

# Minutes of the XXIst International Congress, Oslo, 1961

## PART I

At the Bislet Tournament Ground Building, on the 9th August, 1961.

### I Opening of Congress

At the call-over of names, the following authorized representatives answered:

BELGIUM: M. Paul Prieels  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA: M. Jiri Bastár  
DENMARK: Mr. C. O. Vaaben-Hansen  
FINLAND: Mr. Väinö Ansala  
FRANCE: M. J. Drouot-l'Hermine  
GERMANY: Mr. Konrad Aichemüller  
GREAT BRITAIN: Mrs. Inger Frith  
HOLLAND: Mr. F. Spoor  
HUNGARY: Dr. J. Tamás Dénes  
JAPAN: Mr. Kiyonori Kaneko  
NORWAY: Mr. Egil Bruno Larsen  
POLAND: M. Jerzy Pittner  
SOUTH AFRICA: Mr. J. L. Jacobs  
SPAIN: M. Enjuto  
SWEDEN: Mr. Tomas Bolle  
SWITZERLAND: Mr. P. A. Habegger  
U.S.A.: Mr. Clayton Shenk

EASTERN GERMANY had sent Mr. Karl-Heinz Lehman as an Observer

M. Oscar Kessels, President, and Mr. Lars Ekegren, General Secretary, were also present, as well as other Members of the Administrative Council.

The General Secretary explained the reasons why the Congress papers had been distributed too late according to the F.I.T.A. Constitution. Among other things, some of the Committees had been very late. Still he thought that it would be unwise to postpone such important questions to a future Congress.

The President then asked Congress if the 1961 Session could take place, in spite of the late distribution of Congress papers, after the explanation just given by the General Secretary. The answer was yes.

M. Kessels then opened the Session of the XXIst International Congress.

### II Qualification for competing in the World Championship Tournament of 1961

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Torsten Fahlman, the General Secretary reported that all National Archery Associations present were in good standing and had paid their Annual Fees. Congress accepted this explanation and decided that all Nations present were entitled to compete in the World Championship Tournament of 1961.

### III Affiliation of new National Archery Associations

The General Secretary reported that the National Archery Associations of Eastern Germany, Italy and Northern Korea had formally asked for affiliation, and that all conditions had been fulfilled.

Great Britain and Norway asked for voting by secret ballot. Such voting took place.

All these Associations became Members, Eastern Germany by 11 votes to 6, Italy by 17 votes and Northern Korea by 14 votes to 3.

M. Kessels congratulated the three New Members, and addressed himself specially to the present Observer from Eastern Germany, who expressed his gratitude on behalf of his Association.

### IV Report on the World Championship Tournament of 1961

Mr. Arild Honne, President of the Organising Committee, reported on the Tournament Programme. From the Team Captains' Meeting the same morning it was reported that the following Commission Technique had been elected for the Tournament:

Mr. Robert Neerbye, Norway, President. Mr. Jiri Bastár, Czechoslovakia and Mr. Clayton Shenk, U.S.A.

M. Kessels expressed his gratitude to Mr. Honne and his Organising Committee for the work they had done.

Secretary of the Meeting: Mr. Lars Ekegren.

## PART II

At the Hotel Viking, on the 14th August, 1961.

### V Opening of Congress

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

BELGIUM: M. Paul Prieels  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Mr. Jiri Bastár  
DENMARK: Mr. C. O. Vaaben-Hansen  
EASTERN GERMANY: Mr. Karl-Heinz Lehman  
FINLAND: Mr. Väinö Ansala  
FRANCE: M. J. Drouot-l'Hermine  
GREAT BRITAIN: Mrs. Inger Frith  
HOLLAND: Mr. F. Spoor  
HUNGARY: Dr. J. Tamás Dénes  
JAPAN: Mr. Kiyonori Kaneko  
NORWAY: Mr. Egil Bruno Larsen  
POLAND: M. Jerzy Pittner  
SOUTH AFRICA: Mr. J. L. Jacobs  
SPAIN: M. Enjuto  
SWEDEN: Mr. Tomas Bolle  
SWITZERLAND: Mr. P. A. Habegger  
U.S.A.: Mr. Clayton Shenk  
WESTERN GERMANY: Mr. Konrad Aichemüller

The President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer were also present, as well as some Members of the Administrative Council.

The President opened the Meeting and welcomed especially Mr. Fahlman, who had not taken part in the first part of the Congress. He also welcomed Mr. Lehmann, taking part in a Congress Meeting for the first time.

### VI Minutes of the F.I.T.A. Congress of 1959

The General Secretary reported that these Minutes had been distributed, and that they had been printed in the Bulletin Officiel No. 18, which had also been distributed.

The Second sentence under XI, was changed as follows:

Congress decided that the Committee shall carry on. In the future all Congress Motions shall be sent to that Committee in order to get the Committee's opinion before the Congress decisions.

It was also decided that the Report of the Commission Technique should be printed in the next issue of the Bulletin. Speaking of the Bulletin, Mrs. Frith had found three mistakes in the list of scores from the Stockholm Tournament. If they were printing errors they should be corrected in the next Bulletin.

The Minutes of the F.I.T.A. Congress of 1959 was unanimously accepted with the change mentioned above, and M. Kessels expressed his gratitude to Mr. Ekegren.

### VII Report of the President

The General Secretary reported that this Report had been circulated as well. M. Kessels made a verbal amendment, speaking of his and Mr. Ekegren's Olympic efforts in Athens. The Report was unanimously accepted.

### VIII Financial Report

The Financial Report had also been circulated beforehand. It was unanimously accepted, and M. Kessels expressed his gratitude to Mr. Fahlman.

In the future, the Treasurer shall bring the books to the Congress Meetings, in case there should be any details to ask about.

As to the countries which had not paid their Annual Fees, India and Mexico were excluded from F.I.T.A. They may both become Members again if the Annual Fee and all arrears are paid.

### IX Report of the Commission Technique

Mr. Neerbye read the Report of the Commission Technique, which was unanimously accepted. M. Kessels expressed his gratitude to the C.T.

### X Elections

#### (a) *The F.I.T.A. President, 1961-1965*

Before voting when secret ballot took place, M. Kessels presented the two candidates, Mrs. Inger Frith, Great Britain, and Lars Ekegren, Sweden.

Voting took place. Mrs. Frith won by 11 votes to 7. She was congratulated by M. Kessels and Mr. Ekegren.

#### (b) *The General Secretary, 1961-1965, and the Treasurer, 1961-1965*

Mrs. Frith nominated Messrs. C. Morgan and H. G.

Baldwin, Great Britain, as General Secretary and Treasurer of F.I.T.A. respectively. If Mr. Morgan should be unable to accept, because of personal reasons, Mrs. Frith would try to find another General Secretary.

Congress accepted these nominations for its Executive Committee, and Messrs. Morgan and Baldwin were elected for the period of 1961-1965.

(c) *Two Vice-Presidents*

As a consequence of the election of Mrs. Frith to F.I.T.A. President, two Vice-Presidents had to be elected, one for the period of 1961-1965, and one for the period 1961-1963.

There were three candidates: M. Ansala, Finland, M. Filip, Poland, and Mr. Vaaben-Hansen, Denmark.

Result of the secret ballot election:

Vice-President 1961-1965: M. Filip, Poland.

Vice-President 1961-1963: Mr. Ansala, Finland.

(d) *Four other Members of the Administrative Council, for the period of 1961-1965*

The General Secretary explained that a mistake had been made at the Stockholm Congress in 1959. It had not been observed that time was out for Mr. Parker, South Africa. He therefore wrongly appeared in the address list of Bulletin Officiel No. 18. Because of this fact, and because of vacancies after the previous elections, four other Members of the Administrative Council had now to be elected, for the period of 1961-1965.

Result of the secret ballot election:  
Members 1961-1965:

M. Prieels, Belgium  
Mr. Vaaben-Hansen, Denmark  
Mr. Spoor, Holland  
Mr. Parker, South Africa

## XI Motions

(a) *Sweden: M. Oscar Kessels, Honorary President for life-time*

Unanimously accepted with long applause. Mr. Kessels expressed his deep gratitude and declared that his heart would always be among the archers.

(b) *Belgium and Czechoslovakia: International Judges*

The general thought to train and authorize international archery judges was unanimously accepted. A detailed suggestion should be presented at the 1963 Congress.

(c) *Poland: Junior World Championships*

Mr. Ekegren suggested a change from Junior World Championships to Junior Mail-Matches. Poland accepted the change, after which the Motion was unanimously accepted. Form of competition: Ladies FITA Round (70, 60, 50 and 30m). No competitor to be more than 17 years old. F.I.T.A. Mail Match Rules otherwise to apply.

(d) *International Field Archery Committee: New International Field Archery Rules*

Mr. Ekegren gave the background of the international field archery situation, and was supported by Mr. Shenk when he asked Congress to accept the new Rules, worked out by the International Field Archery Committee.

The Rules had been circulated, and they were not commented on by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Håkan Blechingberg, Sweden.

After some discussion the new Rules were unanimously accepted.

(e) *Constitution and Rules Committee: Shortening of Shooting time*

Congress decided that no change of the shooting rules should be made. But future Commission Techniques should be instructed to regard 2½ minutes to be the maximum time for an archer to shoot his or her three arrows.

Should this time limit be passed, the archer should be warned by the C.T. And should it be repeated, the C.T. could decide to deprive the archer of the score of the arrows shot too late.

(f) *Constitution and Rules Committee: Television Rights Proposal:*

Whenever a Tournament is covered by Television, and a fee paid, the Organisers benefit wholly. Unanimously accepted.

(g) *Constitution and Rules Committee: Black Target Centres*

Committee found it undesirable and unnecessary, without any further comments. Congress agreed with the Committee.

Mr. Ekegren found the American suggestion about a black target centre (the "ten" in a 10-ringed target) interesting and asked the Associations present to test it and study the difference, if any.

(h) *President: Decentralisation of the F.I.T.A. activities on Special Committees*

Mr. Ekegren explained the background. The Federation is growing rapidly. It is not only the increasing number of Associations which makes problems for the few voluntary persons in the top of the Federation—new time-absorbing duties were coming up all the time. He pointed specially at the co-operation with the National and International Olympic Committees and the International Sports Federations. In M. Kessels' and his own opinion a decentralisation now of the F.I.T.A. activities on Special Committees would mean a good insurance if anything happened to the Members of the Executive Committee, as well as an increase of the efficiency in general. The Administrative Council should not be Representative only, but a working Board, where everybody is responsible for one part of the activities. Such a decentralisation had been tested with very good results in many countries, among them Sweden, where the number of archers as well as the number of clubs had increased very fast.

Congress did not find such a change necessary for the moment. If necessary, Committees could be formed within the present organisation.

(i) *Belgium and Sweden: Suggestions for F.I.T.A. Plaquettes*

SWEDEN had suggested: *Gilt* F.I.T.A. Plaquette for International Merits to Mrs. Inger Frith, Great Britain, and to Mr. Torsten Fahlman, Sweden. A *Silver* Plaquette to Mr. Hakan Blechingberg, Sweden, and *Bronze* Plaquettes to Miss Mausi Evans and Mr. Carl-Roland Martin, Sweden.

BELGIUM had suggested *Silver* Plaquettes to Mr. A. L. Medaer and M. Gaston Simon, Belgium.

All suggestions were unanimously accepted.

## XII The World Championship Tournaments of 1963 and 1965

Congress accepted Great Britain as arranger of the 1963 Tournament.

U.S.A. and South Africa asked for the 1965 Tournament.

Both countries declared that visas should be given to Members of all National Associations affiliated to F.I.T.A.

Voting took place. U.S.A. won.

## XIII Olympic Report

With reference to M. Kessels' previous Report, Mr. Ekegren reported on the present Olympic situation.

He recommended the Federation to concentrate on the following lines:

(a) The F.I.T.A. Executive Committee should keep in close personal contact with the Members of the Executive Committee of the International Olympic Committee, in order to know when and how to act.

Mr. Ekegren had done so since 1949, with some very good results.

(b) The F.I.T.A. Executive Committee should also keep in close personal contact with future organisers of Olympic Games. In Athens this year Mr. Ekegren had had a conference with the Russian delegates. They had then promised that if Moscow was chosen to arrange the 1968 Olympic Games, Archery should be included for men and women, in accordance with the programme suggested for the Tokyo Games.

(c) Furthermore, the F.I.T.A. Executive Committee should keep in close personal contact with the International Sports Federations, and try to make them organise a Committee for Olympic Questions. After his speech on Archery in Athens, Mr. Ekegren had received the support of all the 22 International Sports Federations present. A resolution was worked out, but nobody was authorised to put strength behind it. If a Committee can be formed, and if its Chairman gets full authorisation in Olympic matters of general nature, the International Sports Federations will be fully respected by the International Olympic Committee. The International Sports Federations are not



depending on the I.O.C., but the I.O.C. can arrange no Olympic Games without the assistance and co-operation of the International Sports Federations.

- (d) Finally, it was most important that all National Archery Associations keep in close personal contact with their respective National Olympic Committees, as well as with their National Members of the International Olympic Committee. The National Olympic Committees are I.O.C.'s local contacts with the Olympic Sports, but they have no vote at the I.O.C. Sessions. All voting is done by the personal Members of the I.O.C. At the Athens Session far too many I.O.C. Members from great Archery countries had voted against our sport. In such a situation Mr. Bo Ekelund's and his friends' efforts could give no positive result.

After this speech Mrs. Frith suggested that a special Olympic Secretary should be elected, and suggested Mr. Oscar Kessels. He accepted and was unanimously elected.

#### XIV New World Championship Tournament Records

The following new World Championship Tournament Records, reached at the Oslo Tournament in 1961, were recognised by Congress:

##### Ladies:

70 m	B. Deptova, Czechoslovakia	510 p
50 m	N. Vonderheide, U.S.A.	530 p
30 m	J. Heywood, Great Britain	623 p
Total	N. Vonderheide, U.S.A.	2,173 p

Team, Ladies: U.S.A. (Vonderheide, Frye, Cook) 6,376 p  
Gentlemen:

90 m	J. Thornton, U.S.A.	509 p
50 m	J. Thornton, U.S.A.	591 p
30 m	C. Sherman, U.S.A.	661 p
Total	J. Thornton, U.S.A.	2,310 p

#### XV A F.I.T.A. Jubilee Plaque

F.I.T.A. was established in 1931, and therefore a 30 years jubilee could be celebrated in 1961. A suggestion for a special F.I.T.A. Jubilee Plaque had been worked out and was shown to Congress, but Congress decided not to celebrate this jubilee.

#### XVI The Annual Fee

Congress decided the Annual Fee to be £16.

#### XVII Sundry Questions

Mr. Honne: Asked the delegates to study the possibilities to form a stronger amateur rule. Mr. Ekegren warned for such an extra rule—the National Amateur Rules, accepted by I.O.C., should be enough.

Mr. Ansala: Wanted to increase the score limits for the F.I.T.A. Star Badge. Not accepted.

Mr. Honne: Could the Annual Fees be differentiated? Each Member Association should then pay according to its size. This question should be studied.

Mr. Bolle: In order to save time, two archers could shoot at the same target at the same time. This had been practised and had given good results. This question should be studied.

Finally, M. Kessels expressed his gratitude to Messrs. Ekegren and Fahlman for the time they had spent together in the Executive Committee, after which Mrs. Frith expressed her gratitude to M. Kessels. The newly elected President thanked Congress for the honour of her election and further thanked the retiring President warmly.

Secretary of the Meeting: Mr. Lars Ekegren.



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