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INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, in a hybrid format, on Thursday, 24th August 2023, starting at 10h00 ICT (03h00 UTC).

AGENDA

1. President Welcome and Opening Address
2. Host Welcome and Opening Address
3. Roll Call of Associations Present (Confirmation of registered Associations)
4. Appointment of a Chair
5. Confirmation of the Agenda
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 - 12.2 Deputy President Mr LIU Guoliang
 - 12.3 Senior Executive Vice President Mr Khalil AL-MOHANNADI
 - 12.4 Executive Vice-President - Finance Mr Roland NATRAN
 - 12.5 Executive Vice-President Dr Alaor AZEVEDO
 - 12.6 Executive Vice-President Mr MAEHARA Masahiro
 - 12.7 Executive Vice-President Dr Alaa MESHREF
 - 12.8 Executive Vice-President Mr Wahid Enitan OSHODI
 - 12.9 Executive Vice-President: Mr Graham SYMONS
 - 12.10 Co-Chairs of the Athletes' Commission: Ms LIU Shiwen & Mr Sharath Kamal ACHANTA
 - 12.11 IOC Member: Mr RYU Seungmin OLY



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 - 15.2 Media Committee
 - 15.3 Nominations Committee
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 - 15.5 Rules Committee
 - 15.6 Sports Science and Medical Committee
 - 15.7 Umpires' and Referees' Committee
 - 15.8 Veterans' Committee

16. Ratification of the Work Done by the ITTF Council and the Executive Board

17. Governance Review Report

18. Propositions and Resolutions

19. Appointment of ITTF Permanent Committee Members

20. Appointment of ITTF Tribunal Members

21. Election of the World Table Tennis Championships Finals 2026 host

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24. Any other Business

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Ever since I ran for the presidency of the ITTF, I made a promise to develop our sport with a relentless focus on the ITTF Family, Governance, Growth, and Sustainability. After my election in November 2021, I wasted no time in kickstarting the work to set the strategic course for table tennis in the years to come.

In January 2022, I convened the entire ITTF leadership, including meetings with the Executive Committee, the Para Table Tennis Committee, the newly created Continental Council, and the ITTF administration. Together, we began implementing the programs for which I was elected by the members.

Assisting me in this mission is Liu Guoliang, whom I appointed as ITTF Deputy President in October 2022 due to his invaluable experience and contributions to our Federation and to the colleagues in the Executive Committee. He has already shown that he will bring in even more as Deputy President. Additionally, Stefano Bosi and Bruce Burton were appointed ITTF Senior Advisors to support the entire ITTF Group leadership on matters concerning the ITTF, the ITTF Foundation, and World Table Tennis. Furthermore, we created a new position as Sport Director in the ITTF Group to innovate the technical aspects of table tennis and support a vision that leads to sustainable success at all major events.

Reconnecting with the Entire Membership

The ITTF successfully delivered three World Championships this year: the World Team Championships Finals in Chengdu, China; the World Para Championships in Granada, Spain; and the World Youth Championships in Tunis, Tunisia. Each event provided a unique opportunity to meet with players, their entourage, and officials, allowing us to gain invaluable insights. And not to forget how difficult it was still in 2022 due to the pandemic period. I also like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the trust and very good collaboration that made it possible to run these important events given the circumstances. Table Tennis and its restart came out as a role model also for other sports.

One of my key objectives and promise during the first year of my presidency was to visit all our continents and their congresses, and as many Member Associations, stakeholders, and event organisers as possible. I wanted to listen to diverse views, experiences, and exchange ideas on how to further improve and contribute to table tennis. I had the privilege of attending more than a dozen table tennis events across all Continental Federations, and the welcome I got and insights I received were truly inspiring.

This journey culminated in the first-ever ITTF Summit in Amman, Jordan. The Summit brought together stakeholders from the table tennis world to shape the future of our sport while reconnecting after the challenges posed by the pandemic. In addition to the Summit itself, the Executive Committee, the Continental Council, and the Athletes' Commission had meetings, and the Annual General Meeting took place, providing an excellent platform for fruitful discussions.

During the Summit, we also welcomed the newly elected Athletes' Commission for their inaugural meeting. Sharath Kamal Achanta and Liu Shiwen were elected as co-Chairs, as part of the ITTF's drive for gender parity, and consequently, they became members of the ITTF Executive Board, representing the athletes' voice at the highest level of the federation.

Expanding Our Presence as a sport within the Sport Movement

We made significant strides in reconnecting table tennis more closely with the Olympic and Paralympic Movement. I attended the Winter Olympic Games Beijing 2022, participated in the 46th General Assembly of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), and joined the annual gathering of the Olympic and International Sports Federations, namely, the IF Forum. Furthermore, I actively participated in the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Extraordinary General Assembly and the ANOC General Assembly.

Our Secretary General moved back to Lausanne, where I regularly travelled to meet with representatives of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), ASOIF, and other International Federations. Our network within the sport movement has grown, and the ITTF's performance has significantly improved since the last ASOIF assessment. We also aligned ourselves with the united response of the sports world to the tragic events in Ukraine.

Moreover, I am honoured to have been appointed to the IOC Gender Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Commission and the World Anti-Doping Agency's Foundation Board as one of the three ASOIF Representatives. Additionally, the International Masters Games Association (IMGA) elected me as a member of its Board. To grow our beloved sport, presence is a key factor.

Our Way Forward

Sustainability is a subject close to my heart and a top priority during my tenure as ITTF President. In 2022, the ITTF signed the United Nations Sports for Climate Action Framework and became one of the first signatories of the Sport For Nature Framework, standing alongside the IOC and other sports bodies. However, signing agreements is just the beginning; the real impact comes from delivering on our commitments. For this purpose, the ITTF appointed a dedicated staff member to work on Sustainability because we all play a part and make our sport valid for the future generations.

Great progress has been made to promote inclusiveness within our sport, as the Executive Board took a momentous decision to adopt a comprehensive plan on Gender and Diversity. Again, as we all know, with diversity comes creativity and with creativity comes even better result. I also like to take the opportunity to thank our ITTF Gender & Diversity Commissioner for her great contribution to this result.

Furthermore, I was pushing to broaden the voice of our athletes and together with the Executive Board we decided to establish an Entourage Group with the goal of elevating standards for our players, enhancing engagement with all individuals associated with them, and serving as a

reliable point of contact and advisory support. ITTF is one of the first IFs within the Olympic movement to establish an Entourage Group, it is an important first step for us.

In 2022, we achieved significant progress that will serve as a springboard for a more successful future. We initiated the process of updating the strategic plan, aiming to ensure a prosperous future for table tennis and how we can best serve our Member Associations and support our athletes. The development of this plan is the result of thorough collaboration and dedicated efforts from all involved, and I extend my deepest appreciation to each and every one of you who played a role in our journey.

Last but not least teamwork is dreamwork and it's a true pleasure to work together with my colleagues in the Executive Board and with our professional staff – thank you so much for all the hard work and true passion for our sport.

Together, we have laid a solid foundation for the future of table tennis, and I am excited to embark on the next phase of our remarkable journey.

Table Tennis. For All. For Life. Forever!

Petra SÖRLING
ITTF President

2022 has been a fruitful year and especially so compared to 2021. During this year, the ITTF family was able to conquer the difficulties with united table tennis spirits and strength, we had a truly successful World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals in Chengdu, China after four years since the last edition, during which I was appointed Deputy President by ITTF President, Ms Sörling. I felt deeply honoured and ready to shoulder more responsibility in this role. And I would also like to highlight the success of the first-ever ITTF Summit in Amman, Jordan.

Taking this opportunity, I wish to thank ITTF President, Ms Petra Sörling, my fellow EB colleagues, ITTF Group CEO, Mr Steve Dainton, Secretary General, Raul Calin and the management team of the ITTF for all the hard work, sacrifices as well as full cooperation of the past year. I very much look forward to taking our joint efforts for the continuous elevation of our beloved sport globally with our increasingly professionalised and diversified teams.

Meetings attended:

- ITTF Continental Council Meeting #1: January 16th, 2022
- ITTF Continental Council Meeting #2: March 17th, 2022
- ITTF Continental Council Meeting #3: October 9th, 2022
- ITTF Continental Council Meeting #4: December 3rd, 2022
- ITTF Executive Board Meeting #1: January 29th, 2022
- ITTF Executive Board Meeting #2: March 15th-16th, 2022
- ITTF Executive Board Meeting #3: July 26th-27th, 2022
- ITTF Executive Board Meeting #4: September 30th, 2022
- ITTF Executive Board Meeting #5: October 9th, 2022
- ITTF Executive Board Meeting #6: December 3-6th, 2022
- 2022 ITTF Annual General Meeting: December 6th, 2022
- 2022 ITTF Board of Directors Meeting: December 4th, 2022
- ITTF Summit: December 3rd-6th, 2022

Combined with my position as WTT Board Chair as well as CTTA president, key aspects of my work are summarised as follows:

Many months of 2022 were devoted to the preparations towards the 2022 WTTTC Finals in Chengdu and to constantly encouraging exchanges of updated information between all parties, which proved to be very crucial. The Local Organizing Committee of the 2022 WTTTC Finals was particularly large, with many different departments and units involved. For them, it was also quite a new experience trying to deliver a major international table tennis event under the circumstances of COVID-19.

For CTTA, even though we had the privilege to build on the experiences from #Restart, the WTTTC Finals was a very special 'Bubble' event to organise mainly because of the expectation for it was next level. A working group consisting of the senior directors of both CTTA and ITTF side were deployed to Chengdu, working with the locals months before the event. They completed a remarkable feat delivering our event, overcoming all kinds of difficulties.

When finally at the grand opening of WTTTC Finals in Chengdu, it was such an emotional moment for our world table tennis family. The event organisation, as well as the players' service was stellar. We also managed to host several ITTF meetings in a hybrid format. Ms Sörling met with Chinese Olympic Committee President Mr Gao Zhidan online, which made her the first IF President to meet with COC President since his election.

In order to maximise the trip to China, with the support of ITTF and the WTT team as well as Local government and table tennis schools, we managed to organise a closed training camp at WTTTC Finals venues. Closely followed were two high-level back-to-back WTT events in Macao and Xinxiang, with full house live spectators from day 1. International charter flights and closed-loop express train trips were coordinated between the different cities. It made us extremely proud to be able to pull off such complicated major coordination projects, to be able to welcome back the spectators and to give all the players a really good time playing in China.

In 2022 I also performed my best to fulfil my duties as an ITTF executive board member, to attend all the planned and emergency meetings and offer my opinion and solution wherever possible. As WTT Board Chair, it is also encouraging to see more and more WTT events being delivered and more MAs considering becoming future hosts. We are also fully aware that with fast growth, many areas of our system need more push and polish; we will keep working on the strategy to ensure WTT benefits players and our industry alike.

LIU Guoliang

ITTF Deputy President

In my capacity as the Vice President of the International Table Tennis Federation for the year 2022, I am pleased to present the annual report to you. The past year has been an exciting time for the sport of table tennis on a global scale, as we reflect back on the past year. Although we have faced many challenges, the ITTF is committed to continuing to grow and develop table tennis as a sport.

We had several online meetings as the EB in charge of the WTTC for 2022 due to the difficulty of obtaining site inspection in China due to COVID-19.

In my areas of responsibility, the most important points have been:

1. 2022 WTTC Finals in Chengdu, China follows up during the preparation of the event with the Organising Committee.
2. Increasing WTT Events.
3. Attending all EC physical and online meetings. Assuring a rapid recovery of table tennis after the Covid-19.
4. Fulfilling all my duties as the Vice President of the ITTF

Areas of Responsibility

- World Championships (Administration)
- World Championships (Technical)
- ITTF and WTT Board Team Meeting held online

Attendance at ITTF Executive Committee Meetings

- EC Meeting in Singapore
- EC Meeting in Malmö, Sweden
- EC Meeting in Chengdu, China
- EC Meeting in Amman, Jordan
- EC Meetings organised online

It has been an eventful year, and in ITTF we are confident that we are on the right track. This is especially with the promotion of the WTT tournaments globally.

It is our great pleasure to collaborate with our member associations in 2023 in order to inspire excellence in life through table tennis.

Khalil AL-MOHANNADI

ITTF Executive Vice-President

This was the first full year as an Executive Board member, in which I participated in the following meetings and oversaw the portfolios of Finance and Veterans. In addition, I also attended the ITTF AGM, ITTF Board of Directors and ITTF Continental Council meetings held throughout the year.

Meetings

- Executive Committee
 - 29 January 2022 (Online)
 - 15-16 March 2022 – Singapore
 - 26-27 July 2022 – Sweden
 - 30 September 2022 – China (Hybrid)
 - 9 October 2022 – China (Hybrid)
 - 3 & 6 December 2022 – Jordan

- Finance & Audit Committee
 - 3 November 2022

Finance

I was appointed to the position of Executive Vice President of Finance during the Executive Committee meeting held in January 2022. Immediately after this appointment, it was important for me to gain a greater understanding of the overall financial landscape of the ITTF and its related entities. In recent years the ITTF has made significant changes with the introduction of the ITTF Foundation and World Table Tennis. This creates a more complex management of finances, as there are more entities which flow up into the ITTF Consolidated Financial Statements.

I am pleased to report that the staff we have in place continue to manage the day-to-day operational aspects of our finances and seek to further improve our internal processes and controls in place as we move towards meeting International Financial Reporting Standards. The work done helps to ensure our figures are accurate and minimise any additional work that may arise during the audit. We undertook a Risk Management project in 2022, to help identify the key risks that the organisation faces and to be proactive towards the risks that may arise through ongoing monitoring of the risks. The monitoring will continue to evolve in the coming years.

Veterans

The final preparations for the 2023 World Veterans Championships in Muscat, Oman, were made towards the end of 2022, as well as the bidding process and awarding of the 2024 World Veterans Championships were confirmed with Rome, Italy, to host the event.

NATRAN Roland

ITTF Executive Vice-President

INTRODUCTION

After my election in Houston, which took place on November 24, 2021, I started the year 2022 with great enthusiasm and motivation. At the beginning of the year, President Petra Sörling, in joint agreement and considering my skills, designated three areas for me to support and collaborate in the growth and interaction with colleagues on the Executive Board (**EB**), with colleagues from my continent, in particular the Executive Committee of ITTF Americas and with all table tennis lovers around the world. They are listed below:

- Para Table Tennis
- Innovation
- Health

In addition to them, I have always tried to participate and collaborate with ITTF Americas and its entire Executive Committee, as well as with the South American Table Tennis Confederation and its Executive Committee. To better help, I have always sought support from across the ITTF operational area. In view of the impossibility of mentioning them all, I want to particularly thank Steve Dainton, Raul Calin, and Mounir Bessah, which occurred on numerous occasions.

Bearing these objectives in mind and having the clear notion that Development was not one of the areas assigned to me by President Petra Sörling but knowing that it is of fundamental importance for the actual growth of all Continents, I participated in several meetings with the Development Director, Polona Cehovin and everyone in her area.

I had a great dedication to several other areas, but I highlight four others which I tried to study and understand better:

- Financial
- Human Resources
- WTT
- Communication

Knowing the limitation of the length of this report, I want to mention that I've participated in more than fifty (50) online meetings, considering an average of one hour per meeting was fifty (50) hours. In addition, I participated in face-to-face EB meetings on three occasions and represented the ITTF in five (5) events. Highlighting that I was at the Grand Smash in Singapore, where I represented the ITTF and participated in the EB meeting. This totals approximately fifty (50) days, including travel days. By the way, the only trip under eleven (11) hours was my trip to the Pan American Championship in Chile. Everyone knows that quantity is not quality, nor does it always bring results, which is the ultimate goal.

CONCLUSION

I would like to highlight some facts:

1. The ITTF Constitution needs to be improved. The EB must play an increasingly strategic and supervisory role in the operational area. The famous saying: “Nose in, hands off”. Today there is much mixing, and some clashes occur. With full knowledge of this and with certification from the largest Institute of Governance in Brazil (IBGC), although with the intention of understanding and improving, I entered the operational area many times and eventually created friction. I did this with the best intentions, trying to learn and participate in this magnificent and complex ITTF Group mechanism. Basically, with the intention of better deciding in EB meetings, explaining better to our continental entity, ITTF Americas, and regional entity, CONSUTEME, and to everyone who sought me out to talk about various subjects.
2. Our President Petra Sörling created the mantra: “Communication, communication, communication”. I suggested the mantra “Evaluation, evaluation, evaluation.” As this report is from 2022, I shouldn't talk about 2023 issues, but I know that the process of the new Strategic Plan is ongoing. We should be bold enough to create a maximum of 10 or 11 strategic indicators for the entire ITTF Group, which would be known and rated by our massive community monthly.
3. The work of the Development area is fantastic. Still, I think we should have fewer projects, dedicate more time and resources to them, and interact more with our various stakeholders. For example, The International Volleyball Federation, which has much larger resources, has only three major projects:
 - a. Support for national coaches
 - b. Equipment support
 - c. Creation of trainers of trainers.
4. Respecting my own mantra, I would like to self-evaluate. I don't follow any particular academic instruction, but I can say that I invested well in Inspiration, seeking to benchmark and bring to the ITTF the best practices in various areas of the business and sports world. I can dedicate myself more to this, and I will. I had a good performance in transpiration, not only participating in most face-to-face meetings but also being proactive, always looking for the different areas of the ITTF to learn more and more. Finally, even with good performance in the previous items, the results in my areas of expertise can improve a lot. Emphasising that the achievement of results, most of the time, depends on third parties.

Alaor AZEVEDO

ITTF Executive Vice-President

The year 2022 was the new start line to Table Tennis World. We were able to carry out the major events of WTT, which were 1 Grand Smash, 1 Cup Finals, 2 Champions, 2 Star Contender, 8 Contender, which was only possible with the cooperation from our Table Tennis Family. As for the World Table Tennis Championships Finals, I would again like to thank the Chinese Table Tennis Association, the Local Organising Committee and the City of Chengdu for hosting such a successful event during the difficult time of COVID-19, and especially to the Chinese Government for letting us host the event even though they have cancelled all other Multisports event in 2022.

Meetings Attended

Date	Location	Meeting
16 th Jan 2022	Online Meeting	ITTF EC #01
29 th Jan 2022	Online Meeting	ITTF EC #02
15 th Mar 2022	Hybrid Meeting	ITTF EC #03 Part I
16 th Mar 2022	Hybrid Meeting	ITTF EC #03 Part II
17 th Mar 2022	Hybrid Meeting	ITTF CC #01 (Singapore)
29 th Mar 2022	Online Meeting	ATTU EB #01 Part I
30 th Mar 2022	Online Meeting	ATTU EB #01 Part II
25 th July 2022	On-site Meeting	ITTF EC #04 (Sweden, Malmo)
27 th Aug 2022	Online Meeting	AGM Bid
31 st Aug 2022	Online Meeting	ITTF CC #02
30 th Sep 2022	On-site Meeting	ITTF EC #05 (China, Chengdu)
9 th Oct 2022	Online Meeting	ITTF EC #06, ITTF CC #03 (China, Chengdu)
2 nd Dec 2022	On-site Meeting	AC Meeting (Amman, Jordan)
3 rd Dec 2022	On site Meeting	ITTF EC #07, ITTF CC #04 (Amman, Jordan)
4 th ~6 th Dec 2022	On site Meeting	ITTF Summit (Amman, Jordan)
6 th Dec 2022	On site Meeting	AGM (Amman, Jordan)

Events and Webinars**2022 Singapore Smash****14th to 21st March 2022**

I was pleased to be in Singapore, where I had the privilege to experience the first-ever WTT Grand Smash. With the support from Sport Singapore, the event's sports presentation emerged into a whole new level. For example, the course each player has served into was shown on the big screen vision, which provided information so that spectators could understand better of their tactics. Also, detailed statistics of the player's points allowed everyone to follow the game deeper. The VIP lounge being spacious and elegant, provided our guests and stakeholders with quality and relaxing time in between the games.

Outside the venue, several features were laid out for not only the spectators but people who have just visited nearby; this gave the look of a Table Tennis festival and an opportunity for everyone to become a part of this event.

I felt that there are still some areas which we may work on to improve, such as trying to have the second hall look a little more similar to the Main Hall so the players and fans may see it as the same event and keep their excitement when they move around the halls.

Still, the new look and layout provided by the WTT team were fantastic, and I truly appreciate their dedicated hard work.

During the event, we held an EC meeting where we discussed the 2022 WTTCF Chengdu, the 2023 WTTCF Durban, the 2022 AGM and the elections for the Athletes Commission.

Within the ITTF Continental Council, we discussed the Olympic and Paralympic Games Qualification system, WTTCF Qualification, and Master Continental Agreements.

Finally, I would like to say this year has been a year of improvement. Players from the Top tier to the lower Tier had opportunities to participate in WTT events. There are many more events on the 2023 Calendar to look forward to. This is the achievement gained by the hard work of our ITTF and WTT staff, whom I would truly like to thank. Then to those Members of Associations who have taken many steps to host the WTT events.

MAEHARA Masahiro

ITTF Executive Vice-President

This report covers the period from January 2022 until December 2022.

Areas of Responsibility:

1. Africa (Communications) - Continental Role (together with Mr Wahid Oshodi)
2. Supervise and follow up on Information Technology issues
3. Supervise and follow up on Development-related issues
4. Supervise and follow-up on Athletes' related issues, in collaboration with the Athletes' Commission.

Meetings Attended

I attended all meetings, whether physically or online. I attended the EC and CC meetings in Chengdu online because of work commitments. I believe the first-ever ITTF Summit in Amman was a very good start for this new concept, with many interesting events and meetings besides the AGM and BoD meeting.

Role Related to Communications with Africa - Continental Role

The unity of African member associations is even getting stronger year after year, and the harmony between ITTF and ATTF (and all African member associations) is at its highest level in a long time. I would like to thank my colleague Mr Wahid Oshodi for his great addition to this role and working together with him helped a lot and was a real pleasure.

The African Championships in Algeria were held successfully, as well as the African Cup in Lagos. The attendance of ITTF President, Mrs Petra Sörling, to the African Championships and the ATTF AGM was well received and had a positive effect on the ITTF-ATTF relationships. The meeting held with the Minister of Sports in Algeria showed the interest of Algeria at the highest Governmental level in sports and in Table Tennis.

Information Technology

I believe the IT department is making a tremendous effort to have all services and databases in-house. Despite the importance of such development and new structure, the cost-effectiveness of this strategy needs to be evaluated.

Development

The role of development in any IF is of great importance.

The Development department is moving forward from a specific group of services with defined criteria to a more flexible concept based on the needs of the member associations. Despite being still not fully mature, moving in this direction is a definite step forward.

Despite the huge requirements of many member associations in the domain of development, not all resources are being used to the maximum, and the Development Department is working hard to overcome this issue, which was partly caused by the pandemic in the past years.

The financial needs of the new competition concept of WTT are affecting the finances of other departments, including development, which I believe needs much more financial allocation. This will be a point for follow-up in the coming year.

Role towards Athletes

I would like to thank the previous Athletes' Commission and its President - Zoran Primorac, for the huge efforts he has undertaken to defend Athletes' requirements and ambitions. I also congratulate the new Athletes' Commission and their new leaders, Kamal Achanta and Liu Shiwen, for their new responsibility. The presence of two athletes in the EB currently is a great addition, as the opinion of the Athletes in any decision is of paramount importance.

The cooperation with Kama Achanta and Liu Shiwen is very positive, and I believe their attitude will help achieve the athletes' requirements and ambitions within the new competition concept of WTT. Athletes have had many requests in the past that were not achieved in WTT events. Still, with perseverance and having more athletes within the deciding body, I believe that WTT staff and WTT decision makers will find it easier to understand the needs of the athletes within the new concept.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all my colleagues in the EB for their help and support in achieving the goals of ITTF.

Alaa MESHREF

ITTF Executive Vice-President

This report covers the work done as an ITTF Executive Vice President with oversight for all issues relating to Governance, Communications & Protocol and World Ranking, in addition to the general duties of all EVPs within the ITTF Executive Board (EB) and assigned duties by Ms Petra Sörling, ITTF President.

GOVERNANCE

Below are the major projects the ITTF has delivered in the ensuing period. Some of these projects necessarily overlap with the portfolio of other Executive Board members, and we have worked together to advance our cause.

1. New Sections of the Constitution and new General Definition and Interpretation Rules were introduced as part of the Governance Review work in 2022.
2. Preliminary steps taken to review existing eligibility rules primarily relating to Athletes, which address issues such as refugees, neutral athletes, and transgender athletes.
3. Preliminary steps taken to consider a framework to safeguard the integrity and reputation of table tennis relating to exploiting data rights for sport betting purposes.
4. Working with the President and Secretary-General to engage with ASOIF.

Within the area of Governance, we provided Legal Advice / Legal support as follows:

1. Strengthening existing practices relating to data protection
2. Support in specific projects, such as:
 - a. Kick-starting the processes to host the ITTF Summit 2023;
 - b. Preparatory work towards the Appointment of incoming Integrity Board and ITTF Tribunal Members;
 - c. Reviewing of submitted propositions and resolutions under the newly introduced vetting process.
 - d. Working with the Nominations Committee in setting necessary criteria for nomination and selection of persons to the various ITTF Committees.

We continue to review the Constitution and Rules that affect the ITTF Group across the board and encourage all other bodies of the ITTF Group and our Member Associations to do the same and advise us where changes might be advantageous to the Group.

COMMUNICATIONS & PROTOCOL

In 2022, the ITTF Head of Communications and I met very regularly to exchange ideas, and he took the time to brief me on the comprehensive plan proposed to guide all communication efforts across the ITTF Group. These entities engaged in various communication initiatives throughout the year, contributing to their growth, outreach, and overall success.

Significant achievements and impactful initiatives marked the ITTF Group's communications activities in 2022. The Communications Department successfully delivered effective communication strategies across various events. These efforts resulted in widespread media coverage, engagement with diverse audiences through digital platforms, and the promotion of table tennis at all levels across the globe, especially new audiences.

Below are the major milestones achieved in 2022:

ITTF World Team Championships Finals Chengdu 2022: Only Event in China since the Beijing 2022 Olympic & Paralympic Games.

The ITTF World Team Championships Finals held in Chengdu presented unique challenges, but the Communications Department rose to the occasion and effectively engaged stakeholders before the event. Numerous press releases and stories were disseminated, ensuring wide coverage. The event achieved remarkable success in China, recording two of the Top 3 sporting TV audiences. The Group's digital strategy paid off, with high engagement on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, Weibo, and YouTube, where tailored content captivated diverse audiences. Member Associations and athletes also received daily unique content, expanding the event's reach and fostering connections with fans worldwide. Notably, the event secured global media coverage and garnered attention among Olympic stakeholders.

Andalusia 2022 World Para Table Tennis Championships: A Fresh Look.

The Communications Department played a crucial role in the Andalusia 2022 World Para Table Tennis Championships by raising the event's profile and disseminating key messages regarding the high level of play, sport presentation, sustainability, and accessibility. Collaborating with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the department facilitated the visit of their President, further enhancing the championship's profile. Extensive coverage on Spanish TV was secured.

ITTF World Youth Championships Tunis 2022: Showcasing the Future.

The ITTF World Youth Championships held in Tunis in 2022 provided an exceptional platform for the ITTF Group to showcase the future stars of the sport. The Communications Department recognised the significance of nurturing the narratives of these young athletes and through various storytelling techniques the department effectively celebrated the achievements and aspirations of these budding table tennis players. This not only engaged fans but also fostered anticipation and excitement for the sport's future.

World Table Tennis: Delivering a Full Spectrum of Events

WTT successfully delivered events across every tier of its pyramid structure. Highlights included the first-ever WTT Grand Smash in Singapore, the inaugural WTT Champions event in Budapest, and the first WTT Series events in China. The Communications Department provided invaluable support in effectively communicating these marquee events. The department's efforts significantly contributed to the success and growth of the WTT brand and its events.

ITTF Summit: Launching a New Event

The first ITTF Summit was launched with dedicated branding, leaving a lasting visual legacy for the event. The Communications Department crafted comprehensive communication plans for the ITTF, WTT, and the ITTF Foundation. It meticulously managed all communications related to the Summit, including designing, and distributing brochures, programs, and electronic direct mail. Additionally, the department facilitated seamless communication among the Summit delegates through the launch of a dedicated extranet. Social media platforms were leveraged to activate the event, ensuring maximum reach.

The Communication team continues to engage with the IOC, ASOIF and Olympic Movement stakeholders, and the media at large. to raise awareness regarding the ITTF Group initiatives. I would also urge our Member Associations to ensure that their activities are covered locally and to always seek the assistance of the ITTF Communications team in helping to tell their stories. I am of the firm belief that we are headed in the right direction.

WORLD RANKING

The ITTF World Ranking Working Group formally met three times in 2022 (and twice in 2023 as of today), with a significant improvement in the quality of the discussions, ultimately leading to very productive conversations. We continue to exchange ideas via emails and informal discussion groups.

Post-pandemic adjustments

Due to the reduced number of events in 2021 and 2022, the WRWG focused on measures to ensure that the rankings reflected the realities of players performances. To this goal the duration of 2021 and 2022 events was extended, and, more importantly an expiration calendar was put in place to ensure that the race to the 2024 Olympics would start without any of the exceptional extended measures. These adjustments were in main very successful and the execution of the planned adjustments will be completed on July 4th, 2023.

Ranking improvements

To enhance further improvements in the Rankings, the WRWG duly recommended that points received during some events be adjusted to reduce the sudden impact of WTT Feeder and WTT Youth Series events in the Senior rankings. Some Rules were also amended for the same reason. These amendments were done in response to oft repeated valid complaints from players and coaches. The WRWG is assured that with more events taking place in 2023, the received feedback has been positive and we are confident to have reached a stable situation after difficult times.

Operations

The development of the IT systems used in facilitating the work of the Ranking manager has continued and this has resulted greatly reducing the number of mistakes in the made in calculating the positions in the rankings.

Obviously in this very important area, every day brings a new challenge and we have consequently sought and received the approval of the Executive Board to map out a course to holistically appraise the points attributable to all events and seek ways, if possible, to improve on the good work that has been done in the past. We believe that it would be important to prepare ahead and if found necessary propose some changes after the Paris 2024 Olympics.

There is still a lot of work ahead though, and, I urge all MA's to forward their views and opinions in this regard to the WRWG.

I am quite delighted with the deep level of discussions at our meetings and the quality of expert knowledge which acts as advisory to us. I am aware that delicate issues that surround player Rankings will continue to generate a lot of conflicting discussions, especially in a lead-up to the Olympics. Nevertheless, we shall continue to try to ensure that we propose resolutions and

recommendations that will truly reflect the actual playing level and standard of all players. Furthermore, as the numbers of our events continue to increase across the globe the issues surrounding lack of player participation will start to recede thereby further levelling the playing field across board.

GENERAL DUTIES

I have also had the great pleasure of working in alliance with various colleagues on the important issues of Gender, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Group and the very important Sustainability Working Group. The ITTF, ably led by our President on these issues, continues to make good and steady progress on these fronts, and we look forward to further development of ideas across all our MAs.

I also had the great privilege of overseeing the work of the Nominations Commission.

I also serve on the Eligibility Commission as well as being a member of the ITTF Russia/Ukraine Task Force, which is trying to chart a route forward for all concerned in the ITTF in this thorny area.

I have also had the pleasure of working in tandem with our Secretary-General to engage with ASOIF in dealing with issues surrounding our improved annual governance ratings, and hope we can continue to make more progress in the coming years.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I must acknowledge the support of the ITTF President, Ms Petra Sörling and my colleagues in the Executive Board and all our working groups. I thank them for making out time for our deliberations, and I hope they will continue to do so in the years ahead. I would also like to thank all my colleagues and friends across all our member associations.

I must also extend my gratitude and appreciation to the ITTF CEO, Steve Dainton and the ITTF Secretary General, Raul Calin, for their valuable time and insight in guiding and advancing the work of the Executive Board. Lastly, I would like to thank all the staff of the ITTF Group, with special regard to Dylan Mah and Javier Angulo, for providing the necessary support and backup to enable us to progress our work.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to rededicate myself to the work of advancing the cause of the ITTF in its continued progress to fulfilling its great potential to be, in my humble opinion, one of the top three sporting federations in the world.

Wahid OSHODI

ITTF Executive Vice-President

In February 2022 I was assigned two primary portfolio responsibilities: Integrity and Equipment.

Integrity

Anti-Doping

The majority of the ITTF's anti-doping obligations have been formally delegated to the International Testing Agency, and the funding agreement consumes over 50% of the Integrity Unit's budget.

In 2022, the Head of Integrity contributed to the High Performance & Development area in the new Anti-Doping Education plan for the ITTF.

Safeguarding

The Integrity Unit has handled 3-4 active investigations in this area at any one time, including 2 serious allegations of sexual abuse.

A future priority will be to work with national associations to develop a culture of safe sport where this is not already developed.

Betting Integrity & Match Manipulation

The concerns in this area have largely arisen from tournaments not sanctioned by the ITTF. Still, there is a risk that players involved in match-fixing in unsanctioned events will bring the same conduct to sanctioned events.

The Integrity Unit has established an Action Plan to tackle suspicious betting alerts arising from unsanctioned tournaments and is working closely with the IOC Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, International Betting Integrity Association and Malta Gaming Authority. The Unit has also been liaising with Sportsradar to investigate suspicious incidents.

Corruption/Ethics

The investigations in this area are primarily from pre-2022 complaints.

Resourcing has been a key issue for the Unit as the Unit Head is the only staff member. For the Unit to adequately perform its responsibilities, it requires additional budget capacity.

Integrity Board

The Board chair was the only independent member of the Board for most of 2022, with a second independent director appointed at the 2022 AGM. It is important that the remaining board positions are filled to allow a review of the Integrity regulations.

Equipment

Testing

The Equipment Unit performs the important function of testing balls, tables, nets, flooring, and racket covering to ensure compliance with ITTF requirements.

The Unit also worked on several ongoing projects during 2022.

Propositions for 2023

Work commenced on propositions for 2023, including regarding rubber colours and the second ball stamp.

Racket Treatments

The Unit investigated the prevalence of the problem of rackets being modified by players to gain some advantage. The Unit also investigated the effectiveness of testing equipment to detect illegal modifications. This project will continue into 2023 with voluntary testing being conducted in association with some tournaments.

Table Surface Impact on Ball Bounce

The Unit tested the variation in ball bounce produced by table surfaces from different manufacturers and found a significant range of variance. There will be further consultation with elite players to investigate the impact on play and also consultation with manufacturers.

Blade Materials

There have been some requests for a liberalization of the restrictions on blade materials. The issues under consideration have been the potential impact on the game, for example on the flight of the ball. There is currently no testing regime for bat materials.

Unit Head

A new Equipment Unit Head, Ivan Chen, was appointed at the end of 2022 to fill the vacancy left by Claudia Herweg.

Graham SYMONS

ITTF Executive Vice-President

1. Introduction and Election

We were elected in November 2022 and appointed together as the co-chairs of the Athletes Commission in December 2022 at the ITTF Summit in Amman, Jordan. We are grateful for the opportunity to represent and work for the athletes and with the ITTF to make the sport of table tennis better for all.

The Athletes Commission is currently made up of the following members:

- Co-Chairs: Sharath Kamal ACHANTA (IND) and LIU Shiwen (CHN)
- Deputy Chairs: Stefan FEGERL (AUT) and Elizabeta SAMARA (ROU)
- Athletes Members: Melissa TAPPER (AUS), Omar ASSAR (EGY), Daniely RIOS (PUR), and Jon PERSSON (SWE)
- Para-Athletes Members: Ingela LUNDBACK (SWE); and Kelly VAN ZON (NED)
- IOC AC Member: RYU Seungmin (KOR)

2. Areas of Responsibility

We look to fulfil all areas under our responsibility and hope to perform all of the duties expected of us. Since our election, and under our areas of responsibility, the most important points to us have been:

1. Establishing a means of seeking athletes' opinions on issues of major importance in Table Tennis through as wide a network of enquiry as possible;
2. Reporting to the EB on organisational issues that may arise in connection with athlete's participation at the different competitions organised under the ITTF Group umbrella;
3. Providing opinions on specific issues of athletes' interest that may be entrusted to it by the ITTF; and
4. Promoting and fostering the worldwide development of Table Tennis.

3. Activities of the Previous Athletes Commission in 2022

As we were only elected in November 2022, our predecessor, Mr Zoran PRIMORAC, reports that 2022 the Athletes Commission held two online meetings to discuss issues surrounding athlete feedback and suggestions for improvement.

4. Activities of the Current Athletes Commission

Since our election, we have been actively attending all ITTF EB meetings as well as CC meetings online and in person. Shiwen was also given the opportunity to travel to Switzerland at the invitation of the European Top 16 Cup at the beginning of 2023 and was given the chance to see the IOC headquarters, meet with IOC President Thomas BACH, and have fruitful discussions with members and management of the IOC Athletes Commission. We will be sure to adopt all the learnings and resources from the IOC towards the future endeavours of the Athletes Commission.

5. Concluding Remarks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the ITTF President, all EB members and the ITTF Group management team for their full cooperation and support. Our gratitude also to our fellow Athletes Commission members for their commitment and engagement for the benefit of table tennis as a sport, and most importantly, its players. We look forward to future cooperation with all ITTF stakeholders in order to ensure the progressive and sustainable future development of table tennis.

Sharath Kamal ACHANTA and LIU Shiwen

Athletes' Commission Co-Chairs

With the long journey of the COVID-19 pandemic coming to an end, 2022 was a year full of sporting events starting from Beijing 2022, Singapore Smash, ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championship, ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup and many more. Many IOC, OCA, ITTF meetings were conducted online to discuss the development of sports and to provide athletes' better sports environment. The following report covers my activities as an ITTF Executive Board member and IOC Member in 2022.

January to December – IOC Athletes' Commission Weekly & Monthly Meeting via Online

IOC Athletes' Commission Weekly & Monthly meetings were conducted online to represent athletes within the Olympic Movement and support them by providing a better environment. Some of the topics that were discussed were: Beijing 2022, Paris 2024, Milano Cortina 2026, LA 2028, safeguarding in sports, Athlete365, Athletes' Declaration, International Athletes' Forum, etc.

January to December – IOC, OCA, ITTF Commission & Committee Meetings, via Online

Due to COVID-19 and IOC's objective to reduce its carbon emissions by 30% by 2024, many meetings were held online in 2022. I am part of 7 commissions & committees in IOC, 4 in OCA, and 4 in ITTF. In each and every meeting, together with my colleagues, we shared many ideas and thoughts for the development of athletes and sports. Additionally, in December 2022, I was appointed as a member of the newly formed IOC Advisory Committee on Human Rights to represent the voice of athletes.

5th to 20th February – Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 & 139th IOC Session, Beijing

The 24th Winter Olympic Games and 139th IOC Session were held in Beijing. Beijing became the first city to stage the summer and winter editions of the Games. Despite being held during COVID-19, protocols were developed to provide every athlete with a safe sporting environment. Also, during this period, I was honoured to be re-elected as 1st Vice-Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission. I was able to carry on and represent the voice of athletes together with Emma TERHO, who was re-elected as the Chair of the commission and newly elected IOC 2nd Vice-Chair, Sarah WALKER.

7th to 20th March – WTT Singapore Smash 2022 & ITTF Executive Board Meeting, Singapore

The inaugural WTT Singapore Smash tournament was successfully held for 14 days in Singapore. The event had the biggest-ever prize pool, which captured many players, and many fans from all over the world were attracted to the greatest matches. The ITTF Executive Board meeting was also held during the event.

2nd to 5th May – OCA Advisory Committee Meeting, Seoul

The OCA Advisory Committee met in Seoul to discuss the latest trends and developments in the Olympic Movement. One of the topics on the agenda was Asia's next hosting of an IOC Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon, Korea, in 2024.

14th June – Olympic Channel Services S.A. & S.L. Board Meeting, Lausanne

As a member of the Olympic Channel Services S.L.(Spain), I had the opportunity to voice the importance of supporting athletes with a sports data warehouse. Fruitful discussions were made, sharing a range of ways to activate the next edition of the Olympic Games.

26th to 27th July – ITTF Executive Board Meeting, Malmö

The ITTF Executive Board meeting was held in Malmö to discuss future World Championships Finals and Annual General Meetings as the key topics on the agenda. It was a great opportunity to meet and exchange diverse ideas for the best of table tennis.

27th to 28th July – IOC Athlete Townhall, Lausanne & Virtual

The Athlete Townhall is a two-day virtual event designed to connect athletes who competed in Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022. It provided an opportunity for athletes and their entourages to celebrate their achievements and to learn more about the support, offers and advice made available through Athlete365. As the Vice-Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission, I was in Lausanne to be the panellist sharing my personal experience of being an Olympian and delivering impactful work in my country.

30th September to 9th October – ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals 2022, Chengdu

The 56th edition of the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals was held in Chengdu, which was the first time since Beijing 2022, China has welcomed athletes in elite competition. Extensive COVID-19 countermeasures were ensured to provide athletes safe environment. I participated in diverse ITTF meetings of the Executive Board, Continental Council, and Board of Directors to represent the voice of athletes and IOC.

13th to 15th September – LA 2028 IOC Coordination Commission Meeting, Los Angeles

As a member of the Coordination Commission for the LA 2028, I made an in-person visit to LA to inspect proposed venues for the 2028 Games. We met the local organising officials to discuss topics related to hosting successful Olympic Games.

18th to 21st October – 26th ANOC General Assembly & ANOC Awards, Seoul

National Olympic Committees were joined by representatives from the IOC, International Federations and Organising Committees to promote Olympic values worldwide. ANOC Awards were also held to recognise achievements from the previous Olympic Games, and I had the opportunity to take part as an award presenter.

17th to 19th November – ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup & 2022 ATTU Extraordinary Congress Meeting, Bangkok

The 2022 Asian Cup was successfully held in Bangkok. It was a meaningful event for the Asian athletes as the event was held after three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Along with the event ATTU Extraordinary Congress Meeting was held, and discussions regarding successfully hosting the upcoming 2023 26th Pyeongchang Asian Table Tennis Championships were discussed.

21st November to 9th December – IOC Commission Week, Lausanne

Over three weeks IOC Commission members were invited to Lausanne to participate in the meetings. As a Vice-Chair of the IOC Athlete Commission, I attended the diverse meetings of the IOC Athletes' Commission and four other Commissions.

4th to 6th December – ITTF Summit & Annual General Meeting, Amman

Amman hosted the inaugural edition of the ITTF Summit. During the ITTF Summit ITTF Annual General Meeting, as well as meetings of the Board of Directors, Continental Council and Executive Board meetings were held. It was a great gathering opportunity for table tennis families to share ideas and network.

In conclusion, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the members of ITTF and the table tennis family. I can assure you that I will do my best to continue the solid relations with the IOC for the benefit of our sport, Table Tennis.

RYU Seung Min OLY

ITTF Executive Board Member

IOC Member

The year 2022 was much better to return to normal after the significant effect on all our activities of Table Tennis in Africa & the whole world due to the pandemic of COVID-19.

ATTF had a full calendar for all African major events and also the regional ones with a remarkable participation level.

The African activities for the year 2022 were as follows:**2022 ITTF-Africa Cup & African Clubs Championships**

The tournaments took place successfully in Lagos – Nigeria during 23-28 May, we started with the Clubs Championships in the first three days (with 7 Clubs in Men & 5 Clubs in Women representing 7 MAs of ALG-CIV-CMR-EGY-ETH-GHA-NGR), The winning Club of WT was NSCDC from NGR, and the winning Club of MT was Enppi from EGY, then the Cup took place in the last three days with all African top stars, the winners were Hana Goda (EGY) in Women & Omar Assar (EGY) in Men.

Thanks to Nigeria Table Tennis Federation and Mr Wahid Oshodi for the professional organisation and remarkable streaming & media coverage with support from Stupa.

We also had a very successful ITTF Development Course for Competition Management with 20 selected attendees representing all five regions in Africa and the top evaluated candidates to be assigned Assistant Competition Manager in the 2023 Regional events with support from ITTF DP.

There was a special request to push with ITTF to add a World Clubs Championships to its calendar with representatives from all Continents.

2022 ITTF-Africa Junior & Cadet Championships

The tournament took place successfully in Tunisia during 21-27 July with 9 MAs. The most successful teams were EGY with (8 Gold + 9 Silver + 5 Bronze) followed by TUN with (3 Gold + 3 Silver + 12 Bronze) followed by Nigeria (3 Gold + 2 Silver + 2 Bronze), and all winners in Team & Single events represented Africa in the 2022 WYTTC held also in Tunisia – Africa.

Thanks to Tunisia Table Tennis Federation for their professional organisation, streaming and super Show-court / Awarding Ceremony due to their big experience by hosting many WTT events.

2022 ITTF-Africa Senior Championships & ATTF AGM

The 25th ITTF-Africa Senior Championships was held in Algeria during 3-9 September with 17 MAs. The most successful teams were EGY with (6 Gold + 5 Silver + 3 Bronze) followed by NGR with (1 Gold + 3 Bronze) followed by ALG with (1 Silver + 5 Bronze), and the event was qualifying for the 2023 WTTTC for Individuals in Durban – South Africa.

There was an AGM with the attendance of Mrs Petra Sörling, ITTF President, plus Mr Raul Calin, ITTF Secretary General, together with the African members in ITTF EC; they all had together with ATTF officials very successful meetings with the Minister of Sports & NOC President in Algeria. Thanks to Algeria Table Tennis Federation, they provided a very good organisation.

2022 ITTF-Africa Regional Championships

We had very successful regional events qualifying for the ITTF-Africa Senior Championships with a record number of participants equal to 92% of all African MAs of the active four regions (North – West – East – South); only the Central region failed to conduct their event due to no available host; thus, the EC applied the qualification by ranking to the players of such region.

African Presence Worldwide

- 2 African Associations participated in the 2022 WTTC for Teams in Chengdu – China, Egypt in Men & Women, plus South Africa in Women; the best result was for EGY MT to qualify for the round of 16.
- 27 African Associations took part physically in the 2022 ITTF-Summit, including the ITTF AGM held in Amman – JOR during 3-6 December 2022 (ALG, ANG, BDI, CMR, COM, CIV, DJI, EGY, ESW, ETH, GAB, GHA, GUI, GBS, KEN, LBA, MAD, MTN, MAR, RWA, SOM, SUD, CHA, TOG, TUN, UGA & ZAM) with more 19 MAs registered to attend hybrid with a total of 46 African MAs.
- Congratulations to Tunis Table Tennis Federation for hosting three WTT events successfully in 2022 (1 WTT Youth Contender + 1 WTT Youth Star Contender + 1 WTT Contender)
- Congratulations to Egypt & Morocco Table Tennis Federations for successfully hosting one WTT Youth Contender event each in 2022
- Congratulations to Egypt Table Tennis Federation for their super results in 2022 WYTTC held in Tunisia through the top new star Hana Goda who collected a Gold Medal in such World Title event (in Mixed Doubles U15)
- Congratulations to Egypt & Nigeria Table Tennis Federations for hosting successfully one ITTF Fa40 & Fa20 Para Open event consequently in 2022

Online/Physical Meetings for ATTF & ITTF

We had to conduct online meetings as follows:

- 8 ATTF Executive Committee Meetings in (January – February – April - May – June – July – August – September) 2022, plus 1 Physical Meeting in October 2022
- 1 ATTF Council Board Meeting plus the AGM in September 2022
- ATTF President had 3 ITTF Continental Council Meetings in (March – October – December) 2022

Essential Recognition

On behalf of the ATTF EC and all Table Tennis family in Africa, I thank Mrs Petra Sorling, the ITTF President, for her contribution in attending with us in Africa the ITTF-Africa Championships in Algeria (Sep. 2022) & the World Youth Champ. In Tunisia (December 2022), all the ITTF EC Members, ITTF Group CEO, ITTF Secretary General, ITTF Member Relations Director and the ITTF High Performance & Development Director for their keen continuous efforts to follow up the promotion all over the World and for all Continents especially Africa as usual.

Thanks also to all ITTF Experts who were assigned to the Development projects and activities in Africa for the whole year 2022.

Khaled EL-SALHY

Continental President: Africa

The integration of the neighbouring countries of North America, the United States and Canada into the activities of ITTF-Americas has been very beneficial for the development of Table Tennis on the continent. Today, the Pan American events are more competitive and create new challenges among the countries competing in the various championships. It is only fair to recognise the contributions of Virginia Sung in each of the tasks she has undertaken.

In 2022, we met and raised the quality standards of each continental and regional event we organised. Each time, the countries become more professional and committed to continuous improvement. The Regional Championships for adults were the best in history. The countries have perfectly understood that these competitions are part of the process leading to the World Championships. Recognition goes to Cuba, Colombia, and Guatemala for their high commitment to organising events.

On the other hand, the WTT events in the Americas are gaining more and more importance. We hope that new countries will join the organisation of these events every year.

CONTINENTAL EVENTS:

The city of Santiago de Chile hosted the great Pan American Championship for adults, where the spots for the World Championships Finals in Durban, South Africa, were determined. Brazil and the United States showcased their class, supported by their two great figures Hugo Calderano and Jha Kanak, who offered a spectacular performance alongside the sensational Adriana Diaz from Puerto Rico, who took the women's title. We congratulate the Chilean Federation for their commitment to organising an excellent event.

Pan American Junior Championships: The city of Rosario, Argentina, hosted this important event with very high standards. Nine (09) teams competed for qualification to the World Championship. The United States in the women's category and Puerto Rico in the men's category achieved supremacy and the right to represent the continent in the World competition.

Pan American Cadet Championships: The beautiful city of Cuenca, Ecuador, was the setting for the qualifiers for the Cadet World Championship. The United States dominated in both genders, demonstrating their high level of play and securing their place on the World stage. Special mention to Puerto Rico, Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic for their impressive performances.

Pan American Championships U-11 and U-13 years: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, hosted the children of the Americas competing for the continental titles and the right to participate in the Hopes World Championship. Despite the passage of Hurricane Fiona, we were able to overcome the challenges and successfully conclude the event.

Hopes Camp: With record participation and excellent organisation, this camp took place in the Dominican Republic. The young athletes: Emmanuel Otalvaro from Colombia, Paola Zerpa from Venezuela, Ket Noorani, Tashiya Piyadasa, and Irene Yeoh from the United States, as well as Andy Maqueria from Cuba, earned their spots to attend the Hopes World Camp.

Regional Events: The regions that makeup ITTF-Americas organised their events with great success. Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Guyana represented the Caribbean; Costa Rica and Guatemala represented Central America; Peru, Argentina, and Colombia represented South America, and they were responsible for organising all the events in their respective regions.

Multidisciplinary Regional Games: The ODESUR Games (South American Games) for adults and juniors, held in the city of Asunción, Paraguay, and the Bolivarian Games in the city of Valledupar, Colombia, were two major sporting events on the continent.

WTT Events in the Americas:

- 03 WTT Feeder (United States)
- 03 Youth Contender (Peru, Argentina, and Ecuador)
- 01 WTT Contender (Peru).

Annual General Assembly of the ITTF Americas:

On November 4th, 2022, during the celebration of the Pan American Championship for adults, the Annual General Assembly of ITTF Americas was held in the city of Santiago de Chile, with 27 member Associations present. The meeting was honoured by the presence of Ms Petra Sörling, President of ITTF, as well as Mr Neven Ilic, President of Panam Sport, and Mr Raul Calin, Secretary General of ITTF. The Assembly covered an extensive agenda.

First Good Governance and WTT Forum:

Under the direction of Mr Mounir Bessah and Ms Polona Cehovin, the 1st Good Governance and WTT Forum took place. Different Brazilian Table Tennis Confederation processes were showcased, along with a testimony from Mr Paul Calle regarding the operability of the Strategic Plan carried out by the Ecuadorian Table Tennis Federation. Additionally, there were productive debates on improving the functioning of WTT in the continent. We express our gratitude to ITTF for this important initiative.

Recognition of Athletes:

Hugo Calderano and Adriana Diaz continue to display their rising careers in the global spotlight, occupying top positions in the World Rankings. We also acknowledge the doubles pair of Gastón Alto and Horacio Cifuentes, who holds the 11th position in the World Rankings.

Another recognition goes to junior player Sally Moyleand, Champion of the WTT Youth in Argentina and winner in the Infant and Junior categories of Pan Americana.

We appreciate the support offered by ITTF, which has been essential in achieving the goals of 2022.

Best Regards,

Juan VILA

Continental President: Americas

As ATTU President, I am pleased to present ATTU Report

ATTU still has a number of objectives to achieve, but we are confident that we are moving in the right direction. In collaboration with EB members, RVPs, and Member associations, we are committed to advancing Table Tennis in Asia at all levels. Our fervour for the beloved sport continues to grow stronger.

1. ITTF / ATTU MCA:

The ATTU (Asian Table Tennis Union) is making remarkable progress under ITTF/MCA. ATTU is continuously working on developing and encouraging table tennis activities throughout the Asian region. The ATTU also works closely with member associations, offering support and guidance on various issues. ATTU is thriving to reach and develop regional activities, which will eventually strengthen the table tennis community in Asia.

2. Constitution revision

During the Extraordinary General Meeting on 18 November 2022, the Asia Table Tennis Union (ATTU) approved the revised ATTU Handbook. Since its approval, the ATTU has been working on developing appendixes in multiple areas, such as protocols, finance, tournament organising, and more. With the newly approved handbook and appendixes, ATTU aims to ensure that all its members operate in a transparent and uniform manner, promoting the development of table tennis in Asia.

3. ATTU Asian Cup:

In November last year, the ATTU/TTAT organised a successful table tennis Asian Cup in Bangkok. The event was held from 17 to 19 November 2023 and was of the highest quality. And for the first time, a total prize money of 200,000\$ USD has been awarded to the players. In order to ensure the smooth running of the tournament, the ATTU/TTAT utilised their expertise in planning and executing the event.

4. ATTU Website:

In accordance with the ITTF/MCA initiative, the website of the ATTU (Asian Table Tennis Union) has been significantly upgraded and is now more active than ever. There is no better place to stay updated on upcoming tournaments, player rankings, and coaching resources than this website. Modernising the ATTU website and improving its functionality have significantly enhanced the available information quality.

5. ATTU EGM:

In Bangkok, the Asian Table Tennis Union held an Extraordinary General Meeting with the attendance of ITTF President Mrs Petra Sörling and CEO Steve Dainton. The ATTU and its members discussed important topics during the meeting, which was successful for all participants. It was also an opportunity for the ATTU to strengthen its ties with the international table tennis community.

6. ATTU Future Events

Since the EGM was confirmed in 2022, several events have been scheduled in the Asian Table Tennis scene. The first Asian Veterans Championships will be held in Mongolia from 18 - 23 June 2023, followed by the 27th Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships in Doha from 17th - 22nd July 2023. It is scheduled that the 19th Asian Games will take place in Hangzhou, China, from 24th September to 2nd October 2023, making it one of the most anticipated events of the year.

In addition to these events, two more championships are yet to be confirmed, namely the 34th Asian Cup and the first Asian Club Championship.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the ITTF, ATTU Member associations, as well as my colleagues for their support and contributions to the ATTU in 2022.

Khalil AL-MOHANNADI

Continental President: Asia

Membership

The total membership of the ETTU is, at present, 58 Associations.

Events and Competitions

During the year 2022 and following the gradual relief of COVID-19 restrictions all over Europe, ETTU was able to organise all scheduled events:

- ETTU Table Tennis Champions League men, semi-finals and finals
- ETTU European Champions League Women, quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals
- ETTU Europe Cup men, stage 1, quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals
- ETTU Europe Cup women, quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals
- ETTU Europe Trophy men and women Grand Finals
- Europe Top 16 Cup in Montreux (Switzerland) from 26 to 27 February
- ETTU U-13 Challenge in Podgorica (Montenegro) from 16 to 19 June.
- European Youth Championships in Belgrade (Serbia) from 6 to 15 July.
- European Veterans Championships in Rimini (Italy) from 25 June to 2 July
- European Individual Championships in Munich (Germany) from 13 to 21 August.
- European U-21 Championships in Cluj (Romania) from 14 to 18 September.
- European Youth Top 10 in Tours (France) from 1 to 2 October.
- ETTU Table Tennis Champions League men, stage 1 and stage 2, involving 24 clubs
- ETTU European Champions League Women, stage 1 and stage 2, involving 21 clubs
- ETTU Europe Cup men, stage 1, involving 16 clubs plus 12 (stage 2) relegated from TTCL
- ETTU Europe Cup women, stage 1 involving 16 clubs plus 8 (stage 2) relegated from ECLW
- ETTU Europe Trophy men involving 19 clubs
- ETTU Europe Trophy women involving 23 clubs

The TTCL men was suspended and not completed, following the EB decision, dated March 3rd 2022, to suspend Russian clubs from the competition. No winner was declared.

Still, during the last quarter of 2022, ETTU was able to start Stage 1 of the 2023 European Team Championships. In order to plan it, ETTU was presented with many difficulties due to calendar constraints as ITTF World Team Championships was re-scheduled several times until final dates and places were set to Sep 30 to Oct 9 in Chengdu.

Development Activities

Also, the 2022 Development Program was fully executed. A total of eight Development Camps were organised (five for U13, two for U17, one for U15 and one Pre-selection Camp) with the participation of approximately 150 players. Also, ETTU supported eight different activities of their Member Associations under the National Association Assistance Program. To finalise 2022, ETTU organised the ETTU Annual Coaching Conference in Gaia/Porto (POR) from November 19 to 21.

On May 2022, Development Program Manager Mr Neven Cegnar and ETTU decided to finish the contract. Ms Galia Dvorak was nominated DP Manager.

ETTU Special Projects: On Feb 1st, Ms Galia Dvorak started to work as Special Projects Manager, organising, leading, and helping to execute ETTU projects that may fall outside the scope of regular duties. ETTU joined another 10 European sports associations in an Erasmus+ project called GAP Women, which aims to increase women's participation in the field. The project will kick off on July 27th and consist of various live and online events, networking, data analysis and workshops where interested NAs can participate. The first steps towards creating the Network of European Training Centres have been made. 25 applications from 13 countries have been received that are currently under evaluation status. The creation of this network is the foundation for mentorship and scholarship programs for players and coaches to be introduced in the future.

Marketing and Commercial Initiatives

After the war in Ukraine started, the ETTU Executive Board (**EB**) decided to close its sponsorship agreements with all companies registered in Russian territory. The termination agreements also resulted in the return of some of the sponsorship amounts, and, as a protective measure, some of the future planned marketing activities were reduced. Negotiations started with former ETTU sponsors but also new sponsors.

Summary

After the start of the war in Ukraine, Igor Levitin and Vladimir Samsonov self-suspended their President and Vice-President positions in ETTU. Also, Athletes Commission Chair Polina Mikhailova, self-suspended herself and was replaced in August by Chiara Colantoni, who immediately started her duties at the EB. On 2nd March, Pedro Moura assumed the position of Acting President and, some weeks later, nominated Heike Ahlert as Acting Deputy President.

Also, following IOC and ITTF recommendations, EB agreed not to let Belarusian and Russian players and officials be invited or allowed in events hosted by ETTU, and no Belarusian or Russian national symbols, flags or anthems will be displayed until further notice.

Two claims were presented to the ETTU Board of Appeal against ETTU EB decisions from Kosovo TTA (**FPPK**) and Russia TTA (**TTFR**) and one against ETTU to CAS from TTFR.

The ETTU EB met virtually on 12 occasions and presential in 4 from January to December 2022. The EB adopted the budget for 2023 and submitted the approval of the 2021 Financial Statement to the Annual Congress held in Munich in August 2022. The EB also heard presentations and working plans from the marketing, development, and competition managers and discussed strategic planning and media relations for 2022 onwards.

The EB continued working with JTA (Jon Tibbs Associates) in the main areas of media relations and media monitoring.

All ETTU EB members worked together and with a dedication to improving ETTU's performance and implementing changes for the benefit of European Table Tennis.

A special thank you to all ETTU staff for their dedication and loyalty towards ETTU.

Pedro MOURA

Acting Continental President: Europe

With the reduction of COVID-19-related restrictions, 2022 was a year of hope and new opportunities. We were able to restart events and activities, although many Pacific countries continued with some level of restrictions for the first half of the year.

Governance

In April 2022, ITTF Oceania hosted its Annual General Meeting online with attendance by 14 of our 24 Member Associations.

At the AGM, Anthony Moore (Australia) was elected President.

During our AGM we took a moment to acknowledge the sad and untimely passing of our friend and former President, the late Anthony Ho and to reflect on his wonderful contribution to table tennis on the world stage.

The AGM also recognised two (2) fabulous servants in awarding ITTF-Oceania honorary memberships to Graeme Ireland (Australia) and James Morris (New Zealand) for their outstanding service for their lifetime of work to ITTF-Oceania. We are indebted to Graeme and James for their love and commitment to our great sport.

During the year ITTF Oceania welcomed new members its Management Committee in Steve Reilly (Fiji) and Baklai Temengil (Palau) and note the departure of Frankie Cai (Samoa) and Graeme Ireland (Australia) from the Management Committee and thank them both for their service.

On the administration side, we saw the departure of Jessica MacAskill, our High Performance and Development Manager, Ryan Wiegand, our Events Manager and Sam Davey our Smash Down Barriers Program Manager.

In November 2022, ITTF Oceania conducted an online Governance Workshop for our Member Associations with expert presenters which was well received and attended by 13 Member Associations. Given the positive response, we anticipate staging additional workshops in 2023 and beyond.

Events and High Performance

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the 2022 Oceania Senior and Youth Championships conducted for the first time ever at the Eastland Shopping Centre in Melbourne, Australia.

We made the decision to combine our Senior and Youth events under the one banner with wonderful results. It was terrific to see our Youth players watching our Senior players ply their craft and in turn watching our Senior players cheering on our Youth players.

It was evident from the camaraderie on display that our players that have missed being together at regional events during the global pandemic.

Prior to the commencement of the Oceania Championships, demonstrations events were conducted in six (6) local schools with over 3,700 students participating in activities with Australian national team representative players and a schools competition featuring 12 schools and 120 young students was held at Eastland Shopping Centre.

We express our thanks to Table Tennis Australia and its state association Table Tennis Victoria for coordinating this activity.

Thanks to the Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania (OSFO), we received a grant to conduct a training camp for 60 athletes from across the Pacific to assist in preparation for the

Oceania Championships. As one of the first regional events post-Covid, the training camp was invaluable in providing training and acclimatisation for our athletes in a non-traditional venue environment.

We had a record-equalling attendance of nine (9) Oceania countries with 12,500 spectators over the week, the largest ever. The events featured continuous live streaming on two (2) tables with a professional commentary team. The teams and men's and women's singles finals were broadcast live on Australia's Olympics, Paralympics, and Commonwealth Games broadcast partner, the Seven Network, live on its digital app 7+.

This was fantastic exposure for the sport and our elite table tennis athletes.

We offer our congratulations to Table Tennis Australia for its outstanding achievement in winning all 28 Gold Medals on offer as well as 15 Silver Medals and 13 Bronze Medals.

Other Member Associations to medal included New Zealand with nine Silver Medals and sixteen Bronze Medals, Tahiti with one Silver Medal and three Bronze Medals, Fiji with three Bronze Medals and both New Caledonia and French Polynesia with one Bronze Medal each.

ITTF Oceania successfully staged the 2022 Melanesia Regional Championship in Noumea, New Caledonia, and the 2022 Polynesia Regional Championship in Tahiti in November and the season-ending 2022 Oceania Cup was staged in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, in December.

We thank our Member Associations for their generous support and delivery of these events.

Participation and Development

ITTF-Oceania aims to increase the capacity of National Associations to deliver inclusive participation programs and promote healthy lifestyle behaviours.

The Australian Government supports our Smash Down Barriers program as an Australian Aid initiative under the Team Up Partnership. It aims to improve the lives of people with disability (PWD) living in targeted Pacific Island Countries by:

- Increasing levels of regular participation of people with disability
- Improving health-related behaviours and the quality of life of people with disability; and
- Promoting social inclusion.

In 2022, the program included 5,410 participants, 918 of whom were persons who identified as having a disability, with overall female participation being 46%.

Bounce it Back Schools Program Bounce It Back (BiB) is Oceania's school and community-based participation program that aims to increase levels of physical activity and promote social inclusion. The program also puts a strong focus on changing negative perceptions and attitudes towards PWD.

ITTF-Oceania drove the production of digital versions of the eight sessions and created 43 videos filmed in total across Fiji and Tonga with Paralympians Melissa Tapper and Trevor Hirth.

Anthony MOORE

Continental President: Oceania

In 2022, the ITTF Group experienced a year marked by multiple facets, each presenting its unique challenges and successes.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, our core business of organising events, along with other essential activities, faced severe disruptions. The pandemic's impact was keenly felt, testing our resilience and adaptability in unprecedented ways.

The year 2022 will be remembered as the last challenging year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although many parts of the world, especially our key markets in Asia, continued to grapple with its effects, there was an underlying sense that we were nearing the end of this tumultuous period.

On the other hand, 2022 will also be remembered as a year that witnessed the resurgence of war, presenting unprecedented challenges to the sporting world and inflicting a profound impact on us and our European key markets, further complicating our path to recovery.

Fortunately, amidst the trials of 2022 that tested our resilience and adaptability, the bold reforms undertaken by the ITTF, and the innovative business model of World Table Tennis, began to reveal their true value. These strategic initiatives not only enabled us to weather the hardships but also raised our standards, even in the face of challenging times.

Events For All Players

In 2022, a remarkable achievement was witnessed as over 100 events took place, spanning the World Championships, WTT Series, WTT Feeder Series, WTT Youth Series, Para table tennis series, and Veterans events. This noteworthy figure marked a significant year-on-year increase, standing in stark contrast to the challenging circumstances we faced during the first part of the COVID-19 pandemic – our toughest period in recent memory. The successful execution of such a diverse range of events reflects our unwavering commitment to providing playing opportunities to all players.

At the pinnacle of this spectrum stood the prestigious ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals, hosted in Chengdu, China. This edition will surely go down as one of the most unique events we have witnessed. Notably, table tennis was the only sport to host events in China that year, alongside the Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The success of these World Championships would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the global table tennis family and the complete dedication of China and the Chinese Table Tennis Association to our beloved sport. From start to finish, the World Championships showcased a spectacular display of talent, leaving an unforgettable impression on all participants. However, the true magnitude of this achievement goes beyond the spotlight, as tremendous efforts were made behind the scenes. From specially chartered flights to operating within "bubble" conditions to ensure everyone's safety, all parties involved worked tirelessly to make this event possible despite the unprecedented circumstances.

Similarly, the ITTF World Para Table Tennis Championships held in Granada, Spain, have set a new standard across the board. The tournament showcased an exceptional level of play, reaching unprecedented heights. The presentation of the sport during this event was truly groundbreaking, setting a new benchmark for para sports events. Furthermore, commendable efforts were made to elevate sustainability and accessibility to new levels, leaving a lasting impact for the host and our sport.

Finally, the ITTF World Youth Championships in Tunis, Tunisia, marked a defining moment for the future generation of table tennis champions. With exceptional play and new standards set, young talents showcased their immense potential. Our gratitude extends to all those who played a pivotal role in making these significant events a resounding success, notably the Royal Spanish Table Tennis Federation and the Tunisian Table Tennis Federation. Their unwavering support and dedication were instrumental in bringing these events to fruition.

World Table Tennis Fully Coming to Life

As the commercial and events platform created by the ITTF, World Table Tennis continued its mission to transform the global table tennis landscape. Mr Liu Guoliang was selected as the Chair of the Board – the first and a key milestone for WTT.

Despite all challenges faced, it successfully delivered every tier of its pyramid of events across all continents. This was a crucial and impressive milestone demonstrating both the strength and potential of our innovative model.

The first-ever WTT Grand Smash, held in Singapore, was a "proof of concept" that we had been dreaming about for many years, featuring top players vying for glory in our sport and fostering closer connections with fans. From flawless event delivery to captivating sports presentation and remarkable on-table performances, it proved to be a resounding success. The impressive media coverage and event attendance figures spoke volumes about its impact, especially considering it was a first-time experience.

Additionally, the European Summer Series proved to be a critical pivot for World Table Tennis. It witnessed the historic first WTT Champions event, and the first WTT Star Contender event held outside of Asia. In October, the successful venture of bringing our premium tier of events to China, culminating with the WTT Cup Finals, provided a fitting conclusion to the year.

While we were only able to deliver approximately 40% of the targeted activity, our commercial revenues hit a record high in our 100-year history, nearly doubling the previous record set in 2019 when commercial rights were managed in-house by the ITTF.

These remarkable results underscore the value of World Table Tennis and its pioneering business model. As one of the most innovative structures among International Federations, we have witnessed just the beginning of our potential.

This was further evidenced by the onboarding of World Table Tennis's first investor, World Sports.

World Table Tennis, launched in 2020, will undoubtedly continue to break records, and with time, its impact will only grow. The collaborative efforts and determination driving us forward are laying the foundation for an even more prosperous future.

Admittedly, some adjustments may be needed to fine-tune this structure, but with the unwavering dedication and support of all our members, elected officials, and our hard-working team, we are already beginning to witness its benefits.

The ITTF Summit: A New Platform for Collaboration

In 2020 and 2021, our primary focus was on delivering events, and in doing so, we may have unintentionally overlooked the significance of the lack of opportunities for meeting and exchanging ideas. The reality was that, amidst the pandemic's restrictions, it was simply not possible to facilitate these crucial interactions.

That is why the ITTF Summit, hosted in Amman, Jordan, emerged as such a pivotal moment of the year. While we learned valuable lessons about hosting our Annual General Meeting outside of the World Championships, the Summit provided a wonderful forum for our stakeholders to congregate and discuss the future of table tennis for the first time in several frustrating pandemic years, when we were more often behind screens than meeting face to face.

The Summit offered a medium for all Member Associations, as well as personnel from ITTF, World Table Tennis, and ITTF Foundation, to interact through productive sessions related to various activities. I firmly believe that the ITTF should continue to keep the Summit as a standalone event for future editions, as it serves as a crucial platform for fostering collaboration and shaping the path forward for table tennis in a post-pandemic world.

The Positive Impact of Table Tennis in This New World

In 2022, many on-site programmes started to come back to life, reflecting the ITTF's active efforts to develop table tennis, while the ITTF Foundation used table tennis for fostering development.

Nearly 7,000 individuals from 160 Member Associations participated in 130 development activities and projects conducted at national, regional, and continental levels. The year also marked the return of High-Performance activities to all continents. As the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic gradually receded from the table tennis halls, a more regular schedule of training opportunities resumed. An unprecedented achievement in 2022 was the representation of more female players than male players in the sport.

The ITTF Foundation continued its Dream Building Fund projects, with one of the highlights being World Table Tennis Day. This remarkable event featured 314 gatherings held across 107 countries and territories, while also paying tribute to the 50th anniversary of Ping Pong Diplomacy. The focus for the 2022 edition was to celebrate table tennis for peace-making and conflict resolutions, exemplifying the sport's potential for fostering harmony and positive change. The Annual Report of the ITTF Foundation serves as a must-read source for anyone seeking inspiration or a glimpse of the incredible impact our sport can deliver.

Finally, with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic receding, we continued our journey towards professionalising the sport by hiring new staff. We demonstrated how sustainability is shaping the future of the ITTF through the establishment of the Head of Sustainability position. This landmark move made the ITTF one of the few global international federations with a dedicated sustainability portfolio, in alignment with the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

A Table Tennis Family Working in Unison

With macroeconomic factors showing signs of improvement for the growth of our sport following the pandemic, there is hope at the end of 2022 that we can continue on our path to making table tennis one of the top international sports.

Many challenges still lie ahead, but we must persevere and work together diligently to develop our sport, with the aim of sustaining our growth strategy for table tennis. Symbolic changes, the involvement of influential individuals to drive success, and improved professional operations are some of the steps we are taking. Though daunting initially, we are now beginning to see the benefits of these endeavours.

During these uncertain times, we extend heartfelt gratitude to the entire table tennis community for their patience as we navigate the new landscape and strive to bring back activities.

A special appreciation goes to the ITTF Executive Board and its new members from the newly elected Athletes Commission, Mr Kamal Achanta and Ms Liu Shiwen. We also express our thanks to the ITTF President, Ms Petra Sörling, and the ITTF Deputy President, Mr Liu Guoliang. Your unwavering support is vital as we work together for the best interest of table tennis.

Lastly, a huge acknowledgement goes to the entire Management Team at the ITTF Group. You have been nothing short of amazing during this challenging period. Without your trust and unwavering support, we would not have been able to navigate through these difficult times. Let us hope that the worst is behind us, and we can once again embrace a growth and development mentality with optimism towards the future of our sport.

Table Tennis. For All. For Life.

Steve DAINTON

Chief Executive Officer, ITTF Group

The report refers to ITTF activities from January to December 2022 complementing CEO's report.

Three World Championships in 2022

One of the main historical objectives of the ITTF is to promote and supervise World Title Events. Following the cancellation of the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals (**WTTC**) Busan 2020, and despite an initial postponement, the WTTC Chengdu 2022 was held from 30th September until 9th October. It was the only international sporting event held in China besides the Olympic and Paralympic Games, as already reported by our EB Members and CEO. Due credit is to be given to the Chinese Table Tennis Association (**CTTA**) and its President, Mr Liu Guoliang.

The ITTF World Para Table Tennis Championships Granada 2022, organised by the Royal Spanish Table Tennis Federation (**RFETM**) from 6th to 12th November, also received the praise of many of those who attended as a remarkable event, particularly the participating athletes, and the IPC President, Andrew Parsons. We thank Mr Miguel Angel Machado, RFETM President, and his team for taking the Para Table Tennis sports presentation to the next level, but more importantly, for providing first-class services for the para-athletes, showing there is no difference in the way our sport treats our athletes and para-athletes.

Tunisian Table Tennis Federation (**TTTF**) hosted the ITTF World Youth Championships in Tunis from 4th to 11th December, consolidating itself as a solid partner of the ITTF. Under the leadership of Mr Lotfi Guerfel, its President, TTTF has hosted in recent years ATTF, ITTF, and WTT events in different categories.

Governance (internal)

Following the tumultuous 2021, which we reported at the last AGM, 2022 was a year of return to normality. The ITTF welcomed the decision of the new leadership of DTTB, particularly its President, Ms Claudia Herweg, to acknowledge the harm done to the ITTF and the sport of table tennis. The [joint declaration](#) issued by DTTB and ITTF on 16th August 2022 settled the existing dispute, and we could move forward with a renewed collaboration.

We also referred in our 2021 report to the Associations that “followed” the DTTB line of action in 2020. As we write these lines, the ITTF is engaged with the new leadership of Swiss Table Tennis about the matters addressed to the Integrity Unit, hoping for a positive outcome soon.

What has become clear after this period is that onboarding processes are important at all stages, that sporting leaders, whether elected, appointed, or staff, have to be reminded of their accountability, that everyone needs to understand the limitations of their attributions and powers, and act responsibly.

More importantly, one positive outcome from this period is the conclusion that creating the ITTF Integrity Unit, the ITTF Integrity Board, and the ITTF Tribunal were the right decisions to be made, from the Governance point of view, at the 2020 and 2021 AGMs.

In our 2022 AGM, the Governance Review Working Group (GRWG) led by Mr Wahid Oshodi, EVP of Governance, presented a comprehensive proposition which passed almost unanimously, enhancing even further the ITTF Constitution and revisiting the structure of our traditional “Handbook” called now “Statutes”. These reforms, together with the enhancements to the Code of Ethics and Integrity Regulations proposed by the ITTF Integrity Unit in 2022, came to reinforce the course of Good Governance improvements that we started in 2020.

Still, there is work to be done. Providing more resources to the ITTF Integrity Unit is necessary. One single person cannot absorb the workload such an Integrity Unit has. Despite the support and monitoring by the ITTF Integrity Board, more hands are needed to assist Mr Kevin Carpenter in his day-to-day duties.

Governance (external)

We are “prudently” proud to report on the result obtained by the ITTF in the fourth ASOIF IFs Governance Review. With a score of 160 over 200 points, the ITTF consolidated its position among the top tier of IFs, being one of the highest-scored IFs in the area of transparency. Still, we have a big deficit in gender representation, with only two women among the twelve members of the ITTF Executive Board, just seven women among the current forty-six members of the ITTF Council, and with percentages of participation of women under 20% in both the ITTF Annual General Meetings as delegates, and as coaches in open international events.

If we want to be a leading IF in the area of Good Governance, Gender Diversity and Inclusion, Integrity, Sustainability, and Legacy are areas the ITTF will need to invest on.

Athletes Commission Elections

Every four years since 2010, the ITTF holds elections for the Athletes Commission. With the reform of the World Team Table Tennis Championships, moving from the previous 72 teams to 40, and the expected low number of participants in Chengdu 2022 due to the COVID-19 restrictions, it was agreed to opt for online elections. While maintaining the tradition of having the best male and female athletes from each Association participating, the regulations were enhanced in 2022, providing more independency to the athletes.

Indeed, for the first time, in 2022, the ITTF Athletes Commission had all its members elected by their peers without any appointments being made by the ITTF. Ten athletes were elected by the best male and female athletes from each Association in the World Rankings. Two para-athletes were also elected by their peers in the World Para Rankings. Together with RYU Seung-Min IOC AC member of Table Tennis, the newly elected AC members met on 2nd December 2022 in Amman, Jordan, electing for the first time two co-chairs, one female, and one male, namely Ms LIU Shiwen and Mr Sharath Kamal ACHANTA. We thank the previous AC Chair, Mr Zoran PRIMORAC, for always defending the athletes' best interest and our best wishes to Ms LIU and Mr ACHANTA for their tenure in always making the voice of the athletes heard.

Annual General Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting and the ITTF Summit

Amman, Jordan, was the place where the first ITTF Summit was held. An opportunity to meet and focus on the future of the sport without having to be divided between the sporting competition in the venue and the meetings. The overall sentiment was that the Summit was well received, and the ITTF took note of the desire for more interaction. Therefore, a more participative model of the

Summit is planned for 2023, enhancing the format with workshops and facilitating more participative sessions for the delegates.

Our thanks also to the Continental Associations that invited us to take part in their congresses, either held physically, virtually or in a hybrid format. We are also glad to see the evolution in the good governance of the Continental Structures.

Executive Committee (Executive Board) Meetings

The ITTF Executive Committee (the old denomination of the Executive Board) met virtually in January and physically in March, July, September, October, and December 2022. During the meetings of the EC/EB, important governance decisions were taken, such as creating the Gender, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (**GEDI**) Working Group, the Entourage Working Group, and the Gender Identity and Sex Variations Working Group. Furthermore, a Task Force to handle the evolution of the war in Ukraine was also put in place in March. When writing this report, the call for candidates to be part of the newly created Sustainability Committee is in progress.

Conclusions

To conclude this report, I would like to thank the Executive Board, Continental Presidents, Continental Representatives at the ITTF Council (old Board of Directors), Committee Chairs, Commissioners, and Member Associations for one more year of positive contributions to the day-to-day activities of the ITTF. Our elected and appointed officials bring not only guidance to the staff in the day-to-day operations but also experience and wisdom.

Particular thanks to ITTF President Petra Söring, and CEO, Steve Dainton for the trust in this Secretary General in continuing developing relations with the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, which are so close to the heart of the ITTF family, and which values we share.

I also thank the ITTF Group staff and the staff of the Continental Federations, Regional and National organisations, who work passionately for our sport. As the say goes, **together, we are stronger**.

We are conscious that many Member Associations still await equipment packages, which distribution was halted during the pandemic. The substantial backlog also makes us reflect, with the new focus on sustainability, on whether the ITTF should look at different approaches, eventually encouraging manufacturers to produce equipment in different parts of the world, minimising the need for long-distance shipping. Possibilities to develop circular economy strategies and new production hubs may be explored with our equipment partners.

The ITTF Strategic Plan revision is ongoing and will assist in defining the new strategies to achieve the overall goals of our institution.

Respectfully submitted,

Raul CALIN

Secretary General

2022 was the first year of activities of the Continental Council (**CC**), a body created at the 2021 ITTF AGM on the proposition of the Swedish Table Tennis Association. The CC replaced the old “Olympic and Paralympic Commission”, the “Development and Continental Council”, and the “Future Events Working Group”.

The CC met four times in 2022 as follows:

- 16th January 2022, Online meeting
- 17th March 2022, Singapore, Singapore
- 9th October 2022, Chengdu, China
- 3rd December 2022, Amman, Jordan

During its January meeting, discussions about the system to be used to replace the Intercontinental Stage for determining the final spots for the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals Chengdu 2022 were held, with online voting following the meeting to determine the chosen system.

During the March meeting, discussions about the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Qualification System were held, with another subsequent online voting to confirm it. The IOC Executive Board later ratified the system.

The CC discussed the continental activities in all its four meetings, with the Continental Presidents providing updates on how after the COVID-19 pandemic, competitions and education activities were coming back to life.

The Master Continental Agreements (**MCAs**) were a recurrent point of discussion in the meetings, agreeing at the last meeting in the year, in Amman, to establish a Working Group to review its current structure, with the aim of making them more effective.

The World Cups were also an important element of discussion at the CC meetings, proving that this forum helps better to align the overall ITTF and Continental strategic goals.

The CC agreed to elaborate a detailed playing system proposal for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, with the aim to get it approved at the ITTF Council level in 2023.

On behalf of the Continental Council,

Raul CALIN

Secretary General

2022 saw the first full calendar year of the Integrity Unit's operations now under the ITTF Head of Integrity, Mr Carpenter.

With the Unit's broad remit as set out in the ITTF Integrity Regulations, including responsibility for investigations, compliance, education and policy development, as well as providing support to and working closely with other departments across the ITTF Group, it was a challenging year to manage the multitude of issues the Unit was faced with whilst having limited resources, as dictated by the longtail effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Group.

Despite this, there were some notable achievements during the 12 months:

- ✓ Delivering integrity training to the Executive Committee and ITTF Group staff.
- ✓ Inputting to the ITTF Group risk assessment review.
- ✓ Sharing intelligence and best practice with integrity units and functions in other sports.
- ✓ Receiving and processing intelligence from law enforcement agencies and other bodies.
- ✓ Triaging all information coming into the Integrity email address through the ITTF website.
- ✓ Proposing the development of a new comprehensive approach to safe sport in table tennis, meaning regulatory, policy and cultural change backed by education, which was voted through by the Board of Directors.
- ✓ Handling several simultaneous investigations.

Necessarily operational matters took precedence over strategic development, albeit some basic procedures were put in place, particularly regarding case management, and the Unit's strategy was developed and formally recorded with a:

- MISSION → To keep table tennis fair, safe and clean; and
- VISION → To be operationally and reputationally on par with the leading integrity units in sport within a decade.

The strategy, once implemented, will help to address the fact that 'Integrity' was the only one of the five areas assessed by ASOIF in their Fourth Review of IF Governance in which the ITTF's overall score of 28 out of 40 was not in the top tier (i.e. totally fulfilled).

As for the Integrity Board, during the course of 2022 there was only one Independent Member, the Chair (Mr Ripoll), and two non-voting members: Mr. Graham Symons representing the Executive Committee and the Head of Integrity. No formal meetings were held during the year, with the Chair providing ad-hoc supervision of and advice to the Head of Integrity. Under the Integrity Regulations, the Board had to be composed of 3 members, and it was identified that in terms of skillset required for the other two Independent Members, one needed to have an Investigations background and the other in Strategy & Operations. A recruitment process took place, and of the two candidates put forward to the Nominations Committee, only the person put forward for Investigations, Mr Tiago Horta Barbosa, was eventually appointed.

Anti-doping

A key compliance project during the summer of 2022 was the Head of Integrity managing the submission of the answers to WADA's Code Compliance Questionnaire, in particular writing parts of the new Anti-Doping Education Plan. WADA has come back with a few Corrective Actions in the areas of Education and Data Privacy, which have to be completed by the middle of 2023.

It was decided to renew and expand the agreement with the International Testing Agency (ITA) to delegate almost all ITTF's obligations under the WADA Code.

Betting integrity & Match manipulation

As a consequence of a number of table tennis matches in privately organised tournaments having been flagged as being suspicious in respect of betting, in April, a meeting was called of the IOC Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions ('OM Unit PMC'), International Betting Integrity Association (IBIA), Malta Gaming Authority (MGA) and the Unit. The outcome of which was a formal Action Plan written by the Head of Integrity, which is being worked through with the parties.

The Head of Integrity was invited to INTERPOL's (the global police organisation) 12th Match-Fixing Task Force meeting (IMFTF) in Abu Dhabi in May to represent the Unit. He was able to present to the entire audience about the Unit and to co-lead a workshop for participants.

Ethics

Historic allegations of misconduct and matters started prior to the Head of Integrity coming into the post continue to be investigated, with specific persons of interest having been contacted.

Various complaints have been made to the Unit making allegations of corrupt and unethical practices in the running of (national) member associations. Initial inquiries are being conducted.

Safe sport

In late November 2021, the Integrity Unit was informed of an incident that allegedly took place in January 2021 between a player and a coach. The Head of Integrity conducted a full investigation, and the coach was charged in April with a serious violation of the ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures. The individual was issued with a Provisional Suspension, and the matter is now pending before the ITTF Tribunal.

A report was received regarding a para table tennis coach verbally abusing classifiers at an event. Following an investigation, the accused person accepted the sanctions set out in the Notice of Charge and an Outcome Statement was circulated to table tennis parties.

In 2023, the Unit's plans include bringing more of the live cases under investigation to a conclusion (including before the ITTF Tribunal), developing operational capabilities and rolling out more education working alongside key integrity partners.

Following 2022's AGM in Jordan, the Unit's amendments of the Integrity Regulations were accepted, amongst which the increase of the number of Independent Board Members from three to five. The recruitment process was immediately initiated, and the Board is expected to have its three remaining Independent Members confirmed during the Bangkok ITTF Council meeting in August 2023. In 2023 with the confirmation of Mr Barbosa's appointment in Jordan, the Board was ready to begin having regular formal meetings.

Enric RIPOLL

ITTF Integrity Board Chair

On behalf of the members of the ITTF Tribunal, this is the report of its activities for 2022.

In 2022, the ITTF has recorded two cases:

Appeal Coach 1

A table tennis coach (“**Coach 1**”) appealed against a decision issued by the World Table Tennis (“**WTT**”) Event Strategy Director, issued on 9 September 2022. This decision was to refer the matter to the ITTF Integrity Unit and to provisionally suspend Coach 1.

On 5 and 12 October 2022, the Chair of the ITTF Tribunal opened proceedings and stayed the challenge decision. He also asked the ITTF Integrity Unit to indicate whether it intended to be involved in the matter, as requested by the WTT.

On 16 November 2022, WTT informed the ITTF Tribunal of its decision on the merits of the case, imposing a three-month ban on Coach 1 and reporting the matter to the ITTF Integrity Unit for their potential action relating to ITTF-sanctioned events. On the same day, the ITTF Integrity Unit informed the ITTF Tribunal that, taking everything into account and although they would have sought a slightly longer suspension, they did not consider necessary and proportionate to take further action.

Accordingly, on 18 November 2022, the Chair of the ITTF tribunal closed these proceedings without imposing any costs on the parties and issued an order of termination to that effect.

Appeal Coach 2

On 28 October 2022, the ITTF Integrity Unit filed a request for proceedings before the ITTF Tribunal against another coach (“**Coach 2**”) for a possible violation of the 2021 Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures.

The Chair of the ITTF Tribunal opened proceedings and appointed a panel consisting of Ms Sally Clark, from the United Kingdom, Mr Lau Kok-Keng, from Singapore and the Chair of the ITTF Tribunal.

The Panel ordered an exchange of written submissions between the Parties, and the case is currently pending.

I remain at your disposal for any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Jorge IBARROLA
ITTF Tribunal Chair

The ITTF Audit & Finance Committee conducted their annual meeting virtually on 3 November 2022. The primary topics of the meeting were as follows:

Audit of Financial Statements

The Committee was presented with an overview of the financial performance of the ITTF for 2021, noting that comparisons to 2020 were difficult due to the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which also impacted 2021 activities, however, more activities were able to take place in 2021 compared to 2020. This saw both increased revenues and increased expenses. The financial loss for 2021 saw an improvement in financial performance compared to the approved budgets by the ITTF AGM.

The Committee also discussed about the future, and the work being undertaken to reduce financial losses in the coming years, this was explained to the independent members that since the establishment of World Table Tennis in 2019, it has been disclosed at various meetings that the initial years will be loss-making, and that the recent external investment into World Table Tennis helps to offset some of these initial losses.

The auditors, Mazars, presented their audit opinion, which had no unrecorded adjustments nor reclassification, and therefore were able to issue a clean audit opinion. The auditors noted that the Financial Statements were not presented to the ITTF AGM within six months of the end of the financial year, however they also noted that the ITTF AGM did not take place within the first six months following the conclusion of the financial year.

In addition, the auditors noted the initial steps being taken to move towards International Financial Reporting Standards, which does create additional audit work to meet these higher standards.

Ultimately, the 2021 Financial Statements were approved by the Finance & Audit Committee to be presented to the ITTF AGM for approval.

Financial Management

As part of the Financial Management area of focus, budgets were discussed, in which the primary focus was around the efforts being done to reduce the forecasted losses, where possible. It was noted that the losses through the establishment of World Table Tennis have been well documented and approved at various ITTF meetings, but further efforts were needed to reduce the ITTF-specific losses forecasted for 2022 through 2024. It was noted that monitoring of budgets is important in the coming years to support any potential reductions of forecasted losses.

Risk Management

The ITTF has undertaken a Risk Management project in 2022, which was provided as an update to the Finance & Audit Committee. Monitoring of the key risks will be an important project.

NATRAN Roland

ITTF Audit and Finance Committee Chair

Members

Ms Rita Bsaibes	Chair
Mr Atsushi Hasegawa	Full Member
Mr Torsten Kueneth	Full Member
Mr Philip McCallum	Full Member
Mr Kagin Lee	Full Member
Ms Rachel Ramos	Full Member
Ms Choi Ki Wong	Full Member
Mr Hua Yuan	Full member
Mr Ian Zubar	Corresponding member

GENERAL

The Equipment Committee and Department are consistently engaged in efforts to uphold the quality of table tennis products available in the market. They also focus on establishing technical definitions that guarantee reliable and safe playing conditions.

In the year 2022, the various equipment sections experienced a period of stability.

APPROVALS

Equipment	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Balls	83	78	86	97	103	97	88	91
Tables	168	167	159	153	152	130	116	119
Nets	54	54	50	50	51	51	52	54
Floors	24	24	18	18	19	19	18	17
Racket Coverings	1601	1571	1641	1607	1570	1548	1483	1483

Balls: Following the transition from celluloid to other plastics, the number of approved products began to increase more.

Tables: Despite the presence of a few expired products, the situation in this section remains stable.

Nets: The situation within this section is stable.

Floorings: The situation within this section is stable.

Racket Coverings: An ongoing rise in approved rubber products has been observed, accompanied by a growing variety of coloured racket coverings on the List of ITTF Approved Racket Covering (LARC). Additionally, retests have been conducted consistently after the pandemic.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Current projects

1. After Treatment of Racket Covering

A first pilot phase is projected to take place in Düsseldorf. In the upcoming procedure, several steps will be involved: Racket Control, Collecting Rackets, After Match Control (Racket Control, Visual Inspection, Dismantling, Inspection and Measuring of the Blade, Inspection and Measuring of the Racket Coverings).

During the racket control process, data will be collected both before dismantling and after, providing valuable insights into the varying outcomes related to the flatness and thickness of the rubber.

2. Ball Bounce on Table (BBOT)

Over the past three years, table manufacturers have been using a device to measure the friction and rebound of all table surfaces. The coefficient of friction has displayed significant variation across the measured surfaces. To further assess and categorise these differences in a practical manner, a series of playtests will be conducted with international players. Different tables with varying friction values have been prepared for testing involving top athletes in Germany. Additionally, tables are expected to be shipped to China and Japan for testing by athletes there. Following the completion of this test series, a discussion on potential rule changes will occur.

3. Blade Material Liberalization

The Blade Material opening is an ongoing initiative aimed at establishing a comprehensive list of approved materials for table tennis blades. Currently, the specific materials for inclusion in the list are yet to be defined, and a timeline for the completion of this task is also under consideration.

In conjunction with the Blade Material opening, the Blade approval system is expected to be developed to ensure adherence to technical regulations. This system will encompass a set of guidelines and criteria that blades must meet to receive approval.

A robust Testing/Control system is likely to be implemented to ensure compliance with the established technical regulations. This system will involve demanding testing procedures to assess the performance characteristics of table tennis blades.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Over the next few months, there will be a series of discussions focused on sustainability in all equipment areas. These discussions will address various topics, including the manufacturers' responsibility towards sustainability, promoting the life-recycling of products, exploring the use of biotech materials in food and clothing, reducing production waste, and encouraging the adoption of carbon credit and electric vehicles.

Within the equipment sector, efforts will be made to obtain healthy certificates such as CARB and REACH, which ensure the safety and environmental standards of the materials used.

Rita BSAIBES

Chair of the ITTF Equipment Committee

An era is over - it is time for a new era.

The 2022 AGM in Amman decided to retire the Media Committee.

The committee was created in 1956 under the name Development Committee. Two years later, the name was changed to Development Commission, later to Propaganda Committee. In 1975 the name was changed to Press and Publicity Committee, and in 1989 the final name Media Committee was given.

The Committee has been chaired by K Sheveleva, USSR, 1956-57, Roy Evans, Wales, 1957-59, JH Carrington, England, 1959-67, Nancy Evans, Wales, 1967-89, Zdenko Uzorinac, Croatia, 1989-91 and Bas den Breejen, Netherlands, 1991-97.

I joined the committee in 1989 in Dortmund and became chair in 1997 in Manchester. It has been a long but also interesting journey, where the media world has changed totally in this period. We have gone from paper and telephone to faxes, and now we are in the computer world with the internet and social media. The traditional printed papers and magazines have big problems finding their legs in the competition with digital platforms.

In the old days, the committee approved all the media accreditation and was responsible for the press centre together with the organisers during World Championships and World Cups. The results were printed and put into the accredited journalist's pigeonholes in the press room, which also included telephone service with up to twenty telephone lines for the journalists to send their stories back to their media.

We have since 1989 worked for a professionalisation of the media work. We needed to establish a daily working media office.

A full-time media manager was employed in 2000. Peter Jensen, who had worked as a journalist in written media, television and radio and knew all the needs of journalists. He lifted the media work to a new level. Peter Jensen left the ITTF in 2004 and was followed by Svend Frandsen, Marius Widmer, Richard Pettit, and Matt Pound in 2013.

In 2012 it was decided to change the terms for the Media Committee and decided to move the responsibilities to the office in Singapore. The idea to merge the area of media, marketing, and promotion gave the energy and synergy and has lifted table tennis to new heights regarding presentation and bringing table tennis into social media. The presentation of the Game has improved a lot, streaming of all matches in the main rounds is important for the association's possibility to attract players, sponsors and spectators. New time schedules, where you mix men's and women's table tennis, singles and doubles, give the audience a much more interesting experience.

Under the leadership of Steve Dainton and Matt Pound, the media department has brought table tennis to a new level.

The committee structure was created in the middle of the last century and was from a time where you did not have employees.

The Media Committee members understand the decision to retire the committee because there is not the need a big committee when all the work is now done by professional people. But it would be a big mistake if you think everything is like it should be.

There is still much to do and a need for much bigger cooperation between the ITTF, continents and associations about media, marketing, and promotion.

The media department has worked extremely hard to bring the media service in the ITTF and WTT events to another level. But if we want a strong worldwide organisation, we also need to work locally with the associations and Continents. The ITTF Media department has got very good results in social media and viewers in the streaming channels from the ITTF and WTT events. Still, we need also to be on all the platforms with all our activities in the ITTF, the Continents and associations.

We need a synergy between ITTF Media and the media work in the Associations and the Continents. Our CEO Steve Dainton said some years ago, that less than 50 % of the associations in ITTF had not even responsible people appointed in the media and promotion area.

The new Era

It must be a goal for the future that all Associations should at least have a responsible person for media, promotion, and marketing matters, and as many as possible associations have dedicated people working with media matters. With all the new digital platforms, it is easy to make open forums to discuss media matters, best practices, and ideas.

We need to work closely with Associations about sharing best practices. How do the associations work with social media, etc.

We also need much stronger co-operation with the Continents and the Association in media and promotion matters. There is a need for "correspondents" in the continents and associations, and vice versa. There is a need for guidance and knowledge in the continents and associations.

We have the possibility to build a much stronger Association and build a much stronger community by using Skype, Zoom, Teams or other digital meeting rooms and have regular video meetings with ideas for promotion and media matters, coverage, and new tools with the responsible people in associations and continents. This would be much more dynamic, and it will be cheap. You can create a feeling of being a part of something bigger.

There are many opportunities in our digital world if we change the old committee system with dynamic more open forums where you can involve more people and create more dynamic involvement. We have seen fantastic numbers on TV and digital platforms. But there is still a lot to do in the continents and associations before we can be satisfied with our position in the media hierarchy.

We need stories about human and personal matters, the environment, health, sustainability, and everything, including a racket, a table and a ball that could be interesting for a wider audience.

You cannot cover the whole world from one location, but you need to have co-operation with all our member associations and continents to share all good practices and ideas for developing and increasing interest in our sport all over the world. We have to build a system where we can exchange stories, ideas.

The last and final recommendation from the Media Committee to the ITTF will be:

1. Create a joint venture project ITTF/continents about media, marketing and promotion:
 - a. Hiring a person in every continent to be responsible for media, marketing and promotion-related matters and the liaison to the ITTF/WTT department.
 - b. Their mission also includes training and assisting Member Associations in improving their PR and social media skills and enhancing their output in these areas.
2. To establish networks in the continents and all the associations to secure the exchange of ideas to increase the awareness of table tennis in all kinds of media.
3. Create open forums for the associations, where ideas can be discussed and developed, and best practices can be exchanged.
4. To establish Communication channels between ITTF-Continents-Associations for coordination and campaign issues (e.g., World Table Tennis Day, Table Tennis and Health)

An era is finished, but it is time for a new era.

Thanks for the co-operation, all the good discussions and all the good ideas and advice to all those who have contributed in all these years.

Arne MADSEN

Chair of the ITTF Media Committee

The composition of the Nominations Committee (**NC**) includes Chair, Deputy Chair, and committee members thereafter having served out their terms the Executive Committee of the ITTF duly appointed the following persons into the Committee.

The other statutory members and Ex-Officio members include an ITTF EVP (Governance), the ITTF President, the ITTF CEO, and the Presidents of the Continental Federations. The Committee was completed with ITTF Secretary-General. The appointed committee members were completely involved in opinions and recommendations to keep the members involved in the decision-making process of the committee in order to make successful selections.

The main duty of the Committee under its Terms of Reference is to validate and forward recommendations to the Executive Committee in respect of nominations by Member Associations to the various permanent committees and commissions, taking into consideration important criteria such as gender representation, competence, experience, skills, commitment, diversity, relevant area-specific knowledge and a fair and equitable distribution among member associations and continents. The Committee is also empowered to review the work of Committee members.

The Committee is also saddled with the important task of recommending worthy candidates to the EB from nominations made by Member Associations for receipt of the ITTF Merit Awards.

The scope of the work of the NC has duly increased with the addition of the following tasks to its Terms of Reference:

- a. Review of Applicants' suitability for appointment as Chairperson and Members of the ITTF Tribunal (the judicial/arbitral body for the ITTF) and Recommendation of most suitable Applicants in line with the ITTF Tribunal regulations to the ITTF AGM who make the necessary appointments.
- b. Review and screening of Applicants for the position of ITTF Head of Integrity and thereafter forward the names of suitable Applicants to the ITTF Executive Board (old Executive Committee) which are statutorily empowered to make the final appointment.
- c. Conduct a Review of the Rules and Electoral Processes to be considered in the Appointment or Election of persons into ITTF Key positions. This has been completed, and the recommendations incorporated into the Rules and same have been sent out to all Member Associations along with the Forms for nominations into ITTF Key positions. These Rules are in line with the best practices of the best international organisations.
- d. The NC has also been tasked in 2022 with the ad-hoc duty of reviewing the bids from Member Associations for hosting the Annual General Meeting and making due recommendations to the ITTF Executive Committee for the selection of the most suitable host.

With the new advancement of technology and the usage of virtual platforms successfully during recent years, the committee could meet virtually as well as communicate via email assisted in achieving most of our tasks.

During the year 2022, we conducted meetings successfully; vetting all candidates for the Athletes Commission Elections held in 2022.

At the time of writing this report (July 2023) we have carefully reviewed 102 CVs for the 2023 Committee Nominations. Details on this process will be given in our 2023 report to be submitted to the 2024 AGM.

CONCLUSION

The ITTF Nominations Committee working in conjunction with the ITTF CEO, Secretary General, and the ex officio members and Continental Presidents, hope to continue to ensure that all tasks remitted to our committee will be dealt with fairly, transparently and with dispatch. We are quite aware of the importance of the work of the committee, and it is very important that we continue to carry out our tasks without bias. We also hope to continue to make progress by adhering to the criteria which we had earlier formulated in the selection of future committee members in the fervent hope that this would result in more qualified members being appointed to the various committees while also increasing the diversity and inclusivity of all those serving in our committees.

Immense thanks to Mr Wahid Oshodi for his great work while chairing the committee. ITTF President and ITTF CEO for their continued support.

We ran the scope of the NC in a fair manner giving all members and those with the right to attend a fair chance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank ITTF President and the Executive Board for their trust in us. The ITTF CEO Mr Steve Dainton and special thanks to my Deputy Chair and all our committee members for taking the time to make their excellent contributions timeously.

Finally, I also offer our great thanks to all the members and the staff of the ITTF, with special regard to Dylan Mah and Raul Calin for providing the needed support to the work of the Nominations Committee.

Thank you.

Abdulla Y AL MULLA

Chair of the ITTF Nominations Committee

In 2022, still, under the shadow of the pandemic, we began witnessing a gradual return to normalcy. Para table tennis events experienced a notable surge, sparking a renewed sense of enthusiasm among players. Filled with a burning desire to compete and strive for medals, these athletes embarked on their journeys with their sights firmly set on the new goal: the World Para Championships.

Para Table Tennis returned stronger than ever with new levels and higher standards. It came back with a calendar that included more than 20 events.

Doubles and mixed doubles, which replaced the team events, gave us very exciting and tight matches with surprising results.

In January, leaders of the ITTF and the Para Table Tennis Committee held strategic meetings in Malmö to shape the new vision for the sport. Discussions focused on a new competition structure, the event calendar, and the classification system. Marketing was also on the agenda.

PTT Activities and Development

PTT activities and initiatives have been in the focus of the Development and Participation Programs in 2022. Under the auspices of the Development program, Para Table Tennis (PTT) Athlete Grants were introduced, a dedicated support grant for promising and talented athletes, intended to assist MAs in improving their athletes' training processes and boost their participation in internationally sanctioned PTT events.

ITTF Development also supported PTT Coaches through the 2022 ITTF Mentorship, in the PTT Focus area of the program, three candidates from three Member Associations in Asia and Africa were selected to benefit from the initiative. Additionally, and for the second time in a row, a Para Table Tennis Training Camp took place in Lignano (ITA). As part of the Participation Program, fifteen MAs activity, two national projects, and four online services were organised across four continents, including a PTT Development element.

Classification

Classification in 2022 reached the levels of 2018 and 2019:

Year	Physical	Intellectual	Total athletes
2017	314	29	343
2018	192	25	217
2019	195	27	222
2020	37	0	37
2021	141	2	143
2022	199	44	243

Para Table Tennis is one of the few Paralympic sports with no waiting list for players to be classified. Even if some limits are set to classification slots in the tournament prospectus, no player has ever been excluded. When the limit has been reached, always more classifiers have been found to accommodate more players.

Andalucía 2022 World Para Table Tennis Championships Granada (ESP): 6-12 Nov

The sport was presented at new heights in Granada; the breath taking playing hall covered with eight tables and a 30-metre-long screen filled one side of the arena. The spectators were treated to world-class sport, while enjoying an entertaining show. Every possible class in each of the men's singles and women's singles events was contested for the first time ever; 39 events took place. On no occasion did any classes have to be combined owing to a lack of numbers; such is the progress made in recent years.

Sponsorship department

The extension of the partnership with 729 has been announced. The sports equipment supplier will provide the official ball of the Para Competitions for one more year.

I resigned as Chair of the Para TT Committee on November 4th and assumed the WTT Para Events Manager position. This transition allows me to fully dedicate my time to the sport I adore, particularly Para Table Tennis. As the WTT Para Events Manager, I will be working alongside and supporting the new Acting Chair of the Para Table Tennis Committee, Mr Edimilson Pinheiro.

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for their support, and I extend my best wishes to the New Acting Chair.

Constantina CROTTA

Chair of the ITTF Para Table Tennis Committee

I am very pleased to announce that after years of virtual meetings, our Committee was ready to arrange a hybrid meeting during the 2023 WTTC Finals in Durban – with the attendance of five members and an Executive Vice President in person.

Questions / Interpretations on Rules

As normal, the Rules Committee had to deal with inquiries about Laws and regulations – now called the “Statutes”.

The number of questions on players’ eligibility was noticeably decreasing since the new WTT expert Kamil J. Kleczkowski could clarify some of them in advance.

Again, the cooperation with the Umpires & Referees Committee was excellent, and we were able to provide them with some interpretations regarding Laws.

Preparation Meetings for the 2022 AGM and Board of Directors Meeting

The Rules Committee discussed propositions and resolutions to the 2022 AGM and Board of Directors meeting (during the 1st ITTF Summit) in Amman at a video conference. This worked satisfactorily, but it was obvious that our members still prefer an analysis in person.

Governance Review Working Group

I hope that I could humbly contribute to the success of the Governance Review Working Group, established in 2021 and chaired by our Executive Vice-President, Mr Wahid Oshodi. As a fine result of this, the new and comprehensive ITTF Statutes could be presented.

Open Eligibility Questions

Due to new political situations in some parts of our world, the ITTF had to face new problems regarding players’ eligibility rules. We have tried to find a provisional solution for covering cases of official refugees and member Associations having restricted control over their athletes.

Propositions to the 2023 AGM and Council meeting

As an outcome of meetings with the Chairwoman of the Equipment Committee, Mrs Rita Bsaibes, we prepared a number of joint propositions regarding playing equipment based on the ITTF’s and WTT’s intention to create a more attractive design of table tennis events. We are well aware of the fact that changes in Laws require a 3/4 majority at the AGM, but we are confident that most of the delegates will share our approach to this kind of development.

Structure Acknowledgements

Let me please express my sincere thanks to our full and corresponding Committee members and in particular to my Deputy, Prof. Chan Cheong-ki as well as to the ITTF Legal Counsel, Mr Dylan Mah for their appreciated assistance.

Our Committee is much obliged to the Executive Vice-President Mr Wahid Oshodi, to our Secretary General, Mr Raul Calin and to my colleagues, the chairpersons of ITTF Committees and Commissions, as well as the ITTF Commissioners for their kind cooperation.

Rudi SPORRER

Chair of the ITTF Rules Committee

In 2022, the ITTF's Sport Science and Medical Committee (SSMC) proceeded with the work on different sports science and sports medicine fields. The year 2022 was still very much marked by the consequences of the COVID-19 situation. Due to the organisers' restrictions, only one SSMC member did attend WTTCF in Chengdu. Our primary goal in 2022 was dedicated to developing a racket sports journal (International Journal of Racket Sports Sciences), of which the ITTF is one of the partners. Further activities aimed to find solutions for the postponed 17th ITTF Sports Science Congress.

We have accomplished some activities since the beginning of 2022, and we expect to be more active in 2023, with the ITTF Sports Science Congress and further to the next Olympic Games in Paris 2024. Some ITTF SSMC members have published results of their research activities in prominent journals worldwide and are not listed in this report.

1. In 2022, two online meetings have been organised (March 27th and November 12th, 2022). Further activities have been accomplished through e-mail exchange.
2. Five members of ITTF SSMC are actively involved in the journal procedure of the editorial work for the International Journal of Racket Sports Science. In 2022 both regular issues of the journal were successfully published on time ([International Journal of Racket Sports Science \(racketsportscience.org\)](http://InternationalJournalofRacketSportsScience.org)). We received more table tennis research papers, which shows how important it was for table tennis to have a journal with a dedicated topic.
3. ITTF SSMC is still an active partner of ITTF EB regarding the follow-up of the activities connected to the IOC framework on fairness, inclusion, and non-discrimination based on gender identity and sex variations. We thank Mikael Andersson for his contribution to establishing the Racket Games Working Group, which started the work under IOC representative Madeleine Page. ITTF SSMC representative in this working group is Irene Faber, PhD.
4. Due to the health restrictions in China, the number of active participants has been cut, and only one member of SSMC was involved in WTTCF in Chengdu, CHN. Prof. Zhang Xiaopeng was the vice director of the organising committee of the Chengdu World Championships, in charge of the competition.
5. 6th edition of Science and Racket Sports has been sent to Clarivate Analytics for evaluation and inclusion into the Web of Science. This scientific monograph results from the 6th World Congress of Racket Sport Science, and ITTF is one of the publishers. As a result, the book has been successfully included in the Web of Science database. Since 2015 we managed to include all published documents from ITTF Sports Science congresses and two World Racket Sports congresses organised with ITTF as a publisher in the Web of Science.
6. During the 2022 year, we have been working on activities connected to the 17th ITTF Sports Science Congress, which was announced for 2021 but was later cancelled due to COVID-19. We are still working on the organisation of this congress but will provide it in 2023.
7. All the members of ITTF SSMC are also very strongly connected with the S-training group ([S-TRAINING - index](#)). In addition, Webinars with different topics are organised every month.
8. The players' support team (representative: Prof. Kazuto Yoshida) in the Japan Table Tennis Association Sports Science and Medicine Committee received the 24th Prince Chichibu Commemorative Sports Medicine and Science Award (January 13th, 2022).
9. From May 2nd to 8th, Prof. Miran Kondrič was invited as a guest professor to the Vasile Alecsandri University of Bacau to present table tennis research programs to the PhD students.

10. Following the direction of visits of doctoral and postdoctoral students in foreign countries, another approach was presented through the Erasmus+ exchange. A doctoral student from Iran, Lale Pooryamanesh, has with the September 1st, 2022, started her doctoral study at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Sport, under the supervision of Prof. Miran Kondrič. The study will conclude at the end of July 2023. We thank the University of Guilan for showing interest in table tennis research and international cooperation.
11. Between September 12th and 16th, Prof. Miran Kondrič was invited as a guest professor to the University of Bordeaux to get familiar with the ScolPingTab project led by Alain Coupet from the Faculty of Sciences and Sports. The visit was supported by the EU Erasmus+ program.
12. Prof. Miran Kondrič started on October 11th on-line activities with Gilles de La Bourdonnaye, Table Tennis Sport Manager for Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. These activities were also continued at the ASOIF meeting in Lausanne in November.
13. Prof. Kazuto Yoshida lectured on "Table tennis coaching by applying scientific knowledge" at the 2022 JTTA seminar for coaches (November 12th, 2022).
14. Prof. Miran Kondrič participated in the ASOIF Medical and Science Workshop in Lausanne on 28th - 29th November 2022. Athlete mental health, Guidelines for health care at sports events, Removal of injured athletes from the field of play, and Transgender issues have been discussed.
15. On November 29th, prof. Miran Kondrič was invited to visit FIMS in Lausanne. Prof. Fabio Pigozzi was the host and presented options for the cooperation between ITTF and FIMS.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Masahiro Maehara for his contribution and support to SSMC as an ITTF EB representative. Thanks also to all the members of the ITTF SSMC who have shown great dedication to fulfilling all the tasks that have been put in front of them by successfully conducting the work in sports science, education, Anti-Doping fight and sports medicine.

Tasks to Be Fulfilled:

- Conducting activities for the 17th ITTF Sports Science Congress.
- Improving the level and number of research papers published in the International Journal of Racket Sports Science.
- Proposing the ITTF EB studies, which should be supported by the ITTF.

Prof. Miran KONDRIČ, PhD

Chair of the ITTF Sports Science and Medical Committee

In 2022 ITTF and WTT came back with more events, and ITTF URC could also start to increase the activities – not only online but also on-site.

The following objectives have been worked on in 2022.

1. Communication

- Four online meetings with all members of the Committee
- Online meetings and close cooperation with the WTT Match Officials Coordinator
- Three online meetings with Integrity Unit to discuss specific cases
- Online meetings with ITTF IT staff to discuss the IT requirements for ITTF URC
- Online meetings with Education to work on the LMS platform
- One on-site meeting in Amman with ITTF management
- One on-site meeting in Amman with High-Performance & Development
- Two Newsletters have been published

2. Participation in working groups

Members of ITTF URC participated in the following working groups:

- After treatment rubbers (Equipment Committee)
- Table Tennis Review, TTR

3. ITTF/WTT Match Officials Coordinator

Tina Crotta has been recruited in the second half of the year as WTT/ITTF Match Officials Coordinator. She is the contact person for ITTF URC towards ITTF and WTT for all issues related to match officials. Tina coordinates all invitations, is a member of the selection committees for events and works closely with all LOCs.

4. Selection of match officials for the events

Umpires and Referees have been selected considering their individual performance in the last three years. The selection is always done in close cooperation with ITTF/WTT and the LOC.

5. Education; Performance Assessment and Evaluations

In total, 94 (+49% compared to 2021) Performance Assessments have been made by the appointed referee teams.

355 evaluations done by certified evaluators in 9 events during the year.

6. Education; Advanced Rules Exam

ITTF URC offered the Advanced Rules Exams in 13 events for 197 candidates, and 92 umpires passed the exam.

7. International Umpire's Examination Preparatory Course

It was the first time ITTF URC and High Performance and Development offered an online preparatory course. The 4-hour course was held online and was available in 7 languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian). More than 800

candidates attended the course online, which was recorded and shared with all IU Exam candidates and other interested match officials.

8. International Umpires Examination 2022

Congratulations to all the new International Umpires who passed the IU examination in 2022. 378 umpires passed the examination, and a list of the umpires can be found at [International Umpires Examination 2022](#).

9. International Referee Schools 2022

During 2022 two International Referees' Schools were held in Helsinki and Singapore. 15 Match Officials qualified as International Referees.

10. International Referee Conference 2022

ITTF URC offered an online International Referee Conference. This conference has been used to discuss different scenarios and to exchange experiences between the referees. ITTF URC also updated the referees about news and changes.

11. Match Officials Statistics

The number of Match Officials with active status in 2022 is:

- 16 Advanced Referees (4 female)
- 132 Active International Referees (31 female)
- 12 Gold Badge Umpires (5 female)
- 254 Blue Badge Umpires (88 female)
- 8.060 White Badge Umpires (but a lot of them are no longer active)

12. Referee Toolbox

A toolbox with 16 documents is available for all referees and is updated regularly with the purpose of providing guidelines and help standardise procedures in all tournaments.

13. Referee Report

The electronic referee report is used by all referees and for all ITTF events. The database is used for keeping records and analysis and for education. A questionnaire is available for all match officials for each event to give feedback about the event and the performance of referees.

14. ITTF Virtual Mentorship 2022

Experts from ITTF URC and specifically appointed experienced match officials worked together with High-Performance & Development to mentor young umpires and referees.

15. Acknowledgement

I wish to thank all URC members, who participated in a really active way and especially Graeme Ireland. I would also like to thank the ITTF and WTT leaders and their staff members, especially Tina, Raul, Karl, Dimos, Mohamed, Tiago and Bart, for providing their full support to the work of the URC and for lending a hand in co-ordinating with the Associations, Organisers and other agencies for the successful hosting of tournaments.

Werner THURY

Chair of the ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee

1. Composition of the committee (Period 2021 - 2023)

Reto Bazzi (Switzerland / Europe), Chair; Hyunsook Chung (Korea / Asia), Leonel Gerardo Godoy Sierra (Honduras / Latin America), Scott Houston (Australia / Oceania), Ina Jozepsone (Latvia / Europe), Ishaku Tikon (Nigeria / Africa).

2. Committee meetings / Communication

A first committee meeting (online) was organised on 10th November 2022, and a second one during the WTTTC Finals in Durban/RSA on 27th May 2023. Unfortunately, some committee members could not attend the meetings for different reasons.

Both ITTF staff members, Veterans Committee Coordinator Mikael Andersson and ITTF Veterans Manager José Bentes participated in the meetings. There was also a regular exchange between Mikael Andersson, José Bentes, and the committee chair.

3. Committee's activities

3.1 Co-operation ITTF VC and SCI - Revision Terms of Reference (ToR)

Since the transfer of the responsibility for the World Veteran Championships from the Swaythling Club International (SCI) to the ITTF the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the committee do not correspond with the current situation. For this reason, I sent some proposals for the update of the ToR to the ITTF General Secretary.

As the know-how transfer is still not completed, it is important and necessary that a regular exchange between the ITTF Veterans Committee and the SCI is secured. So, it was discussed when the "Veterans Table Tennis Strategy" was elaborated by the former ITTF Vice-President James Morris that SCI should have one "non-voting" seat on the ITTF VC. This would improve the ongoing exchange.

3.2 Support in organising World Veteran Championships

For the World Veteran Championships 2023 in Muscat/Oman I was preparing the seedings of all categories (singles, doubles, mixed doubles) before and during the event. The ranking system for the draw was one of the "key issues". As the SCI had a proven ranking concept from previous events, this system was also applied for the WTTTC 2023.

For the first time in the history of the WTTTC, mixed doubles have been added to the championships with a positive effect. As there will be more players in 2024 in Rome/ITA the schedule must be adapted accordingly.

I also attended the Executive Committee meetings and the AGM of the SCI.

3.3 Encourage continental and national federations to promote veterans' table tennis activities

There was a regular exchange with some responsible persons for veterans' activities from Continental Federations.

3.4 Update veterans' activities on the ITTF website

Information about the World Veteran Championships and the World Veterans Tour (WVT) have regularly been published on the ITTF website.

Once again, every month, an updated veterans' calendar (prepared by Hans Westling) was published on the ITTF website.

4. Appreciation

I express my thanks to all persons who have supported the veterans' family and their respective work over the last ten years.

Reto BAZZI

Chair of the ITTF Veterans Committee

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Proposition A-01

Effective 1st September 2023

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Board and the ITTF Rules Committee

To amend Article 1.18.3:

- 1.18.3 The Executive Board AGM may permit Athletes affiliated with the suspended, expelled, or withdrawn Association to compete in Table Tennis events under the flag of the ITTF or such other neutral identifiers pursuant to Article 1.62.1.13 and in accordance with Article 3.8.7.
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To amend Article 1.36.2:

- 1.36.2 Without limiting Article 1.62.1.13, only teams and Athletes nominated by Associations may participate in World Title Events and continental championship events, but otherwise, such Athlete will, when not contrary to the Statutes or the interests of the ITTF or the Associations, generally be permitted, provided that due application is made.
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To add a new Article 1.62.1.13 and renumber the subsequent provisions:

- 1.62.1.13 authorise Athletes to compete neutrally and without affiliation to any Association (or any other Associated Organisation, as the case may be);
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To add a new Article 3.8.7 and renumber the subsequent provisions:

- 3.8.7 Pursuant to Article 1.62.1.13, the Executive Board may authorise any Athlete to compete under the ITTF name, flag, and/or any other neutral identifier for special reasons, such as refugee status of the Athlete, the suspension of the related Association, etc., subject to such conditions and in such manner as the Executive Board deems fit. To avoid doubt, this provision applies to events organised, authorised, or recognised by the ITTF, WTT and the ITTF Foundation, Olympic and Paralympic Games, and other Multi-Sport Events, as agreed with the respective organisations.
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To add the following Articles:

- 4.1.3.5 Any Athlete who is authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the WTTC Finals, subject to Article 4.1 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.

- 4.2.3.7 Any Athlete authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the WYC, subject to Article 4.2 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.

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4.3.6.4 Any Athlete authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the World Cup, subject to Article 4.3 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.

4.4.6.4 Any Athlete who is authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the World Team Cup, subject to Article 4.4 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.

4.7.3.5 Any Athlete who is authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the WPTTC, subject to Article 4.7 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.

4.8.3.3 Any Athlete who is authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the WVC, subject to Article 4.8 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.

To add a new Article 4.5.1.5 and renumber the subsequent provision:

4.5.1.5 Any Athlete authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the Olympic Games, subject to Article 4.5 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes, Olympic Charter, and related documents.

To add a new Article 4.6.1.5 and renumber the subsequent provision:

4.6.1.5 Any Athlete who is authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the Paralympic Games, subject to Article 4.6 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes, Olympic Charter, and related documents.

Rationale:

To allow the Executive Board to authorise Athletes to compete as neutral athletes in special circumstances and under specified conditions. To ensure consistency across the entire ITTF Statutes, the additions of articles in chapters 3 and 4 are presented to the AGM as per 1.38.1.11.

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Proposition A-02

Effective 1st September 2023

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Equipment Committee

To amend 1.55.1.7

1.55.1.7 approve **the technical standards and protocols of the Equipment Manuals** ~~any administrative and technical leaflets~~ of the ITTF;

Rationale:

With the change of the ITTF Technical Leaflets into ITTF Manuals, and the development of their content, there are areas such as the Approval and Explore sections of these Manuals, which describe approval procedures, prices, links to products, etc. These sections require regular adjustments throughout the year, and it is therefore recommended that the Equipment Department can work on them directly under the guidance of the Equipment Committee and the Executive Board, while the core content of the old Technical Leaflets, the technical standards of the equipment and the testing procedures, remain under the authority of the ITTF Council.

Proposition A-03

Effective 1st September 2023

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Board

To rename the Veterans Competitions and Veterans Committee as Masters Competitions and Masters Committee. Therefore, proposing the amendment of 1.72.1

1.72.1 The Equipment Committee, Nominations Committee, Para Table Tennis Committee, Rules Committee, Sports Science and Medical Committee, Sustainability Committee, Umpires and Referees Committee, and ~~Veterans~~ **Masters** Committee are permanent Committees.

Rationale:

To adapt the terminology of over 40 years old categories to international standards, such as the International Master Games Association (IMGA), recognised by the IOC, and avoid confusion which may relate the “Veterans” somehow to military forces.

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Proposition A-04

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Uganda Table Tennis Association

To add a Marketing Committee as one of the ITTF Permanent Committees. Therefore, proposing the amendment of 1.72.1

- 1.72.1 The Equipment Committee, **Marketing Committee**, Nominations Committee, Para Table Tennis Committee, Rules Committee, Sports Science and Medical Committee, Sustainability Committee, Umpires and Referees Committee, and **Veterans Masters** Committee are permanent Committees.

Rationale:

The most important aspect of the faster development of our Sport is Marketing, which brings in more funds and other development resources. Our ITTF AGM needs to be able to make an input as well as review and receive reports on the progress of the Marketing aspects of our Sport. This has been lacking in our AGMs. We only receive financial reports and may be Audited books of the ITTF. Still, we need to pay close attention to the Marketing efforts of our Sport via a Marketing Committee that reports and updates our AGM on its activities.

For example, there are entire continents without any dedicated Marketing Teams, and those continents are struggling badly to get more funds and other development resources to grow the Sport. They rely only on Funds sent by the ITTF to run all their major Competitions, which is not good at all.

The absence of a permanent ITTF Marketing Committee that presents Marketing Progress Reports to our AGM is one of the reasons why such things are happening and our development resources are still very small. This also explains why the sport is performing very badly in many of our countries.

We totally agree that Marketing should be done by professionals but the ITTF AGM via the Constitutionally established Marketing Committee needs to give those professionals the Targets that we need to be achieved. Then at each AGM we need to receive the progress report of this Marketing Committee to see how far they have gone in bringing in more development funds for our Sport.

We do not believe that such a very important aspect of our development should continue without the oversight and inputs of our MAs in the AGM. This is because as mentioned above, already we have some serious mistakes like entire continents going without any Marketing Teams for several years and those continents are grossly underdeveloped in the Sport. So, we need this issue to now be properly constitutionalised.

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Proposition A-05

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of (in alphabetical order of Association Code): ALG, ANT, AUT, BAN, BHU, BHR, COM, CYP, DJI, EGY, IND, IRI, IRQ, JOR, JPN, KAZ, KEN, KGZ, KSA, KUW, LBN, LCA, MDV, MTN, NEP, OMA, PLE, QAT, SOM, SRI, SUD, SYR, UAE & YEM.

To have an annual ITTF Summit and AGM in conjunction with Table Tennis World Championships starting from the 2025 WTTC. It is proposed that The ITTF Summit and AGM would commence the day after the conclusion of all competition, to allow participants to fully engage themselves in the tournament before transitioning to the Summit and AGM.

Rationale:

- 1. Aligning the important meetings during the World Table Tennis Championships Finals would optimize participation and convenience for all members, allowing them to attend the World Table Tennis Championships Finals and the ITTF Summit and AGM in a single trip.*
 - 2. It also provides an incentive for members to attend both events, with reduced cost of travel and commitment of time, leading to increased participation and engagement from the table tennis member association across the globe.*
 - 3. This will reduce the cost for ITTF since they will only have to purchase one flight ticket for the EB, staff, and committee members.*
 - 4. With increased participation, the ITTF Summit and AGM would create unique opportunities for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas on a global scale.*
 - 5. Combining the World Table Tennis Championships with the ITTF Summit and AGM would foster collaboration, encourages networking and knowledge sharing, resulting in a stronger and more unified table tennis community.*
 - 6. Having the World Table Tennis Championships Finales immediately before the ITTF Summit and AGM would provide members with fresh insights and experiences for proper decision-making during the AGM.*
 - 7. As a conclusion, organizing the annual ITTF Summit and AGM in conjunction with the World Table Tennis Championships would optimize participation, streamline logistics, enhance contribution, and foster collaboration within the international table tennis community.*
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Proposition A-06

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Tunisian Table Tennis Federation

Tunisian Table Tennis Federation (FTTT) think that we should organize the ITTF summit and the annual general meeting along with the Table Tennis World Championships. The ITTF Summit and AGM can take place the day after the Closing ceremony. Doing so, will give the participants all their time to enjoy the World Championships before passing to the ITTF Summit & AGM.

Rationale:

- 1. Ensure that most ITTF's members will be able to attend at one time all important ITTF's events such as ITTF Summit, AGM and the World Table Tennis Championships Finals.*
- 2. Lower the travelling cost and shorten the time required to attend all these important events at once.*
- 3. Offering an amazing networking space/time to all TT association's representatives where they will be able to share their experiences and explore collaboration opportunities.*

Propositions to the 2023 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-07

Effective 1st September 2023

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Equipment Committee and the ITTF Rules Committee

To amend 2.1, to add 3.2.1.5 and to add 3.2.1.6

2.1 THE TABLE

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2.1.4 The playing surface shall be uniformly dark coloured and matt, but with a **white** side line, 2 cm wide, along each 2.74 m edge and **a-white** an end line, 2 cm wide, along each 1.525 m edge; **these lines shall be of the same bright colour and clearly different from the colour of the playing surface.**

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2.1.6 For doubles, each court shall be divided into 2 equal half-courts by a **white** centre line **of the same colour as the side lines**, 3 mm wide, running parallel with the side lines; the centre line shall be regarded as part of each right half-court.

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3.2 EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

3.2.1 Approved and Authorised Equipment

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3.2.1.5 If the lines on the table surface are not white but of another colour, the ball shall be white only.

3.2.1.6 The net tape of the net assembly shall be of the colour of the side lines.

Rationale:

Following the WTT corporate design, the colours of the lines on the table surface and the colours of the net tape should be implemented into the ITTF Handbook. Furthermore, Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee would also like to have coloured lines on the tables and has formally requested them from the ITTF. To ensure consistency across the entire ITTF Statutes, the addition of 3.2.1.5 and 3.2.1.6 is presented to the AGM as per 1.38.1.11.