

INFORMATION ON THE PROGRESS MADE

Gender equality and Scientific work

Gender equality: progress made

Gender equality is a human right and one of the Sustainable Development Goals. As Judo is still male dominated sport, gender equality is one of the prerequisites of achieving good governance. At the same time, because of the cultural and tradition differences in the member countries, it is a goal very difficult to achieve. I would like to thank the member of the Gender equality commission (GEC) for their dedication and persistence in their work.

Progress have been made in the areas:

- Share of women in different positions: statistics is drawn from Judobase every 2 years and is showing progress, especially regarding the number of women athletes (plus 7 percent in comparison to 2022),
- Promotion of the women in judo achievements (articles on the IJF web),
- Special project: Guardian Girls project – pilot seminar in Abu Dhabi illustrating interesting paths and activities of EC members during a training of *ukemi* and self-defence,
- Supporting activities: Judo for Peace project always highlighting the importance of involving women in judo in all project countries.

Future activities:

- At least 30 percent of the least represented gender at ECs of the member countries (Statutory changes),
- Continuation of the on-line Round tables discussing obstacles on the way of gender equality (participation of NFs women presidents),
- Organization of the seminar on „Leadership for women in judo“ in collaboration with the IJF Academy (and possibly the Harvard Business School).

Scientific work

Education is one of the main goals of practicing judo and scientific work offers ways and methods for improvement and achieving that goal. IJF is the only international sport organization to publish its own international scientific journal.

Progress made:

- „The Arts and Sciences of Judo“, international Journal: Volume 4 and issue No 01 was published – indexed in 2 databases and self-evaluation made,
- Special issue on „Judo and Olympism“ in preparation (December 2024 issue with M.Brousse as guest editor).

Future activities:

- Professional book series is planned with the idea of collecting already online published interviews, stories etc. to achieve broader coverage and knowledge dissemination,
- For future progress of the ASJ Journal more collaboration of the research judo community is needed (can be achieved through the IJF Academy cooperation with the kinesiology and sport schools and universities) in order to receive more quality contributions.

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