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The reason for this addition is that it is according to practice since 1946.

Report of the President

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since the affiliation of Australia and New Zealand last year, our Federation now consists of 17 Nations representing 4 Continents.

The XVth World Championship Tournament took place on 22nd - 27th July, 1952, in Brussels, the beautiful and ancient Capital of Belgium.

Including two gentlemen from Switzerland not competing for the Championship, the total number of competitors were 87, representing the following countries:

	Ladies	Gentlemen	Total
Belgium	4	8	12
Denmark	1	6	7
Finland	3	5	8
France	5	7	12
Great Britain	6	6	12
Holland		3	3
Norway	-	6	6
Spain	1	4	5
Sweden	4	8	12
USA	$\frac{3}{27}$	<u>5</u> 58	<u>8</u> 85
Switzerland	- 27	2 60	<u>2</u> 87

Wellknown countries missing were Poland and Czechoslovakia. Holland was reintroduced after an absence of many years, and we could wish the redshirted archers of Spain welcome for the first time in the history of our World Championship Tournaments.

The competitions took place at the Heysel Stadium, and the arrangements were perfect. Specially I want to mention the sun and rain shelter for the archers.

The program around the Tournament was excellent, beginning with a solemn Opening Ceremony with greetings from the Lord Mayor of Brussels. We also visited the Grave of the Unknown Soldier, the beautiful Town Hall, where a reception was arranged, and were invited to a very interesting and funny popinjay-shooting at the Woluwe-Saint-Pierre Park. Finally an excursion was arranged to Ghent and Bruges, giving us sceneries to remember for lifetime.

In the top of the Organising Committee we found our old friend Oscar Kessels, heading a staff of well-trained officials. We specially admired the speaker, giving us quick and correct information in three languages - English, French, and Spanish.

The results of the competition were excellent. Two ladies scored more than 3.000 points. Jean Lee, USA, the Lady World Champion, scored 3.185 points, and her compatriot Jean Richards reached 3.035 points. Third was Mrs. Hinton, Great Britain, who scored 2.669 points.

Among the gentlemen the new Champion of the World, Stellan Andersson, Sweden, scored 10 points more than the World Record, reaching 3.151 points.

Up to 1952 only one archer had reached more than 3.000 points, and that was the old World Champion Hans Deutgen, Sweden. At this Tournament, however, no less than 5 archers passed this limit: Stellan Andersson, Sweden, Bror Lundgren, Sweden, 3.050 points, Einar Tang-Holbek, Denmark, 3.025 points, Håkan Norström, Sweden, 3.012 points, and Hjalmar Johansson, Sweden, 3.010 points.

Close to the limit came Oscar Kessels, Belgium, who was number six, scoring 2.909 points. A fantastic result, considering the amount of organising work he had to do at the same time. He scored 5 points better than the old Champion of the World, Hans Deutgen.

The Ladies' Team Competition was won by USA, scoring 8.419 points, which was more than 200 points better than the previous record. The team consisted of Jean Lee, Jean Richards, and Jean Richards' young doughter Catherine.

The Gentlemen's Team Competition was won by Sweden, scoring 9.213 points, which was about 1.000 points better than the previous World Record.

The first part of the FITA Congress took place at the Heysel Stadium. Australia and New Zealand were elected Members of our Federation. We also accepted a new Rule, according to which the team consists of the three best archers of each nation, and some minor Rules about scoring and records.

The second part of the Congress was arranged at the Palace Hotel. Among the most important decisions were:

- 1. a decision that World Championship Tournaments shall be arranged each year, from 1952 on;
- 2. rules for the Executive Committee;
- 3. new rules for the titles of World Champion and Lady World Champion (9 of each in the future).

Henry Kjellson, Lars Ekegren, and Sixten von Hofsten, Sweden, were reelected President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively, for the period of 1952 - 1956. Axel Poulsen, Denmark, and José de Fagoaga Laguna, Spain, were elected Members of the Administrative Council for the same period. Mr Poulsen was elected Vice President after the resignation of Paul Nielsen, Denmark.

Dr. Walter W. Lee, USA, was elected Member of the Administrative Council up to 1954, instead of Marvin T. Schmidt, USA.

The Council was enlarged by electing D.A.G, Mills, Australia, (1952-1956), and E.J. Parker, South Africa (1952-1954).

During 1951 our first Mail-Match Competition took place. 52 Ladies and 141 Gentlemen started. Winners were among the ladies E. Safránková, Czechoslovakia, scoring 1.540 points, and among the gentlemen Hans Johansson, Sweden, scoring 1538 points. They all shot the Single International Round. The Team Competitions were won by Czechoslovakia (Ladies), scoring 3.776 points, and Sweden (Gentlemen), scoring 4.485 points.

Since last Congress the Executive Committee has been busy working for the reintroduction of archery in the program of the Olympic Games. No doubt we have had some success. The Olympic Program Committe, consisting of Erik von Frenckell, Finland, Chairman, Bo Ekelund, Sweden, and Albert Mayer, Switzerland, has taken up archery in their suggestion of a reduced Olympic Program for the future. According to their suggestion,

no more than 100 archers representing at least 15 Nations can take part in the Olympic Games.

We cannot tell you yet if archery will be on the Olympic Program of 1956. This will depend on the final decision of the International Olympic Committee in Athens next year, and on the decision of the Australian arrangers.

At the Congress in Brussels, Spain was chosen to arrange the World Championship Tournament of 1953 in Madrid. All of us were glad to be able to add a visit to Spain to our archery memiries, but unfortunately certain circumstances for which the Spanish Association was not responsible made it impossible for us to go there. Spain then handed over the arrangement to Norway, which was accepted by our Federation after voting by correspondance.

According to the same voting, our second Mail-Match Competition has been arranged this year.

The Minutes of the FITA Congress in Brussels have been published in our Bulletin Officiel No. 13, which has been distributed to all Member Nations.

This years Congress will discuss the following Proposals:

1. the draw for target numbers and order of shooting should be arranged beforehand by the arrangers;

2. the titles of the Winners, Grand Total, should be Grand Champion of the World, and Grand Lady Champion of the World, respectively;

3. guarantees should be given by a Nation wanting to arrange a World Championship Tournament that all Member Nations should be invited and admitted into their country;

4. an adjustment of Art. 9, and some additions to Art. 24 and 26 of the Shooting Rules.

There are also two new Motions to be discussed:

- 1. Denmark wants the order of shooting to be changed;
- 2. Finland wants the World Championship Tournaments to be arranged every second year.

Unofficially USA wants to know if we are interested in going to America for a World Championship Tournament in 1955.

We hope that all Nations will do their best to be represented as well in Oslo as in our international Mail-Match Competition. After all, very much depends on our keeping together all around the world. If we cannot meet in person, we can at least meet by correspondance.

Best regards to all of you!

(Signed) Henry Kjellson President of FITA

The FITA Congresses in Oslo, 1953

By Lars Ekegren, General Secretary of the FITA

As I have to join the Swedish Army for more than a month this spring, the printing of Bulletin Officiel No. 14 will be a little delayed. That is why I think I have better give you the following short report of what happened at the Oslo Congresses in 1953. Of course the full Minutes will be found in Bulletin No. 14, as usual.

- 1. Switzerland was affiliated to the FITA as nation No. 18. Address: Swiss Archery Association, Sustenstrasse 12, Basle, Switzerland. President: H.U. Schindler. Secretary: G. Attinger.
- 2. The Minutes of the 1952 FITA Congresses, the Report of the President, the Financial Report, and the Report of the Technical Commission were unanimously accepted.
- 3. From now on the draw for target numbers and for order of shooting will be arranged by the organizers, at least 14 days before the World Championship Tournament. Earlier the draw was arranged when the team captains arrived at the Tournament.
- 4. The Winners, Grand Total, will receive the titles Grand Champion of the World, Grand Lady Champion of the World, and Grand Team Champions of the World, respectively.
- 5. Before asking for the arrangement of a World Championship Tournament, the arrangers must make quite sure that every Member Association can be invited to the country in question.
- 6. Four archers might shoot at the same target. The order of shooting changes as follows:

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1st three arrows:
                            Archer A - B - C - D
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The targets and the shooting points will be marked with figures (1, 2, 3 etc.), and the archers with a combination of figures and block letters (1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, 2B etc.). Before the start the Director of the shooting shows a big card with a block letter, indicating which archers are going to start first.

- 7. There are going to be World Championship Tournaments every second year instead of each year in the future. Next Tournament will be arranged in Helsinki, Finland, in 1955. Nothing is decided yet about 1957.
- 8. The General Secretary gave the following report about the Olympic Games: In 1950 Archery was recognized as an Amateur Sport by the International Olympic Committee, and at the same time the FITA was recognized as an Amateur Federation. In 1952 new Olympic Archery Rules (see Bulletin No 13) were accepted by the IOC, in case Archery would be recognized as an Olympic Sport. In 1953 the Olympic Program Committee has presented its Report to the IOC Session in Mexico City. The Committee suggests a reduction of the number of Olympic competitors from 7.000 to 5.000. In spite of this reduction, the Committee suggests the reintroduction of Archery as an Optional Sport in the Olympic Program. The number of competitors should not exceed 100 totally. This Report is now studied by the various IOC organisations, and the final decision will take place in Lausanne and Athenes, in 1954. But even if it will mean a success to us, it's still up to the Australian organizers if we shall be invited to Melbourne or not. They have earlier promised to invite us, but they are now trying to reduce the 1956 Program as much as possible.



- 9. Nothing was decided about the FITA representation at the 1956 Olympic Games.
- 10. The annual fee to the FITA is still 100 Swedish Crowns, to be paid to the Treasurer, Mr. Sixten von Hofsten, during the period of January 1st March 31st each year.
- Il. Jean Richards, USA, Roger Béday, France, and I myself were elected for a Committee, which should decide about the FITA Emblem Competition. (As you know, the FITA pins can now be ordered through each National Archery Association, at a price of 2 Swedish Crowns each.)
- 12. England withdrew its motion about forbidding the "point of aim" on the ground. Next time we can wait for a USA-England motion suggesting both points of aim and pin-sights to be accepted.
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 Next Mail-Match the third will be arranged in 1954. All Associations are hereby invited to take part. Please decide without any delay in which month the competition shall take part in your country, and inform your clubs and me about your decision. You will shoot a Long and Short International Single Round, as usual, and the results shall be in my hands before September 1st, 1954, in order to be valid. The archers may shoot at their home-grounds, and everybody can take part. Please follow carefully the form enclosed to this letter when making up the score-lists. Don't forget the number of hits and golds!
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- 17. Robert Neerbye finally brought up the question of reducing the number of Medals at the World Championship Tournaments. There was no decision about this problem at the Congress, but it ought to be discussed within the National Associations.

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