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Item 14.5 WA Judge Committee Congress Report

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Due to heavy workload WA appointed on request a couple of younger judges to assist the committee in certain areas which have been very helpful. In this respect we would like to thank Sabrina Steffens and Indranil Datta for their contribution.

Business as usual:

The committee has been working on business as usual, like conducting seminars, conducting conferences, appointing judges for events, updating the Judges Guidebook, issuing Judging Newsletters and replied and considered questions, cases and rules with relevance to judging.

Challenges and future solutions:

In spite of continuous work on improving our seminars, many new judges with good theory knowledge seems to have problems in transferring their knowledge into solving practical issues on the field of play.

We are therefore in need of developing some live images for training purpose and in this respect we look to WA Excellent Center with their possibilities to modernizing the education system.

We have also been discussing how to evaluate the judges fairly and thus give a more individual feedback, possibly also give a proper individual reaction (which we have done in some few cases).

For some years we have tried to persuade responsible persons for coach education to include a session of rules in their seminars. Our experience is that lot of questions (and mistake) comes from the fact that coaches have not been aware of important rules, and thus not been able to teach their archers respectively.

However, now this seems to be solved and we will make the relevant input for such a purpose.

Another important issue that have been discussed, is to have a limited number of chairmen who are paid for their efforts. A good chairman is essential for a successful work of the judges. However, we of course see the financial obstacles in making such an idea becoming a reality even if it will introduce more professional judging.