



**C.I.P.S.**

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The Ordinary CIPS Congress is convened in Rome, at the **HOTEL VILLA MARIA REGINA** - Via della Camilluccia, 687, 00135 Roma RM - <https://www.villamariaregina.com/> on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 1<sup>st</sup> calling at 08:00 a.m. and 2<sup>nd</sup> calling at 08:30 a.m., to discuss over the following:

**PLENARY AGENDA**

**Preliminary session:**

- Appointment of a Commission to check the mandates;
- Acknowledgment of the regularity and necessary quorum of the Congress and of the votes being represented.

**AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Acapulco Congress minute (2022);
2. New memberships acceptance;
3. Reports of the *Praesidium*;
4. Reports of the C.I.P.S. International Federations and Commissions;
5. Report of the Secretary General;
6. Report of the Treasurer and approval of 2022 accounts sheets;
7. Report of the Board of Auditors;
8. Full discharge is given to the President and the Treasurer;
9. Discussion on the Reports;
10. Setting of fees and approval of the 2023 budget;
11. Media and communication;
12. Discussion and vote on motions;
13. Decision on the place and date of the following Congresses: 2024 and 2025;
14. Decision on the place and date of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Games;
15. Miscellaneous.

At 8:30 a.m., President Matteoli declares the Congress open and welcomes those present at the Congress.

Present members of the *Praesidium*: Matteoli Ugo, Szalay Ferenc, Diouf Abdou, Zangerlé Gilbert, Podmanik Mario, Brown Greig, Goupil Jacques and Stuani Luigi.

The President gives the floor to Mrs Durante, for some information concerning the program of the day.

The President first invites the Assembly to observe 1 minute of silence in memory of the dear friend Jill Mandeno, a very big loss for CIPS and sport fishing in general.

The President proceeds to the appointment of the members of the Commission for the verification of mandates. Under his suggestion, the Congress unanimously appoints as members of the Commission: Mr. Luigi Stuani, Mrs. Barbara Durante and Mrs. Paola Altobelli.

Mrs Durante reads the voting report: at 8:30 a.m., in the second calling, the Commission declares the Congress validly constituted with 63 delegates present or represented (56 in person and 7 represented by proxy) out of a total of 150 members having the right to vote. The Congress is therefore validly constituted in accordance with art. 8 of the Statutes which specifies that in the second meeting “decisions shall be valid irrespective of the number of people attending the Congress” and he therefore proposes moving on to the discussion of the items on the agenda.

## **1. Adoption of the Acapulco Congress minute (2022)**

Since the delegates received the minute of the Acapulco Congress only on this occasion, the President asks to approve it on the condition that if anyone has any comments to make, this contacts the Secretariat for any comments.

## **2. New memberships acceptance**

The President proceeds to the examination of the membership applications to be submitted for the approval of the congress.

For FIPSeD, FIPS-Mer and FIPS-Mouche:

- “All India Angling Federation” (Ordinary Member)

India has been applying for membership for a few years but their application was never complete. The first time they applied, they did not have the support of the plurality of states in India. In addition, they have been asking to provide a letter of recognition from their central government, which they have not yet submitted. The *Praesidium* has talked a lot about this and they were asked to have these documents. He therefore asks the Congress if it agrees to accept this affiliation on condition that they send us the missing documents, to avoid delaying the official approval of this affiliation once again.

The Congress accepts on condition that they provide this certificate. In the meantime, they cannot participate at any championship.

- “Federation of Recreational Sports Fishermen of Kosovo” FSRFK (Candidate member)

This federation has presented all documentation in order. The FIPSeD Assembly has agreed and therefore requests official acceptance.

The Congress unanimously accepts this affiliation.

- “Association des Pêcheurs Sportifs à la Ligne” APSL – Niger (Candidate member)  
This federation has presented all documentation in order. The FIPSeD Assembly has agreed and therefore requests official acceptance.  
The Congress unanimously accepts this affiliation.

- “Puerto Rico Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing” (Candidate member)  
They asked to enter after their participation in the Black Bass World Championship.  
This federation has presented all documentation in order. The FIPSeD Assembly has agreed and therefore requests official acceptance.  
The Congress unanimously accepts this affiliation.

- “Chibassa Fresh Water Angling” – Mozambique (Candidate member)
- “Federacion de Pesca Deportiva El Salvador - (Candidate member)
- “Philippine Fishing Federation” (Candidate member)
- “Dominican Bass Anglers” - Dominican Republic (Candidate member)
- “Fish Float Federation” – Cyprus

Cyprus was already a member of FIPSeD, but they had suspended their affiliation and they are asking to re-join. The *Praesidium*, after a long discussion, decided, considering that it was the old Federation that was a member, to ask them only for the arrears of 2022 and the current year, 2023 (€ 1,800).

The Congress unanimously accepts this affiliation.

As to the other requests, FIPSeD has not received all the necessary documentation to accept the affiliations.

- “Amateur Angling Federation” ABAF Turks – Request of resignation from FIPSeD

This Federation, which is also a member of FIPS-Mer within CIPS, has asked to leave FIPSeD for lack of activity in their country concerning this International Federation.

The Congress unanimously accepts the exclusion of this Federation from FIPSeD.

- “Federacion Dominicana de Pesca de Black Bass”

This Federation has never paid its affiliation fee since the time they became member. According to the Statutes, this is a condition of exclusion.

The Congress unanimously accepts the exclusion of this Federation from FIPSeD.

- “Romanian Sport Fishing Federation”

The President makes a short summary on the question of Romania, where the incredible situation persists of the simultaneous presence of two Romanian Federations, both recognized by one of the Ministries of this country: the one which has always been affiliated to CIPS and to FIPSeD (AGVPS), which participates in most of our championships, recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, and the one not affiliated to CIPS, which has practically no athletes nor clubs and therefore does not carry out any activity (FRPS), recognized by the Ministry of Sports. The situation deteriorated radically last year when the AGVPS, the Romanian federation which is part of FIPSeD, requested and obtained the organization of the 2nd Trout Area World Championship. From that moment, letters from the FRPS began to arrive at FIPSeD threatening the intervention of the Romanian police to block the Championship and imposing heavy fines on FIPSeD and the organizers, with the blackmail demand that everything would be resolved if we accepted to consider FRPS as the Romanian organizing Federation.

Despite these threats, the FIPSeD Steering Committee has however decided to maintain the aforementioned world championship and not to involve any of its officers in order to prevent FIPSeD from being directly involved in an international lawsuit. In the end, the choice turned out to be correct, given that during the championship, Mr. Popescu, president of FRPS, presented himself,

accompanied by the police, at the gates of the lake chosen as the competition course in an attempt to stop the competition itself, an attempt fortunately failed because the lake was on private property for which Mr. Popescu could not access it and had to abstain. The championship therefore took place regularly.

The obvious consequence of all this is that the Carnivorous Artificial Baits from Shore World Championship, scheduled for 2023 in Romania, will not be able to take place there (in which case the championship would take place in open areas and therefore under the threat of a police intervention). This was confirmed by AGVPS, who asked us to postpone the organization of the championships to later years. We were therefore forced, once again, to change location and send a request for organization to the national federations which are part of FIPSeD.

For all the above, the President asks for the affiliation to AGVPS to be confirmed and the request of the FRPS to be rejected.

The Congress approves to reject this new Federation and to keep only the old Federation which is already a member of FIPSeD, AGVPS.

#### For FIPS-Mer:

- “All India Angling Federation” (Ordinary member)
- “South Korea Sport Fishing Association” (Ordinary member)

It is the same Federation as that one affiliated to FIPSeD, so they have all the documentation in order.

The Congress unanimously accepts this new affiliation.

- “Kingfisher Sport Fishing Association KSFA” – Malta (Candidate member)

Malta was a member a long time ago, but they were out. Now a new Federation has applied for affiliation and they have presented all the documentation.

The Congress unanimously accepts this new affiliation.

- “Northern Ireland Federation of Sea Anglers” NIFSA

The President of FIPS-Mer, Mr. Zangerlé addresses a question that struck FIPS-Mer since long time. He explains that the whole Island of Ireland is part of the Federation which is currently affiliated to FIPS-Mer and it well represents the four provinces. It is very active and organizes several championships. At the moment they are getting some letters by someone in Northern Ireland urging them to be independent. He points out that if they are going to accept this new Federation, they will automatically destroy the current Federation, with which they have never had any problem. He therefore proposes to the Congress the approval to keep this old Federation and to reject the new proposal.

The Congress unanimously accepts this proposition.

#### For FIPS-Mouche

Since the question of India has already been clarified by President Matteoli, the President of FIPS-Mouche insists on the question of Russia. Last year they asked for the suspension of their membership, but FIPS-Mouche, like CIPS, does not provide for this possibility in its Statutes, so they clearly demanded the payment of membership, which did not happen; for all this they must therefore ask to exclude this federation.

The Congress unanimously accepts the exclusion of Russia from FIPS-Mouche.

As far as the status of the Federation of Russia and Belarus within CIPS is concerned, President Matteoli underlines that he has dedicated a large point in his report in this regard.

### 3. Reports of the *Praesidium*

President Matteoli adds a few remarks in relation to his intervention on his report, of which he already spoke in his speech at the opening of the congress.

He will deepen the question concerning Russia and Belarus, in relation to the participation of their athletes in the Championships. The International Olympic Committee has not yet commented on this issue, although individual participation, not teams, has been proposed at the latest, especially in light of the fact that several countries have expressed their disappointment in case of the participation of Russian or Belarusian teams. So, while waiting to know the decision of the IOC, CIPS keeps the ban on the participation of Russian and Belarusian teams in its championships. At the same time, since it was CIPS that suspended them, in agreement with the *Praesidium* we decided not to recall their membership fee for 2023.

The President then proceeds to point out the issue of anti-doping by appealing to the present delegates to pass on to their Federation and, consequently, their athletes any information on the risk of being subjected to anti-doping controls. In this respect, in the event that the athletes assume medication for their health care, it is sufficient to request an exemption.

He gives the floor to the Vice-President, Mr. Diouf, responsible for the Commission on the Environment.

Mr. Diouf remarks that in the report of the last seasons (2021), they had presented the Environment Commission achievements during the previous mandate, which are summarised as follows:

- 1- Finalisation of the two documents presenting, on the one hand, the environmental policy of our organisation and, on the other hand, our Charter on the Environment. All approved by you, our august assembly;
- 2- Our participation in national and international meetings and gatherings, with special focus on the regular meetings of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT);
- 3- the essentially informal multi-stakeholder exchanges on fisheries and climate change, which confirm a clear effect of human activity on environmental degradation;
- 4- the approval by the Presidium members of the mechanisms for implementing our environmental policy on oceans and continental waters (fresh water courses) and our Charter on the Environment.

This last point is reflected in a vertical organisational chart that goes from the CIPS Presidium (Environment Commission) to the international federations and national federations and groupings. But, unfortunately, they are forced to underline, with regret, that, until now, this organisational chart has not been put in place, which has led to an almost complete loss of activity of the current season (2022).

Moreover, he remarks that our role as informed observers, supporters and practitioners of sustainable, non-profit sport fishing requires us to be facilitators between international and state institutions and the exploiters of ocean and inland water resources.

The President thanks Mr. Diouf for his intervention and he informs that the Vice-president, Mr. John Knight, is not present but he has given the charge to Mr. Brown for a brief intervention on his behalf.

M. Brown reads Mr. Knight's intervention, who first of all apologizes for being not in person there, but his health conditions prevented him from flying to Rome.

Last year he asked one simple question: "Who will fish for your country in the future?"

Such a question leads to many other questions:

- Does your national Federation have a youth program?

- What avenues are in place to mentor your next generation of competitors?
- If no youth engagement, who will fish for your country in the future?
- If you have a youth program - Are you sharing your program with a country that does not?
- Why are there so many countries that participate in seniors but not in youth events?
- Why do the many federations show no interest in engaging the young people?
- Who will be the future anglers to compete in the World Championships?

These questions remain unanswered by a great majority of our CIPS member nations and federations.

We must remember that today's youth are our future members, youth are our future leaders and conservationists, and youth will someday sit in our seats to continue the work and programs we have created and maintained.

He points out that he has hoped that our member federations would embrace youth engagement, many simply do not have the resources or are unwilling to make such efforts as he has proposed. Wanting to lead by example - in 2022 - he flew to Italy and America and produced two Youth Components at 2 FIPS world championships. He understands the time and resources of what I am asking in the name of youth sports fishing. He did the work and now asks that others continue this work.

Moreover, he suggests adding youth component at every CIPS event. In the goal engaging the youth population of the host town and surrounding areas to promote sports fishing; showcasing the local watershed, fishery habitat, and resources; encouraging youth to go fishing and be good stewards of the waters and fishery.

The President thanks Mr. Brown for his intervention on behalf of M. Knight.

He therefore gives the floor to Honorary President Szalay, who has conducted his relationship activities with the international organizations that have something in common with us both for sport and the environment, with the protection of animals and the environment. With regard to his report, which is given in the files, he wishes to draw the attention of those present by asking to follow any activity aimed at maintaining our constant presence in these organizations, such as, for example, in the FAO, ICCAT, the RACs and all the international organizations that allow us to express ourselves. We regularly follow organizations dealing with sport, such as SportAccord, IOC, of which we are a candidate for Olympic recognition. As well as partner organizations such as UNESCO and CIC.

The President thanks Mr Szalay and invites all questions to be asked if necessary.

The President puts the approval of the President's report to the vote.

The Congress unanimously approves the President's report.

The President puts the approval of the Vice-president Diouf's report to the vote.

The Congress unanimously approves Diouf 's report.

The President puts the approval of the Vice-president Knight's report to the vote.

The Congress approves Knight 's report with a majority of votes (with 2 abstentions).

The President puts the approval of the Honorary President Szalay's report to the vote.

The Congress unanimously approves Szalay 's report.

#### **4 Reports of the C.I.P.S. International Federations and Commissions**

The President gives the floor to the President of FIPS-Mouche, Mr. Podmanik.

He informs that all the 5 FIPS-Mouche championships scheduled on the calendar took place in 2022, 2 of them were postponed from the pandemic year 2021, namely the Women and the European ones,

organized in a combined event in Norway. The fact that last year they had 2 combined events clearly confirms a good decision by FIPS-Mouche to introduce combined championships and make them more attractive for the organizers on the one hand and for the general public on the other hand. He makes some comments on the FIPS-Mouche championships in 2022.

He points out that at the Championship in Spain, where doping tests were scheduled to be held, at the last moment the Spanish Anti-doping agency withdrew these tests and they were not carried out. They are happy to announce that they introduced for the very first time in a history of their event a CIPS Youth outreach program, dedicated to showcasing of the flyfishing art to the local kids during an event (in the afternoon time). The key idea was that the presentation (fly casting, fly tying and gear quiz) were done directly by the youth competitors with aim to be perceived by them more natural way. Unfortunately, the participation was very poor due the vacation time, maybe not ideal place chosen and perhaps also a lack of local publicity done on short notice. Anyway they are very thankful to the staff from Comano Terme region (they still keep great personal contacts from the previous events) and with their enormous support they achieved some participation. They took a lesson out of this first activity and strongly hope that CIPS will support this activity also in the future. Moreover, it is important to stress out that FIPSAS organized throughout a dedicated Italian agency an anti-doping training session for all participants in the aim to provide the general overview of knowledge and processes.

As to the Board activities, FIPS-Mouche is introducing this year some small technical modification to the rules. The Board was focused also on the introduction of the environmental measures such as ban of smoking. Smokers must wear a cigarette ends collectors, requirement of the organizers to clean out the competition sectors beforehand, compulsory revisions of the sectors during and also after the event that non disposal remained there.

Finally he thanks those present and he remains available for any remark.

The President gives the floor to the President of FIPS-Mer, Mr. Gilbert Zangerlé.

Mr. Zangerlé is going to give a brief summary of his report. First of all, he points out that in 2022 FIPS-Mer joined 42 members. Apart from the General Assembly in Acapulco, they had other meetings to talk about youth, for which they have some issues.

In 2022 FIPS-M has organized 14 Championships (13 World Championships and 1 European Championship). That is to say that in 2022 they had a total of 157 teams (121 in 2021) and 787 competitors (597 in 2021). This represents a significant increase (31%) compared to the previous year. As far as anti-doping controls are concerned, 10 tests were carried out, of which no positive cases were reported to us. In conclusion, he is very happy and proud that they have been able to see in 2022 a normal resumption of FIPS-M activities with a clear increase in participation in their championships. Similarly, the projects set up in 2022 and which will be carried out in 2023, such as the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Tackle Boat Angling World Championship, the 1<sup>st</sup> African Championship in Big Game Fishing or the realization of a test Championship for sea kayak fishing, make him optimistic about the future of the International Federation.

Their wish is to increase online meetings, to be able to talk more easily together. On the other hand, they must not lose sight of the continual degradation of aquatic environments. Admittedly, Sport Fishing is a marginal player in this global challenge, but together at the CIPS level with all the three FIPS they must join their efforts to evolve towards modern and sustainable fishing, while respecting nature and our environment. He thanks his Steering Committee and remains available for any questions.

President Matteoli finally makes his intervention on behalf of FIPSeD. He agrees with what Mr. Zangerlé says, that is to say the complete resumption of all activities. He points out that 65 members are affiliated to FIPSeD. He also remarks that 25 championships took place, among which there are some new events, such as Street Fishing and Kayak fishing. It's been a very hard work, that is why he wants to thank all the members of the FIPSeD Steering Committee. They had for the first time

two combined world and zone black bass championships, in the United States, which allowed them to have the first zone championship outside of Europe.

FIPSeD is in the process of finishing a software to give the possibility of making classifications, which will be given to the National Federations, who will be able to use it even in their national competitions. As far as anti-doping is concerned, they carried out 18 controls. President Matteoli insists that the National Federations must carry out information campaigns on the procedures to be followed for the athletes, so that all those who assume medication for their care can request a therapeutic exemption before championships to avoid to have sanctions in the event of a positive test.

Finally, he reminds that in 2024, 2 new championships will have their start, namely U22 carp and U25 feeder. In the FIPSeD meeting, they had a proposal from South Africa for the Black Bass U25, which will be taken into consideration by the Steering Committee in its next meeting. He remains available for questions.

The President puts to vote the approval of the report of the FIPS-Mouche President, Mario Podmanik.

The Congress unanimously approves the report of the President of FIPS-Mouche.

The President puts to vote the approval of the report of the FIPS-Mer President, Gilbert Zangerlé. The Congress unanimously approves the report of the President of FIPS-Mer.

The President puts to vote the approval of his report on behalf of President of FIPS-ed. The Congress unanimously approves his report.

The President gives the floor to Mr. Greig Brown, Chairman of the Athletes' Commission.

M. Greig Brown makes a presentation of a file that will be delivered to all delegates. The main aim of this presentation is to explain to the Federations the benefits of having an athletes' commission inside their Federation. Having an athletes' commission allows having the athletes' voice to be heard. So, he invites any Federation to establish an athletes' commission inside and to give athletes' the opportunity to compete at a high level.

The President thanks Mr. Brown but he wishes to point out that it is always from the National Federation to which all remarks and proposals must come, not from the individual athletes. However, the President emphasizes that Brown's work is very important and useful.

Mr. Allacker remarks that in the competition venues, he does not always find a representative of the Athletes' Commission. Mr. Brown replies that with about 50 championships a year, being always present is practically impossible. Mrs. Ishimura also takes the floor to remark that it would be a hard job for them to be present in all the championships, nor do they have the resources available.

President Matteoli gives the floor to the Chairman of the Anti-Doping Tribunal, Mr. José Luis Bruna. He quickly explains his intervention by highlighting that the anti-doping issue is a problem, as the president said, of not knowing the steps to follow. He therefore thanks all those present and invites them to follow the information concerning the procedures for the TUEs.

The President turns the floor to Mrs. Durante, Chairwoman of the Gender Commission.

She reminds that after Mrs. Mandeno's loss, it is necessary to replace this vacant place. She therefore invites the FIPS-Mouche President to make a proposal to substitute her place. Therefore, at the next Congress, it will be necessary to provide for elections for this office.

She remarks the main points of her report, which is given in the files. It mainly appeals to National Federations to work to develop the participation of women in sport fishing.

The President puts to vote the approval of the report of the Athletes' Commission Chairman, Greig Brown.

The Congress unanimously approves the report of the President of the Athletes' Commission Chairman.

The President puts to vote the approval of the report of the Anti-doping Tribunal Chairman, José Luis Bruna.

The Congress unanimously approves the report of the Anti-doping Tribunal Chairman.

The President puts to vote the approval of the report of the Gender Commission Chairwoman, Barbara Durante.

The Congress unanimously approves the report of the Gender Commission Chairwoman.

## **5. Report of the Secretary General**

Mr. Stuani makes a brief intervention on his report. Like every year, he points out that the secretariat, through its offices established in Rome, Viale Tiziano, 70, has been responsible for sending the invoices for the fees for the annual affiliation, checking the regularity of the payments.

The current activity has always been implemented by responding, directly or through the confederated FIPS, to the requests received from all the National Federations concerning clarifications for all those who were interested in a possible registration as a Member of our Confederation, in Affiliations or Reaffiliations to our FIPS, taking care and also sending the necessary documentation to carry out their activity.

He thanks the secretariat and remains available for any questions.

The President puts to vote the approval of the report of the Secretary General, Luigi Stuani.

The Congress unanimously approves the report of the Secretary General.

At 11:00 am suspends the Congress for a coffee break.

At 11:15 am the President re-opens the Congress.

## **6. Report of the Treasurer and approval of 2022 accounts sheets**

The Treasurer, Mr. Jacques Goupil, illustrates the accounts for the year 2022.

With the resumption of all international sport fishing events in 2022, the contribution of national federations has been restored to € 900, which has enabled CIPS to regain its usual level of income:

FIPSeD membership fees	€59,700.00
FIPS Mouche membership fees	€36,900.00
FIPS Mer membership fees	€38,700.00
ICF membership fee	€ 900.00
FIPSeD organisation royalties	€10,000.00
FIPS Mer organisation royalties	€6,500.00
FIPS Mouche organisation royalties	€2,500.00
interest on financial accounts	€1,054.36
Income from previous year	€475.14
<b>Total income:</b>	<b>€156,729.50</b>

Expenditures for 2022 also raised compared to 2021, while remaining limited compared to a normal year due to an even lower number of trips by the members of the Praesidium for international organizations and due to the dealing of many *Praesidium* meetings by conference call. This situation allows CIPS to record a positive operating result in 2022 which erases the negative result of 2021:

Office supplies	€849.60
Secretarial costs	€4,500.00
Insurance premiums	€5,205.24
Praesidium expenses	€5,350.41
Congress expenses	€31,685.11
Costs for sport agreement	€5,048.31
RAC costs	€2,650.00
TUE commission expenses	€4,030.52
AIMS membership fee	€505.29
Financial costs	€1,066.09
Liabilities on CIPS fees	€6,900.00
FIPSeD grant	€23,600.00
FIPS Mouche grant	€14,700.00
FIPS Mer grant	€17,500.00
UKRAINE contribution	€1,800.00
Previous year's expenses	€548.14
<b>Total costs:</b>	<b>€125 938.71</b>
<b>2022 Operating Result:</b>	<b>€30,790.79</b>

Having said this, he ends by attesting that at December 31st, 2022, CIPS' financial assets amounted to € **285,788.56**.

They were broken down as follows:

- Crédit Agricole Bank	€206,034.79
- Savings bank book	€77,736.09
- Cash (euros)	€2,017.98

The Treasurer points out that the membership situation has been updated up to eight days ago. He asks that payments are always well marked. The *Praesidium* has decided to take over the contribution of Ukraine, so we will not claim this contribution even for the year 2023.

## 7. Report of the Board of Auditors

Mr. Otal remarks that from the point of view of the auditors, he wishes to draw the attention of those present to a point that the Treasurer has already addressed. At the end of 2022, we had a very high amount of uncollected contributions. In its meeting at the beginning of February, the *Praesidium* decided, considering that in the Statutes there is no deadline for presenting the accounts, to continue to remind these payments and finally we were able to receive several late payments. So, by applying the accounting principle of prudence, we were able to obtain a good result. In the absence of other significant issues to note, the auditors invite the Congress to discharge the CIPS Treasurer and the President.

The President puts to vote the approval of the report of the President of the Board of Auditors, Victor Otal.

The Congress unanimously approves the report of the Board of Auditors.

## 8. Full discharge is given to the President and the Treasurer

The Congress unanimously gives discharge to the President and the Treasurer.

## 9. Discussion on the Reports

The President remarks that he has already submitted to vote each report.

## 10. Setting of fees and approval of the 2023 budget

The Treasurer informs that for the 2023 budget he has no original propositions to raise because it is based on the 2022 balance sheet, which is the year in which we had the resumption of normal activities. He briefly illustrates the items of the budget, which is given in the sheets.

EXPENSES		REVENUES	
ITEMS	AMOUNTS (€)	ITEMS	AMOUNTS(€)
Office supplies	500	FIPSeD Membership Fees	58800
Secretarial costs	4500	FIPS Mouche Membership Fees	36000
Insurance premiums	6000	FIPS Mer Membership Fees	39600
Presidium expenses	10000	Organisation Royalties	15000
Congress expenses	32000	ICF Membership Fee	900
ICCAT expenses	6000	Financial Proceeds	1000
Sport-Accord Expenses	5000		
RAC Expenses	5000		
WADA Expenses	5300		
Grants to FIPS	58000		
Financial costs	1000		
Internet application	6000		
Purchase of clothing	5000		
Provision for investment	7000		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>151300</b>	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>151300</b>

The congress unanimously approves the budget 2023.

## 11. Media and communication

For the media, unfortunately Mr. Knight who takes care of this question is not present. For communication, Mr. Podmanik has already presented at the opening ceremony the new website on which we are in the process of migrating all the information that was on the old website.

The President is very happy with this new site, a novelty of which consists in the simultaneous updating of the website and the facebook page. Each time a new post is published, each Member Federation will automatically receive an email, Mr Podmanik says.

The President invites all delegates to manifest any suggestion or possible remark in this regard.

## **12. Discussion and vote on motions**

Failing any motions to be raised, there is no discussion on this point.

## **13. Decision on the place and date of the following Congresses: 2024 and 2025**

The President recalls that the 2024 Congress has already been assigned to South Africa. He therefore invites the delegate of the Federation of South Africa to make a new presentation of this Congress. Mr. Andries Maree illustrates a video on the Congress and provides some news. He notes that after some talks with the *Praesidium*, they have decided to change the program a little bit, so there will be the usual 3 days of assemblies and some additional activities that can be enjoyed during the same travel experience. These activities will be placed in the last day and participants will be free to choose whether to participate.

Regarding the Congress in 2025, he remarks that the two proposals that we received from Slovenia and from South Korea are equipped with all information, while the other two candidatures from Portugal and Poland have no details. He therefore invites all proposals for the future to present more complete requests on which the choice can be based.

He asks the representative of Korea to present his proposal.

Mr. Justin Song thanks for this opportunity and he shows a promotional video to support his candidature.

The President thanks the Korean delegate for this beautiful demonstration and asks the Slovenian delegate to show his presentation. Mr. Miroslav Zaberl introduces his presentation by pointing out that this is the first time that Slovenia has applied to host a Congress.

The President thanks the two delegates and wishes to remind that in 2025 CIPS will have an elective Congress, for which the highest participation is desirable, this is why in consideration of the fact that most of the member Federations are European, organizing this congress in Europe is preferable. South Korea has already manifest its availability to keep their proposal for 2026.

The President puts the two propositions to vote.

The Congress unanimously votes to assign the 2025 Congress to Slovenia, at the following prices:

700 € double room in full board per person (delegate)

650 € double room in full board per person (accompanying person with a Delegate)

820 € single room in full board (delegate)

770 € single room in full board (accompanying person with a Delegate)

## **14. Decision on the place and date of the 5th edition of the World Games**

Following the request to submit a candidature for the Fishing World Games, we have received a proposal from South Africa. The President therefore gives the floor to Mr. Maree for his presentation. Spain has also expressed its interest, but its proposal remains complementary to South Africa, that is to say that since the latter will not be able to organize all the disciplines, Spain has therefore offered to organize what remains or almost all that remains. The only problem for Spain concerns the date, considering that the best period is the month of September or October, while the proposal of South Africa concerns October. It will therefore not be possible to have them at the same times of the year.

Mr. Maree shows a promotional video of what he proposes to do. He remarks that it will be an international event between South Africa and other African nations. Many details of this program have yet to be finalized and will be managed in collaboration with the FIPS Steering Committees. The President wishes to make two remarks: one is that the championships planned are more than 20 (therefore more than the last edition), the other is that the World Games are planned in the month of October 2027.

We will discuss afterwards over the possibility of organizing complementary World Games which gather all disciplines which will not be organized in South Africa.

In the event that the World Games in 2027 are approved, the 3 FIPSs will have to plan them in their calendars for the disciplines which will be concerned.

The Congress unanimously approves the organisation of the Sport Fishing World Games in 2027 in South Africa.

## **15. Miscellaneous**

The President has a proposal to make regarding the possibility of creating an official CIPS anthem. If the Congress agrees, we will hire a musician to compose this anthem.

The Congress unanimously approves this proposal.

In the absence of other interventions to be raised, at 1:00 p.m. the President thanks all the present delegates and declares the 44th CIPS Congress closed.

**Ugo Matteoli**  
**CIPS President**



**Luigi Stuani**  
**CIPS Secretary General**

