WADA Education Committee Meeting
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Meeting Outcomes

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WADA’s Education Committee met in Montreal (Canada) on May 6, 2011. The outcomes of the meeting are outlined below.

Education Committee Meeting Minutes:

- The Committee agreed to continue to approve meeting minutes/outcomes by e-mail between meetings.
- In order to be in-line with other WADA Committees, the Committee agreed to change the format of the minutes to present key outcomes.

Funding for Social Science Research Grant Program:

- The Committee agreed to recommend to WADA’s Finance Committee that the budget for social science research be maintained at US$400,000 and the only increases would be based on the overall WADA annual cost increases.
- Given that the US$100,000 increase for social science research, as outlined in the 5-Year Strategic Plan, will not be requested for the 2012 budget, if the department requires additional funds for education programs that these funds be considered as part of this.

Outcomes of WADA’s Social Science Research Grant Program:

- Research outcomes should be provided to National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) so that they can be used to assist them with the development of their education programs.
- An overview of the research projects in progress was provided for comment and to be taken into consideration when looking ahead to the 2012 Program.
- The Committee was encouraged that an action plan was being developed as a result of the outcomes of the 2010 Social Science Research Symposium.
**Areas for Additional Research:**

- The Committee suggested considering the following topics or areas of research:
  - Why athletes say no to doping
  - Impact and risks of using athlete role models as deliverers of education
  - How to increase social science research in all areas of the world, particularly in areas where limited research currently takes place
- The Committee supported the funding of a literature review as part of the Target Research Program.
- The Committee committed to explore possible areas for the 2012 Target Research Program. These will be discussed during the social science research conference call in October 2011.

**Increasing Regional Representation in Social Science Research:**

- The Committee identified a need for more effort in promoting research in Africa and Asia. The Committee also indentified a need to increase efforts in South America both from an education and a research perspective.
- Recognizing the challenges associated with only accepting research reports in English and French in areas of the world where these languages are not the official languages, the Committee suggested allowing investigators to include the translation of reports into English or French in their budgets.

**Young Investigator’s Award:**

- The IOC is willing to promote the Young Investigator’s Award with education contacts within Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committees.

**Working with schools:**

- The Committee identified a need to work with NADOs to encourage more education in schools – recognizing that NADOs must take the lead.
- The Committee recommended that the Education Department define a strategic plan to find ways of engaging countries in integrating education in schools.

**Ensure Accessibility of Material:**

- The International Paralympic Committee thanked WADA for their involvement in regional Games through WADA’s Outreach and education programs.
- WADA was asked to consider how to make material accessible to athletes with disabilities and that all programs continue to be culturally sensitive.

**Learning Objects Repository:**

- The Committee supported the development of the learning objects repository and committed to assisting in the development.
Youth Programs:

- The Committee recommended that the Education Department look at creating an ad hoc Youth Advisory Group (possibly composed of young people 18-24).
- The Committee recommended making the Youth Zone section of WADA’s Web site dynamic for youth.
- The Committee suggested developing an education app for smart phones in the future.