



FIB Executive Committee Report

FIB Ordinary Congress

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The 4 years term (2020 – 2024) of the **FIB Executive Committee** is coming to an end at the upcoming Congress, for this reason this Report presented to the Congress is the last edition on behalf of this Executive Committee.

I believe it is not an overstatement to say that the past 4 years was FIB's most challenging 4 years in its 69 years long history. First the COVID, later the war made our activity impossible or challenging at least.

For the above reasons activity was quite limited until 2022, when new leadership took over FIB.

The composition of the Executive Committee has changed during the term as well, former President Boris Skrynnik, Vice President Leo Segerman and General Secretary Bo Nyman resigned in 2022, Per-Anders Gustafsson disappeared in 2023 and Vadim Grishpun decided to step back for personal reasons few months ago...

Consequently, Stein Pedersen became President, Antti Parviainen Vice President and Attila Adamfi General Secretary in October 2022.

Since then the Executive Committee held several meetings, mainly online for financial considerations (10 online meetings and only 2 personal meeting in Helsinki and Vaxjö) and made 9 online decisions.

The last Executive Committee meeting will be held in Arlanda, on 7 June 2024, just before the Congress.

One of our key focus was to improve the **FIB governance**, and we made a huge step forward by approving the new FIB Statutes with your unanimous support in September 2023. The new set of rules applied key good governance principles, including age and term limits, gender balance and Athletes representation at the highest level.

To ensure greater transparency, Congress minutes, Executive Committee meeting minutes and online decisions and Committee meeting minutes are published on the FIB Website.

This is the reason why this Report is just a short summary highlighting the key achievements as our activity was always continuously published.

The establishment of an interim Athletes Committee is in process (to be concluded at the Congress) in order to ensure that Athletes are represented at the FIB Executive Committee (by the Chair of the Athletes Committee).

To enhance FIB activity in different fields, the Committee members and Chairs have been appointed based on the recommendations of the Member Associations, and Terms of Reference for the different Committees have been approved to ensure a clear framework for their work.

Nomination and Election By-Laws have been established to ensure a fair elections according to the new FIB Statutes.

Despite the challenges, including financial ones, the below **FIB events** were organised in this period:

- 2022 FIB World Championships, Women, Vaxjö, SWE
- 2023 FIB World Championships, Men & Women, Vaxjö, SWE
- 2023 FIB World Championships Boys Y17 & Y19, Gothenburg, SWE
- 2023 FIB World Championships Girls Y17, Oslo, NOR
- 2024 FIB World Championships Boys Y17, Mikkeli, FIN
- 2024 FIB World Championships Boys Y19, Oslo, NOR
- 2023 FIB European Rinkbandy Championships, Bratislava, SVK
- Several FIB World Cups

On behalf of the FIB Executive Committee, we express our gratitude for the successful organisation of these events to the Finnish, Norwegian, Slovakian and Swedish Bandy Federation.

In order to improve the management of the FIB events, the related documents (Conditions, Guidelines) are reviewed, and new ones (Application, Report) are established.

In the area of development, we are happy to report that a successful **FIB Development** camp was held in Stockholm in November 2023 with the participation of five Member Associations.

While we had to suspend some members with regret for no activity, we were happy to welcome Italy as our new provisional Member Association, hopefully to be approved as full member at the upcoming Congress.

We could also proceed in **Anti-Doping** activity as well. During the 2023 FIB World Championships, we organised the very first Anti-Doping education seminar.

Maintaining our international standard, in November 2023 WADA has announced the FIB has successfully concluded the Code Compliance procedure.

Unfortunately we also had to report 2 cases and provisionally suspend the Athletes in question. As soon as the cases are closed, we will publish the details of the cases.

FIB signed a cooperation Agreement with Sportradar **Integrity** Services in March 2023 to safeguard bandy from betting related fraud and match-fixing.

Increasing our external **partnership**, we were happy to report the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between FIB and the International Fair Play Committee in September 2023.

As big hopes we had for **2030 Winter Olympic Games** in Sweden, as big disappointment the IOC decision to select France was for us and for our Swedish Friends.

However, we shall never give up to get bandy where it belongs, on the programme of the Winter Olympic Games!

In order to do so we maintained an active partnership with the key external stakeholders (**International Olympic Committee** - IOC, World Anti-Doping Agency - WADA, Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations - ARISF), visited the IOC Sport Department and participated at the IOC Athlete's Forum in Lausanne, SUI for the first time ever.

We do believe that the future will be brighter for our beloved sport, but we also know we have to continue to work hard for our goals together!

Thank you very much for your continuous support!



Stein Pedersen, President

On behalf of the Executive Committee