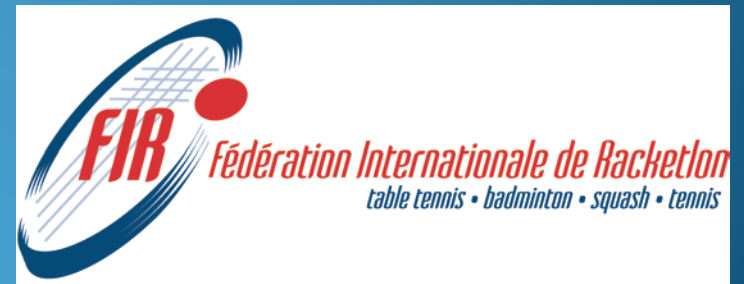


FIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

Fri. 27. November 9:00 a.m.

Sportcentrum STEP
Prague/Czech Republic



1. WELCOME NOTE (Video CL)

➤ Confirmation President and Country Representatives of 41 members

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| 1. | Armenia, 1 | 16. | Great Britain, 6 | 31. | Poland, 3 |
| 2. | Australia, 1 | 17. | Greece, 1 | 32. | Romania, 1 |
| 3. | Austria, 4 | 18. | Hong Kong – China, 1 | 33. | Russia, 1 |
| 4. | Belgium, 4 | 19. | Hungary, 2 | 34. | Scotland, 1 |
| 5. | Brazil, 1 | 20. | India, 1 | 35. | Slovakia, 1 |
| 6. | Bulgaria, 2 | 21. | Iraq, 1 | 36. | Slovenia, 1 |
| 7. | Canada, 4 | 22. | Ireland, 1 | 37. | South Africa, 3 |
| 8. | Croatia, 1 | 23. | Israel, 2 | 38. | Sweden, 6 |
| 9. | Czech Republic, 2 | 24. | Italy, 1 | 39. | Switzerland, 6 |
| 10. | Denmark, 3 | 25. | Latvia, 1 | 40. | Turkey, 1 |
| 11. | Estonia, 1 | 26. | Liechtenstein, 1 | 41. | USA, 1 |
| 12. | Finland, 2 | 27. | F.Y.R.O. Macedonia, 1 | Total 83 votes (>50% = 42) | |
| 13. | France, 2 | 28. | Malaysia, 1 | | |
| 14. | Germany, 6 | 29. | Netherlands, 2 | | |
| 15. | Ghana, 1 | 30. | New Zealand, 1 | | |

1.1 MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New:

- Application by Georgia, Puzant Kassabian
- Malta 2015 World Tour event, Duncan Stahl
- Bulgaria, Armenia, F.Y.R.O. Macedonia have done their homework and have founded separate Racketlon federations from their

➤ **Why is FIR membership so important?**

From 2014 only players with passports or resident permits from FIR members are allowed to play on the FIR World Tour in ALL DRAWS!

1.2 SPORTACCORD MEMBERSHIP

Sportaccord (former GAISF - General Association of International Sports Federations) groups together international sports federations. Sportaccords role consists in recognizing, assisting and representing the International Federations in realms of common interest within the Olympic and Sports Movement and governmental and non-governmental bodies. To become Sportaccord member Racketlon must be played in **40 countries on three continents** around the world and FIR must count the same number of legally registered national federations, of which **40 must be recognized by the NSF - National Sports Federations or NOC – National Olympic Committees.**

- Problem 4 FIR members are Badminton federations: Armenia, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Iraq
- Problem 3 FIR members are clubs: Croatia, Turkey, Romania
- Big problem some NSF say they cannot recognize the national Racketlon federation because FIR is not recognized by Sportaccord, but Sportaccord says they cannot accept FIR as a member as long as not all 40 national Racketlon federations are recognized by their national NSF or NOC.
- Marcel Weigl personal meeting with SportAccord president Marius L. Vizer in Budapest and was invited to Sportaccord Annual General Meeting in Antalya/Turkey 2014
- Vizer kept his promise and at the SportAccord General Assembly 2015 he requested a statutes change so only 10 of the national (Racketlon) sports federations needed to be recognized by the NSF or NOC in advance.
- **Statutes change needed 2/3 majority which is 66,67% and got only 63,8%. FIR missed membership by 3%!**
- **Meanwhile SportAccord President Vizer has resigned due to fight with Bach Olympic C.**

1.2 SPORTACCORD MEMBERSHIP

Next steps 2016:

- If available: recognition paper of national NSF or NOC
- If not available paper by NSA or NOC stating why recognition is rejected
- FIR will within EU project issue letter to Union of NSA`s and NOC`s addressing this problem
- Badminton federation Iraq and clubs Romania, Turkey, Croatia to form real national Racketlon federations
- National federations simple websites online
- Letter by International Tabletennis federation promised at meeting in Paris, but new president. Badminton and Tennis still needed
- Contact new president of SportAccord or General Secretary and address problem again

Membership is so important for FIR:

- Officially recognized sport worldwide
- No recognition, no development
- Funds from EC or other public institutions
- Guarantee of seriousness for sponsors, media and betting companies
- Seriousness for media coverage and betting companies
- Funds for national Racketlon federations

2. CONFIRMATION MINUTES EGM 2015

- Confirmation Minutes EGM Fri. 17.7. 2015, Nussloch/Germany

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL 2015

- Day to day work, E-mails, contacts, information
- FIR Workshop day during EGM at German Open in Nussloch
- Statutes change on Agenda of SportAccord Assembly for recognition of new sports federations
- World Tour Officer tasks handed over to Kirsten Kaptein
- Installation of Rankings Workgroup
- Improved FIR-Delegates and Co-Delegates at all World Tour events thanks to FIR Head Delegate Richard Middleton
- First ever European University Championships in Szombathely/Hungary and first ever European Championships Teams and Singles in Prague
- First ever continental championships in Europe, Oceania and America

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

- by Lennart Eklundh
- Final result for 2014: Income 36.431 €, Costs 40.025 €
Minus of 3.594 € is confirmed and signed by auditors
- Summary of all results 2002-2014: Minus of 3.760 €
- The prognosis for 2015: Income 34.000 €, Costs 40.000 €
Plus of 4.000 €
- After 2015 the finances of FIR will be a few hundred Euro in plus for handover to the new FIR Council

5. REPORT OF PRESIDENT 2006-2015

- First contact with Racketlon 2002
- 6 founding countries of FIR Sweden, Finland, France, Bulgaria, England, Scotland. Today 42 member countries after only 10 years
- Established World Tour from 3 tournaments 2002 (English, Scottish, Finnish, Gothenborg) to an average of 15 per year plus Challengers.
- FIR-Delegates and Co-Delegates at all World Tour events
- Regular published FIR-Magazine with all information and history until 2014
- Setup of new website and Tournament Software replaces Resultreporter
- Published Racketlon magazine together with World Champs in England
- Existence of Racketlon acknowledged internationally by SportAccord, other sports federations, NOCs, NSFs
- Compete and celebrate with each other regardless country and religion

6. COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016 - 2018

➤ FIR Council member and Danish President is running for presidency for the next three years and has put together the following team for elections:

President	Kresten Hougaard	DEN
Vice-President EU-Project	Marcel Weigl	AUT
Vice-President Rankings	Poku Salo	FIN
Vice-President T. Software	Graham King	SUI
World Tour Officer	Kirsten Kaptein	NED
Non-EU Countries	Patrick Laplante	CAN
<u>New:</u>		
Treasurer	Amke Fischer	GER
Head of Delegates	Richard Middleton	GBR
Recognition Officer	Radu Ionescu	ROM
Media Officer	Ray Jordan	GBR
Social Media Officer	Anna-Klara Ahlmer	SWE
Rules Officer	Hans van Daele	BEL
Sponsorship Officer	Thorsten Deck	GER

Expansion of the FIR-Council from 9 to 13 persons. NO statutes change needed

7. COUNCIL PREVIEW 2016 -2018

- RACI – new structure of FIR, spreading workload
- Working on new world ranking system
- Recognition of FIR by SportAccord or other entity
- New more interactive official website
- Monthly newsletter information for players
- Improve social media strategy
- New strategy to support national federations development of Racketlon
- One day „First Timers“ tournament during FIR events
- Installation of Non-EU countries committee
- EU project subsidies and private sponsorship

7. FIR WORLD TOUR 2015

1	12-4 Jan	IWT	6. Vienna New Year Classics	Austria
2	26-28 Feb	IWT	Casino Heroes Swedish Open	Sweden
3	15-17 April	IWT	Czech Open	Czech Republic
4	13-15 May	IWT	Winners' Events Turkish Open	Turkey
5	3-5 June	SWT	King of Rackets	Belgium
6	11-12 June	IWT	Open de Racketlon de Granby	Canada
7	24-26 June	IWT	Swiss Open	Switzerland
8	8-10 July	IWT	Latvian Open	Latvia
9	22-24 July	IWT	German Open	Germany
10	28-31 July	WC	WC teams & doubles	Denmark
11	19-21 August	IWT	Racket Masters	England
12	2-4 Sept.	SWT	Austrian Open	Austria
13	23-25 Sept	IWT	Malta Open	Malta
14	7-9 Oct	IWT	Finnish Open	Finland
15	28-30 Oct	IWT	Hungarian Open	Hungary
16	24-27 Nov.	WC	WC Singles	Germany

CHALLENGERS

1	18-20 March	Challenger	Tallinn Open	Estonia
2	2-3 April	Challenger	Spring Open	Sweden

8. FINANCES PREVIEW 2016

- Income will be similar to 2015
- Budget shall be even after 2016
- Costs will be calculated and re-distributed by new council and prediction sent to AGM per e-mail

9. REQUEST BY FIR MEMBERS AND COUNCIL

Denmark has requested a change of FIR statutes, see AGM invitation

2/3 majority needed for any changes

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: EU-PROJECT

- In total 406 eligible applications for Erasmus+ Sport Programme calls „Collaborative Partnerships“ and „Not-for-profit European Sport events“
- Funding threshold for „Collaborative Partnerships covering topics on EU Guidelines“ was over 81,5 out of 100 possible points. **FIR reached 37,5 points**
- Marcel started a Business Master Programme at University: „Management of EU projects“ in order to become specialist
- Total Budget Erasmus+ Sport 2016: approx. 27,5 Million Euro
- Collaborative Partnerships 24,1 Million Euro divided:
1,2€ Million European Week of Sport 8 projects, max. 150.000€ grant
3,3€ Million small Collaborative P. 57 projects, max. 60.000€
19,6€ Million Collaborative Partnerships 70 projects, max. 400.000€
- **Application deadline 12.5.2016**, Project duration 12-36 months
- 25% projects each on the topics: physical activity, integrity of sports, social integration, **good governance**



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