

Report of the IGF directors representing Europe (period August 2010 - July 2011)

- 1) Essential change in the operation of the IGF with two offices parallel (Tokyo, Beijing) and new president from China since May 2010 (till April 2012)
- 2) New financial base of the IGF (members China, Japan and Korea finance the IGF nearly completely) strengthening IGF as an international and independent operating body
- 3) Limited influence of the European directors as a result of 2) while the new "three country meetings" become more important
- 4) Two IGF board meetings in Japan (October 2010, May 2011)
- 5) Martin Finke took over the seat of Victor Bogdanov end of May 2011 in the IGF-board of directors (as proposed by the EGF-AGM)
- 6) European directors proposed Mrs. Taki as a new member of the IGF-director's board and succeeded. Mrs. Hiroko Taki (WPGA / JPGA) new IGF-director for the coming two years since May 2011
- 7) Project 2. World Mind Sports Games: No essential progress in fixing a city and a date for the event in 2012. Still August 2012 in the UK is the plan. IMSA and an international operating marketing company have the lead. More news on this topic expected end of August 2011
- 8) Referring to 7) European IGF-directors met BGA-representatives in London (February 2012) analyzing the points how EGF and BGA might support the 2.WMSG
- 9) No major changes in the doping scene between IGF and WADA. Martin Finke took over the task within the IGF from Thomas Hsiang (USA)
- 10) Asian games in Guangzhou (November 2010) with Go for the first time as an official sport of the Asian games. IGF involved. Doping tests with no problems. One and only event with doping-tests for Go-players within the last 12 months worldwide
- 11) Korea very active on keeping Go as a sport for the next Asian games in 2014 at Incheon
- 12) WAGC 2012 scheduled for Guangzhou / China with a changed date in spring, one week before Easter
- 13) WAGC 2013 will be played in Japan, location and date undefined, hope on Kyoto in April 2013
- 14) No changes (and no plan for a change) about travel-expenses for the participants of the WAGC as announced in 2009
- 15) European EGF-directors plan activities in the direction of new models for IGF-tournaments (multilingual pairing-program, reconsidering mode of WAGC and WMSG)
- 16) New IGF-initiative with the goal to establish Go as an official sport as part of worldwide university sport events in 2013
- 17) Sport Accord World Mind Games coming up in December 2011 in Beijing. Europe will be represented by a team of 5 players under the country-name "European Union". Many discussions about the mode of this event in the IGF board because Sport Accord changed the basics several times. More news on this topic in the actual EGF president's report

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