

**European Table Tennis Union a.s.b.l.**



**Minutes of the**  
**ETTU Congress 2024**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**1000 CEST**

**OÖNachrichten Forum**  
**Promenade 25**  
**4020 Linz, Austria**

## MINUTES OF THE ETTU CONGRESS 2024

Present: Pedro MOURA (POR), (ETTU Acting President),  
Heike AHLERT (GER), (ETTU Acting Deputy President)  
Sandra DEATON (ENG), (ETTU Vice-President for Finances)  
Sonja GREFBERG (FIN), Ina JOZEPSONE (LAT)  
Miguel VICENS (FRA) (ETTU Vice-Presidents)  
Chiara COLANTONI (ITA) (EB Member and Athletes Commission Chair)  
Pierre KASS (ETTU Secretary General)  
Galia DVORAK (ETTU Deputy Secretary General)

Stefano BOSI, Rudolf SPORRER (Honorary Members)  
Alex ANASTASI, Henk HOMMES (Badges of Honour)

Arne MADSEN (Club Competitions Official), Igor HELLER (Ranking Committee Chair), Werner THURY (Umpires and Referees Committee Chair), Zdenko KRIŽ (Veterans Committee Chair), Jarek KOLODZIEJCZYK (Coaching Committee Chair), Ines LOURO (Gender Equality Committee Chair), Joshua REYNOLDS (Audit Commission), Beatrice ROMANESCU (Marketing and Events Presentation Manager), Milica NIKOLIĆ (Press Manager), Ana IVOŠEVIĆ (Administration Officer), Andrea BJURSTRÖM (Club Competitions Manager), Richard SCRUTON (Senior Advisor)

Petra SÖRLING (ITTF President)  
Raul CALIN (ITTF Secretary General)

Tordis MICHAEL (Sportradar)  
Megha GAMBHIR, Deepak MALIK (Stupa Sports Analytics)

Gyula LENCSE, Tibor VOLSIK, Irene FABER, Emma PERSSON, Johnny EWESTEIN, Reto BAZZI, Christophe PORTE, Nicolas BARELIER, Tomasz KRZESZENSKI, Giuseppe MARINO, Abe KAMPER, Stefan FEGERL (guests).

Delegates of the following Member Associations (55) were represented at the Congress (43 MAs present and 12 via proxy): Albania (proxy to Italy), Andorra (proxy to Spain), Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Cyprus, Denmark, England, Estonia, Faroe Islands (proxy to Iceland), Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Greenland, Guernsey (proxy to England), Hungary, Iceland, Ireland (proxy to Portugal), Isle of Man (proxy to Scotland), Israel, Italy, Jersey (proxy to Cyprus), Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania (proxy to Latvia), Luxembourg (proxy to Finland), Malta, Moldova, Monaco (proxy to France), Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia (proxy to Belarus), San Marino, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine and Wales (proxy to Belgium).

The Associations (3) of: Gibraltar, Liechtenstein and Montenegro were absent.

**a. Acting President's Welcome and Opening Address**

ETTU Acting President Pedro MOURA opened the Congress, thanking and welcoming all the delegates, Executive Board members, Honorary Members, Committee Chairs, Officials and Staff.

President of the Austrian Table Tennis Federation Wolfgang GOTSCHKE expressed gratitude to all the partners, sponsors and volunteers for their great effort and hard work for the past 18 months to create the best set-up for the European Championships.

ITTF President Petra SÖRLING addressed the Congress, highlighting the momentum European table tennis has gained following the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. She emphasized the successful organisation of major events in Europe, demonstrating its capability to host large-scale competitions, and stressed the importance of maintaining that momentum.

**b. Roll Call of the Associations present**

ETTU Secretary General Pierre KASS confirmed 55 present Member Associations with voting credentials.

**c. Appointment of scrutineers**

The Secretary General proposed to the Congress to appoint the following delegates as scrutineers: Adrian CHRISTY (ENG), Achim SIALINO (NED), Adriana ZAMFIR (ROU).

The Scrutineers were appointed by the Congress.

**d. Appointment of a Chair**

Upon proposition by the Secretary General, the Congress appointed the Acting President Pedro MOURA as Chair of the Congress until the start of the elections.

**e. Approval of the Agenda**

The Congress agenda was approved.

**f. Adoption of the late entered propositions**

There were no late entered propositions.

**g. Consideration of applications for Membership**

There were no new membership applications received.

**h. Consideration of the Annual General Report, including the Reports from the Executive Board Members, the Committee Chairs, the Officials and the Secretary General**

All Reports were approved by Congress.

**i. Update on ETTU implementation plan and presentations**

ETTU Deputy Secretary General Galia DVORAK presented updates on the ETTU Implementation Plan as part of the ETTU Strategic Plan for 2023–2028. The presentation provided an overview of progress and growth in key Table Tennis areas, including governance, competition, development, marketing, and community engagement.

Following the ETTU Implementation Plan updates, Megha GAMBHIR (STUPA Sports Analytics) introduced the new ETTU platform powered by Stupa Analytics. She presented the newly designed website, which aims to enhance accessibility for ETTU Member Associations and improve the overall user experience.

Additionally, the President of the Croatian Table Tennis Federation, Zoran PRIMORAC, presented the facilities for the European Championships (team event), scheduled to take place in Zadar, Croatia, from October 12–19, 2025.

**j. Consideration of the Financial Statements 2023**

The Vice-President for Finances Sandra DEATON summarised the 2023 Financial Statements, which were comprehensively presented during the Finance Webinar on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024. She reiterated the Congress approval for an International Standard Audit (ISA) and the appointment of PKF Audit & Conseil Sàrl to execute this audit, with findings also shared in the mentioned webinar.

The President of the Hungarian Table Tennis Federation, Imre KOVACSICS raised a question regarding the monthly payment for the Acting President.

The Acting President Pedro MOURA noted that his monthly payment has already been approved by the Congress in 2023 and foreseen for the Budget in 2025.

Imre KOVACSICS continued questioning the travel expenses and other costs for the Acting President.

Secretary General Pierre KASS explained that all the Executive Board travel costs are listed in the Budget altogether, underlining that nobody is entitled to any business class.

Pedro MOURA added that he traveled in case he was invited and clarified that, on some occasions, his travel costs were covered by the Member Associations, not the ETTU.

The 2023 Financial Statements were unanimously approved by the Congress.

Sandra DEATON informed the Congress that the 2024 budget had been presented via webinar and stated that major investments were allocated to events and competitions, with plans to continue in 2025.

**k. Consideration of the Audit Report 2023**

The 2023 Audit Report has been unanimously approved by Congress.

**l. Consideration of the report of the Audit Commission 2023**

The Audit Commission report 2023 presented by Joshua REYNOLDS on webinar 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, has been approved by the Congress (one abstention).

**m. Consideration of the Budget 2025**

The Vice-President for Finances clarified that during the finance webinar in October, ETTU provided a transparent and well-explained budget for 2025.

She also thanked all Executive Board members and staff, with special recognition to the Secretary General for his significant contribution to ETTU's accounting and finances.

**n. Consideration of propositions and resolutions**

ETTU Acting Deputy President Heike AHLERT reflected on the Propositions Webinar held in October, stating that the report had been sent to all participants.

*Proposition 1 - A – ETTU Constitution*

Proposition was unanimously approved.

*Proposition 2 – B – International Eligibility*

Proposition was unanimously approved.

*Proposition 3 – C1 European Championships (Individual events)*

Proposition was unanimously approved.

*Proposition 4 – H – Europe Top 16 Cup*

Proposition was unanimously approved.

*Proposition 5 – Cancellation Dates at regulations C1, C2, D, S and U*

Proposition was unanimously approved.

*Proposition 6 – D – European Youth Championships and - S – European Under 13 championships*

Proposition was unanimously approved.

*Proposition 7 – J – European Club Competition men*  
Proposition was unanimously approved.

*Proposition 8 – K – European Club Competition women*  
Proposition was unanimously approved.

*Proposition 9 – O – Athletes Commission*  
Proposition was unanimously approved.

*Proposition 10 – ETTU Ranking for seeding in all ETTU competitions*  
Proposition was approved by the majority of the votes (1 vote against)

The Proposition 11 has been withdrawn by the French TT Federation.

**o. Ratification of the work done by the Executive Board since the last Congress**

The Congress granted by acclamation release to the Executive Board for the work done by them since the 2023 Congress.

**p. Appointment of Honorary Members**

The Congress appointed by acclamation and standing ovation Mr. Richard SCRUTON as ETTU Honorary Member.

**q. Presentation of Badge of Honour**

ETTU Badges of Honour were awarded to: Alex ANASTASI (MLT), Andreas GEORGIU (CYP), Henk HOMMES (NED), Genadijs KARTUZOV (LAT) and Adriana ZAMFIR (ROU).

**r. Place and date of the next Congress**

The 2025 ETTU Congress will be held in Zadar, Croatia on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

**s. Election of the President**

Pedro MOURA (POR) 35 votes – elected President

Imre KOVACSICS (HUN) 19 votes – not elected

**t. Election of the Deputy President**

Heike AHLERT (GER) elected by acclamation as Deputy President.

**u. Election of the Vice President for Finances**

Sandra DEATON (ENG) elected by acclamation as Vice President for Finances.

#### **v. Election of the (5) Vice Presidents**

Zoran PRIMORAC (CRO) 46 votes – elected Vice-President  
Didier LEROY (BEL) 42 votes – elected Vice-President  
Ina JOZEPSONE (LAT) 41 votes – elected Vice-President  
Jaroslaw Franciszek KOLODZIEJCZYK (AUT) 31 votes – elected Vice-President  
Sonja GREFBERG (FIN) 29 votes – elected Vice-President

Miguel Angel MACHADO SOBRADOS (ESP) 16 votes – not elected  
Michel GADAL (FRA) 16 votes - not elected  
Nikolas ENDAL (CZE) 13 votes - not elected  
Goran TILOVSKI (MKD) 12 votes - not elected  
Ilija LUPULESKU (SRB) 11 votes - not elected  
Tomasz KRZESZEWSKI (POL) 7 votes - not elected  
Mirsad PAJEVIC (BIH) 6 votes - not elected

#### **w. Election of the ETTU members of the ITTF council (8)**

According to ETTU Constitution 5.3.1. *The Deputy President shall ex-officio be appointed as an ETTU member of the ITTF Council, provided he/she accepts this appointment.*

The Deputy President Heike AHLERT (GER) accepted the appointment therefore remained 7 vacancies.

Richard SCRUTON (ENG) 43 votes - elected  
Jörgen PERSSON (SWE) 43 votes - elected  
Zoran PRIMORAC (CRO) 41 votes - elected  
Miguel Angel MACHADO SOBRADOS (ESP) 38 votes - elected  
Sonja GREFBERG (FIN) 32 votes - elected  
Phil McCALLUM (SCO) 31 votes - elected  
Aleksandar MATKOVIĆ (SRB) 31 votes – elected

Cristinel ROMANESCU (ROU) 29 votes – not elected  
Gilles ERB (FRA) 21 votes – not elected  
Henrik VENDELBO (DEN) 19 votes – not elected  
Lucjan BLASZCZYK (POL) 17 votes – not elected  
Nehat ÇITAKU (KOS) 11 votes – not elected  
Mirsad PAJEVIC (BIH) 8 votes – not elected

The 8 members will have to be ratified by the 2025 ITTF Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and their membership will become effective the day following the AGM.

**x. Election of the (10) members of the Board of Appeal**

The Congress has approved by acclamation the following members for the ETTU Board of Appeal: Sergio CASTANHEIRA (POR), Olaf DIELS (NED), Peter MEYER (GER), Pekka KOLPPANEN (FIN), Gottfried FORSTHUBER (AUT), Adam BUŁAT (POL),

The Congress accepted the late nomination of Jeton ORUQI (KOS) and approved it by acclamation.

For the remaining 3 vacancies, ETTU will open the nominations in due time to be filled by the next ETTU Congress.

**y. Consideration of any other business**

ETTU President Pedro MOURA thanked the ETTU Secretary General for the proper and effective conduct of the elections.

Swiss Table Tennis Association President Freddy OSWALD commented on the timing of the ETTU Event Calendar, noting that it is short-term oriented.

ETTU President responded that the ETTU Calendar depends on the ITTF and WTT Calendars and that ETTU's role is to continue advocating for improvements.

**z. Closure**

In closing, the President thanked all delegates, the LOC, and guests, wishing everyone success in the European Championships.

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