



President's Report FIPS-M (G.A. April 23, Cairo 2026)

The year 2025 was an electoral year, as in all International Federations, but in our case there have been significant changes in the governing bodies, the Board and the Technical Commission, both in terms of personnel (50%) and in key positions and management approach.

With a difficult transition, we did not have a new bank account until July. We have also had to interpret and manage our website, on which draws and rankings depended.

We have worked to change our registered office, our legal status, and to propose new Statutes and Regulations during our mandate, starting with this Extraordinary General Assembly that we are about to hold.

The Statutes must be a tool to regulate and facilitate management, not a problem, and the regulations cannot be based mainly on prohibition nor be disconnected from the athletes.

The sports calendar has been carried out normally, with 17 World Championships, although the championship for disabled athletes could not be held due to lack of registrations.

In 2025, FIPS-Mer had 45 members.

In the last three World Championships, we have used an app from the Spanish Federation that calculates rankings in real time, providing information by sectors, rounds, positions, athletes, species, and recalculating the standings each time a steward records a new catch.

The number of visits and visitors far exceeded even the most optimistic expectations:

- Shore Fishing Youth World Championship: 8,600 visitors with 717,000 visits
- Shore Fishing Men's and Women's World Championship: 7,100 visitors with 750,000 visits



- Shore Fishing Masters World Championship: 3,300 visitors with 201,000 visits

In addition to its sporting and organizational advantages, this app also serves as a database of interest to public authorities.

Regarding the Environment and Youth, I still see very limited room for maneuver for the FIPS. However, my Vice-Presidents are launching real projects in these two areas.

Finally, I would like to thank the Bureau and the Technical Commission for their work, commitment, and cooperation, through monthly videoconferences and the in-person meeting we held this year—in short, for building a great working team.

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