
MINUTES

OF THE 16TH ASF CONGRESS

Online Conference Call

June 3rd (Thu), 2021



ASIAN SKI FEDERATION

ASF MEMBER COUNTRY

The 16th ASF Congress on June 3rd (Thu), 2021

1. China	Chinese Ski Association	CHN
2. Hong Kong, China	Ski Association of Hong Kong	HKG
3. India	Ski and Snowboard India	IND
4. Iran	Iran Ski Federation	IRI
5. Japan	Ski Association of Japan	JPN
6. Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan Ski Association	KAZ
7. Kyrgyzstan	Ski Federation of Kyrgyzstan	KGZ
8. Korea	Korea Ski Association	KOR
9. Lebanon	Lebanese Ski Federation	LBN
10. Mongolia	Ski Association of Mongolia	MGL
11. Nepal	Nepal Ski Association	NEP
12. Pakistan	Winter Sports Federation Pakistan	PAR
13. D.P.R. Korea	Ski Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	PRK
14. Thailand	Ski and Snowboard Association of Thailand	THA
15. Tajikistan	National Association of Winter Sport Federation of the Republic of Tajikistan	TJK
16. Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei Ski Association	TPE
17. Uzbekistan	Ski Sport Federation of Uzbekistan	UZB

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Period: June 3rd, 2021 (Thu), 18:00 hrs. (JST)

Place: ZOOM Online Conference Call

Participants: 16 member countries, 39 delegates including official guests
China, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Lebanon,
Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand, Tajikistan, Chinese Taipei, Uzbekistan

China	Mr. Dong DING (as ASF Vice- President)
	Ms. Xiaojueun YAN (as ASF Director)
	Mr. Zhen LIU
	Mr. Yang LI
	Ms. Bin XU
Hong Kong, China	Mr. Edmond YUE
	Mr. Samson SIU
	Ms. Abril KWOK
India	Mr. Roopu NEGI
Iran	Mr. Eisa SAVEHSHEMASHAKI (as ASF Vice- President)
	Mr. Bahram SAVEHSHEMASHAKI
	Mr. Seyed Hossein MOUSAVIPOOR
	Mr. Abbas NAZARIAN
Japan	Mr. MURASATO Aki (as President of ASF)
	Mr. YAFUNE Yasuo
	Mr. NAKAMURA Michihiko
	Ms. OZAWA Noriko (as Head of Office of ASF)
Kazakhstan	Ms. Askar VALIYEV
Kyrgyzstan	Mr. Igor BORISOV
Korea	Mr. Je-Hoon RYU (as ASF Director)
Lebanon	Mr. Youssef KHALIL (as ASF Vice- President)
	Mr. Freddy KAIROUZ
	Mr./Ms. Laetitia KEYROUZ
Mongolia	Ms. Rentsendorj KHATAN
	Mr. Bayaraa GERELT-OD
	Ms. Enkhamgalan DAGIIMAA
Nepal	Mr. Jeevan SHRESTHA
Pakistan	Mr. Nausher KHAN
Thailand	Mr. Sueb TARASIRI
Tajikistan	Ms. Zinat BAZAROVA
Chinese Taipei	Mr. Tim Ting-Fung LIN (as ASF Director)
	Mr. Nick Chin-Ying CHEN (as ASF Auditor)
Uzbekistan	Mr. Bekhzod YAKUBOV
	Mr. Andrey VORONOV
Official Guest	Mr. Dimitrije LAZAROVSKI (FIS Development Manager)
	Mr. Chris DAVID (Ski Dubai - MAF Leisure and Entertainment)
	Mr. Mohamad AREF (UAE Winter Sports Federation)
	Mr. Mohammad KHADIM (UAE Winter Sports Federation)
	Mr. Atrem CHERNIKH (Ski Dubai - MAF Leisure and Entertainment)

➤ **Opening of the 16th ASF Congress in 2021**

1. Roll-Call for Participants & 2021 ASF Congress Open

16 member countries, 39 delegates including official guests were present.

- DPR Korea was absent with apologies

Quorum met - Opening of the congress was announced by the President of ASF, Mr. MURASATO Aki.

2. Greeting by President

President MURASATO gave a warm welcome to ASF member countries and showed his appreciation for the successful 2020/2021 winter season with valuable collaboration by ASF member countries. He also showed his deepest respect to everyone involved, especially our athletes, officials, organizers, and FIS staffs to organize about 300 FIS World Cups as well as the World Championships during another tough winter season with COVID-19 pandemic. In 2018, we had such a successful Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, Korea, and now approaching another Winter Olympic Games in Beijing, China next year. Moreover, there will be Winter Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon, Korea in 2024. He is grateful for continued close communication and collaboration of Asian Ski Federation member countries for further development and promotion of our sport.

3. Approval of the Official Minutes of the 15th ASF Congress

The 15th ASF Congress was held at the Westin Resort, Costa Navarino, Greece on May 16th, 2018 at the time of 51st FIS Congress. The 32 delegates from 14 ASF member countries (CHN, HKG, IND, IRI, JPN, KAZ, KGZ, KOR, LBN, MGL, NEP, THA, TPE, UZB) were present.

The minutes was circulated to ASF member countries on June 19th, 2018 and a comment from Mr. Shahid Nadeem of Winter Sports Federation Pakistan regarding an official delegation of Winter Sports Federation Pakistan at the Congress which was clarified and reached mutual understandings. It was the duty of this congress to finally ratify the minutes. Therefore, the minutes of the 15th ASF Congress in 2018 was unanimously accepted at this 16th ASF Congress in 2021.

- Unanimously Accepted

4. Discussions

4-1 Future Asian Alpine Ski Championships

ASF proposed that after the 30th Asian Alpine Ski Championships in 2022 in Lebanon, start from 2022/2023 season, a category for Asian Alpine Ski Championships would be either two options: Children (U14) and Junior (U16), Licensed category discontinued or Junior (U16) and Licensed, Children category discontinued.

Mr. Freddy KAIROUZ, Lebanon Ski Federation questioned if two different category events can be organized in 2022 with FIS Development Programme (FDP) Support fund allocated by FIS in 2020 which was unused due to cancellation of the 29th Asian Alpine Ski Championships in Iran. President MURASATO mentioned that two events in a year would be challenging for organizers and teams. He also informed that unused FDP Support fund received in 2020 will be used for the 30th Asian Alpine Ski Championships in 2022, therefore no FDP Support fund will be allocated by FIS in 2021.

Mr. Bahram SAVEHSEMSHAKI, Iran Ski Federation mentioned Lebanon with Children (U14) category can be organized in 2022. President MURASATO informed that the 30th Asian Alpine Ski Championships in 2022 in Lebanon will be Licensed category which was approved by the Congress in 2018.

Mr. Edmond YUE, Ski Association of Hong Kong questioned if categories are combined. President MURASATO clarified that ASF proposed two categories (Children (U14) and Junior (U16), Licensed discontinued or Junior (U16) and Licensed, Children discontinued) not three categories (Children (U14) and Junior (U16), and Licensed). Mr. YUE also questioned if the amount of FDP Support fund allocated by FIS for 2021/2022 would be the same. As President MURASATO informed earlier, therefore no FDP Support fund will be allocated by FIS for 2021/2022 season.

No comments nor opinions were received; therefore, President MURASATO asked our member countries to send their comments or opinions via E-mail if any and this item will be carried over for further discussion at the next Congress in 2022.

Ms. Zinat Bazarova, National Association of Winter Sport Federation of the Republic of Tajikistan asked clarification for the next procedure. President MURASATO clarified that send any comments or opinions via E-mail would be the next procedure for further discussion.

4-1-1 Site for the 30th Asian Alpine Ski Championships (Licensed) in 2022

As approved by the 15th Congress in 2018, Lebanon will organize the 30th Asian Alpine Ski Championships (Licensed) in 2022. Due to the global situation as well as COVID-19 pandemic during 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 season, the 29th Asian Alpine Ski Championships (Junior) in Iran was postponed and eventually cancelled. For that reason, the 30th Asian Alpine Ski Championships (Licensed) in Lebanon in 2021 was also postponed to 2022 which was approved via e-mail by majority vote on October 7th, 2020.

- Unanimously Accepted

4-1-2 Revision on Asian Alpine Ski Championships Rules

As approved by majority vote on October 7th, 2020, FDP Support fund for travel expense of participating countries will be on a reduced scale starting from the 2023 Championships and left amount will be used for educational activities and camps for youth athletes such as coaching seminars, skill exchange programs etc. while competition could still be organized with no limitation.

Previous two seasons, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020, ASF has received CHF 80,000.00 per season from FDP Support fund which was allocated to the organizing country of Asian Alpine Ski Championships USD 20,000.00 as subsidy and each participating county up to USD 10,000.00 (USD 2,000.00 per person, four racers and one coach) per Championships.

For that reason, divide into two groups as follows according to the geographical location on the map and the amount of travel Support fund differ depending on the group of countries based on where the Championships is held. When eastern countries hold the Championships, each participating country in eastern countries is subsidized up to USD 2,500 (USD 500.00 per person, four racers and one coach), and in western countries is subsidized up to USD 5,000 (USD 1,000.00 per person, four racers and one coach) and vice versa.

Eastern Countries

China, CHN
Hong Kong, HKG
Japan, JPN
Republic of Korea, KOR
Mongolia, MGL
Nepal, NEP
D.P.R. Korea, PRK
Thailand, THA
Taipei, TPE

Western Countries

India, IND
Iran, IRI
Kazakhstan, KAZ
Kyrgyzstan, KGZ
Lebanon, LBN
Pakistan, PAK
Tajikistan, TJK
Uzbekistan, UZB

Therefore, ASF proposed to set a package plan which includes travel support fund, participation for the competition, youth camps, coach seminars. For example, each eastern country is allocated USD 5,000 and each western county is allocated USD 2,500 when western county holds the Championships. Vice versa, each eastern county is allocated USD 2,500 and each western county is allocated USD 5,000 when eastern country holds the Championships.

In calculation with examples, when western county holds the Championships, total package plan cost would be USD 62,500 and operational cost allocated to the western county would be USD 17,500. When eastern county holds the Championships, total package plan cost would be USD 60,000 and operational cost allocated to the eastern county would be USD 20,000 since allocation for ASF from FDP Support fund is CHF 80,000 in total. This way, ASF can utilize FDP Support Fund in a valuable and better way as participants will be able to share their experience and skills for further development and promotion of our sport when return to their country.

Invitation cost for a coach would be paid from Asian Ski Federation fund.

President MURASATO requested Mr. Dimitrije Lazarovski, FIS Development Manager who worked for the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) for years previously, for his comment on future ASF development to utilize FDP Support fund.

First, Mr. Lazarovski apologized for Mr. Andy Wenger's absence as he had to join the final rehearsal for FIS Congress held on June 4th. Mr. Lazarovski informed general principal of FDP. FDP is executed not only in Asian countries, but in many different countries and regions for further promotion and development of our sport, focusing on especially educational activities such as coaching seminar, office management, and competition officials training. With consultation of Mr. Lazarovski, he finds more

precise needs of support and find a more valuable way to utilize our resources. Mr. Lazarovski recognized ASF as a unique organization inside FIS and see diversity from many countries and regions involved in ASF which will help ASF to work more globally and attract more different programs in the future. Mr. Lazarovski encouraged ASF and member countries to carry out different programs in education to utilize the current FDP Support fund in a better way. Mr. Lazarovski will also explore if educational activities currently execute in Europe and South America can work in Asian countries to minimize travel cost and language barrier. Face to face meeting with Mr. Lazarovski will be arranged once everything goes back to normal, hopefully this fall in Zurich. Agenda items for FDP will be shared sometime in September or October 2021. Mr. Lazarovski can be reached via E-mail at lazarovski@fisski.com for any further comments, opinions, and consultation.

President MURASATO thanked Mr. Lazarovski for his comprehensive and detailed information on FDP and emphasized that ASF is unique and diverse with different culture and language, one of the biggest continents of the world. President MURASATO will introduce and explain the activities of ASF to newly elected FIS President and Council members for their understandings.

Mr. KAIROUZ thanked Mr. Lazarovski for his effort for ASF and he had two questions, if the cost for participation of youth camp and coaching seminar can be paid by FIS and there is a possibility to increase a budget for FDP Support fund for ASF in the future since the current FDP Support fund, CHF 80,000 in total, is not enough for 17 countries and more disciplines, snowboard and cross country events should also be organized. President MURASATO again emphasized that he will insist the importance of Asian countries for further promotion and development of our sport to newly elected FIS President and Council members including budget increase. In addition, Mr. Lazarovski mentioned that the budget for the upcoming season stays the same and advised that future activities can be combined with current activities such as the Asian Alpine Championships to balance the allocated budget. Although Mr. Lazarovski has to carefully look into future activities and such, FIS will try to increase the budget for ASF in the future with consultation and approval of various working groups and committees, and the Council.

Mr. Youssef KHALIL, President of Lebanon Ski Federation and Vice-President of ASF had a proposal that the operational cost, USD 20,000 allocated to the organizing county of Asian Alpine Championships would be a bit more increased due to global economic situation. President MURASATO noted the proposal and agreed for further discussion on this proposal.

Comment from Mr. Andy Wenger, FIS Head of Services was shared that although decision can be made by ASF how to utilize the allocated FDP Support fund, he would more see that ASF builds up camps for athletes, coaches' education, etc. instead of paying the travel costs to the Championships.

- Unanimously Accepted

4-1-3 Sites for the Asian Alpine Ski Championships in 2023 (Children), 2024 (Junior), and 2025 (Licensed)

The sites and organizing counties for the 31st in 2023 (Children), the 32nd in 2024 (Junior), and 33rd in 2025 (Licensed) Asian Alpine Ski Championships will be discussed and appointed at the next Congress in 2022.

- ※ Lebanon and Hong Kong, China have submitted their candidacy for the Asian Alpine Ski Championships in 2023 (Children) beforehand. Lebanon kindly withdrew their candidacy to let Hong Kong, China to become a sole candidate to organize the 31st in 2023 (Children). Detailed information such as date and place will be shared once Hong Kong, China is ready to provide.

President MURASATO mentioned that although his opinion is to focus on Alpine discipline first and add another discipline step by step moving forward in the future, future of ASF will be discussed with Mr. Lazarovski and Mr. Wenger this fall including widen the discipline such as Snowboard and Cross Country in the Championships.

Mr. Eisa SAVEHSEMSHAKI, Iran Ski Federation and Vice-President of ASF showed an intention to host the Asian Alpine Ski Championships in 2024. President MURASATO requested Iran Ski Federation to issue an official application letter for further discussion.

Mr. YUE agreed the idea of President MURASATO that is development should be done at youth level and educational level. For that reason, Ski Association of Hong Kong intends to organize the Championship in Children (U14) category in 2023. Mr. YUE also mentioned that ASF should have a good relationship with FIS for the development programs support and special knowhow to improve ski industries in Asia. Ski Association of Hong Kong has submitted to FIS their candidacy to organize FIS Congress in 2024.

- Unanimously Accepted

5. Election of Officials

5-1 ASF President, Vice-President, and Directors

ASF proposed postponement of the election for the term 2021-2022 and current members stay the same position until the next Congress in 2022. In addition, Japan proposed Mr. NAKAMURA Michihiko as new Director for the term 2021-2022 to fill the 8th spot according to the Constitution of ASF. Mr. NAKAMURA has many years of experience as various FIS Committee members which will give a great contribution for promotion and development of our sport in Asian region as well as act as an intermediary between FIS and ASF. Both proposals were unanimously accepted by the Congress.

- Unanimously Accepted

5-2 New Director of ASF, Mr. NAKAMURA Michihiko

Mr. NAKAMURA humbly accepted the appointment and introduced himself. He has been working as Alpine TD and joined various FIS Alpine Committees for this past 20 years. He will try his best to provide various information to ASF member countries, especially Far East Cup which is one of the highest degrees categorized competition in Asia. He looks forward to meeting all ASF members in person to discuss for our sport in the near future.

5-3 New List of ASF Council Member 2021-2022

- (1) Ski Association of Japan proposed to nominate a new director, Mr. NAKAMURA Michihiko by e-mail with Mr. NAKAMURA Michihiko's Curriculum Vitae on May 7th, 2021
- (2) Ski and Snowboard India proposed to change a director into Mr. Roop Chand Negi by e-mail with official request letter attached on May 9th, 2021
- (3) Winter Sports Federation Pakistan proposed to change a director into Mr. KHAN, Nausher by e-mail on May 12th, 2021

(Prepared on May 12th, 2021)

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Note:

- (1) Newly elected at the 15th ASF Congress in Costa Navarino, Greece on May 16th (Wed), 2018.
- (2) Successor of Mr. REN, Hongguo approved on October 26th, 2020
- (3) Successor of Mr. KUO, Ming-Sheng approved on January 22nd, 2021
- (4) Newly appointed/approved at the 16th ASF Congress Online Conference on June 3rd, 2021
- (5) Successor of Mr. THAKUR, Roshan Lal approved at the 16th ASF Congress Online Conference on June 3rd, 2021
- (6) Successor of Mr. NADEEM, Shahid approved at the 16th ASF Congress Online Conference on June 3rd, 2021

Mr. KAIROUZ asked clarification what the role of ASF Directors as there is no job description available. President MURASATO answered that there is communication exchange among ASF member countries which is one of the purposes of ASF, and Directors are responsible for their countries. Executive board members and Directors decide the way and direction for future ASF.

6. ASF Memberships

6-1 Ski Federation of Afghanistan

ASF received a membership request from Mr. Gul Hussian Baizada, Secretary General of Ski Federation of Afghanistan on January 12th, 2021. Ski Federation of Afghanistan has been a member of International Ski Federation since 20th June 2016, the membership letter and approved letter from Afghanistan National Olympic Committee were provided at the time of their request. Since Ski Federation of Afghanistan has met ASF membership requirements, their request was unanimously accepted by the Congress and welcomed with a round of applause.

- Unanimously Accepted

6-2 United Arab Emirates (UAE) Winter Sports

ASF received a membership request from Mr. Chris David, Snowsports Operations Manager Operations - Ski Dubai and Mr. Mohammad Khadim, UAE Winter Sports Federation on May 19th, 2021 through Mr. Dimitrije Lazarovski, FIS Development Manager. UAE Winter Sports Federation has been a provisional member (associate member) of International Ski Federation since 2018 and will become a full member with the FIS Congress approval on June 4th, 2021. The membership letter and approved letter from UAE National Olympic Committee were provided at the time of their request. Subject to FIS Congress approval on June 4th, their request was also unanimously accepted by the Congress and welcomed with a round of applause. UAE Winter Sports Federation was present as an official guest and Mr. Mohammad KHADIM, UAE Winter Sports Federation gave a word. They were very happy and grateful for being a part of the 16th ASF Congress. Ski Dubai offers snow sport experience throughout the year, and they are ready to take a step forward for further development and promotion of the sport for the future.

- Unanimously Accepted

7. Any Other Business

Ms. XU Bin delivered a message on behalf of Mr. DING Dong. Mr. DING Dong and Chinese Ski Association took this opportunity to extend their warm welcome for the Winter Olympic Games in Beijing, China scheduled in February 2022 and asked for a kind support of ASF member countries for the FIS Council candidate, Mr. Moses Liang-Cheng ZHENG, Vice-President of Chinese Ski Association.

Mr. ZHENG introduced himself and he also asked for a kind support of ASF member countries for his candidacy.

President MURASATO wished a good luck for Mr. ZHENG. He also asked for a kind support of ASF member countries for his own candidacy as he was re-nominated as the FIS Council candidate by Ski Association of Japan.

Mr. KAIROUZ also wished a good luck for President MURASATO and Mr. ZHENG for their candidacy. He emphasized as his opinion that ASF member countries should be unified and show our solidarity to vote for representatives in Asia, China and

Japan. For the FIS President election, he believes it is time to change the organization with a new face and new strategies for further development of the sport in Asia. He also showed his deep appreciation to Mr. Gian Franco KASPER who has done great job in this past decades as FIS President. Finally, Mr. KAIROUZ proposed to hold the ASF Congress every year through online conference to share and exchange opinions.

President MURASATO appreciated for the kind words and support from Mr. KAIROUZ and Lebanon Ski Federation. President MURASATO mentioned ASF respects ASF member countries who to vote for the FIS President and Council members.

Mr. Sueb TARASIRI, Ski and Snowboard Association of Thailand proposed to focus on increasing ASF memberships as well as equal attention to Rollerski discipline for further development of the sport in Asia. Rollerski discipline can be developed in no snow countries such as Malaysia and Singapore as for example who could be a member of ASF in the future.

Mr. SAVEHSEMSHAKI asked ASF member counties' support for President MURASATO and Mr. ZHENG for their candidacy and it is time to find an appropriate a leader of FIS who listen and understand our needs and wants. He also shared his warm welcome to new members, Ski Federation of Afghanistan and UAE Winter Sports Federation. Iran Ski Federation is willing to provide any support for athletes' trainings and other activities.

Mr. KHALIL also sent his warm welcome to new members, Ski Federation of Afghanistan and UAE Winter Sports Federation. Lebanon Ski Federation is also ready and willing to provide any support for the development of our sport in Asia. Finally, he wished a good luck for President MURASATO and Mr. ZHENG for their candidacy as well.

➤ **Closing of the 16th ASF Congress**

President MURASATO closed the Congress with his deep appreciation for all the participants and looks forward to meeting all members hopefully in person this Fall in Zurich.