

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1975

Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on October 16-18, 2015 in Lausanne, Switzerland. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting:

1. New Provisional ISU Members

The ISU Council granted provisional ISU Membership for the following federations in Greece and in Colombia:

- a) Greece
Hellenic Winter Sports Federation for the Figure Skating Branch
- b) Colombia
Colombian Federation of Skating Sports for the Speed Skating Branch

The contact details and relevant information related to those new ISU Members can be found on the ISU website under the “ISU Member” section.

2. Suspension of ISU Membership

In line with Article. 6 and Article 17, paragraph 1. g) of the ISU Constitution as well as taking into account the track record if international activity, the Council evaluated the ISU Membership status of the **Grenada Figure Skating Association**. The Council concluded that this Provisional Member failed to maintain the minimum requirements for ISU Membership. The Council consequently decided to suspend the ISU Membership of the Grenada Figure Skating Association with immediate effect.

3. Full ISU Membership

In accordance to Article 6 of the ISU Constitution the Council acknowledged that the **Association of Moroccan Ice Sports** had been an active provisional Figure Skating Member since June 16, 2011. The Council therefore accepted this association as a full Figure Skating Member of the ISU with immediate effect.

4. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar season 2016/17

The Council has approved the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar for the season 2016/17 as follows:

St. Gervais, France	August 24-28, 2016
Ostrava, Czech Republic	August 31-September 4, 2016 (including Pair Skating)
TBA, Japan	September 7-11, 2016
Saransk, Russia	September 14-18, 2016 (including Pair Skating)
Ljubljana, Slovenia	September 21- 25, 2016
Tallinn, Estonia	September 28-October 2, 2016 (including Pair Skating)
Dresden, Germany	October 5-9, 2016 (including Pair Skating)

5. ISU Shanghai Trophy 2017 (including Synchronized Skating and Short Track Speed Skating)

Subject to a satisfactory conduct of the first edition of the ISU Shanghai Trophy scheduled to be held in Shanghai/China on March 4-6, 2016 (please refer to the Announcement for details), the Council tentatively fixed the date for the 2017 ISU Shanghai Trophy to March 3-5, 2017.

6. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (senior & junior) season 2016/17

The Council allotted the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final for the season 2016/17 to the Fédération Française des Sports de Glace (FFSG) to be held in Marseille, France on December 8-11, 2016.

7. Open International Competitions

The Council adopted specific procedures relating to the authorization of Open International Competitions as outlined in detail in ISU Communication No. 1974.

8. ISU World Development Trophies season 2015/16

The Council reviewed the budgets for the planned ISU World Development Trophies of the season 2015/16. Based on a specific evaluation and in consultation with the Development Coordinator, the Council agreed, for a more efficient use of the available funds, to combine the two initially planned Figure Skating Single Trophies to be held in Gdansk, Poland and not to hold the initially planned Development Trophy in South Africa.

The following ISU Worlds Development Trophies are scheduled for the season 2015/16:

Speed Skating	Zakopane, Poland	12-17 December, 2015
Figure Skating - Single Skating	Gdansk, Poland	11-17 April, 2016 (tentative date)
Short Track Speed Skating	Melbourne, Australia	17-22 April, 2016.

9. ISU Internal Control System

Based on the recommendation from the Treasurer and Director General and also taking into account comments from the external auditors, the Council agreed to reinforce the ISU Internal Control System. The Council agreed to add a staff position for an Internal Controller to be hired as soon as possible.

10. Short Track Speed Skating – Race Reporting System (RRS) and Officials Database (ODB)

The Council received a report from the Sports Director Speed Skating on the development and progress of this project. The Council agreed that the RRS project enhances the quality and speed of the decision making of the Short Track Speed Skating Referees and, in conjunction with the ODB, allows a better monitoring of the Short Track officiating by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee. On the basis of the reported successful tests, the Council approved funding to allow the use of the system at least throughout the season 2015/16.

11. PR, Media and Marketing report

The Council received a report from the ISU PR/Media Coordinator, Ms. Selina Vanier, who reported on all the recent and planned activities on behalf of the media/PR/marketing team

The activities include an expanded social media strategy (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube), ISU Events' live streaming on the ISU Skating Channel, planned updates to the ISU website, continued social media video campaign, enhanced coverage of ISU Events by a dedicated ISU photographer and the possibility for Members to benefit from such photography service.

The Council acknowledged the ongoing efforts aiming to embrace new technologies and ways of communicating in order to attract a younger audience and promote ISU Sports. The Council confirmed its strong support towards the continuously expanding media/PR/marketing activities and also approved the corresponding budget for the strengthening of the ISU media team including one additional staff member.

12. Adult (Figure) Skating

Besides the traditional Adult Figure Skating Competition supported by the ISU and held annually in Oberstdorf, the Council agreed to establish a "partner event" in North America. The first edition is scheduled to be held in Vancouver, Canada August 28-September 2, 2016. Further information will be available in due time on www.isu.org/en/single-and-pair-skating-and-ice-dance/adult-figure-skating.

13. 2016 Congress

The Council agreed to hold the 2016 Congress on June 6-10, 2016 in the Hotel Sheraton in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The formal invitation to ISU Members and Office Holders has been distributed through ISU Circular Letter No. 614 on October 22, 2015.

The Council reviewed the summary prepared by a Working Group for Council proposals to be included on the Agenda for the 2016 Congress. The main objective of the Council proposals is the improved consistency of the Rules among ISU disciplines and the aim to comply with the basic principles of good governance. The detailed Council proposals will be included in the first edition of the Congress Agenda to be published by January 31, 2016.

The Council also discussed the basic principles for the preparation of the ISU Budget 2016-2018 to be submitted to the 2016 Congress. Besides the reinforcement of the PR/media operations, the Council in principle also agreed to increase the overall budget for the ISU

Development Program. The detailed Budget will be finalized and sent to Members during the Spring of 2016.

14. ISU Council meetings

The Council agreed to meet again
on April 9-11, 2016 in Budapest, Hungary
on June 5, 11 & 12, 2016 in Dubrovnik, Croatia

Milan,

October 27, 2015

Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General