



Condolences

Dr Karol HIBNER passed away

It is with the greatest sadness that FITA has learned that Dr Karol HIBNER, MD, PhD, chairman of its Medical and Sports Sciences Committee (MSSC), passed away on 28 March 2009 at the age of 72, after a long and courageous fight against cancer. His funeral will be held on 8 April in Warsaw, Poland and will be attended by FITA's 1st Vice President Paul PAULSEN.



Born on 19 August 1936 in Warsaw, Karol HIBNER graduated from Medical Academy in 1963 and later specialised in orthopaedic surgery and traumatology. From 1971 to 1977, he worked as an Orthopaedic Professor in Warsaw and Leicester (UK) hospitals. From 1977 to 2002, he was the Medical Director of the Polish branch of the US pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly. He retired in 2002 but continued to work as consultant for several companies.

From 1971 to 1999, Dr HIBNER was the Medical Supervisor of the Polish Archery Team and also became a member of the FITA Medical Committee as of 1971. He was President (1988-1992) and then Secretary General (1993-1997) of the Polish Archery Federation. He also organised the 1991 Archery World Championships in Krakow. He has been chairman of the Medical Committee since 1993.

Dr HIBNER was FITA Medical Delegate at the Olympic Games in Atlanta (1996), Sydney (2000) and Athens (2004). He was awarded with several distinctions for his contribution to the Polish Olympic Movement. In 1995, he was decorated by the President of the Polish Republic, Lech WALESZA, with a "Golden Cross of Merit" for his contribution to the development of diabetes treatment in Poland. The FITA Congress awarded him with a Gold Plaque in 2003.

He was a real model in showing courage and determination to fight against his disease, while continuing to work hard for the committee with many medical recommendations and publications, contributing to FITA anti-doping policies and representing FITA at international sports medicine meetings. Dr HIBNER was a great chair of the MSSC and he will be missed within FITA. The FITA President, FITA Council, MSSC's members—Dr Emin ERGEN, acting chairman, Dr Jean-Claude LAPOSTOLLE, Dr Carlos HERMES, Ms Nancy LITTKE—and the entire FITA staff and family hereby express their sincere condolences to Dr HIBNER's family and friends.

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Sponsorship

Archery cashes in with Vakifbank

We are pleased to announce a 1-year sponsorship agreement with Vakifbank. Vakifbank, one of the biggest and very dynamic banks in Turkey, will invest for the first time in international sponsorship and hopes to grow its business with the help of FITA in 2009 and beyond. The bank earns the status of "Official Sponsor" for the Archery World Cup and Archery World Championships.



In 2009, FITA will have KIA Motors, Spor Toto, Vakifbank, Turkish Airlines, Milli Piyango and Longines as Official Sponsors or Partners. Moreover, FITA has also concluded partnerships with archery manufacturers Easton and Hoyt, the agency MP Silva as well as Hacettepe University. FITA has also reached an agreement to continue receiving the event services provided by former sponsor Meteksan Events and will soon announce a partnership with a logistic company.

"We are very pleased to welcome a new archery supporter in the like of Vakifbank. We are convinced that this new relationship will be a win-win situation. We will help in the international recognition of Vakifbank, whereas its support is key to continue the development of our activities", said FITA President Prof Dr Ugur ERDENER.

The archery community would like to wish again a warm welcome to Vakifbank as a FITA sponsor!

For the complete press release, please see the section News/Press Releases/3 March 2009 of the FITA website.

FITA Congress 2009

Registration & Proxies

The FITA Secretary General's invitation letter to Congress was released on the FITA website in the section Organisation/Congress/Next Congress 2009, together with the general Congress schedule (as of 24 March 2009), the statutory registration form and the proxy form.

Travel & Accommodation

The Korean Archery Association's invitation letter to Congress was released on the FITA website in the section Organisation/Congress/Next Congress 2009, together with the accommodation form and the transportation form.

Please note that Congress travel and accommodation arrangements and payments shall be made only through the Korean Archery Association, by email to (archery@sports.or.kr) or fax +82 2 420 4262, except for FITA Council members, Permanent Committees chair people and Honorary Officers who will be contacted in due course by the FITA office.

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AAE Arizona Cup
8-12 April 2009



EMAU Grand Prix (1st leg)
14-18 April 2009



Stage 2 - Porec (CRO)
4-9 May 2009



EMAU Grand Prix (2nd leg)
19-24 May 2009



European Archery Disabled
Invitational Event
5-11 June 2009



25th Universiade
BELGRADE
2009
Summer Universiade
1-12 July 2009

Elections

On 3 March 2009, the Secretary General's official announcement of the positions to be elected at Congress were posted on the FITA website in the section Organisation/Congress/Next Congress – Ulsan 2009 and simultaneously sent to all Member Associations.

Important Deadlines

Amendments to Motions and Proposals (Member Associations, Continental Associations, President, Council or Permanent Committees within their term of reference):

Sunday, 12 April 2009

Submission of written request to vote on a specific bylaw (by Member Associations, Continental Associations, President, Council):

Tuesday, 12 May 2009

Nominations for positions to be elected (for publication on the FITA website and Congress documents):

Monday, 1 June 2009 (postmark)

Hotel Congress booking and 70 % payment (through Korean Archery Association):

Tuesday, 9 June 2009

Proxies to be received at the FITA Office:

Friday, 31 July 2009

Nominations for positions to be elected (for distribution in the final paper documents at Congress):

Monday, 10 August 2009 (postmark)

Flight schedule confirmation and final accommodation payment (through Korean Archery Association), Statutory delegates registration (through the FITA Office):

Tuesday, 11 August 2009

All detailed information and forms are available on the FITA website in the section Organisation/Congress/Next Congress – Ulsan 2009. For any questions (except for travel/accommodation), please do not hesitate to contact Françoise DAGOURET at fdagouret@archery.org.

Constitution & Rules

Frequently Asked Questions on Athlete's Equipment

Book 2, Articles 7.3.1.7, 7.3.2.1.5 & 7.3.3.7

Book 3, Articles 8.3.1.7 & 8.3.2.7

Book 4, Article 9.3.7

Book 5, Articles 11.10.3.1.7, 11.10.3.2.6 & 11.10.3.3.7

Question: Is the Starrflight FOB Engineered Airfoil legal for FITA Competition? This is an airfoil which is attached to the arrow shaft in place of fletchings. A description of the airfoil may be viewed at www.starrflight.com.

Response: Legal in all divisions.



11-19 July 2009



World Games
13-26 July 2009



PARA-ARCHERY
World Championships
Nymburk (CZE), 14-23 August 2009
Para-Archery World Championships
14-23 August 2009



Archery
World Championships
4th World Outdoor Archery Championships
Ulsan 2009
World Championships
1-10 September 2009



3DARCHERY
World Championships
Giulianello (ITA), 15-19 Sept. 2009
3D World Championships
15-19 September 2009



World Masters Games
10-18 October 2009

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Book 2, Article 7.3.3.2
Book 3, Article 8.3.2.2
Book 4, Article 9.3.2.4
Book 5, Article 11.10.3.3.2

Question: Is the Timberline No-Peep Bow Attachment legal for FITA Competition? A description of the No-Peep may be viewed at www.timberline-archery.com/nopeep.

Response: Legal in the Compound Division but not legal in any other Division.

Question: Are string silencers legal for use in the Recurve, Compound and Longbow Divisions?

Response: Legal only in the Compound Divisions and not in the Recurve or Longbow Divisions.

Interpretations

See Appendix (pages 14-15).

Para-Archery

Committee Meeting

A meeting of the FITA Para-Archery Committee was held in Lausanne from 11-12 March 2009. One of the items discussed was a new system of World Ranking for para-archers based on the FITA one for target archers.

It was decided to designate the tournament to be held in Stoke Mandeville, Great Britain, on 5-11 June 2009 as a FITA Para-Archery World Ranking Event. As there are already at least ten countries entered for this event, it was felt that this would be ideal for testing the system. As a result of having this world ranking status, it is also valid for World Records and FITA Awards.

Following this, discussions would be held with nations at the Sports Forum during the world championships in August to hear the views of the nations on the new system.

Clean Sport

Registered Testing Pool and Whereabouts Information

The FITA Registered Testing Pool (RTP) of those athletes who are required to provide whereabouts information to FITA was updated in order to take into account the results of the 2009 Indoor World Championships recently held in Poland and some updates in the World Ranking. The new athletes are:

Men: Yavor HRISTOV (BUL), Jorge JIMENEZ (ESA), Jean-Charles VALLADONT (FRA), Rafal DOBROWOLSKI (POL), Chance BEAUBOUF (USA), Chance BROADWATER (USA), Staten HOLMES (USA), Victor WUNDERLE (USA)

Women: Kateri VRAKING (CAN), Karina WINTER (GER), Elena TONETTA (ITA), Erika ANSCHUTZ (USA), Mary HAMM-ZORN (USA), Holly LARSON (USA)

The updated RTP can be downloaded from the FITA website in the section Clean Sport/Registered Testing Pool. It is valid as of 1 April 2009.

Important information:

As a consequence of the new World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) International Testing Standards provisions (Article 11.3 – Whereabouts Filing Requirements), **FITA will stop sending reminders to athletes in the RTP who failed to submit their whereabouts information for a given quarter AFTER the quarter has started.** Instead, a Filing Failure shall be notified, which, if combined with two (2) other Filing Failures or Missed Tests within any 18-month period, may result in an anti-doping rule violation that may lead to sanctions.

Therefore, beyond the one and a half month notice sent by FITA prior to each quarter, it is of the utmost importance and it is absolutely mandatory that RTP athletes submit their information into ADAMS at the latest PRIOR to the first day of each quarter (i.e. 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October, respectively).

As per Article 11.3.3 of the WADA 2009 Testing Standard where an athlete does not know precisely what his/her whereabouts will be at all times during the forthcoming quarter, he/she must provide his/her best information, based on where he/she expects to be at the relevant times, and then update that information as necessary.

Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

Transitional provision for Abbreviated TUEs (ATUEs) delivered prior to 31 December 2008:

As per Article 10 of the 2009 WADA Therapeutic Use Exemptions Standard, ATUEs delivered prior to 31 December 2008 shall remain valid until the earliest of:

- The date on which they are cancelled by a TUE Committee following a review in accordance with Art. 8.6 of the 2005 TUE Standard
- Their expiry date mentioned on the ATUE
- 31 December 2009

In case of doubt, athletes holding such a TUE can always contact Françoise Dagouret, FITA Anti-Doping Administrator, at fdagouret@archery.org, for checking its validity.

Asthma TUEs:

a. Precisions for Athletes who are NOT in the FITA RTP

WADA recently confirmed that athletes who are NOT in the FITA RTP and who declare an Asthma TUE (for inhaled beta-2 agonists) as per the new WADA 2009 TUE Standard are not requested to provide their full medical file at the time of the declaration, unless they wish to have their application reviewed by the FITA TUE Panel. However, in case of an adverse analytical finding for these substances, it is recommended that they can provide the FITA TUE Panel with relevant respiratory test results no older than three months at the time of declaration. It is also recommended that the athlete's medical file shall be updated once a year (again, even if not recorded into ADAMS if the athlete is not part of the RTP).

b. Treatment involving a drug combining substances both under the "Asthma TUE " and the "Declaration of Use"

WADA has recently confirmed that in this case, the "Asthma form" can be only used to include all the substances involved.

Clean Sport Education Seminar

During the 2009 Mexican Grand Prix held on 10-16 March in Baja California, Dr Carlos HERMES, FITA Medical and Sports Committee member and chairman of the Board of the Central America Regional Anti-Doping Organisation, ran a seminar providing information on the requirements, processes, methods and risks implied in the use of prohibited substances in sports.

This was in addition to the supervision of the anti-doping tests required by the FITA anti-doping rules.



Development

Calendar 2009

6-25 April 2009	FITA MEAC Coaches Course Level II	Cairo (EGY)
5 August	Federal Judges Course	Cotonou (BEN)
6-9 August	International Archery Tournament of Central and Western Africa	Cotonou (BEN)
10-19 August	International Course for Coaches Level I	Cotonou (BEN)
3-6 November	4th World Archery Coaches Seminar	Rome (ITA)

FITA Membership for Afghanistan

The January 2009 issue of FITA INFO informed you that Afghanistan had applied to FITA membership. Since none of the FITA Member Associations and Council members has raised in writing any objection to the FITA Office, the Afghanistan Archery Association has been granted a temporary FITA membership since April 1, 2009. The final membership of this National Archery Association will be submitted to a vote during the next FITA Congress in September 2009.

Mutual Aid in Brazil

We have already reported a good example of assistance from archers from a country where archery is well organised (France) to a Brazilian region where our sport is not yet well developed. Since we think it is a form of assistance to be promoted, we are providing some additional information about such experiences.

Two couples of French archers went to the Brazilian state of PARAIBA combining assistance and pleasure—to promote archery and spend some holidays. And they did not went away empty-handed! Beforehand, they shipped some archery equipment offered by some clubs and archers—themselves included—and also brought some equipment with them. On site, they ran some sessions and started to see the results of their investment with a range, targets and a room. They even managed to get some tee-shirts and stickers with a logo.

You can see pictures at <http://picasaweb.google.com/pbtarco>.

These French volunteers have been striving to put things in place, so that the local archers can make their own way. They are now assisting in the writing of the constitution in order to create an official archery association in the province with legal existence and the contribution of a lawyer. The email address of the archery club is pbtarco@gmail.com.

School Development in Tunisia

Tunisia continues to promote the development of archery through their Centre of Sports Shooting in schools. Pictures from a primary schools where 35 students (girls and boys) study our sport:



A day on "Sport Shooting in Schools" is being prepared, of which the programme will be:

- A conference with sports education teachers and others involved in the sport with lectures, demonstrations and distribution of documents
- Inaugurating a statue at the roundabout in the city entrance of Monastir (picture of the statue above right)

Weapon Law

In some countries, there are laws on weapons that include bows and arrows. They make it difficult to own a bow and practice archery because of the following possible requirements such as:

- Prior to purchasing a bow, one must inform in person the police authorities of one's intention
- After purchasing a bow, it has to be registered in the police office, no matter its size or draw weight
- A bow must have a serial number that will be mentioned in the weapons' register
- Only weapons dealers with special license (the ones that sell firearms) can import and sell bows
- One can practice archery only in military type target training field authorised by police
- It is not allowed to show a bow in public places
- One must be 18 years old in order to be allowed to have and use a bow

In order to assist these countries, FITA would like to know which Member Associations are confronted with such laws and which ones were able to change this unjust law and how they have achieved that. Please report to the FITA Development and Education Director Mr Pascal COLMAIRE at pcolmaire@archery.org.

Middle East Archery Centre (MEAC)

Estonia

A team from Estonia trained at the MEAC from 17-31 March 2009. Their objectives were to prepare to this year's European Grand Prix, World Cup and Ulsan World Championships.

Men: Taavi ENNEMUIST, Priit VIHHER, Siim AAVER, Karl KIVILO (cadet)

Women: Bessi KASAK, Siret LUIK, Piret LUIK, Anneli PREIMANN

Coach: Raul KIVILO

Egypt

The Egyptian team attended a training camp from 13-26 March 2009 under the leadership of MUN Baek Woon, the Korean coach in charge of the MEAC. Right after this camp, the team took part in the Arab championships in Saudi Arabia on 27-31 March 2009. These championships were unfortunately only open to men. Women will shoot this competition late April in Cairo, Egypt.

The following male archers represented Egypt in Saudi Arabia:

Recurve Men: Osama EL GEMEZY, Mohamed Khaled EL GARF, Mohamed OSMA KAMEL, Ibrahim KHAIRY MOHAMED, Kahaled Mohamed SAEED

Compound Men: Ahmed Alaa ELDIN HALAL

The national team of Egypt will hold another training camp this year to prepare the Ogden Youth World Championships and Ulsan World Championships.

Libya

To prepare the Arab Championships in Saudi Arabia on 27-31 March 2009, Libya organised a training camp at the MEAC. The team arrived on 16 March and started to train with basic bows from the MEAC due to the delay of their equipment. The four members of the team were ALIAREBI, Ahmed ALMGRISI, Mahmoud DGEBIJ, and Majdi ABORGIBA.

Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia—host country of the 2009 Arab Championships—sent their team to the MEAC on 6-20 March 2009 in order to get ready for the event. The team was made up of Meshal ALOTAIBI, Mohammad OMAR, Khalid ALHAZMI, Sami ALBAWARDI, Turki ALMAIKI, Turki ALDERBI, Osama ALSABAIE, Waheeb ALOMARI, Abdullah ALTUWAIJRI, and the coach was Clint SAYO.

Coaching

Video Editing Equipment Wanted

In order to extract some pictures from a video on a VHS tape, the FITA Coaches Committee is looking for the assistance of someone having video editing equipment. If you have such a device and can assist the committee, please contact the FITA Development and Education Director Mr Pascal COLMAIRE at pcolmaire@archery.org

Events

Questionnaire/Survey for Archers and Officials

To all archers and officials who took part in the Indoor World Championships Rzeszow 2009 and in the 1st Stage of the World Cup in Santo Domingo, we encourage you to fill in the satisfaction survey so that we can keep improving our events. Here is the link: <http://www.archery.org/FitaQuestionnaire/Default.aspx>



World Cup Rules 2009 & New Mixed Team Competition

The new World Cup Rules 2009 have just been published in English. They include information on the new Mixed Team competition launched this year.

A Mixed Team competition will be introduced in the 2009 World Cup season in order to develop and promote such a competition. A mixed team will consist of one male and one female archer from the same country and same bow division. Therefore, there will be a Recurve Mixed Team competition and a Compound Mixed Team competition.

Each country that will have at least one man and one woman in the same bow division will automatically have a mixed team. The best scores from the qualification round of one man and one woman from the same country and bow division will establish the score of the mixed team. The top four teams from qualifications will go to the elimination phase—semi-finals and medal matches.

The match format for the Mixed Team competition will be based on 16 arrows at 70 metres—four ends of four arrows (two per archer) with 80 seconds as the maximum time allowed per end.

The best four mixed teams will receive points for the Mixed Team Ranking (MTR). The top three World Cup scores—points—won by each country in the MTR will be added up to compile the final MTR. After the four World Cup Stages of the year, the best two teams—first country in recurve and compound MTR—will qualify for the World Cup Final. In addition to the individual competition held in Copenhagen (DEN) in September, the gold match of the Mixed Team competition will be organised. The qualifying countries in compound and recurve will compete against the teams of Denmark.

For more information on the World Cup, including the new Mixed Team competition, read the World Cup Rules 2009 on www.archeryworldcup.org.

Asian Grand Prix 2009

According to the decision at a recent Council meeting, the Asian Archery Federation (AAF) confirmed the dates of the next four Asian Grand Prix 2009:

- 18-23 May: 2nd Asian Grand Prix - Teheran (IRI)
- 5-12 July: 3rd Asian Grand Prix - Kuala Lumpur (MAS)
- 15-19 September: 4th Asian Grand Prix - New Delhi (IND)
- 20-24 October: 5th Asian Grand Prix - Dhaka (BAN)

All these competitions will be recognised as FITA World Ranking Events.



European Junior Cup 2009 (1st Leg)

The Polish Archery Federation, Legnica city's President and Organising Committee warmly invite all junior archers of FITA Member Associations to participate in the first leg of the European Junior Cup. This event will be held on 12-16 May 2009 in Legnica, Poland. The official website of the competition is <http://pej-legnica.org/>.

Summer Universiade 2009 in Belgrade

The archery event of the Summer Universiade in Belgrade (SRB) will be held from 7-11 July 2009.

Youth World Championships 2009 in Ogden

There was a mistake in the invitation package sent by postal mail to all our Member Associations regarding the address to access the Online Registration System (FORS) for the Youth World Championships in Ogden (USA). The correct address is www.archery.org/admin.



World Championships 2009 in Ulsan

The final version of the invitation package for the World Championships in Ulsan, Korea is now available to our Member Associations. Please note that the registration system (FORS) is open and that the preliminary entry deadline is set on 9 June 2009.

3D World Championships 2009 in Latina

The 3D World Championships 2009 will be held on 16-19 September 2009 in Latina (ITA).

European Qualification Tournament for Youth Olympic Games 2010

The EMAU Council, in a meeting held on 21 February 2009, decided that the Continental Qualification Tournament (CQT) for the Youth Olympic Games 2010 would be held during a European Junior Cup competition in Reggio Calabria, Italy.

The period for the CQT will run from August 2009 to May 2010. The Organisers of the European Junior Championship to be held on 18-23 July 2010 in Winnenden, Germany could not move the competition, because the venue was not available in May. Therefore, the EMAU Council allocated the Junior Cup and CQT to Reggio Calabria, a town south of Italy. This event will take place on 18-23 May 2010.

Singapore 2010 Qualification System & Allocation of Universality Places

Following the publication of the English version of the qualification system for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games, the French version has now also been published on the French section of the FITA website (JEUX OLYMPIQUES/JO Jeunesse/Singapour 2010/Qualification).

Also the procedure for the allocation of Universality Places and the list of National Olympic Committees (NOCs) eligible for each stage of allocation have been published in the section OLYMPICS/Youth Olympics/Singapore 2010/Qualification of the FITA website.

Singapore 2010 launches the Million Deeds Challenge

The Organising Committee of the first Youth Olympic Games has announced the launch of "The Million Deeds Challenge". The Million Deeds Challenge, a microsite of the Singapore 2010 website, allows people to post their deeds of Excellence, Friendship and Respect, and share them with others. Designed to resemble a virtual Torch Relay, every deed posted will move the virtual Youth Olympic flame a step closer from Greece to Singapore.

Mr NG Ser Miang, Chairman of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOGOC), said, "Through the Million Deeds Challenge, we want to start and sustain a Youth Olympic Movement that everyone can be part of."

To be part of the Million Deeds Challenge, do a deed of Excellence, Friendship and Respect and log on to the Million Deeds Challenge microsite at www.milliondeeds.sg.

For more information on the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games, visit www.singapore2010.sg.

World Championships 2011

The World Championships 2011 will be held in Torino (ITA) on 2-10 July 2011. The FITA Congress will take place just before the competition on 30 June and 1 July.

Summer Universiade 2011

The 26th Summer Universiade will be held in Shenzhen (CHN) on 12-23 August 2011. The archery competition dates still need to be confirmed. The official website is <http://www.sz2011.org/eng/index.htm>.

Summer Universiade 2013

The 27th Summer Universiade will be held in Kazan (RUS). The dates still have to be fixed. Archery as an optional sport still needs to be confirmed. The official website is <http://kazan2013.com>.

IOC and Olympic Family

Sportaccord

The General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) has changed its brand and name to Sportaccord. This will make it easier to be known worldwide. Also headquarters will be moved to Lausanne.

London Olympic and Paralympic Games

The Paralympic venue is now planned to be at the Royal Artillery Barracks. This facility will also be used for shooting and is much more appropriate than the original foreseen hockey field in the Olympic Park. The test event for the Olympics is scheduled for October 2011 but is still awaiting confirmation pending the final schedule for the Cricket season at Lords. Chris MARSH will start as of 1 July 2009 as the Competition Manager for archery.

Results

Erratum

In our February FITA INFO newsletter, there was a mistake about the nationality of the archer Stephen CLIFTON who broke the 1400 points barrier on 22 February 2009. He was mentioned as Australian whereas he is from New Zealand. We apologise for this mistake.

Mexican Grand Prix 2009

The Organising Committee of the Mexican Grand Prix 2009 assured that this event would go down in history by its large number of registered participants. Naty JAIME, vice president of the Archer's Association of Baja California and general coordinator of the event, reported a total number of 279 registered archers. He explained that no other event in Mexico had reached such numbers, and as such Tijuana has set a new mark for archery in Mexico.

Among the participants, 15 were archers from the USA, 15 from Venezuela, 5 from India, 4 from Guatemala, but the biggest number by far where the number of participants from Mexico.

Due to the importance of the event as a World Ranking Event (WRE), anti-doping tests were done to various archers who placed among the top on the first day. All tests were registered by the International Olympic Committee and sent to a laboratory in Canada for analysis.

More information at <http://grandprijtijuana.com> or <http://tiroconarcoenmexico.com/index.php>

In addition to the competition, seminars were available relating to various topics where experts in their field shared their experience and knowledge. On the first day Dr Carlos HERMES, who oversaw the anti-doping tests required by the Olympic Committee, gave a seminar providing information on the requirements, processes, methods and risks implied in the use of prohibited substances in sport.

Photo gallery at <http://www.zumbolicious.com/>

To read the complete article, please see the section News/Archives/2009 News List/21 March 2009 of the FITA website.

Continental Associations

FAA – Africa

The Federation of African Archery recently appointed a new Treasurer, Mr George William BUZABALYAWO.

Member Associations

CAN - Canada

Mr Scott OGILIVIE was recently appointed as the Executive Director of the Federation of Canadian Archers.

DOM – Dominican Republic

The Federacion Dominicana de Tiro con Arco has launched a new website at www.fedota.org.

EST - Estonia

The Secretary General of the Estonian Archery Federation has changed. It is now Mr Zigmontas STRAPAITIS.

FRA - France

FITA Vice President Mr Philippe BOUCLET was re-elected as the President of the French Archery Federation at their annual General Assembly. The Assembly expressed its faith in the work Mr BOUCLET has done during his previous term re-electing him by 60 percent of the votes.

IRL - Ireland

Mr Tony WALSH was elected as President of the Irish Amateur Archery Association.

Contact Updates

On 8 January 2009, we sent a contact form to all our Member Associations in order to update our records with their correct contact details and board members information. So far we have received 83 replies (59.3%).

We remind our federations that it is very important that we have updated information and that they return the form in due time in order for us to keep the directory 2009 up-to-date. If you did not receive the email and the form, please contact info@archery.org. Thank you for your precious collaboration.

The directory is available on www.archery.org, section Organisation/Member Associations.

Calendar Highlights

2009

31 March-5 April	Archery World Cup Stage 1	Santo Domingo (DOM)
8-12 April	Arizona Cup	Phoenix (USA)
14-19 April	EMAU Grand Prix (1st leg)	Riom (FRA)
4-9 May	World Cup Stage 2	Porec (CRO)
11-18 May	Meso American Tournament	Guatemala City (GUA)
12-16 May	European Junior Cup (1 st leg)	Legnica (POL)
18-23 May	2nd Asian Grand Prix	Teheran (IRI)
19-24 May	EMAU Grand Prix (2nd leg)	Sofia (BUL)
2-7 June	World Cup Stage 3 / EMAU Grand Prix (3rd leg)	Antalya (TUR)
5-11 June	European Archery Disabled Invitational Event	Stoke Mandeville (GBR)
20-27 June	Batalla de Carabobo	Valencia (VEN)
30 June-4 July	European Junior Cup (2 nd leg)	Sarzana (ITA)
1-7 July	Juan Enrique Barrios Cup	Salinas (PUR)
1-12 July	Summer Universiade (Archery: 7-11 July)	Belgrade (SCG)
5-12 July	3rd Asian Grand Prix	Kuala Lumpur (MAS)
11-19 July	Youth World Championships (YOG Qualifier)	Ogden (USA)
16-26 July	World Games (Archery: 23-26 July)	Kaohsiung (TPE)
4-9 August	World Cup Stage 4	Shanghai (CHN)
14-22 August	Para-Archery World Championships	Nymburk (CZE)
15-23 August	El Salvador Olympic Archery Festival	San Salvador (ESA)
18-23 August	European Field Championships	Champagnac (FRA)
30-31 August	FITA Congress	Ulsan (KOR)
1-9 September	World Championships	Ulsan (KOR)
15-19 September	4th Asian Grand Prix	New Delhi (IND)
16-19 September	3D World Championships	Latina (ITA)
26 September	World Cup Final	Copenhagen (DEN)
9-11 October	European Club Teams Cup	Madrid (ESP)
10-18 October	World Masters Games (Archery: 11-17 October)	Sydney (AUS)
20-24 October	5th Asian Grand Prix	Dakha (BAN)
24-25 October	Australian Open International	Yarrambat (AUS)
16-21 November	Asian Archery Championships	Bali (INA)

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TBC	European Indoor Championships	Porec (CRO)
20-25 April	EMAU Grand Prix (1 st leg)	Athens or Olympia (GRE)
4-8 May	World Cup Stage 1	Porec (CRO)
18-23 May	European Junior Cup & YOG CQT Europe	Reggio Calabria (ITA)
24-30 May	European Championships	Rovereto (ITA)
8-12 June	World Cup Stage 2	Antalya (TUR)
22-27 June	EMAU Grand Prix (2 nd leg)	Yerevan or Echmiadzin (ARM)
13-17 July	European Junior Championships	Winnenden (GER)
13-18 July	Field World Championships	Budapest (HUN)
17 July-1 August	Central American and Caribbean Sports Games (Archery: 24-30 July)	Mayaguez (PUR)
20-25 July	EMAU Grand Prix (final leg)	Moscow (RUS)
3-7 August	World Cup Stage 3	Ogden (USA)
14-26 August	Youth Olympic Games (Archery included)	Singapore (SIN)
31 Aug.-4 Sep.	World Cup Stage 4	Shanghai (CHN)
September	World Cup Final	Edinburgh (GBR)
3-14 October	Commonwealth Games (Archery: 4-10 October)	Delhi (IND)
4-10 October	European 3D Championships	Alghero-Sassari (ITA)
12-27 November	Asian Games	Guangzhou (CHN)

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TBC = To Be Confirmed

YOG = Youth Olympic Games

CQT = Continental Qualification Tournament

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Book 2, Article 7.3

Book 3, Article 8.3

Book 4, Article 9.3

Book 5, Article 11.6.7 & 11.10.3

A question was raised by a Council Member regarding the use of a sight/scope shroud as per the picture below:



The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

The Constitution and Rules Committee has determined that the following interpretation of the Technical Committee is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Technical Committee:

The Technical Committee was presented with a photo (attached) showing a block of material surrounding a sight (scope). The Technical Committee has the following comments.

Although nothing in the rules currently precludes the use of this type of attachment, it is the majority opinion of the Technical Committee that such an addition to the athlete's equipment is illegal. Any device that eliminates a large portion of the athlete's field of view or more importantly presents a significant visual blockage to the athlete's line of sight creates an unnecessary safety concern.

For example, we do not allow athletes to wear ear plugs or similar noise reduction equipment for reasons of safety. This device category was also not indicated in the rules,

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but due to the danger posed by limiting the athlete's ability to hear emergency signals or DOS/Judges instructions, these devices were deemed illegal.

Therefore, it is the opinion of the Technical Committee that a sight shroud which blocks the athletes' field of view is illegal in all equipment divisions of FITA.

FITA Technical Committee, 8 February 2009
Approved by the FITA C&R Committee, 27 February 2009