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53rd Ordinary ISU Congress

The International Skating Union's 53rd Ordinary Congress concluded on 18 June in Barcelona (ESP) in front of over 250 delegates from more than 70 ISU Member federations. Four days earlier the Congress had been officially opened by ISU President Mr. Ottavio Cinqunta, who made a special acknowledgement of thanks to the ISU's Spanish Member, Federacion Española de Deportes De Hielo, presided by Ms. Maria-Teresa Samaranch for their organization of the Congress and their emerging role in the development of skating. On Friday Mr. Cinqunta was re-elected by acclamation.

Key decisions by the Congress:

Speed Skating

Several format changes to the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships and ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships were passed.

Congress voted in favor of a better definition of the role of Corner Judges at each curve.

A number of updates to incorporate "state-of-the-art" safety measures and padding solutions were approved.

Deliberate kicking out of a skate at the finish line, which entails a safety risk, would now lead to disqualification as per the Congress decision.

Short Track

Several proposals to better regulate the Short Track Speed Skating World Cup were passed by Congress.

The Congress approved the Short Track Technical Committee proposals to update safety measures and padding solutions.

As of the season 2011/2012 the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships will no longer be held.

The Congress decided that one of the referees shall monitor the video replay where applicable.

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Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance

A new format of competition in Ice Dance consisting of two parts/segments: a Short Dance and a Free Dance (as opposed to a Compulsory Dance, Original Dance and Free Dance) was approved by Congress.

Congress passed a change to implement a qualifying procedure to effectively reduce the number of entries at Championships and has also accepted a reduction of the number of skaters in the Free Skating.

The ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating (which was successfully inaugurated in April 2009) has been integrated into the General Regulations as an ISU Event

The Council, Sports Directorate, Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees proposed several changes to make the rules consistent across disciplines, this harmonization of the rules were unanimously approved.

Synchronized Skating

Adjustments to the required elements for the Short Program and Free Skating were approved.

Deductions, Reductions in Free Skating. Several changes to the deductions were passed including an increase in the severity of deductions for costume and make-up transgressions (among other deduction changes). There will be no more feathers (minus 1 deduction).

Rule Clarifications - a series of proposals were put forward and then approved to clarify the current rules and to harmonize with other Figure Skating disciplines.

The present ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Challenge Cup has been accepted as an ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships.

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Election Results

The Congress elected the following ISU Office Holders:

1. Council

President:

Ottavio Cinquanta, Italy

1st Vice President: Figure Skating

David M. Dore, Canada

2nd Vice President: Speed Skating

Jan Dijkema, Netherlands

Members

Figure Skating:

Marie Lundmark, Finland

Junko Hiramatsu, Japan

Phyllis Howard, USA

Tjasa Andréa-Prosenc, Slovenia

Speed Skating

György Martos, Hungary

German Panov, Russia

Li Lan, China

Roland Maillard, Switzerland

2. Technical Committees

Single and Pair Skating

Chair:

Alexander Lakernik, Russia

Members

Fabio Bianchetti, Italy

Rita Zonnekeyn, Belgium

Susan Lynch, Australia

Ice Dance

Chair:

Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Poland

Members:

Robert Joseph Horen, USA

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Gilles Vandenbroeck, France
Alla Shekhovtsova, Russia

Synchronized Skating

Chair:
Christopher Buchanan, Great Britain

Members:
Mika Saarelainen, Finland
Karen Wolanchuk, USA
Philippe Maitrot, France

Speed Skating

Chair:
Tron Espeli, Norway

Members
Nick Thometz, USA
Alexander Kibalko, Russia
Jae Seok Choi, Republic of Korea

Short Track Speed Skating

Chair:
Andy Gabel, USA

Members
Stoytcho G. Stoytchev, Bulgaria
Reinier Oostheim, Netherlands
Ji-Hoon Chae, Republic of Korea

4. Disciplinary Commission

Chair: **Béatrice Pfister**, Switzerland

Members:
Volker Waldeck, Germany
Allan Böhm, Slovak Republic
Fred Benjamin, USA
Egbert Schmid, Austria

5. Honorary Members

Newly elected Honorary Vice President
Gerhard Zimmermann, Germany

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Newly Elected Honorary Members

Courtney Jones, O.B.E., Great Britain

Myong-Hi Chang, Republic of Korea

Jim Hawkins, USA

Gerhardt Bubnik, Czech Republic

Ulf Linden, Sweden

For further information including the full Congress agenda, please see www.isu.org .

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