



# MINUTES OF THE 2021 IJF CONGRESS

## AGENDA

### 2021 IJF ORDINARY CONGRESS THURSDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> 2021 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY ROLL CALL 08:00 (CET, BUDAPEST TIME) START OF THE CONGRESS 10:00 (CET, BUDAPEST TIME)

Welcome word	President Mr. Vizer
1. Validation of the Congress composition and quorum	General Secretary Mr. Rougé
2. Opening of the IJF Congress	President Mr. Vizer
3. Welcome speech from the Hungarian Government	Dr. Balazs Furjes
4. Welcome speech from the Hungarian Judo Association President	Dr. Laszlo Toth
5. Election of one Voting Steward and four scrutineers	General Secretary Mr. Rougé
<b>First Resolution:</b> Election of one Voting Steward and four scrutineers	
6. Approval of the 2021 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda	General Secretary Mr. Rougé
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8.3 Report of the General Treasurer	General Treasurer Mr. Al-Tamimi
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**Fourth Resolution:** Approval of the reports of the President, the General Secretary and the General Treasurer, the final discharge of the Executive Committee

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| 9. Election of the IJF President | General Secretary Mr. Rougé     |
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| 10. Provisional budget           | General Treasurer Mr. Al-Tamimi |

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| 11.3 Education and Coaching                                  | Mr. Meridja                        |
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| 12. Reports of the Continental Unions                        |                                    |
| 12.1 Report of the African Judo Union President              | IJF Vice-President Mr. Sissoko     |
| 12.2 Report of the Asian Judo Union President                | IJF Vice-President Mr. Al-Anzi     |
| 12.3 Report of the European Judo Union President             | IJF Vice-President Mr. Soloveychik |
| 12.4 Report of the Oceania Judo Union President              | IJF Vice-President Mr. Davio       |
| 12.5 Report of the Pan-American Judo Confederation President | IJF Vice-President Mr. Larranaga   |
| 13. General Secretariat                                      | General Secretary Mr. Rougé        |
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**Information:** Statutory recommendation

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**Preamble**

Due to the particular context worldwide linked to the Covid-19 pandemic, the International Judo Federation held its 2021 Ordinary Congress in mixed format, allowing all the countries to participate (in person or online) and also express their votes. All votes were electronic and online, including for the persons present at the Congress.



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Congress Opening at 10:00 am.

**Information about translation channels**  
**Information about translation in ZOOM**  
**Information about the use of the tablets**

General Secretary Mr. ROUGÉ  
Director General Mr. MARINESCU  
Director General Mr. MARINESCU

In order to respect the IJF “no paper” sustainable development policy, all documents have been sent to the Congress delegates beforehand and uploaded in the tablets given to each National Federation delegate together with the IJF official texts and regulations.

## Obituary

General Secretary Mr. ROUGÉ

Mr. ROUGÉ pronounces a moment of silence in solidarity with Judo family members who passed away since the last IJF Congress:

Jack HATTON (USA), Rolf RHODE (GER), Pierre KALEU (CMR), Ali Natic CANCA (TUR), Masao TAKAHASHI (CAN), Yukimitsu KANO (JPN), Wolfgang HOFMANN (GER), Matsushita SABURO (JPN), Naoki MURATA (JPN), Makhmutov BEKET (KAZ), Doug ROGERS (CAN), Abdelmajid SNOUSSI (TUN), Vasile COLTA (MDA), Zdravko BARŠNIK (CRO), Simeon TSENEV (BUL), Josef LETOSNIK (CZE), Massao SHINOHARA (BRA), Bernard ETOGA (CMR), David KHAKHALEISHVILI (GEO), Guy AUFRAY (FRA), Hana SEKINE, nee KOIZUMI (GBR), Bill BERRY (GBR), Luis TORRES (ESP), Nicola TEMPESTA (ITA), Henri COURTINE (FRA), Toshihiko KOGA (JPN), Baker K. ABBADI (JOR), Loreta Mendoza (PHI), Alexa LIDDIE (USA).

## Point 1: Validation of the Congress composition and quorum

Mr. ROUGÉ informs that the official opening of the Congress may be declared when at least one-third (1/3) of the Member National Federations are represented and when at least three (3) different Continental Union representatives are present.

The Voting Right Credential Commission composed of Mr. ROUGÉ, Dr. ALLAN, Mr. BENONE and Mr. MARINESCU was established to control the voting rights.

The quorum required is 66 out of 197 National Federations from 3 continents in order to deliberate.

According to the Roll call, **114 IJF member National Federations from 5 Continental Unions are represented at the 2021 IJF Congress.**

**54 National Federations representatives are present in the Congress room.**

As the quorum is largely met, the conditions of the Congress opening are fulfilled.

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## Point 2: Welcome word and opening of the IJF Congress 2021

President Mr. VIZER welcomes all IJF National Federations delegates, guests and Judo family members.

For him, it is a great occasion to see each other after such a long period. The IJF is pleased to have the occasion to organize the World Championships just one month before the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

First, Mr. VIZER wants to thank everybody for engagement, unity and solidarity during all this period. Mr. VIZER thanks the Hungarian Government for their support, the IJF headquarters, the Hungarian Judo Association and its President, Dr. TOTH, and everyone making the effort to maintain judo alive in this period and to continue to develop judo even in the difficult moments. Mr. VIZER wants to congratulate athletes, coaches, referees and staff involved in judo activity, hoping to have successful World Championships and great Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Mr. VIZER informs that during the IJF Executive Committee meeting of June 2nd 2021, Mr. MARINESCU was appointed as IJF Director General. Mr. VIZER wishes Mr. MARINESCU good luck and good collaboration with the IJF, the Continental Unions and the National Federations.

## Point 3: Welcome speech from the Hungarian Judo Association President

Dr. Laszlo TOTH, President of the Hungarian Judo Association greets Mr. President, the IJF Executive committee members, Congress delegates and distinguished guests present in Budapest and all over the world.

On behalf of the Hungarian Judo Association, he would like to welcome everybody for this event. Dr. TOTH is very happy that in collaboration with the IJF we can organise 2021 IJF Congress. He hopes this Congress, as well as the World Championships will be successful. Mr. TOTH thanks everybody for participation and wishes everyone success and a wonderful stay in Hungary.

## Point 4: Welcome speech from the Hungarian Government Representative

Dr. FURJES, Secretary of State responsible for development of Budapest and Government Commissioner of International Sports events declares:

“I hope Budapest will become your second best city in the world, after your respective home cities. Budapest is an extraordinary city for sport, cultural activities and international business, with a superb location, a moderate climate, high level facilities and a booming economy, even in the period of pandemic. It’s also a very safe city. I am glad and honored to welcome all of you here. Please come as often as possible. We will always take good care of you. We are also very happy to see that the IJF has chosen Budapest to be the headquarters of your organization. Mr. Marius VIZER and his team are capable of facing all challenges. I wish you successful Congress and World Championships and all the best during your stay”.



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## Point 5: Election of one Voting Steward and 4 scrutineers

Mr. ROUGÉ proposes, for the delegates' approval, the election of a President of the Voting Board and 4 scrutineers, these persons cannot have the same nationality as candidates for elections.

Mr. MARINESCU explains to all the Congress delegates the voting procedure via LUMI platform.

### First resolution: Election of one Voting Steward and 4 scrutineers

The below candidates representing 5 IJF Continental Unions were proposed:

Mr. Esa NIEMI (EJU / Finland), Mr. François SAADE (JUA / Lebanon), Mr. Josateki NAULU (OJU / Fiji), Mr. Faissal RAGUIB (AJU / Djibouti) and Mr. Gilberto GARCIA (PJC / Dominican Republic).

After conducted a test vote, Mr. MARINESCU proposes to vote the first resolution.

### Resolution voting summary

Participants:	99		
Choice:	Description	Responses	%
1	Yes, Oui, Sí	99	100,00
2	No, Non, No	0	0,00
	Total	99	

## Result

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the election of the Voting Board candidates.

## Point 6: Approval of the 2021 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda

### Second resolution: Approval of the 2021 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda

Mr. ROUGÉ asks if the delegates have any comments and proposes to the Congress for approval, the agenda of the 2021 IJF Ordinary Congress.

The IJF Executive Committee during its meeting on Wednesday June 2nd 2021 did not propose any modification.

### Resolution voting summary

Participants:	107		
Choice:	Description	Responses	%
1	Yes, Oui, Sí	107	100,00
2	No, Non, No	0	0,00
	Total	107	

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## Result

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the 2021 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda.

### Point 7: Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 IJF Congress in Tokyo

#### Third resolution: Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 IJF Congress in Tokyo

Mr. ROUGÉ proposes to the Congress for approval the Minutes of the 2019 IJF Congress that was held in Tokyo on 22 August 2019 (see [Annex 1](#)).

The Congress did not make any observation. It was proposed to proceed to the vote.

#### Resolution voting summary

Choice:	Description	Responses	%
1	Yes, Oui, Sí	107	100,00
2	No, Non, No	0	0,00
	<b>Total</b>	107	

## Result

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the Minutes of the 2019 IJF Congress in Tokyo.

### Point 8: Statutory reports

#### 8.1 Report of the President: Mr. VIZER

Mr. VIZER starts his presentation by saying that the Covid-19 era brought us, like everybody else, in a challenging and unprecedented situation. He believes that together, we managed to keep our sport present in the lives of all those who love judo and are involved in it. We managed to overcome obstacles, we continued our activities as much as the health crisis allowed us, we brought about innovations, becoming a strong link between the members of the international judo community.

Mr. VIZER presents to the Congress delegates the highlights of judo activities of the past two years.

Complete presentation can be found in [Annex 2](#).



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Mr. VIZER thanks all Continental Unions, National Federations, athletes, coaches, referees, staff and the IJF Family for their support and contribution to the development of Judo. He would like to thank the outgoing EC Members for their immense contribution to the progress of Judo and the growth of our organization and at the same time to wish all new EC Members who will join our team following this Congress, good luck in their activity. Mr. VIZER also thanks Mr. Juan BARCOS, IJF Head Refereeing Director, Mr. Jan SNIJDERS IJF Head Refereeing Director, Mr. Gerard BENONE, IJF President's Delegate Mr. Manuel LARRANAGA IJF Vice-President and Mr. Habib SISSOKO – IJF Vice-President, who will continue his work in the IJF Executive Committee in a different position.

Mr. VIZER concludes his report by saying that we have achieved together remarkable results, we will continue our journey together and we will reach our common goals, but we can only succeed if we are all united in solidarity.

Mr. VIZER thanks all the participants and the Hungarian Government for their support and the collaboration.

## 8.1.1. Administration report: Mr. MARINESCU

Mr. MARINESCU greets all the Executive Committee members and guests and presents the administration report.

Complete presentation can be found in [Annex 3](#).

Mr. MARINESCU finalises his presentation by saying that all IJF team does all their possible to make judo as attractive as possible. As a judo community, we need to be united, putting our community forward through technology, beautiful, interesting and attractive media and most importantly, through being united.

Mr. MARINESCU thanks all the delegates for their attention.

## 8.2 Report of General Secretary: Mr. ROUGÉ

Mr. ROUGÉ says that the IJF General Secretariat is at the service of all the IJF member National Federations. He details the activities of the General Secretary since past two years.

Complete presentation can be found in [Annex 4](#).

Mr. ROUGÉ concludes his presentation by saying that the IJF General Secretariat is totally in the spirit of the International Judo Federation, it is always at the service of the National Federations to help them, if necessary.

## 8.3 Report of the General Treasurer: Mr. AL TAMIMI

Mr. AL TATAMI is excused due to a major family problem. He makes his presentation by video.

Complete presentation can be found in [Annex 5](#).

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Video presentation can be found in [Annex 6](#).

At the end of his presentation Mr. AL TAMIMI adds that he remains at the disposal for any additional information or question.

He thanks all the National Federations for their adaptability during the hard year to keep the judo family together.

Mr. AL TAMIMI also thanks the Hungarian Judo Association for organising the World Judo Championships in this hard situation. He congratulates all the judoka qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Games.

He wishes everyone health and safety, and thanks for the attention.

## 8.4 Report of the IJF Official Auditor (PWC Hungary)

Complete presentation can be found in [Annex 7](#).

On behalf of PWC, Ms. SÁVOLY-HATTA thanks the IJF for having the opportunity to serve as the IJF official auditor.

2020 was really unprecedented year for the International Judo Federation, not only because of the Covid 19 pandemic and its consequences, but also due to the change of its headquarters from Lausanne to Budapest. The transition process was supported by PWC tax and legal team, by identifying relevant laws and regulation, statutory reporting requirements. Accounting advisory team was ensuring transparency and comparability of previous year financial statements. Finally, the audit of the FY 2020 was conducted.

The process was truly a team work between relevant teams of the IJF and PWC. Ms. SÁVOLY-HATTA thanks Mr. KUN and his team for their collaboration.

Ms. SÁVOLY-HATTA declares that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Federation as at 31 December 2020, and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the provisions of Act C of 2000 on Accounting ("Accounting Act"), in force in Hungary.

She thanks everybody and wishes successful World Judo championships in Budapest.

## **Fourth resolution: Approval of the reports of the President, the General Secretary and the General Treasurer, the final discharge of the Executive Committee**

It is proposed to the Congress delegates to approve the fourth resolution.





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## Resolution voting summary

<b>Participants:</b>	106		
<b>Choice:</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1	Yes, Oui, Sí	106	100,00
2	No, Non, No	0	0,00
	<b>Total</b>	106	

### Result

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the President's report, the General Secretary's report, the General Treasurer's report, giving the final discharge to the Executive Committee.

Mr. VIZER thanks the delegates for the trust, support, collaboration and approval of the fourth resolution.

### Point 9: Election of the President

#### 9.1 Candidate's presentation

Mr. VIZER declares that it was an honor and pleasure to work during all this period for judo development, for its promotion, ensuring for the next generations peace, unity and friendship in the world. Unity is one of the most important pillars of stability and development. During all this difficult period, Judo family shows unity and solidarity for the benefit of our organization, by organizing with continuity judo events.

During all this period, we have significantly improved judo level, judo values and promotion of judo in the world. We have partners which trust us: media, advertising partners, international institutions, the IOC.

The place of judo among other Olympic spots is stable and safe, thanks to the efforts of everyone and our common achievements. For the first time ever, we will have the team event, starting from Tokyo Olympic Games. We will have 11 teams in Tokyo, as well as a Refugee team. It is a great honor and we can be proud of this achievement. It is a proof of trust and credibility from the IOC to our judo family. We increased the media value of our sport, so we have sponsors and partners who trust our sport. Our sport is a solid one. It is the third sport in the field of universality for the Olympic Games (after athletics and swimming).

This is the result of your work and seriousness. All the National Federations who achieve results during the World Championships and the Olympic Games are the locomotive of judo. Mr. VIZER hopes that we will see more and more countries represented on the podium, bringing even higher the judo image.

Mr. VIZER continues saying that the IJF World Judo Tour started many years ago, offering another standard and level of competition, offering prize money for the athletes, according to IJF possibilities and opportunities.

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Mr. VIZER is convinced that for the next 4 years, together we will make judo better, will increase our popularity and our strength in social media, our media value, we will organize more events and register more National Federations. He hopes that through the stability within the IJF, the Continental Unions and the National Federations, with unity, trust, solidarity and respect, we can continue to bring judo in a good way.

Mr. VIZER wants to thank his colleagues who leave the IJF, while staying with the judo family. He wants to wish success to the new comers, to work together with enthusiasm, optimism and the engine of the new generation. Mr. VIZER conclude by wishing everybody successful World Championships and Olympic Games.

## 9.2 Presentation of candidate's list

	Name	Position
1.	Mr. ABDULLAYEV Rovnag	Development Manager
2.	Dr. ALLAN Lisa	Events Director
3.	Mr. BAGDASAROV Armen	Sport Director
4.	Mr. BARTA Vladimir	Head Sport Director
5.	Mr. CASSINERIO Oscar	Development Director
6.	Dr. CORAK Sanda	Education Director
7.	Mr. JEON Ki Young	Head Referee Director
8.	Mrs. KHISHIGBAT Erdenet-od	World Promotion Director
9.	Mr. LASCAU Florin Daniel	Head Referee Director
10.	Mr. MERIDJA Mohamed	Education and Coaching Director
11.	Mr. ROTENBERG Arkady	Development Manager
12.	Mr. SISSOKO Habib	Development Director
13.	Mrs. SOUAKRI Salima	Development Director
14.	Mr. UEMURA Haruki	World Promotion Director
15.	Mr. YAMASHITA Yasuhiro	World Promotion Director
16.	Mr. ZHOU Jinqiang	Development Director

Mr. MARINESCU informs that as there is only one candidate for the office of President, the vote will not be conducted by secret ballot, unless requested by the delegates.

No request from the delegates.

## 9.3 Vote

### Resolution voting summary

Participants:	104		
Choice:	Description	Responses	%
1	Yes, Oui, Sí	104	100,00
2	No, Non, No	0	0,00
	Total	104	



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## Vote

The representatives of the Member National Federations elect unanimously Mr. VIZER as IJF President.

The IJF General Secretary congratulates the newly elected President and the Executive Committee members.

## Point 10: Provisional budget

During his video presentation, the IJF General Treasurer presented the current 2021 budget and provisional budget 2022-2023.

Complete document can be found in [Annex 8](#).

### Fifth resolution: Approval of the provisional budget

#### Resolution voting summary

Participants:	101		
Choice:	Description	Responses	%
1	Yes, Oui, Sí	101	100,00
2	No, Non, No	0	0,00
	Total	101	

## Result

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the IJF provisional budget 2022-2023.

## Point 11: Directors' speeches and propositions

### 11.1 Sport Commission: Mr. BARTA

Mr. BARTA greets all the delegates and presents the Sport Commission report 2019-2021.

Complete presentation of the Sport Commission can be found in [Annex 9](#).

Mr. BARTA concludes his presentation by informing that the Sport Commission sent to all the National Federations the request to send their proposals for the next Olympic period. The deadline to receive the replies is August 31st 2021. The IJF Sport, Refereeing and Education Commissions will examine all the proposals. In case of changes in IJF regulations, they should be ready to be implemented for the next IJF Refereeing and Coaches seminar.

Mr. BARTA thanks all the delegates for their attention.

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## 11.2 Refereeing Commission: Mr. BARCOS

On behalf of the Refereeing Commission Mr. BARCOS thanks the IJF and its Executive Committee for their support. Mr. BARCOS thanks the Education and Sport Commission for excellent collaboration.

Mr. BARCOS informs that the Refereeing Commission has already selected the referees for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, taking into consideration the quality of refereeing. He is sure that during the World Championships and the Olympic Games we will have the best quality and the fair play for all the athletes.

The new era will begin with Mr. LASCAU and Mr. JEON. Mr. BARCOS is sure that the quality of refereeing is going to improve even more. Mr. BARCOS thanks his colleague Mr. SNIJDERS for his support and friendship, Mr. VIZER and all the Executive members.

Complete presentation of the Refereeing Commission can be found in [Annex 10](#).

## 11.3 Education and Coaching Commission: Mr. MERIDJA

Mr. MERIDJA welcomes Mr. President, all the judo family as well as distinguished guests. He presents the Education and Coaching Commission report.

Complete presentation of the Education and Coaching Commission can be found in [Annex 11](#).

Mr. MERIDJA extends his thanks to the Education Commission members for their commitment and the IJF Executive Committee headed by Mr Marius VIZER, for their support.

## Point 12: Reports of the Continental Unions

### 12.1 Report of the African Judo Union President: Mr. SISSOKO

Mr. SISSOKO greets Mr. VIZER, all the delegates and distinguished guests. He says it is an honour for him, as outgoing AJU President, to present the report of the AJU in relation to the mandate entrusted to him and which ended at the AJU Ordinary Congress on 18 May 2021 in Dakar.

Complete presentation can be found in [Annex 12](#).

Mr. SISSOKO extends his most sincere thanks to all the members of the technical departments and the members of the Directing Committee for their efforts in the implementation of their action plan for the current term of office.

He also expresses all his gratitude to Mr Marius VIZER, President of the International Judo Federation, for his continued support to the African continent.



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Mr. VIZER thanks Mr. SISSOKO for his presentation and his work during all these years as the AJU President. Mr. VIZER also wishes good luck to the new AJU President, Mr. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO.

## 12.2 Report of the Judo Union of Asia President: Mr. AL-ANZI

Mr. AL-ANZI congratulates Mr. VIZER for his election as IJF President, welcomes the IJF Executive Committee and the Presidents of the National Federations.

He informs that it is a pleasure for him to present to the delegates the JUA activities report.

Complete presentation can be found in [Annex 13](#).

Mr. AL-ANZI concludes his presentation by warmly thanking Mr. President for his strong leaderships and solid support.

He also thanks Mr. VIZER on behalf of the JUA for combining the Judo Union of Asia with the Oceania Judo Union for Continental Judo Championships which represents a considerable help to both Continental Unions and allows to make events more competitive.

Mr. VIZER congratulates and thanks Mr. AL ANZI for his presentation and his collaboration.

## 12.3 Report of the European Judo Union President: Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK

Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK starts his presentation by congratulating Mr. VIZER, on behalf of the EJU and himself, for his election. He thanks Mr. VIZER for his professionalism and for development of our favorite sport. Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK wishes Mr. VIZER successful continuation. He also congratulates the newly elected members of the IJF Executive Committee.

Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK thanks his colleagues from the EJU Board, the Presidents of the National federations for their perfect collaboration, before the Covid period, but especially during this period. He says that this difficult period did not stop us, we are not frozen, we did a lot, we kept in touch, we were connected with National Federations. The EJU organized meetings and seminars, did a great work and demonstrated to everybody that the World Judo is active even in this period. The EJU had many activities and restored the calendar events. In November-December, 3 European Championships were organized. Two of these events were organized in Croatia. Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK warmly thanks the President of the Croatian Judo Federation, Dr. CORAK and her team for their courage. The Seniors Championships were organized in Czech Republic. Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK thanks the President of the Czech Judo Federation Mr. DOLEJS, for his devotion to judo, as well as his team. The calendar for the next Olympic cycle is established and Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK is convinced that all EJU events will be successfully organized.

In Education sector during the difficult period, a strategy and theoretical part of the two new projects were created: European Judo School League and European Youth League. The EJU has already started these projects in some pilot countries. Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK thanks the Presidents of the concerned National Federations of Spain, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Portugal and Russia for their initiative. They proved that all is possible even in such a difficult period.

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In marketing during this period, a new strategy was prepared. The EJU has new sponsors, new partners and suppliers.

Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK thanks all his colleagues, Board members and EJU National Federations. He thanks the IJF for the great example they demonstrated, first when the IJF restarted the WJT events with Budapest Grand Slam. All further events and projects became possible with this example.

Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK wishes everybody good health and strong judo activity.

He finishes his presentation by showing a video. The video can be found in [Annex 14](#).

Mr. VIZER congratulates Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK for his successful work and presentation.

## 12.4 Report of the Oceania Judo Union President

Mr. DAVIO, OJU President, being excused for medical reason, the report is presented by Mr. Josateki NAULU (OJU Technical Director).

Mr. NAULU presents himself. He starts the report of the OJU activities by underlining the resilience and the determination of the IJF and all judoka who continued to be focused on judo activities despite the complexities they have faced.

Complete presentation of the OJU activities can be found in [Annex 15](#).

Mr. VIZER thanks Mr. NAULU and wishes good health and quick recovery to the OJU President Rehia DAVIO.

## 12.5 Report of the Pan America Judo Confederation President: Mr. LARRANAGA/Mr. ZEGARRA

Mr. LARRANAGA greets Mr. VIZER, his colleagues and Congress delegates.

He explains that he had been leading the Pan-American Judo Confederation for 7 years. However, the time of change has come. During the PJC elections that took place on 26 May 2021 the new President, Mr. Carlos ZEGARRA was elected.

Mr. LARRANAGA passes the floor to Mr. ZEGARRA to present the report of the PJC activities.

Mr. VIZER thanks and congratulates Mr. LARRANAGA.

Mr. ZEGARRA warmly thanks Mr. LARRANAGA and says it is a great honor to present this report in his quality of new PJC President.

Mr. ZEGARRA highlights that during the pandemic period, the PJC Executive led a reflection on how to continue judo activities in Pan-American continent. The decision was made to launch an innovation programme in order to stay in touch with all the Pan-American members and the result was very successful.



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Complete presentation of all the PJC activities can be found in [Annex 16](#).

Mr. ZEGARRA finishes his presentation by thanking again Mr. LARRANAGA for his work and his leadership. He is delighted that the recent PJC elections were held in a very democratic and peaceful way.

Mr. VIZER thanks and congratulates Mr. ZEGARRA.

## Point 13: General Secretariat information

Mr. ROUGÉ informs that the IJF strongly recommends the below statutory provision for Member National Federations and Continental Unions:

Gender representation in the governing bodies of member National Federations and Continental Unions should be at least 25% for the least represented gender.

No remarks from the delegates.

## Point 14: Propositions from the Continental Unions and member National Federations

### 14.1 Chad

Mr. ROUGÉ informs that a question was received from the Chad Judo Federation. This question is considered to be an internal matter of the AJU and should be handled by the new AJU President.

## Point 15: Distinctions

Mr. BARCOS, Mr. LARRANAGA, Mr. BENONE and Mr. SISSOKO received a special Jigoro Kano statue, designed by IJF partner Herend Porcelain, from Mr. VIZER to celebrate the amazing amount of work they delivered over the past years.

## Point 16: Closing of the Congress

Mr. VIZER informs about the following changes in the IJF Executive Committee:

Mr. BAGDASAROV, IJF Sport Director, will join the IJF Refereeing Commission. Following Mr. BAGDASAROV function change, it became necessary to reinforce the IJF Sport Commission. Mr. VIZER will propose during the next Executive Committee meeting to co-opt two Sport Directors: Mr. TAMURA (Canadian Judo Federation) and Mr. HACHICHA (Tunisia Judo Federation).

Mr. VIZER welcomes the new members.

Mr. VIZER closes the Congress by thanking all the persons who serve judo during all these years.

**The agenda being exhausted, the Congress is closed at 13:00**