EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and FOUNDATION BOARD MEETINGS
14-15 November 2018
Baku, Azerbaijan

Summary of Outcomes

As a complement to the media release published by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) following the above-noted meetings in Baku, this Summary of Outcomes has been compiled for the benefit of WADA stakeholders.

Review to the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards

As part of the ongoing review of the World Anti-Doping Code and a number of International Standards, the Executive Committee (ExCo) and Foundation Board (Board) received a full update on progress made so far.

In addition, the ExCo approved changes to Article 6.3.4 (Sample Collection Equipment) and Annex L (Results Management Requirements and Procedures for the Athlete Biological Passport) of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations (ISTI). These changes are now reflected in the current version of the ISTI.

Changes were also proposed to the International Standard for Laboratories (ISL) Version 10.0, specifically to Sections 1 (Introduction), 4 (Process and Requirements for WADA Laboratory Accreditation) and 5 (Analysis of Samples), as well as Annexes A and B. A decision on these proposed changes was deferred to the May 2019 meeting of the ExCo.

Extensive consultation and collaboration with stakeholders has taken place prior to these changes being developed. The details of the changes to the ISTI, which come into effect on 1 March 2019, will be fully communicated in an advisory shortly.

The new revised drafts of the Code and the Standards will be published on 10 December 2018, and the next phase of consultation will kick off that day until 4 March 2019.

The various reviews of the Code and Standards over the years have resulted in stronger, more robust tools to protect the rights of the clean athlete worldwide. The latest ongoing Code and Standards review will culminate with approval at the Fifth World Conference on Doping in Sport in November 2019 in Katowice, Poland, and will come into effect in 2021.

Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights

The ExCo and the Board were presented with the latest draft of the Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights (Charter), which was initiated in 2017 and was drafted by WADA’s Athlete Committee. The Charter was the subject of an athlete survey in relation to its desired content; and, has been presented for discussion and feedback at various WADA events in 2018, including the Agency’s Annual Symposium in March, the first WADA Global Athlete Forum in June, and the various Code Drafting Team meetings.
The latest draft version of the Charter, which includes a section with ‘actual’ rights and a section with ‘aspirational’ rights, is a standalone document, with the ‘actual rights’ being referenced to the relevant sections of the Code or Standards.

The draft Charter will be put to public consultation from 10 December 2018 to 4 March 2019 in parallel with consultation on the draft revised versions of the Code and the Standards referenced above.

Minutes of meetings

The minutes from the September ExCo meeting in Seychelles and those from the May Board meeting in Montreal were approved. These are now publicly available on the WADA website.

Board approved ExCo appointments for 2019

Following the submission of recommended appointments by stakeholders, WADA’s ExCo for 2019 was approved by the 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. Ingmar DE VOS (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 BANKA (Europe/Poland)
12. Bridget McKENZIE (Oceania/Australia)

Board confirmed Standing Committee compositions for 2019

WADA’s five Standing Committee compositions for 2019 were tabled and confirmed at the meetings. All applicants have since received news of their nominations, whether successful or unsuccessful. All updated Committees (Athlete, Compliance Review, Education, Finance and Administration, and Health, Medical and Research) have now been posted to the WADA website.

Board approved 2019 Budget increase of 8%

As indicated in the media release, the Board approved the WADA budget for 2019, which will be US$34,671,054, representing an 8% increase as compared to 2018.

As a consequence of November 2016 Board recommendations, which were aimed at equipping the Agency to be fit for the future, WADA Management developed a five-year plan articulating which core activities for 2018-2022 must be carried out to meet and exceed the expectations of its stakeholders. In November 2017, the Board endorsed an 8% increase in WADA’s 2018 budget; and, in May 2018, the Board endorsed 8% increases for each year from 2019-22.
In addition to approving the 2019 budget, the Board confirmed the reappointment of Price Waterhouse Cooper as the Agency’s auditor for 2019. A request for proposal will take place in early 2019 and selection of an auditing firm for a three-year mandate (2020-22) will be put forward for approval by the Board at its November 2019 meeting.

**ExCo approved Technical Documents (TDs)**

The ExCo approved five updated TDs, namely:

1. The TD for Sport Specific Analysis, which will enter into force on 1 January 2019.
2. The TD on Decision Limits (DL) for the Confirmatory Quantification of Threshold Substances, which will enter into force on 1 March 2019.
3. The TD on Reporting and Management of Urinary Human Chorionic Gonadotrophin (HCG) and Luteinizing Hormone (LH) Findings in Male Athletes, which will enter into force on 1 March 2019.
4. The TD for the Detection of Synthetic Forms of Endogenous Anabolic Androgenic Steroids by GC-C-IRMS, which will enter into force on 1 March 2019.
5. The TD on Harmonization of Analysis and Reporting of 19-Norsteroids related to Nandrolone, which will come into effect on 1 March 2019.

The TD for Sport Specific Analysis is mandatory for Code Signatories while the other four TDs are mandatory for WADA-accredited laboratories.

**ExCo approved Kazakhstan laboratory for candidate status**

The ExCo granted candidate laboratory status to the Athletes’ Anti-Doping Laboratory (AADL) located in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The laboratory, which had its WADA accreditation revoked in May 2017, has since filed the required documentation necessary to become a candidate laboratory. In approving this application, the ExCo noted that a number of requirements had been fulfilled, including the existence of a Code and International Standard-compliant national anti-doping program, ratification of the UNESCO Convention against Doping in Sport by Kazakhstan and payment of the Kazakhstan financial contributions to WADA.

The laboratory’s application will now be forwarded to the WADA Laboratory Expert Group to evaluate whether its technical and analytical capabilities justify entry into the WADA accreditation procedure.

The ExCo approved the proposal that the [Bogota Laboratory](#) and the [Lisbon Laboratory](#), whose accreditations were revoked (Bogota’s earlier at the same meeting and Lisbon’s previously), should be eligible for the “fast track” re-accreditation process as laid out in Article 4.4.13.2.2 of the International Standard for Laboratories.

**Anti-Doping Administration & Management System (ADAMS)**

The Board received a presentation and update on the progress of the ongoing ADAMS development known as the Next Gen project. Particular reference was made to the rolling out of the Athlete Central application system, a paperless doping control system, Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) connectivity and other additional enhancements. WADA will continue to roll these enhancements out in 2019.
Updates

The Board received reports from the Chairs of the various Standing Committees, as well as the different WADA departments and regional offices.