

The Representative: She thanked Congress for electing Heinsheim again to host the 2011 European Masters championship. Heinsheim celebrates 100 years the sport club TSV very successfully. She expressed a special 'Thank you' to Martina Dosquet and her organizing team for all the efforts and contribution of many years to their sport club TSV. She wished everybody a successful championship and a pleasant stay in the region.

Martina thanked all the athletes and the EMC for all the support and the good atmosphere. She thanked the EMC for the big surprise of been initiated into the 'Hall of Fame'.

7. Proposals

6.1. Great Britain asked if athletes can be notified when negative Doping results are clear.
BB said it can be done.

6.2. BB explained that the Anti doping tests costs € 9.800 for 30 tests here in Germany. In the future the EMC wants to see Weightlifting clean, because less tests means less entry fees.

Lef Nikiforov (RUS) asked who decides which athlete will be tested at the championship?

BB explained: 1) the NADA of the host nation will be contacted, according to the entrees (fees). 2) a budget reveals the number of tests that can be carried out.

3) Athletes will be selected through a random system like lot nr., age session, world records, body weight cat..etc..

LF: Do we get to know the athlete names of all positive and negative results?

BB stated that the 'black list' of positive doping results with names have been withdrawn from the IWF Masters website, as it serves no purpose. No, the IWF Masters do not reveal any names of positive doping cases anymore. This was done by the previous IWF Masters Board. We are not here to punish anybody in public. Any positive doping case will be dealed administratively. The athlete is informed of his rights of appeal, what he can and cannot do and the suspension.

It is up to each and individual to understand the consequences of wrong doing in his sport.

6.3. Belarus asked if we can introduce prize money for the 1, 2, + 3 place to make the Championship more attractive?

7. Proposal to this European Masters Congress

None.

8. Women's Report (Gudrun Schmidberger (GER))

Today was the women's lifting with 44 new EM and 30 WM records accomplished by 61 women. 6 women reached more than 200 Sinclair points. The prescale area was perfect, a neutral place. The equipment was in order with plenty of big size 2,5 + 5 kg discs.

9. European Masters Hall of Fame

The Chairman reported that (2) two women and (4) four men had been initiated into the European Masters Hall of Fame at this championship. He offered his congratulations to all.

Men	Dhesi Gurdawar (GBR)
	Holger Worm (GER)
	Hans Ehlenz (GER)
	Donald Walker (GBR)
Women	Martina Dosquet (GER)
	Ute Hehl (GER)

10. European Masters Weightlifting Championships

10.1. 2012 Lankaran, Azerbaijan.

Bill Barton noted that unfortunately some people are speaking against the

championship in Azerbaijan and Cyprus. This cannot be tolerate. People who cannot support a championship should stay away quietly, nobody has the right to speak negatively about a host nation just because it is further away or because a visa is needed to enter the country. Right now here in Germany we have a large number of athletes from Belarus, Azerbaijan, Russia, Ukraine etc.... they always come and never complain. Now is their turn to be respected and supported by all of us, so that we all benefit from a successful championship in a foreign place. The organization of the 2012 European Masters Championship in Azerbaijan is fully supported by its National Federation and its government. It will be of high standard. The championship will be held at the new Lankaran Sport complex where 800 spectators fit in. All accommodation are very close (walking distance) to the venue and the Caspian Sea. A shuttle bus from Baku to Lankaran (230 km) for a cost of 35 Euros will be provided There are also domestic flights available.. The dates are June 2nd - 9th 2012.

The visa regulations require 5 documents:

- 2 passport photos
- passport
- Invitation letter
- 60 Euros payment
- Form to fill

10.2. European Masters Games: BB stated that for the Masters the World Masters Championship in Cyprus has priority.

10.3. 2013 Bids: There is one bid to be voted on at Congress 2013.

Turkey, under its new chairman Mr. Cevdet Cantürk has given a bid for 2013. He brought a brochure of DÜZCE near the Black Sea, which he handed out to all National delegates. DÜZCE is close to tourist area, it provides plenty of accommodation and has his own big Sport complex, the ‘Temmuz Sports Hall’. The population is 125.240 and DÜZCE is 240 km from Ankara and 228 km from Istanbul away.

Votes: 21 for unanimously.

2013 European Masters Championship will be held in Turkey.

10.4. 2014 Bids: The Czech. Rep. wants to bid for 2014 in Pilsen, Karel Prohl handed out Flyers.

Hungary gave also a bid for Kazinzbarcika, as they celebrate their 60 years Anniversary. The place is familiar to Weightlifting from the EM 1998 and WM 2007 held in the same venue. As there was no DVD player, BB reminded us of the place and venue from the previous championships.

Vote: KAZ: 4 votes for

PILS: 15 for and 1 abstained.

2014 European Masters Championship will be held in PILSEN, Czech. Republic.

11. Other Business

11.1. Old Business

There were no issues relating to old business.

11.2. New Business

- A) The 2011 European Masters Games (EMG) will be held for the first time in Lignano, Italy, from the 10th – 20th September 2011. Two delegates of the EMG Committee visited and introduced themselves. We have the representative of the EMG here, Mr. Ernesto Zanetti and his associate. They have come all the way to get our support and to

update the news about the Games. They have asked Martina Dosquet for permission to set up a meeting point just outside of the venue to inform all athletes, officials and visitors.

A time table has been set up to view, transportation to the venue is free every day. Mr. Zanetti emphasized that the medical certificate and an insurance is a law in Italy and whoever wants to participate has to make sure that both items are been taken care of. No accreditation can be given without these 2 documents. On the EMG website you can find a produced medical form that your physician only needs to fill out, sign and stamp.

- B) 2012 European Cup in Salzburg. Gerhard Peys is planning to organize a European Masters Cup 4 weeks before the Olympic Games. He also asked the support of all national delegates to send him photos, articles etc.. of all Masters medal winners from 1985 – 2010, in order to set up his new book. He already published 2 books: The first one about the Austrian Masters Weightlifters and recently the new book came out about International Masters weightlifters.

Congress closed at 21.03 hours

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