

1955

Agenda of the 1955 FITA Congress in Helsinki, Finland

July 18th - Part I

1. Opening of Congress. Call-over of names. (Written proxies to be presented by the Delegates.)
2. Qualification for competing in the World Championship Tournament of 1955. (All fees and other arrears to be paid.)
3. Affiliation of new Archery Associations.
4. Proposal No. 1: The President suggests that Draw Check Indicators be permitted at the 1955 World Championships.
5. Motion No. 1: England suggests new Rule for winning Teams.
6. The World Championship Tournament of 1955. (Report by the Arrangers.)
7. Award of FITA Plaquettes for International Merits. (Motions No. 2, 15, 20, 21 and 23. Proposal No. 7.)

July 22nd - Part II

8. Call-over of names.
9. Minutes of the FITA Congress of 1953. (Published in the FITA Bulletin No. 14.)
10. Report of the President. (Separately distributed.)
11. Financial Report for 1953 - 1955. (Separately distributed.)
12. Olympic Report.
13. Report of the Technical Commission.
14. The Annual Fee.
15. Election of Members of the FITA Administrative Council. (Motions No. 3, 4 and 5.)
16. Bowsights and Points of Aim. (Motions No. 6, 7, 8 and 14. Proposal No. 2)
17. The FITA Mail-Match. (Motions No. 9 and 17.)
18. Next World Championship Tournament. (Motions No. 12 and 19.)
19. Regional Championships. (Proposals No. 5 and 6. Motion No. 10.)
20. World Records and World Championship Records. (Proposals No. 3 and 4.)
21. The FITA Rules to be re-written and re-arranged into two parts: Rules and Regulations. (Motion No. 11.)
22. Only one Champion and one Lady Champion of the World. (Motion No. 22.)
23. The World Championship Programme. (Motion No. 13. Proposal No. 8.)
24. Interpreters at the FITA Congresses. (Motion No. 16.)
25. Unofficial competitors at the World Championship Tournaments. (Motion No. 18.)
26. The Emblem and Marking Stand Competitions.
27. Sundry Questions.

Proposals to the FITA Congress in Helsinki in 1955

Proposal No. 1

The President suggests that Draw Check Indicators be permitted at the 1955 World Championship Tournament in Helsinki.

There is no rule about Draw Check Indicators, and therefore it is doubtful whether they are now permitted or not. The President has lately received the information that Draw Check Indicators have been used by point-of-aim-archers during some World Championship Tournaments lately, with the permittance of the "Commission Technique". A clear decision is therefore needed (see Proposal No. 2). No matter what will be decided for the future - for the 1955 Tournament we have to stick to the presedent already created. (This Proposal will be discussed on the first Congress day.)

Proposal No. 2

The President suggests that Draw Check Indicators and simple Pin-Sights be allowed at World Championship Tournaments.

Points of aim are already allowed, and Draw Check Indicators have also been used at World Championship Tournaments - therefore a simple Pin-Sight should also be allowed, in consequence.

The first sentence of Art. 24 to be changed as follows:

Optic sights with prisms or lenses, dioptric sights and mechanical sights with adjusting screws are not allowed. Permitted are simple Pin-Sights with a sliding movement, as well as marks on the bow, arrow or hand. Draw Check Indicators are also permitted.

Proposal No. 3

The President suggests that the words "World Record" be changed to "World Championship Record" in the present Rules.

Reason: The present World Records are no real World Records.

Proposal No. 4

The President suggests that World Records be recognized at each distance, double round, at National and International competitions. It should not be necessary to shoot all distances of a round. The National Archery Association sends in the score to FITA within a month from the date when the record was shot, after which the Administrative Council takes a vote by letter.

Proposal No. 5

The President suggests the following additions to Art. 2 of the FITA Statutes:

- f) to organize Continental Championship Meetings according to the FITA Rules, and to confirm such Meetings and Continental Championship Records.

Continental Championship Meetings can be arranged also in the years when World Championship Tournaments are arranged, according to the decision of the FITA Congress, which decides about them.

Consequently the words "and Continental Championship Meetings" should be added to Art. 6 of the FITA Statutes.

Proposal No. 6

If Proposal No. 5 will be accepted, the President suggests that European Championships be arranged in the years when no World Championship Tournament will take place.

In the old days a World Championship Tournament was more or less a European business. But archery grows rapidly, and distant countries like USA, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand have joined the archery family. We cannot expect them to send their teams to Europe - where most of the Members still are - in every year, because of economic and other reasons.

Still there is a strong demand of big, international events in Europe each year, and maybe a European Championship Tournament would be the best solution.

Proposal No. 7

The President suggests the award of Gilt Plaquettes for International Merits to

Paul Demare, France

Honorary President of FITA. President in 1946 - 1949. Still promoting international archery in a very efficient way.

C.W. Nettleton, England

Since 1946 Vice-President of FITA. Notorious and marvellous Chairman of the "Commission Technique" at several World Championship Tournaments. The Grand Old Man of our international sport.

Sixten von Hofsten, Sweden

Member of the Administrative Council in 1931 - 1955. Vice-President in 1931 - 1932 and 1938 - 1939. Treasurer in 1946 - 1955. Has serviced the Council longer than anybody else.

Oscar Kessels, Belgium

Vice-President of FITA since 1949. The best archery propagandist among the latin countries, a splendid sportsman and perfect organizer of numerous international events.

Lars Ekegren, Sweden

General Secretary of FITA since 1949. Worldknown international organizer, editor of the "Bulletin Officiel" and the "FITA Information", adviser to new archery associations, organizer of our Olympic activities, and a leader at all World Championship Tournaments and Scandinavian Championships since 1947.

The President also suggests the award of Silver Plaquettes for International Merits to the following present and former Members of the Administrative Council:

Julian Leśniewski, Poland, Paul Nielsen, Denmark, Jaroslav Lenecek, Czechoslovakia, Axel Poulsen, Denmark, Torsten Fahlman, Sweden, Gunnar Meyer, Norway, Robert Neerbye, Norway, Väinö Skarp, Finland, Roger Béday, France,

Walter W. Lee, USA, José de Fagoaga Laguna, Spain, Antti Hiekkamies, Finland, E.J. Parker, South Africa.

Proposal No. 8

The President supports the Swedish Motion about a new round for World Championships and Olympic Tournaments, sent in to the FITA Programme Committee, but suggests alternatively 36 instead of 30 arrows at each distance suggested in this Motion. Maybe 36 arrows would give a better difference between the top archers.

Report of the President

1955
HELSINKI

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since the affiliation of Switzerland in 1953, our Federation now consists of 18 Nations representing 4 Continents. Europe leads by 13 Nations, but the other Continents are expected to increase their number of Nations within a few years. Archery is growing very fast in these days, all around the world.

India, Italy and Venezuela have officially asked for affiliation, and the following Nations have shown their interest in joining us later on: Canada, Germany, Luxembourg, People's Republic of China, the Philippines, and Turkey.

The XVth World Championship Tournament took place in Oslo on July 20th - 25th, 1953. The total number of competitors was 61, representing the following Nations:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Gentlemen</u>	<u>Total</u>
Belgium	1	9	10
Denmark	2	5	7
Finland	4	5	9
France	4	3	7
Norway	3	8	11
South Africa	-	1	1
Sweden	4	8	12
Switzerland	-	2	2
USA	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
	20	41	61

Nine Nations were not represented, because of various reasons.

Jean Richards, USA, won the Ladies' competition, scoring 3056 p, followed by Ilta-Meri Santaoja, Finland, scoring 2804 p, and Mme Lang, France, scoring 2688 p.

The Gentlemen's competition was won by Bror Lundgren, Sweden, scoring 3205 p, followed by Einar Tang-Holbek, Denmark, and Carl-Erik Bissman, Sweden, both scoring 3089 p.

The Team competitions were won by Finland (Ladies), 7681 p, and Sweden (Gentlemen) 9355 p.

Eight official World Records were beaten: 50 m (Long) Jean Richards, USA, 519 p. 90 m Bror Lundgren, Sweden, 750 p. 70 m Bror Lundgren, Sweden, 644 p. 50 m (Long) Bror Lundgren, Sweden, 382 p. Long Distances, total, Bror Lundgren, Sweden, 1776 p. Grand Total Bror Lundgren, Sweden, 3205 p. Teams: Long Distances, Gentlemen: Sweden, 5124 p. Grand Total, Gentlemen: Sweden, 9355 p.

The competitions took place at the Bislet Stadium, and the arrangements were perfect. Crown Prince Olav and Prince Harald were both present at the opening ceremony. Our Norwegian hosts were most generous, and the final banquet at the world-famous Holmenkollen will never be forgotten.

The second and third FITA Mail-Matches have been arranged in 1953 and 1954, respectively. Winners were:

1953

Ladies: Janina Kurkowska, Poland, 1597 p.
Gentlemen: W.J. Burton, New Zealand, 1619 p
Ladies' Teams: Poland, 4033 p
Gentlemen's Teams: Czechoslovakia, 4518 p

1954

Ladies: Iris Axlund, Sweden, 1468 p
Gentlemen: H.U. Schindler, Switzerland, 1609 p
Ladies' Teams: Poland, 4232 p
Gentlemen's Teams: Czechoslovakia, 4353 p

About 60 Ladies and 80 Gentlemen took part in the competition, as well in 1953 as in 1954.

Since the FITA Congress in 1953 our Olympic activities have been strongly increased. We have been constantly corresponding with the IOC authorities and with the National Olympic Committees all around the world. All of them have received our Statutes and Shooting Rules as well as No. 13 and No. 14 of our official Bulletin.

We have also sent them a questionnaire and have received answers from 31 countries, out of which only four are not prepared to vote for archery at the IOC Session in Paris this year.

At this Session, which will take place in June, archery will be demonstrated to the Olympic delegates at a competition, arranged by the French and Belgian Archery Associations. M. Paul Demare, our Honorary President, will lead this demonstration, assisted by M. Roger Béday and M. Oscar Kessels.

Our Delegates at the IOC Session will be M. Oscar Kessels and Mr. Lars Ekegren.

The Minutes of the FITA Congress in Oslo in 1953 have been printed in our "Bulletin Officiel" No. 14 (1954).

Many important questions will be discussed at the FITA Congress in Helsinki this year. I therefore hope that a majority of our Member Nations will be able to send their Delegates there, well prepared to take a vote after careful discussions about the Proposals and Motions at home.

There are changes suggested about the World Championships, prizes, titles, shooting rules and records. Continental Championships will also be discussed, among other important things.

Members of the Administrative Council will be elected for a period of four years, and our first Plaquettes for International Merits will be decided about.

This gives me an opportunity of mentioning our activities around the FITA Emblem, completed during 1954. FITA pins and car badges have been made and sold according to the Treasurer's Report, and a special pin and car badge has been made for Members and former Members of the Administrative Council.

We have also made the 1955 World Championship Medals, ordered by the Finnish Archery Association.

The Plaquettes for International Merits are gilt, and in silver and bronze.

Finally I have to report, with deep regret the passing to the Eternal Rest of our Honorary President, Dr. Bronislaw Pierzchala, Poland, and our "great little lady", Mrs. Louise Nettleton, England, both of them legendary promoters of international archery.

I also deeply regret the resignation of Major Sixten von Hofsten, our Treasurer, who has been a Member of the Administrative Council - in different functions - since the very start of our Federation. He is now ill, and Mr. Torsten Fahlman has taken over his office, according to a vote by letter. This vote has to be confirmed by Congress.

Mr Fahlman is wellknown to all old archery friends, and he is very welcome as a Member of the Council.

I wish you all welcome to Helsinki and to the Congress Meeting. Our Finnish friends have a world-wide reputation as perfect arrangers. We can therefore look forward to another first-class World Championship Tournament.

(signed) Henry Kjellson

The Economic Situation
of the
Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc
31/5 1955
(the values are given in swedish crowns)

Balance in hand 29/5 1953

<u>Capital account</u>	2405:98	<u>Bank account</u>	2405:98
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Profit and loss account

Bulletins n:is 13 and 14	4271:83	Affiliations	
Pins and car badges	4643:30*	1953	1098:-
Expences	<u>2774:20</u>	1954	1800:-
		1955	<u>1950:-</u>
			4848:- **
		Bulletins	1461:50**
		Pins and car badges	3947:- **
		Rents	65:56
		Capital acc. deficit	<u>1367:27</u>
Sum	11689:33	Sum	11689:33

Capital account 31/5 1955

Balance to carry over	1038:71	Balance in hand	2405:98
Gain and loss account	<u>1367:27</u>		
Sum	2405:98		2405:98

Balance to carry over 31/5 1955

Cash in hand	151:85	Not paid invoices	845:90
Bank account	245:96	Capital account	<u>1038:71</u>
Stock of pins and badges	736:80		
Demands for affiliations	250:--		
bulletins	100:--		
pins and badg.	<u>400:--</u>		
Sum	1884:61	Sum	1884:61

Stockholm May 31 1955

F. Fahlman

*Thereof not paid 845:90

** thereof not paid affiliations,
bulletins, pins and car-badges
750:--

The President's suggestion about

RULES FOR THE FITA PLAQUETTE FOR INTERNATIONAL MERITS

BRONZE PLAQUETTE

The Board of each National Archery Association, affiliated to FITA, decides about this Plaque. It can be given to archers or officials who have done much for international archery, or to other people who have strongly promoted international archery. Before January 1st the Board sends a list of the receivers to FITA, together with the payment for these Plaquettes. After the approval of the Executive Committee the Plaquettes will be delivered.

/Note: The Executive Committee has to control that the same receiver has not been suggested twice by two different Associations, or suggested to receive a Plaque of higher value/.

SILVER PLAQUETTE

Before January 1st the Board of each National Archery Association, affiliated to FITA, suggests the receivers to the FITA Administrative Council by a letter to the FITA Office. Enclosed to the letter should be found a detailed exposition of the reasons for giving this Plaque to the receivers suggested. Under the same conditions, the Members of the FITA Council are also allowed to suggest their candidates. Decision will then be made through voting by letter within the FITA Council. Furthermore the FITA Congress can decide about the distribution of this Plaque without hearing the National Archery Associations or the FITA Council.

The Silver Plaque, which will be paid by FITA, is meant to reward those who have promoted international archery in a really excellent way.

GILT PLAQUETTE

Only the FITA Congress is entitled to honour real top merits within international archery by distributing the Gilt Plaque at very spare occasions. This Plaque can also be given to the Heads of the State, who have promoted international archery. It will be paid by FITA.

The name of the receiver should be engraved in the demarcated space at the bottom of the Plaquettes, and a list of the receivers will be published in the FITA Bulletin.

The Bronze Plaque should be given to the receiver by the Chairman of his own National Archery Association at a festival archery occasion, which should be reported beforehand to the FITA President.

The Silver Plaque should be given to the receiver by a Member of the FITA Council, according to the decision by its Members or by the FITA Congress. The festival occasion should be reported beforehand to the FITA President.

The Gilt Plaque should be given to the receiver by the FITA President.

WORLD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT HELSINKI 1955

SUOMEN JOUSIAMPUJAIN LIITTO -
FINLANDS BÅGSKYTTEFÖRBUND r.y.

REPORT OF THE TOURNAMENT

Having finally been entrusted, at the World Championship Congress in Oslo in 1953, with the task of arranging the World Championship Tournament in Helsinki in 1955, our Federation appointed an Executive Committee for preparing the Tournament. This Committee was composed of

Chairman: General K.A. Tapola

Secretary: L. Saxberg

Members: Antti Hiekkamies and E.V. Lihte

Preparations commenced about one year before the Tournament, and in autumn 1954 the definite programme was in its main features clear. At the turn of the year 1954-55, preliminary invitations were sent to the Member Federations of the FITA, requesting preliminary information on participations. These informations only very slightly differ from the definite figures that were received 1 month prior to the Tournament.

Once the preparations having been concluded, the Federation appointed an Organizing Committee with General K.A. Tapola as Chairman. The composition of the Committee is in detail reported in the ~~Tournament~~ Programme. The actual arrangements are due partly to the experiences had from previous World Championship Tournaments and partly to the benevolent support from the General Secretary of the FITA, Lars Ekegren.

RECEPTION AND ACCOMMODATION.

As far as possible, the Organizing Committee has participated in the accommodation arrangements, although this detail generally in the first place has been left to the guests. At the best of its ability, the Committee has likewise endeavoured to put liaison persons at the disposal of the guests for the purpose of introducing the Archers in our town.

TOURNAMENT GROUND

After due deliberation, the Organizing Committee decided to locate the shooting to the Pallokenttä near the Stadium and not to the Stadium itself. This step was taken particularly with a view to the fact that the Pallokenttä is somewhat larger, thus rendering it possible to avoid that four archers would shoot at the same target. To the decision contributed also the circumstance that sudden gusts of wind have been sometimes constatated in the Stadium building.

SCORING AND LEADING OF SHOOTING

These details are dealt with in enclosed report.

TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME

The programme of the different tournament days is listed in enclosed programme booklet containing a graphic representation of the events during the six days. For good order's sake, the programme is herewith repeated in full:

Monday, July 18 th.

9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Training on the Pallokenttä Grounds III-IV
10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The Cashier's Office kept open for receiving fees, for delivering coupon books & c.

2.00 p.m.

5.00 p.m.

The FITA Congress at the Hotel Seurahuone near the railway station.
The town of Helsinki invites the participants of the Congress, Team Captains, and Archers, to an official reception at the Town Hall, at the Kauppatori in the Southern Harbour.

Tuesday, July 19 th.

8.00 a.m.

8.30 a.m.

9.00 a.m.

9.30 a.m.

abt. 1.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m.

abt. 5.30 p.m.

Access to the changing-rooms
Inspection of the shooting equipment
Opening Ceremony and opening of the Tournament
Long Round 90 metres
Luncheon at the Messuravintola near the Tournament ground
Continuation of Long Round
Conclusion of Long Round

Wednesday, July 20 th.

8.30 a.m.

8.50 a.m.

9.00 a.m.

10.30 p.m.

1.00 p.m.

3.00 p.m.

Access to the changing-rooms
Inspection of the shooting equipment
Short Round
Conclusion of Short Round
Luncheon at the Messuravintola
Sightseeing by bus in Helsinki during abt. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, starting from the Suurtori. Stop at the Kalastajatorppa where coffee will be served

Thursday, July 21 st.

8.30 a.m.

8.50 a.m.

9.00 a.m.

abt. 0.30 p.m.

2.00 p.m.

abt. 5.00 p.m.

Access to the changing-rooms
Inspection of the shooting equipment
Long Round 90 metres
Luncheon at the Messuravintola
Continuation of Long Round
Conclusion of Long Round

Friday, July 22 nd.

8.30 a.m.

8.50 a.m.

9.00 a.m.

abt. 0.30 p.m.

1.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m.

Access to the changing-rooms
Inspection of the shooting equipment
Short Round
Conclusion of Short Round. The World Champions are appointed on the tournament ground. Concluding ceremony.
Luncheon at the Messuravintola
Sightseeing by the ss. Runeberg in the archipelago of H:ki

Saturday, July 23 rd.

6.00 p.m.

Distribution of prizes and celebration banquet at the Kulosaaren Casino.

GENERAL

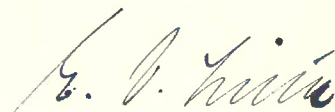
A small, although important detail is the maintenance of a fixed application time for participation. According to the FITA Statutes, the number of participants should be communicated one month prior to the Tournament and a list of the names of the participants should be addressed to the organizers two weeks before the Tournament. This wording, however, can be misinterpreted. Despite the availability of swift means of transportation, the mail to a distant country like Finland may require even a week. Consequently the organizers will be kept in uncertainty as to whether the application will arrive or will the team fail to come in spite of the preliminary application. It may even occur, as was the case this time, that the application of a country will not arrive till after the drawing of lots having taken place. It will be evident for everybody without further explanations that such a situation can be very precarious. This time, I hope, the matter has been arranged to entire satisfaction, but in future it would be advisable to closely precise the consequences of delayed applications.

In the hope that this report will give those present a small insight in the arrangements that have preceded the Tournament,

Helsinki, July 18 th 1955

on behalf of the Organizing Committee

Tournament Leader



Enclosures:

Programme booklet
Account of scoring & c.

WORLD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT HELSINKI 1955

Announcement of scores

- 1) After the shooting on each distance, the accumulated scores of the competitors are being announced in succession on the main notice-board situated at the Head Entrance behind the shooting line.
- 2) The accumulated scores of the 5 best ladies and of the 10 best gentlemen will be announced during the course of shooting on the notice-board opposite the spectators' gallery on the other side of the ground. The score is to be changed after 9 arrows at the latest. The function of the notice-board can be exemplified as follows:

m	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
70	12C	4A	2B	3C	11A
12	1480	1470	1460	1450	1440

which implies - in case the score is announced e.g. on the third day of the Tournament, i.e. during the second Long Round- that

at this stage of the shooting in the Ladies' Class, the Archer Nr 12C has scored the highest with 1480 points, Archer Nr 4A being the next, a.s.o. The distance of shooting is 70 metres and the score is based on the first 12 arrows shot on this distance.

In the Gentlemen's Class the score is announced in the same way, to the right of the announcement in the Ladies' Class if seen from the spectator gallery.

- 3) The Tournament Office distributes, during the course of the shooting, duplicated score reports to team captains, pressmen, &c. The reports are uncontrolled, their main purpose being swift communication to the persons in question.
- 4) At the latest 2 hours after the shooting having been concluded each day, a controlled score report will be given on the Tournament ground of the scores achieved so far. Likewise exhaustive score reports will be distributed to all participants and other persons concerned, at the latest the morning after, as follows:

90 (70)	50	90D (70D)	50D
70 (60)	35	70D (60D)	35D
50	25	50D	25D
L	S	LD	SD
	LS	LSL	DIR

- 5) To all parts concerned, a complete scores' summary will be given in the Conclusion Form according to established custom.

A filing cover for all the score reports will be distributed to each participant and team captain prior to the shooting.

Leading of the shooting.

- 1) During the course of the shooting, the leader of the shooting will be standing to the right of the shooting line, opposite the spectators' gallery. He has at his disposal a notice-board of the following schematic appearance:

60	BCA	70
18		18

implying that the distance in question is 60 for ladies and 70 for gentlemen and that the series of arrows Nr 16 to 18 is to be shot. The order of shooting is BCA, i.e. on this occasion B will shoot first, then C and last A.

- 2) According to the FITA-rules the following whistle signals will be used:
 - 1) 1 long signal - shooting commences
 - 2) 2 short signals - marking commences
 - 3) 3 short signals - warning, immediate interruption of shooting

Minutes of the XVIIth International Archery Congress

Helsinki, 1955

Part I

At the Societetshuset Restaurant, Helsinki, on July 18th, 1955, at 2 p.m.

Before the opening of Congress the President informed the Delegates of the death of Dr. Bronislaw Pierzchala, Poland, President of FITA until 1939 and thereafter Honorary President, and of Mrs. Nettleton, England, the "Grand Old Lady of Archery". Their Memory was honoured by a silent minute.

I. Opening of Congress

At the call-over of names the following qualified representatives answered:

Australia: Mrs. Frith
Belgium: M. Kessels
Czechoslovakia: M. Koblich
Denmark: Mr. Poulsen
Finland: Mr. Hiekkamies
Great Britain: Mrs. Frith
Holland: M. Kessels
New Zealand: Mrs. Frith
Norway: Mr. Neerbye
Poland: M. Filip
Portugal: M. Kessels
South Africa: Mr. Hunter
Spain: M. Kessels
Sweden: Mr. Bolle
Switzerland: Mr. Schindler
USA: Mrs. Richards

The President, the General Secretary and the temporary Treasurer, Mr. Torsten Fahlman, were also present, together with extra Representatives from several Member Associations, and an Observer from Germany.

The President confirmed that the qualified Representatives present were all entitled to vote, and opened the Meeting of the XVIIth International Archery Congress.

II. Qualification for competing in the World Championship Tournament of 1955

The Treasurer verified that all the National Archery Associations present except Poland had paid their annual fees. Poland promised to pay the remaining 50 Sw. Crowns without any delay, after which it was decided that all archers entered were entitled to compete in the World Championship Tournament of 1955.

III. Affiliation of New Archery Associations

The General Secretary reported that the following countries had formally asked for affiliation: Canada, Cuba, India, Italy, Luxembourg, Turkey and Venezuela. The Treasurer then reported that all of these Nations except India, Italy and Venezuela had paid their first annual fee.

Congress decided to accept Canada, Cuba, Luxembourg and Turkey. India and Venezuela will also be accepted, if they pay their first annual fee before January 1st, 1956. M. Kessels objected to Italy, after which Italy was not accepted.

IV. Draw Check Indicators permitted at the 1955 World Championship Tournament

Congress accepted the President's suggestion that Draw Check Indicators should be accepted at the 1955 World Championship Tournament. Only Poland and Czechoslovakia voted against the suggestion.

V. New Rule for winning Teams

Congress accepted the following change of the last sentence of the FITA Rules, Art. 47, B, suggested by Great Britain:

1. The team containing the archer making the highest Grand Total score;
 2. The team containing the archer making the second highest Grand Total score;
 3. The team containing the archer making the third highest Grand Total score.
- If a tie exists after this, the teams shall be declared equal.

VI. The World Championship Tournament of 1955

Mr. Savonius - as representative of the Organizers - gave Congress a Report about the arrangements of the 1955 World Championship Tournament. The Report was unanimously accepted.

VII. Award of FITA Plaquettes for International Merits

Congress unanimously decided to award the following persons with the FITA Plaquettes for International Merit to the following:

Gilt: Demare, Paul - France
Ekegren, Lars - Sweden
von Hofsten, Sixten - Sweden
Kessels, Oscar - Belgium
Kjellson, Henry - Sweden
Nettleton, C.W. - Great Britain

Silver: Bédary, Roger - France
Bolle, Tomas - Sweden
Cooremans, Lucien - Belgium
Deutgen, Hans - Sweden
Ekelund, Bo - Sweden
de Fagoaga Laguna, José - Spain
Fahlman, Torsten - Sweden
Forsberg, Boris - Finland
von Frenckell, Erik - Finland
Gille, Nils - Sweden
Heilborn, Emil - Sweden
Hiekkamies, Antti - Finland
Koeckelenberg, Raymond - Belgium
Lee, Walter W. - USA
Lenecek, Jaroslav - Czechoslovakia
Lesniewski, Julian - Poland
Lihte, Erik - Finland
Massard, Armand - France
Medaer, L.A. - Belgium
Meyer, Gunnar - Norway
Neerbye, Robert - Norway
Nielsen, Paul - Denmark
Parker, E.J. - South Africa
Poulsen, Axel - Denmark
Richards, Jean - USA

Seeldrayers, R.W. - Belgium
Skarp, Vainö - Finland
Tang-Holbek, Einar - Denmark
Tapola, K.A. - Finland

The Gilt Plaquettes to be presented by the President at the FITA Banquet on July 23rd, 1955: the Silver Plaquettes should be presented at a festival occasion by the Chairman of the National Archery Association concerned.

In accordance with the Rules, the Swedish Archery Association had decided to award Bronze Plaquettes to the following:

Andersson, Viktor - Sweden
Blechingberg, Håkan - Sweden
Trapp, Björn - Sweden
Trolle, Erik - Sweden

The Meeting ended at 3 p.m.

Secretary of the Meeting: Mr. Ekegren

Part II

At the Societetshuset Restaurant, Helsinki, on July 23rd, 1955, at 9 a.m.

VIII. Call-over of names

At the call-over of names the following qualified representatives answered:

Australia: Mrs. Frith
Belgium: M. Kessels
Czechoslovakia: M. Koblich
Denmark: Mr. Poulsen
Finland: Mr. Hiekkamies
France: Mlle. Bernot
Great Britain: Mrs Frith
Holland, M. Kessels
Luxembourg: M. Kessels
New Zealand: Mrs. Frith
Norway: Mr. Neerbye
Poland: M. Filip
Portugal: M. Kessels
South Africa: Mr. Hunter
Spain: M. Kessels
Sweden: Mr. Bolle
Switzerland: Mr. Schindler
USA: Mrs. Richards

The President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer were also present, as well as some extra representatives from Member Associations and an Observer from Germany.

After the call-over of names, the President heartily greeted the Delegates, specially those attending to a Congress Meeting for the first time: Mlle. Bernot, M. Koblich, M. Filip and Mr. Bolle. He also heartily greeted the German Observer, Mr. Tinnefeld, expressing his hope to see Germany as a Member of FITA before long

IX. Minutes of the FITA Congress of 1953

The Minutes of the FITA Congress of 1953, as published in the FITA Bulletin No. 14, were unanimously accepted.

X. Report of the President

The Report of the President, which had been separately distributed, was unanimously accepted.

XI. Financial Report for 1953 - 1955

The Treasurer's Financial Report for 1953 - 1955, which had been separately distributed, was unanimously accepted.

XII. Olympic Report

The General Secretary reported that FITA had been officially invited to send two Delegates to the IOC Meeting in Paris on June 12th - 18th, 1955. The Executive Committee first appointed Mr. Kjellson and Mr. Ekegren to go, but later on Mr. Kjellson became seriously ill, because of which he was replaced by M. Kessels. The French and Belgian Archery Associations had arranged an archery demonstration for the Olympic Delegates at Polo de Bagatelle on June 12th. This demonstration was a success. In spite of rain about 35 Nations were present, and many new personal contacts have already given positive results. Strangely enough, the official FITA Delegates were not permitted to take part in the Meetings. However, they did their best to contact the Olympic Delegates and to give them all information wanted about archery. On July 17th the archery question came up, unfortunately together with some other sports, and our request was turned down by a majority of votes. Many archery countries didn't vote, or voted against archery. The General Secretary ended by pointing out that more Member Nations in close cooperation with their respective National Olympic Committees would mean more votes and success in the future. He also thanked the arrangers of the archery demonstration, specially mentioning M. Demare, M. Beday and M. Kessels. Also Mr. Hiekkamies, M. Massard, Mr. Ekelund and Mr. von Freneckell had been very helpful. The Report was unanimously accepted.

M. Kessels thanked the General Secretary and suggested that FITA should give a symbolic sum of money to the French Archery Association, to cover part of the expenses connected with the archery demonstration. This was unanimously accepted, and it was decided that the Executive Committee should see what could be done about the money.

XIII. Report of the Technical Commission

The Report of the Technical Commission of the XVIIth World Championship Tournament was read by its President, Mr. Mark Savonius (Finland). It was unanimously accepted.

XIV. The Annual Fee

Basing his opinion upon the Financial Report, Mr. Poulsen suggested an increase of the Annual Fee from 100 to 200 Swedish Crowns per Nation. This was accepted by all votes but two. Mr. Hunter proposed that 200 Sw. Cr. should include five free copies of every issue of the Bulletin. This suggestion also was accepted.

XV. Election of Members of the FITA Administrative Council

Mr. C.W. Nettleton, Great Britain, M. Jaroslav Lenecek, Czechoslovakia, and M. Oscar Kessels, Belgium, were unanimously re-elected Vice Presidents of FITA from 1955 to 1959. Mr. Robert Neerbye, Norway, M. Roger Beday, France, and Mr. E.J. Parker, South Africa, were re-elected Members of the Council for the same period. New Members of the Council were Mrs. Jean Richards, USA, elected from 1955 to 1959, and Mr. A.J. Barter, Australia, elected from 1955 to 1957. Instead of Mr. Sixten von Hofsten, who had resigned because of illness, Mr. Torsten Fahlman, Sweden, was elected Treasurer of FITA from 1955 to 1957. The President welcomed the new Members of the Council and expressed his deep gratitude to Mr. von Hofsten, who had been a Member of the Council since the very start of the Federation.

XVI. Pinsights, points of aim, drawcheck indicators

After a discussion about the aiming problem, Congress decided as follows:

Pinsights:

Simple bowsights other than dioptric (i.e. those embodying a lens or prism) shall be allowed. An attachment on the string, not exceeding one centimetre in any direction, is also allowed. (Australian motion)

Points of aim

Shall be allowed, as now.

Drawcheck indicators

Shall be allowed.

Pointsights were accepted by 14 votes to 4, Points of aim by 17 votes to 1, and Drawcheck indicators by 15 votes to 3.

XVII. Next World Championship Tournament

Belgium withdrew a Motion about World Championship Tournaments each year. Congress decided that the next World Championship Tournament should be arranged in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1957. An extra World Championship Tournament should then be arranged in Brussels in 1958, in connection with the Belgian World Fair. M. Kessels spoke for the City of Brussels, which promised to pay all entrance fees for individuals and teams .

XVIII. Regional Championships

Congress decided that FITA could permit Regional Championships to take place without any change of the present Rules.

XIV. FITA Council Meeting in Stockholm

Congress decided that a FITA Council Meeting should take place in Stockholm on the first Sunday of October, 1956. Motions and Proposals for this Meeting to be sent to the FITA Office before January 1st, 1956. The Stockholm Meeting was given the right to decide the following questions:

1. World Records and World Championship Records.
2. World Championship Titles.
3. World Championship Challenge Prizes.
4. World Championship Medals.
5. A Czechoslovakian Motion about International Judges.

XX. Changes of the FITA RULES

An English suggestion - that the FITA Rules should be re-written and re-arranged into two parts: Rules and Regulations - was approved.

XXI. The World Championship Programme

In accordance with a decision of the Oslo Meeting in 1953 a Programme Committee - consisting of Robert Neerbye (Chairman), Axel Poulsen and Antti Hiekkamies - had made an investigation among the Member Associations and the Members of the Administrative Council, in order to find a way of shortening the shooting time of the World Championship Tournaments. A Report had been made and distributed in April 1955. All suggestions were discussed according to a voting plan, suggested by the President. According to this plan, Congress first decided, by 16 votes to 2, that alterations in the World Championship Programme should be made. Then it was decided by 14 votes to 4 that a basic - and not a minor - change should be made.

Congress decided as follows:

1. A new Round, named the "FITA Round", be recognized. This round will replace the International Long and Short Rounds at World Championship Tournaments and at Olympic Tournaments.
2. A World Championship Tournament or an Olympic Tournament will consist of two FITA Rounds. There will be a vote by letter amongst the Member Associations and the Members of the Administrative Council about these two Rounds in two, three or four days.
3. A single FITA Round will consist of

Gentlemen: 36 arrows at 90 metres
 36 arrows at 70 metres
 36 arrows at 50 metres
 36 arrows at 30 metres

= 144 arrows

Ladies: 36 arrows at 70 metres
 36 arrows at 60 metres
 36 arrows at 50 metres
 36 arrows at 30 metres

= 144 arrows

4. If shot on one day, the two longer distances are to be shot before lunch and the two shorter after.
5. At 90 m and 70 m (Gentlemen), and at 70 m and 60 m (Ladies) a 10-ringed, International target face will be used. Diameter: 122 cm.
At 50 m and 30 m (Ladies and Gentlemen) a 10-ringed, International target face will be used. Diameter: 80 cm.
6. All scoring from 10 to 1 points. Hits and golds to be considered as in the International Round.

XXII. The FITA Mail-Match

Congress decided that FITA Mail-Matches should be arranged every year from 1956 on. This Match should consist of a single FITA Round, shot in one day in a competition recognized by the National Archery Association, and according to the Mail-Match Rules. The decision was made by 15 votes to 3.

XXIII. Interpreters at FITA Congresses

Congress decided that interpreters for French, English and German should be present at all future FITA Congresses.

XXIV. Unofficial competitors at World Championship Tournaments

Congress did not accept a Belgian Motion about letting unofficial competitors take part in World Championship Tournaments.

XXV. The Emblem and Marking Stand Competitions

The FITA Emblem Committee, consisting of Lars Ekegren (Chairman), Jean Richards and Roger Beday, reported that Mr. Ingvar Helje, Malung, Sweden, had won the Emblem competition. The Report was unanimously accepted.

Congress decided to drop the Marking Stand competition, as no good suggestions had been sent in to the FITA office.

XXV. Sundry Questions

There were no sundry questions to discuss. Mrs. Frith expressed the Member Nations' gratitude to the General Secretary, and Finland specially thanked the President for his kind cooperation. The President ended the Meeting by thanking all Delegates for positive and loyal discussions of difficult problems, and for a historic Meeting.

The Meeting ended at 12.15 p.m.

Secretary of the Meeting: Mr. Ekegren

Motions to the FITA Congress in Helsinki in 1955

Motion No. 1: England

FITA Rules, Art. 47, B: Last sentence to be changed to:

1. The team containing the archer making the highest Grand Total score;
2. The team containing the archer making the second highest Grand Total score;
3. The team containing the archer making the third highest Grand Total score.

If a tie exist after this, the teams shall be declared equal.

(This Motion will be discussed on the first Congress day.)

Motion No. 2: England

Recommends the award of a Silver Plaquette for International Merits to Mr. C.W. Nettleton.

Motion No. 3: England

Suggests that Mr. C.W. Nettleton be re-elected a FITA Vice-President.

Motion No. 4: USA

Suggests that Mrs. Jean Richards be elected a Member of the FITA Administrative Council, representing the American continent, according to the Oslo decision.

Motion No. 5: Australia

Suggests that Mr. A.J. Barter be elected a Member of the FITA Administrative Council, representing the Australian continent, according to the Oslo decision.

Motion No. 6: Australia

Suggests that Art. 24 of the FITA Rules be deleted, and the following be substituted:

Simple bowsights other than dioptric (i.e. those embodying a lens or prism) sights shall be allowed. An attachment on the string not exceeding one centimetre in any direction is also allowed.

Motion No. 7: England

Suggests that the first sentence of Art. 24 of the FITA Rules be amended to read: Marks on the bow or on the hand, and any form of "pinsight" are permitted; but bowsights which incorporate any form of lens or prism are not allowed.

That the second sentence ("This mark should ...") be deleted as quite unnecessary.

Motion No. 8: England

Suggests that - if Motion No. 7 is not adopted - Art. 27 of the FITA Rules be amended to read:

Artificial "Points of Aim" are not allowed.

In other words the suggestion is that either both pinsights and artificial points of aim be permitted, or that neither should be allowed.

Motion No. 9: England

Suggests that the FITA Mail Match should be held every year.

Motion No. 10: England

Suggests that - as an amendment to Mr. Kjellson's Proposal that European Championships and World Championships be held in alternate years -

No Tournament sponsored by the FITA or by any Member on behalf of the FITA in years when no World Championships are held shall be recognised as a Championship Meeting.

Any European Championship Meeting which it may be desirable to hold shall only be held concurrently with a World Championships Meeting.

Great Britain is strongly opposed to holding World Championships in every year. Under present conditions we cannot afford to enter a team oftener than every other year. Besides which, we consider that it is detrimental to the prestige of an International Society if it changes its mind at every Meeting of Congress. If we cannot afford to send an official team every year to World Championships, we cannot afford European Championships as an alternative, but we should be pleased to encourage any of our members who would like to do so at their own expense to go to any International Meeting, not a Championship, that might be held at any time.

Motion No. 11: England

Suggests that Congress give a ruling as to which, if not all, FITA Rules apply to competitions other than the World Championships. For instance - must Art. 28 regarding changes in order of shooting be observed in the FITA Mail Match?

In other words, we recommend that the whole of the FITA Rules be re-written and re-arranged into two parts:

- A. Rules of Shooting that must be observed on all occasions when International Rounds are being shot.
- B. Regulations for the World Championship Meeting.

In the present edition of the Rules, roughly speaking, Sections IV, V, VI (up to Art. 45) and Arts. 53 and 54 are the Rules of Shooting. All the rest are Regulations showing how the Meeting is to be run, and cannot be applied to shooting in clubs and other competitions, although they may form a guide as to how other meetings may be arranged.

Motion No. 12: Belgium

Suggests that World Championships should be held annually and not every second year, as now.

Motion No. 13: The World Championship Programme Committee

Suggestions made to the Committee, regarding Programme, Medals etc. (Separately forwarded to all Member Associations and Members of the Administrative Council by the Committee.)

Motion No. 14: South Africa

Suggestion: A ruling from FITA on their attitude towards the use of Draw Check Indicators, such as those which are now fitted to the Apollo Steel Bow. We consider that these indicators are an additional aid to shooting but can find nothing in the FITA Rules which says yea or nay.

Motion No. 15: Denmark

Recommends the award of a Silver Plaque for International Merits to Mr. Einar Tang-Holbek. (He is the Vice-President of the Danish Archery Society and an international top archer, who has promoted archery in many countries.)

Motion No. 16: Belgium

Suggests that the organizing Nation should be obliged to put at the disposal of the Congress and its preparatory work an interpreter in 3 languages, in order to increase the value and interest of the Congress activities.

Motion No. 17: Belgium

Says that the value of the FITA Mail Match will be increased by incorporating it in regional competitions, such as for example the British International Tournament, the Scandinavian Tournament, the Coupe Latine etc. In the event of bad weather conditions (heavy wind or other perturbations) the date of shooting may be postponed, that is to say the competition can be held at another moment. This to put all participating countries on the same level.

Motion No. 18: Belgium

Suggests to maintain the status-quo as to the number of participants at World Championship Meetings, but to leave to the organizing Nation the option (for advertising purposes) to let twelve Lady - and/or Gentlemen- archers take part unofficially, but nevertheless mixed up with the other competitors.

Motion No. 19: Belgium

The City of Brussels has expressed the desire of welcoming the archers from all around the world in 1958, the year when the Belgian World Fair will be held. The Belgian Archery Federation therefore wants to arrange the 1958 World Championship Tournament.

Motion No. 20: Belgium

Recommends the award of Silver Plaquettes for International Merits to M.R.W. Seeldrayers, President of the Belgian Olympic Committee, great protector of International Archery, and M.L.A. Medaer, Chairman of the Belgian Archery Association and principal organiser of numerous international competitions. Bronze (or Silver) plaquettes are suggested to M. Lucien Cooremans, Alderman of the City of Brussels, Deputy of the Belgian House of Commons, who was very helpful at the 1952 World Championship Tournament, and M. Raymond Koeckelenberg, Director of Sports of the City of Brussels, always helpful at international archery events in Brussels.

Motion No. 21: Sweden

Recommends the award of a Gilt Plaquette for International Merits to Mr. Sixten von Hofsten, Member of the FITA Administrative Council from 1931, Vice-President in 1931 - 1932 and in 1938 - 1939, Treasurer in 1946 - 1955.

Silver Plaquettes to Mr. Emil Heilborn, a very active international leader and World Champion before the war, Mr. Nils Gille, the Manager of the SEEFAB Co., who has just retired, Mr. Hans Deutgen, four times Champion of the World and creator of a new, international shooting style, Mr. Torsten Fahlman, internationally wellknown leader and one of the principal organisers of the World Championship Tournaments of 1934 and 1946, Treasurer of FITA since 1955, and Mr. Tomas Bolle, the organiser of the SEEFAB CUP.

Motion No. 22: Sweden

Suggests only one Champion of the World and one Lady Champion of the World, as well as one Team Champion of the World among Ladies and Gentlemen, respectively, for the Grand Total victory. Others to be declared Champions of their distances, but not Champions of the World.

Motion No. 23: The General Secretary

Recommends the award of a Gilt Plaquette for International Merits to Mr. Henry Kjellson, FITA President since 1949, Vice-President in 1946 - 1949, Champion of the World in 1934, internationally wellknown expert on bows and arrows

He also recommends the award of Silver Plaquettes to Boris Forsberg, Finland, highly efficient international leader, Lieutenant General K.A. Tapola, Finland, Chairman of the Finnish Archery Association and very active contact man in the Olympic question, Armand Massard, France, Olympic Vice-President and ardent archery supporter, Erik von Frenckell, Finland, and Bo Ekelund, Sweden, Chairman and Member of the Olympic Programme Committee, who have at several occasions suggested archery to be re-introduced as an optional Olympic Sport.