

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and FOUNDATION BOARD MEETINGS**

# 17-18 May 2017 Montreal, Quebec, Canada

# **Summary of Outcomes**

In addition to WADA's <u>Press Release</u> issued on 18 May 2017, the following Summary has been compiled for the benefit of WADA stakeholders.

# **Director General's Report**

## 1. Updates from 'Way Forward' (Recommendations from November 2016 Board)

### **Consequences of Non-Compliance**

The Foundation Board (Board) approved development of a framework proposed by the independent Compliance Review Committee (CRC) that specifies a range of graded, proportionate and predictable consequences for non-compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) by a Signatory. With this approval, WADA will be required to conduct a stakeholder consultation process, starting 1 June, with the view to seeking approval at the next Board meeting in November 2017 and the changes entering into effect in early 2018. The goal is to reach consensus on:

- review of a limited number of Code articles related to Code compliance; and
- a new International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (ISCCS).

#### Governance Working Group

The Board was updated on the progress of the Governance Working Group that was established following WADA's November 2016 Board meeting in Glasgow. The Working Group staged its first meeting in March and will hold its next meeting in July, and possibly another one, before reporting recommendations to the Board in November 2017.

#### Laboratory Accreditation Working Group

The Board was updated on the progress of the Laboratory Accreditation Working Group that was established following WADA's November 2016 meeting in Glasgow. The Working Group, which was established to look at potential enhanced models for the laboratory accreditation system, presented preliminary conclusions to the Board, with final recommendations set to be presented, after a stakeholder consultation, to the next Board meeting in November 2017.

### Independent Testing Authority (ITA)

The Board approved the recommendation of the ITA Steering Group concerning the structure and process of establishing the ITA Board. These include the following:

- The ITA would be established with full independence, constituted through a new Swiss Foundation. The IOC, on behalf of the Sports Movement, would be the founding body of the ITA and would be responsible for the initial capital.
- Once created, the Statutes (after approval by the Steering Group) will reflect the agreed structure; the mechanisms of Board appointment; and, indicate initial Board members put in place.
- The composition of the ITA Board would be as follows -
  - 1. A Chairperson (*Independent/Neutral*)
  - 2. An IOC representative
  - 3. An IF representative
  - 4. An Athlete
  - 5. An Expert (Independent/Neutral)
- A representative of WADA would be invited in an ex-officio, non-voting position.
- The Sport Movement would propose the five members to a Selection Committee comprised of three persons. The Selection Committee would be appointed by WADA Management and would include persons with appropriate expertise.
- The Selection Committee would be responsible for reviewing nominations put forward by the Sports Movement to the positions.
- The two independent/neutral positions could also be suggested by anyone from sport, government, WADA or the wider anti-doping community.
- Once vetted by the Selection Committee, the proposed composition of the ITA Board would be presented to the WADA Executive Committee for ratification.
- The Steering Group acknowledged that WADA cannot be responsible for or directly involved in the ITA, given its position as the independent global anti-doping compliance regulator. The above recommendation on structure/composition provide for that separation while also allowing the ITA Board to access and benefit from WADA expertise.
- The ITA Board itself would be responsible for appointing a Director General who would be autonomous. The Director General, in consultation with his/her Board, would be responsible for structuring the organization.

The ITA, which was proposed by the Olympic Summit, is intended to assist International Federations (IFs) that wish to delegate their anti-doping programs to an independent body. The ITA would not change IFs responsibilities under the Code, they would ultimately remain responsible for compliance with the Code.

### 2. Institute for National Anti-Doping Organizations (iNADO) Grant Funding

The Executive Committee approved one year \$100,000 funding extension to iNADO for one year.

# **New Executive Committee Appointment – Europe**

The Board appointed Mr Witold Bańka, Minister of Sport and Tourism, Poland, as the European member of the WADA Executive Committee for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year. Mr Bańka was put forward by European public authorities to replace Ms Thorhild Widvey of Norway.

# **2019 World Conference on Doping in Sport – Host City Selection**

The Board approved Katowice, Poland as host for the fifth World Conference, which is to be held in November 2019.

On 1 June 2016, WADA issued a call for expressions of interest to host the next World Conference with a deadline of 25 November 2016. Submissions were received from Oman (Muscat), Switzerland (Geneva) and Poland (Katowice). During the review phase, Muscat and Geneva opted to withdraw their submissions; which, left Poland as the sole candidate.

Per due process, WADA conducted a thorough review of Poland's bid and can confirm that it meets all the requirements required by WADA, both logistical and financial.

WADA will now enter into an agreement with Polish authorities confirming the responsibilities of each party concerning the finances, organization and running of the Conference. The Agency will form an organizing team, made up of representatives from Poland and WADA staff, and commence the planning process.

### Finance

#### 1. 2016 Year End Accounts

The Board approved the Agency's 2016 Audited Financial Statements.

#### 2. 2018 Budget – Preliminary Planning

The Board was also informed on the status of a draft 2018 budget based on the Agency's priority activities foreseen for 2018 and beyond. The Board heard initial analysis suggesting that substantial additional financial resources will be required to accomplish the list of priorities established by the Board and management. This will be discussed further by the WADA Finance Committee at its meeting in July 2017; and, it is then expected that a draft 2018 Budget, and a forecast for subsequent years, will be presented to the Agency's Executive Committee in September 2017 before being submitted to the Foundation Board for approval in November 2017.

# Education

The Board approved that WADA explore development of an International Standard for Education and Information. This proposal, made by WADA's Education Committee, would elevate the importance of values-based education within the World Anti-Doping Program and guide stakeholders in developing and carrying out effective programs.

A Working Group will now be formed to determine the parameters of such a Standard for consideration by WADA's Executive Committee and Board. The development of the Standard will involve a stakeholder consultation and potential inclusion within a broader Code and Standard review process (please also see under "Potential World Anti-Doping Code Review" below).

# Health, Medical and Research

## 1. Scientific Technical Documents (TDs)

The Executive Committee approved the following four TDs:

- <u>TD2017CG/LH Reporting and Management of Urinary Human Chorionic Gonadotrophin</u> (hCG) and Luteinizing Hormone (LH) Findings in Male Athletes along with the <u>Summary of</u> <u>Modifications</u>.
- 2. <u>TD2017MRPL Minimum Required Performance Levels for Detection and Identification of</u> <u>Non-Threshold Substances</u> along with the <u>Summary of Modifications</u>.
- 3. <u>TD2017DL version 2 Decision Limits for the Confirmatory Quantification of Threshold</u> <u>Substances</u> along with the <u>Summary of Modifications</u>.
- 4. <u>TD2017NA- Harmonization of Analysis and Reporting of 19-Norsteroids Related to</u> <u>Nandrolone</u> along with the <u>Summary of Modifications</u>.

All WADA accredited Laboratories are required to implement these TDs in their procedures by 1 September 2017.

# World Anti-Doping Code

## 1. Compliance Review Committee (CRC) Chair Report – Russia

The Board approved a recommendation by the CRC that the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA), which was declared non-compliant in November 2015, be permitted to plan, coordinate and execute testing using its trained Doping Control Officers (DCOs) under the supervision of the two WADA-appointed international experts based in Moscow and UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) once the following conditions have been met:

- Changing the RUSADA Statutes to require that the Chair and Vice Chair are selected from the independent members of the RUSADA Supervisory Board;
- Providing the CRC with a RUSADA conflict of interest policy for approval;
- Releasing all Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Blood samples at the Russian Antidoping Centre on demand to the anti-doping organizations that had those samples sent there for testing; and
- Providing access to 'Closed Cities' for doping control officers.

The Board noted that these conditions are expected to be met shortly. Then, it will be a matter of the remaining reinstatement criteria, which are outlined within the agreed roadmap, being fulfilled.

### 2. Potential World Anti-Doping Code Review

The Board mandated WADA's Management to conduct an analysis of the current Code articles that may warrant revision as part of a potential third revision process of the Code. The scope of this potential review, which would go well beyond the specific amendments to the Code related to Signatories' compliance to be considered as part of the consultation process to be

launched in early June 2017, will be discussed at the next Board meeting in November 2017 once this analysis has been completed.

The review would require stakeholder consultation, which would culminate with approval and acceptance at the next World Conference on Doping in Sport (noted above).

### 3. Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis (TDSSA) – Amendments

Following the approval of the TDSSA Version 3.0 at the November 2016 WADA Executive Committee meeting, WADA received requests from the World Underwater Federation (CMAS) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) to review the list of sports/disciplines included in the TDSSA list. The CMAS requested the addition of two new disciplines in their sport, and the IPC advised that they had rebranded the 10 sports in which they act as the International Federation and had adopted new names and new identities.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee approved, with immediate effect, the following revised Appendices that include the necessary changes requested by these two International Federations.

### • TDSSA – Appendix 1

Minimum Levels of Analysis for Sports and Disciplines of Olympic and IOC Recognized International Federations, and members of the Alliance of Independent Recognized Members of Sport.

#### TDSSA – Appendix 2 Minimum Levels of Analysis for IPC and non-IPC Sports and Disciplines of Athletes with an Impairment.

# **Intelligence and Investigations**

The Board approved the proposed WADA Investigation policy and framework that grants the Intelligence and Investigations (I&I) department with full independence in its work.

The Policy, which will be published on the Agency's web site shortly, outlines how I&I will perform its work and conduct investigations. It encompasses the following and will be subject to regular review and assessment:

- Investigative process
- Investigative principles
- Independence
- Finance
- Legal
- Independent supervisor and Audits
- Storage
- Communication
- Confidentiality
- Post-Investigative actions

The investigative process of any given investigation is determined using the Investigative Framework. It must be applied with respect of Code and International Standards as well as internationally recognized best practices and investigative and legal principles.

The Intelligence and Investigations Department will conduct investigations independently from the rest of the Agency within the limits of its budget.

With the purpose of ensuring adherence to the Investigation Policy, the Executive Committee approved (and the Board endorsed) the appointment, for a three-year term, of Mr Jacques Antenen (SUI) as Independent Supervisor in accordance with the WADA Investigation Policy. The Independent Supervisor will conduct annual audits of the I&I Department and submit an audit report prior to the first annual meeting of the WADA Executive Committee. A summary of this report will be published in due time.

### 1. Speak Up! and FairSport

WADA's Executive Committee and Board were informed about the success of WADA's new Whistleblower Program <u>Speak Up!</u>, which is getting significant traction worldwide.

Board members heard from Johann Koss, four-time Olympic gold medalist and founding partner of <u>FairSport</u>, an independent foundation that supports confidential sources who speak up to unmask doping, and educates the public on the value of honesty and integrity in sport. At the conclusion of the Meeting, WADA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FairSport aimed at supporting whistleblowers through an effective framework including; in particular, legal advice and financial support.

## LEGAL

#### 1. Operation Puerto

The Executive Committee was asked to decide on the next steps WADA should take in relation to the Operation Puerto case.

The Committee asked WADA to continue pursuing all possible legal and other options with the aim to seek justice for clean athletes.