

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and FOUNDATION BOARD MEETINGS**

15-16 November 2017  
*Seoul, Republic of Korea*

### **Summary of Outcomes**

As a complement to the [Press Release](#) published by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) following the above-noted meetings in Seoul, this Summary of Outcomes has been compiled for the benefit of WADA stakeholders.

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#### **Board approves extension of WADA's Headquarters in Montreal**

The Foundation Board received a presentation from a Canadian delegation outlining their offer to extend the Montreal hosting agreement of WADA's Headquarters for a further ten years beyond the current agreement, which concludes at the end of 2021. The Board approved the offer. The WADA President will now proceed in formalizing the agreement that would run from 2022-2031. The extension of the hosting agreement with Montreal is key to providing ongoing stability for the Agency as its remit is expanded to protect clean sport.

#### **Members updated on, and/or endorsed, items stemming from November 2016 Board recommendations**

The Executive Committee and Foundation Board received updates and were asked to approve several items resulting from [November 2016 Board recommendations](#), which were aimed at equipping the Agency to be fit for the future.

#### ***Governance Working Group delivered progress report***

A progress report was delivered regarding the Governance Working Group (WG) that was established late 2016/early 2017 to study strengthening WADA's governance structure. The WG has met three times to date, with a fourth meeting planned for March 2018. It is anticipated that recommendations will be tabled at the Foundation Board meeting in May 2018.

#### ***Laboratory Accreditation Working Group recommendations endorsed***

The Laboratory Accreditation Working Group (WG) was mandated to review the current status of WADA's accreditation of anti-doping Laboratories; and, to determine if it provided stakeholders with the quality of service necessary to support the present and future global anti-doping program. The WG commenced its work in January 2017 and concluded in October. The recommendations were presented to the Executive Committee and Foundation Board Members and were accepted.

In summary, the WG concluded that ensuring that all WADA-accredited Laboratories perform to the highest level is an absolute requirement. As difficult as denial of accreditation or revocation might be to a Laboratory, and its supporting stakeholders, Laboratories that cannot meet those high standards do not belong in the elite group of WADA-accredited Laboratories. At the same time, WADA's accreditation and quality assessment process must be fair and transparent. Both WADA, and the community of accredited Laboratories, must work together to give every accredited Laboratory the best chance of success with the

goal of constant improvement in light of the high quality that is rightly demanded by the anti-doping community.

### **Board approves International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (ISCCS)**

Since May 2017, WADA has been developing an International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (ISCCS). Following a tight timeline, yet thorough stakeholder consultation process, the draft ISCCS was adopted by the Executive Committee. In concert with the ISCCS, certain amendments to the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) are required. These amendments were approved by the Foundation Board. Both documents will be published before the end of 2017 and will take effect on 1 April 2018. The ISCCS specifies a range of graded, predictable and proportionate sanctions for cases of non-compliance; and, a process for determining non-compliance and consequences.

The Board also approved a policy for the initial application of the ISCCS. This entails WADA exercising the power given to it in the ISCCS to prioritize its compliance monitoring and enforcement efforts, by focusing on certain categories of Signatories, chosen based on objective factors identified in the ISCCS.

Lastly, the Executive Committee approved the immediate suspension of the application of the first three paragraphs of Article 4.4 (Maintaining WADA Accreditation) of the [International Standard for Laboratories \(ISL\)](#). As part of the ISCCS consultation process, WADA received a significant number of formal and informal comments from stakeholders in relation to the perceived unfairness of this ISL article. This article specifically suspends the WADA accreditation of an anti-doping Laboratory if the National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) of the country where the Laboratory is located is declared non-compliant with the Code (on the basis that the Laboratory would usually be analyzing samples predominantly collected by that NADO). A future review of the ISL is planned that will consider this area again.

### **Board declares three Signatories non-compliant with the Code**

The Foundation Board received a presentation from the Compliance Review Committee (CRC) outlining the achievements and challenges of WADA's relatively young compliance monitoring program. Members were reminded of the ultimate objective of this program, which is to ensure that strong anti-doping programs are applied consistently across all sports and all countries so that athletes can have confidence that they are competing on a level playing field. WADA is actively working with all Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs) to achieve this.

Based on the recommendation of the CRC, the Board declared the following three Signatories non-compliant with the Code with immediate effect:

- The National Anti-Doping Committee of Equatorial Guinea, due to their failure to complete the Code Compliance Questionnaire
- The Kuwait Anti-Doping Committee, due to issues related to the structure and the content of their anti-doping program.
- The Anti-Doping Unit – Mauritius Ministry of Youth and Sports, due to non-compliant anti-doping arrangements to enforce the Code.

The respective organizations were advised immediately of this decision; and, it has also been widely communicated to WADA stakeholders, including the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), other Major Event Organizations and UNESCO for their consideration and action.

### **Board upholds the non-compliance status of RUSADA with the Code**

Also, as extensively reported in the media, after having heard the Russian delegation the Foundation Board endorsed the CRC's recommendation that RUSADA remain non-compliant with the Code until such time as Russia fulfills the two outstanding criteria of [RUSADA's Roadmap to Compliance; namely:](#)

1. That the responsible authorities for anti-doping in Russia must publically accept the reported outcomes of the McLaren Investigation.

2. That the Russian Government must provide access for appropriate entities to the stored samples and electronic data in the Moscow Laboratory, which are sealed off due to a Federal investigation.

### **Executive Committee approves policy regarding new sport bodies seeking Code Signatory status**

The Executive Committee approved a new policy to be applied by WADA for cases of new sport bodies seeking Code Signatory status. In summary, the change in policy now involves a requirement for any International Federation (IF) wishing to become a Signatory that they first apply to the Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF); and, adhere to their admission requirements such as eligibility criteria.

For any other sport organization of an international nature, which meets WADA's minimum requirements to become a Signatory; and, which is not an IF (i.e. an organization comprised of national governing bodies of a given sport), they may continue to apply directly to WADA.

### **Board agreed to review of Code and associated International Standards**

The Foundation Board agreed to the review of the Code and associated International Standards. The process will commence in mid-December 2017. Extensive and multiple consultation phases will take place over an almost two-year period; and, will culminate with final approval and acceptance of the revisions to the Code and Standards at the next World Conference on Doping in Sport to be held in November 2019, in Katowice, Poland. Unlike past Code revisions, the review process will focus primarily on areas where specific change is required. The opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to other areas of the Code will however be possible as well.

### **Board approved development of International Standard for Education and Information**

The Foundation Board approved development of a new International Standard for Education and Information. The new Standard will undergo consultation in line with the review of the other International Standards and the Code, with intended endorsement in November 2019.

### **Board approved Executive Committee Appointments for 2018**

Following the submission of recommended appointments by stakeholders, WADA's Executive Committee for 2018 was approved by the Foundation Board, as is required by the WADA Statutes. The Committee will be comprised of:

1. Sir Craig REEDIE - *Chair* (Sports Movement)
2. Linda HELLELAND - *Vice Chair* (Public Authorities)
3. Ugur ERDENER (IOC)
4. Jiri KEJVAL (ANOC)
5. Francesco RICCI BITTI (ASOIF)
6. Patrick BAUMANN (GAISF)
7. Danka BARTEKOVA (IOC Athletes Commission)
8. Amira EL FADIL (Africa/African Union)
9. Marcos DIAZ (Americas/CADE)
10. Toshiei MIZUOCHI (Asia/Japan)
11. Witold BAŃKA (Europe/Poland)
12. Grant ROBERTSON (Oceania/New Zealand)

## **Board tabled changes to its Membership for 2018**

The Foundation Board members for 2018 were tabled. The changes from 2017 are outlined below, and come into effect on 1 January 2018.

From the Sports Movement:

- Andrew PARSONS replaces José A. (Toni) PASCAL as the IPC representative
- The terms of Richard POUND (IOC), Rania ELWANI (ANOC), Fabio PIGOZZI (ANOC), Francesco RICCI BITTI (ASOIF), Patrick BAUMANN (GAISF), Anders BESSEBERG (AIOWF) and Kirsty COVENTRY (IOC Athletes Commission) will be renewed.

From the Public Authorities:

- Marius DUNCA from Romania assumes the European seat vacated by Malta at the end of their term in June 2017 (*effective late October 2017*).
- Krasen KRALEV from Bulgaria replaces Tracey CROUCH (UK) following her resignation from the Foundation Board in early October 2017 (*effective late October 2017*).
- A representative (name to be confirmed) from the Seychelles replaces Mathias Otounga Ossibadjou from Gabon.
- The terms of Greg HUNT (Australia), Yingchuan LI (China), Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI (Council of Europe), Mohammed Saleh AL KONBAZ (Saudi Arabia), Akif Çagatay KILIÇ (Turkey/Council of Europe) and Michael GOTTLIEB (USA) will be renewed.
- The fourth seat from the Americas region is to be confirmed.

The full Board membership can be found on WADA's [website](#). At present, the site reflects the 2017 membership; however, it will be updated for 2018 by end-2017.

## **Board tabled Standing Committee compositions for 2018**

WADA's Standing Committee compositions for 2018 were tabled at the meetings. All applicants have since received news of their nominations, whether successful or unsuccessful. The Committees were posted to WADA's [website](#) on 22 November 2017.

## **Board approved 2018 Budget increase of 8%**

As a consequence of the November 2016 Foundation Board recommendations referenced above, which were aimed at equipping the Agency to be fit for the future, WADA Management developed a four-year plan articulating which core activities for 2018-2021 must be carried out to meet and exceed the expectations of its stakeholders. In July and September, the plan was presented to the WADA Finance Committee and Executive Committee respectively.

The Board approved an 8% increase to WADA's 2018 budget; and, requested that the 2019-2021 budget decision be deferred to May 2018.

## **Executive Committee approved Social Science Research Project Grants**

WADA's Executive Committee approved the recommendations of the WADA Education Committee for three social science research project grants totaling US\$175,946 under the 2018 Social Science Research Grant Program. The details of the newly approved projects will be made available under the [Social Science Research section](#) of WADA's website by year-end.

## **Executive Committee approved Scientific Technical Documents (TDs)**

The Executive Committee approved four updated [TDs](#); namely the:

- TD2017LDOC, which involved correction of a typographical error and the new version entering into force immediately, 15 November 2017.
- TD2018MRPL, which will enter into force on 1 January 2018.

- TD2018CG/LH, which will enter into force on 1 March 2018.
- TD2018DL, which will enter into force on 1 March 2018.

On 21 November 2017, WADA advised its stakeholders via electronic mail out.

### **Executive Committee approved updated version of the Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis (TDSSA)**

The Executive Committee approved an updated version of the TDSSA.

The following changes, which will take effect on 1 January 2018, will be communicated to stakeholders:

- 2018 will now be considered an implementation year for the application of the Haematological Module of the ABP in 2018 - for the Sports and Disciplines with an Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agent (ESA) MLA of 30% or greater. This will allow those ADOs that have yet to establish a Haematological module, to put the necessary processes in place in preparation for 1 January 2019; at which time, it will become a mandatory requirement.
- Similarly, 2018 will also be considered an implementation year of the GH MLAs for all Sport/Disciplines. ADOs would need to continue making their best efforts to put the necessary measures in place to comply with the Growth Hormone (GH) MLAs in 2019; while, maintaining or preferably exceeding their existing volume of GH analysis.
- Lastly, four International Federations, namely the International Federation of Roller Sports (FIRS), the International Life Saving Federation (ILS), the International Handball Federation (IHF) and the International Swimming Federation (FINA) requested amendments to the list of sports/disciplines.

### **Executive Committee approved Bogota Laboratory for blood analyses**

The Executive Committee granted the Colombian Anti-Doping Laboratory in Bogota the approval to conduct blood analyses only in support of the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP).

### **Board provided progress report regarding WADA's Anti-Doping Administration & Management System (ADAMS)**

The Foundation Board received a presentation on the progress of ADAMS development, with particular reference to the ADAMS Next Gen project. A thorough and deliberate strategy has been developed. The full system will not be replaced hastily, but rather the new development process will learn from its iterative approach, prioritizing modules and features most needed by the majority of ADAMS users. The first module to be released will be the newly improved Doping Control Form, which is scheduled for December 2017.