



## **Item 14.1 Athletes Committee Congress Report**

**By Viktoriya Koval, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members:** **Viktoriya Koval (Chairwoman), Jin Hyek Oh, Ivana Buden, Reo Wilde, Naomi Folkard, Pippa Britton**

The mission of Athletes Committee is to represent athletes as a key figure of sport and introduce interests of archers for develop Archery, following and supporting World Archery goals.

### **1. Election:**

During World Archery Championships 2015 in Copenhagen were elected 4 athletes, one in each division (Viktoriya Koval recurve woman, Jin Hyek Oh recurve man, Ivana Buden compound woman, Reo Wilde compound man).

Pippa Britton was elected as the Para Athletes representative during World Archery Para Championships 2015 in Donaueschingen and was moved to the Para-Archery Committee, according to the decision of the Congress 2015.

Naomi Folkard was elected as the Field Athletes representative during World Archery Field Championships 2016 in Dublin.

### **2. Committee Meetings:**

We have had meetings during the World Archery Championships after election in 2015 and during international competitions but unfortunately not all members of the Committee were present at all of these meetings. All other communication between the Committee members has been either by social media or via the e-mail system.

### **3. Permanent Committees meeting, Lausanne 2016:**

World Archery meeting of Permanent Committees in 2016 is an excellent format for discussing problems directly with the other Permanent Committees. During the few days we were able to discuss a number of outstanding issues, ideas, situations and interpretations quite often with a number of committees at the same time. We have participated in many discussions with other committees advising on their interpretation, including:

- Athletes signature in the protocol;
- Increase of space on the shooting line to 90cm;
- Increase time for alternative shooting;
- Indoor triple faces format for compound (testing during competitions);
- Ethics and relationships between athletes and athletes, coaches, judges during competition.

### **4. International Athletes Forum, Lausanne 2016:**

Chairwoman of the Athletes Committee Viktoriya Koval represented archery at the 7th International Athletes Forum. This Forum raised and discussed topics about Athletes Commissions in the International Federations, the role of sportsman in society, the Olympic problems and programs (include mix teams competitions), social-media resources and career after sport.



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## 5. Clean sport:

Archers and World Archery Federation support the Clean sport and Anti-Doping rules. We distribute information about programs, seminars, trainings on Clean sport organized by WADA, WA or IOC.

## 6. Role model:

Archers and Athletes Committee are promoting archery and Olympic movement in the various events, meetings and ceremonies. Each next World Championships takes a record number of participants from more countries. Archery is becoming more popular in the world and attracts even more archers to our sport.

More and more athletes are using social media resource for communication and develop archery. Through the use of social media we are conducting surveys and collecting feedback.

Archers have very active position in Internet and promote archery, represent style and equipment in "Archery 360", own channels, pages, etc.

Some elite archers arrange their schools, lessons or participate in NOC programs.

Finally, I would like to thank my committee members and all archers for their dedicated work and feedbacks during this period of service.

On behalf of Athletes Committee, I would like to thank the President, the Executive Board, Permanent Committees and World Archery office for their confidence and professional cooperation.

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Chairwoman, World Archery Athletes Committee