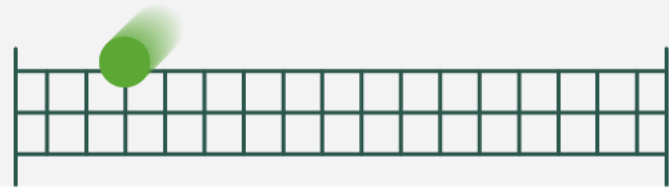


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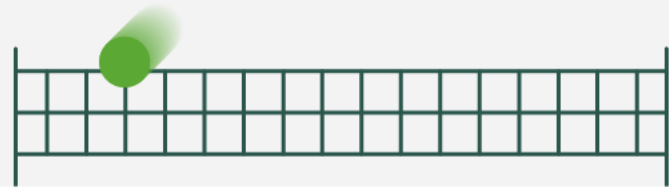


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8. Confirmation of the Agenda
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 - 18.5 Rules Committee D-05
 - 18.6 Sports Science and Medical Committee D-06
 - 18.7 Sustainability Committee D-07
 - 18.8 Umpires' and Referees' Committee D-08
19. Ratification of the Work Done by the ITTF Council and the Executive Board
20. Governance Review Report
21. Propositions and Resolutions F-01
22. Election of the World Table Tennis Championships Finals hosts
(The AGM is asked to note the presentations of the bid candidates held on 26 May 2025)
 - 22.1 WTTC Finals 2027
 - 22.2 WTTC Finals 2028
 - 22.3 WTTC Finals 2029
23. Deadline for 2030 World Table Tennis Championships Finals Bids
24. Election of ITTF President
 - 24.1 Presentation of the Candidates (10 minutes for each candidate)
 - 24.2 Election
25. Election of ITTF Executive Vice-Presidents
(The AGM is asked to note the presentations of the EVP candidates held on 26 May 2025)
26. Ratification of the ITTF Council Members
27. Appointment of Committee Members
28. ITTF in 2026 – One Hundred Years
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As we close the chapter on 2024, we do so with a strong sense of pride and momentum. This year has been historic, marked by unprecedented achievements, strategic progress, and a shared commitment to advancing table tennis on a global scale.

Momentum is a powerful force. Once set in motion, it unlocks new opportunities and paves the way for further success. In 2024, we not only sustained this momentum—we accelerated it.

From the historic ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals in Busan, to the return of the ITTF Men's and Women's World Cups in Macao, to a record-breaking Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, our sport has captured global attention like never before. These successes reflect the dedication, collaboration, and vision of the ITTF Family in ensuring that table tennis continues to grow, innovate, and inspire.

A Year of Historic Firsts and Unparalleled Growth

The ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals made history as the first-ever World Championships hosted in the Republic of Korea. Over the course of ten days, the event showcased extraordinary performances, reinforcing our sport's truly global reach and competitive spirit.

The ITTF Men's and Women's World Cups returned in Macao, China, reaffirming our commitment to revitalising prestigious events while preparing for the ITTF Centenary in 2026. These tournaments showcased the highest level of individual excellence, reinforcing their significance in the international calendar.

The Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games set new benchmarks for table tennis visibility and engagement. At the Olympic Games, table tennis ranked among the top sports in key International Olympic Committee (IOC) indicators, achieving unprecedented levels of fan engagement, media coverage, and digital interaction.

At the Paralympic Games, our athletes delivered inspiring performances, further strengthening para table tennis's presence on the global stage.

Rome hosted the largest table tennis event ever recorded, the ITTF World Masters Championships 2024, welcoming thousands of players and reaffirming our sport's universal appeal across generations.

Meanwhile, Helsingborg became the stage where the future stars of table tennis emerged, as it hosted the ITTF World Youth Championships 2024, showcasing the next generation of talent.

These achievements underline the growing impact and recognition of our sport at all levels of competition.

Innovation and Inclusion at the Heart of Progress

Our commitment to development and inclusivity remained strong in 2024, ensuring that players, coaches, and Member Associations have access to resources and structured pathways to thrive.

The ITTF Hopes Programme, spanning over 50 countries, successfully nurtured the next generation of table tennis stars. Continental Development Grants supported more than 60 Member Associations, enabling the continued growth of table tennis at all levels.

Record levels of Olympic Solidarity funding were secured, ensuring athletes, regardless of geography, have access to elite training and competitive pathways.

The My Gender, My Strength Programme empowered more female coaches than ever before, reinforcing gender equity within our sport.

The ITTF Para Table Tennis Circuit was revamped with a new ranking system and structured event tiers, creating better competitive opportunities for para-athletes worldwide.

One of the most significant advancements in digital innovation was the first-ever ITTF World Esports Table Tennis Championships in Helsingborg. This event marked a new frontier, allowing table tennis to engage younger audiences and position itself at the forefront of digital sports evolution.

The success of this pioneering initiative reaffirms our commitment to blending tradition with technological advancement, ensuring that table tennis remains future-ready.

WTT: A Vision Taking Shape

World Table Tennis (WTT) reached key milestones in 2024, with the introduction of more WTT Smash events, an expanded WTT calendar, increased commercial growth, and visibility for professional table tennis.

While progress has been significant, we recognise the need to listen to feedback, especially from players, and continue refining WTT to maximise its benefits for players, Member Associations and fans.

However, the trajectory is clear: WTT is working. The commercial growth, prize money increases, and enhanced visibility all demonstrate that the foundation is strong. WTT belongs to the ITTF, and therefore, it belongs to our Member Associations. When WTT grows, so do we all.

Keeping the Momentum Alive

In 2024, I had the privilege of conducting more than 50 official visits, engaging directly with Member Associations, athletes, and sports leaders across all continents.

These visits served as opportunities to:

- Listen to the needs and challenges of our stakeholders.
- Engage in meaningful discussions on the future of table tennis.
- Strengthen relationships with the global table tennis community.
- Advance ITTF's position within the Olympic Movement and the broader international sports landscape.

These interactions have been instrumental in shaping policies, refining strategies, and ensuring that ITTF remains a strong and dynamic organisation. From grassroots programmes to high-level discussions with international sports leaders, every interaction reinforced my dedication.

Table tennis now has real momentum. After an incredibly challenging period during the global pandemic, we have rebuilt, restructured, and revitalised our sport. We are now stronger, more visible, and more ambitious than ever before. The world of sport is watching us, and the signals are clear: we are on the right path.

As we look ahead to 2025, one thing is clear: this is not a transition year, it is a continuation of our journey.

We will not slow down. The year ahead presents even greater opportunities. We will continue working towards a more balanced competition calendar, further commercial expansion, and enhanced development opportunities for all levels of players. We will keep growing our presence within the Olympic Movement, reinforcing our governance structures, and embracing digital transformation.

The best is yet to come.

Table Tennis. For All. For Life. Forever!

Petra SÖRLING

ITTF President

Meetings attended:

ITTF Executive Board Meeting#1: February 19 and 25, 2024

ITTF Continental Council Meeting#1: February 20, 2024

2024 ITTF Council Meeting: February 26, 2024

2024 ITTF Annual General Meeting: February 27, 2024

ITTF Summit: February 22-27, 2024

ITTF Executive Board Meeting#2: May 22, 2024

ITTF Executive Board Meeting#3: August 3, 4 and 6, 2024

ITTF Continental Council Meeting#2: December 7, 2024

ITTF Executive Board Meeting#4: December 9, 2024

The year 2024 has been a fruitful one for the sport of table tennis. Thanks to the joint efforts of the ITTF and the world table tennis family, we have achieved remarkable success across various aspects of its work.

The ITTF World Championships Finals and the ITTF Summit were successfully held in Busan, South Korea. The diligent work and outstanding performance of the Korean Table Tennis Association, the event organization team, the media and operation team contributed greatly to the smooth progressing of the event. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to all those who made tremendous efforts and to all members for the success of the event.

I was very pleased to witness the ITTF World Cup return with style in 2024. This is a significant milestone, a perfect combination of the sport's profound traditions and forward-looking innovation. The expansion of the draw size as well as the fresh professional venue setup have rekindled the passion and anticipation of fans all over the world, setting a new standard for the future development of table tennis competitions.

Similarly, the second edition of the ITTF Mixed Team World Cup was successful at the end of 2024. Meanwhile, we were well aware that players and Member Associations have higher expectations for the XTWC. We will continue to push for higher world ranking points and prize money for the event, as well as support the work needed for introducing the mixed team format into the Olympic Games.

The full calendar of 2024 WTT events has not only promoted exchanges and communications among table tennis players but also further enhanced the international influence of our sport. As the top-tier competition in the global sports community, Paris 2024 provided an excellent platform for table tennis. During this sports feast, table tennis players, with their sweat and effort, showcased the spirit of sports and gained more attention and affection from the fans. The success of the Paris 2024 table tennis competitions has officially placed our sport at the centre of the international sports stage. With high spirit, we look forward to the continued growth and

development of table tennis on the international stage, bringing more exciting and unforgettable moments to sports enthusiasts worldwide, striving for vigorous development to be in the ranks of the world's top sports.

The inaugural ITTF E-Sports Championships were held in Helsingborg, Sweden, in 2024, marking the official entry of table tennis into the field of E-sports. The natural advantages E-Sports processes in technology innovation and immersive interaction will further enhance the popularity of table tennis, aligning with the trend of digital development. Table tennis is bound to achieve even greater success.

Diversity and Inclusiveness was the theme for World Table Tennis Day in 2024, celebrating activities were hosted in more countries and regions, especially in China, where a record-breaking 51 events were held in 40 cities. We have always been committed to attracting more people worldwide to participate in table tennis, to share joy and enjoy the health benefits it brings, and to better develop and promote the sport. We have also continued to promote cooperation and cultural exchange activities during various competitions and events, including joint training sessions and coach seminars. The CTTA and I will continue to contribute to high performance development, sharing China's experience in developing table tennis with the world, and promoting the global development of young players and the sustainable development of table tennis.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to ITTF President, Ms. Petra Sörling, whose distinguished leadership and selfless dedication have been a guiding light for the ITTF Executive Board and all ITTF Group entities, as well as an exceptional ambassador for ITTF and table tennis sports among the international scene. Thank you to all my Executive Board colleagues for the mutual support and efficient work. Thank you to ITTF Group CEO, Mr. Steve Dainton, for the considerable amount of coordination, communication, and integration work he personally undertakes due to his many responsibilities, as well as the commercial and marketing work on the WTT side. Thank you to ITTF Secretary General, Mr. Raul Calin, for his communication and coordination in the areas of governance, meetings, and liaison with the IOC. Thank you to all the Continental Federations and MAs for their support. Thank you to the ITTF Group staff for their hard work, contribution, and concerted solidarity.

I look forward to working together with our increasingly professional and diverse team to jointly strive for the continuous enhancement of the sport we love on a global scale.

LIU Guoliang

ITTF Deputy President

In my capacity as the Senior Vice President of the International Table Tennis Federation for 2024, I am pleased to present the annual report to you. As we reflect on the past year, the sport of table tennis has been an exciting time on a global scale. The ITTF is committed to continuing to grow and develop table tennis as a sport.

We had several online and physical meetings as the EB in charge of the WTTTC for 2024 in Busan.

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

1. WTTTC Finals in Busan, Korea Republic, Following up during the preparation of the event with the Organising Committee and inspecting Busan in order to ensure that all participants have the best experience possible. As well, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Korea Table Tennis Association for hosting such a successful tournament.
2. Expand the number of WTT events and motivate countries to host additional WTT competitions. Over the past few years, we have made significant efforts to engage stakeholders in hosting more WTT events, beginning in the Arab region and extending throughout Asia following my election as President of the Asian Table Tennis Union. Additionally, we have encouraged other countries and member associations to organise more table tennis events.
3. Supervise the WTT Events in Doha 2024.
4. Attending all EC physical and online meetings.
5. Fulfilling all my duties as the Senior Vice President of the ITTF

Areas of Responsibility

- World Championships
- ITTF and WTT Board Team Meeting held online & physically.

Attendance at ITTF Executive Board Meetings

- EB Meeting in Busan, Korea Republic
- EB Meeting in Paris, France
- EB Meeting in Chengdu, People's Republic of China

This past year has been filled with significant developments. At the ITTF, we are confident that we are moving in the right direction, particularly with the global promotion of WTT tournaments. We are excited to collaborate with our member associations in 2025 to inspire excellence in life through the sport of table tennis.

Khalil AL-MOHANNADI

ITTF Senior Executive Vice-President

This report outlines my contributions from January to December 2024, focusing on key areas of responsibility and achievements during the period.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- Representing Africa (Communications) alongside Mr. Wahid Oshodi
- Overseeing IT and Digital Transformation
- Development and Continental Engagement
- Advocating for Athlete Welfare and Representation
- Overseeing Finance as the Executive VP for Finance, practically starting in October 2023

Meetings and Representation

In 2024, I took part in every meeting, including:

- Executive Board (EB) meetings (both in-person and virtual)
- Continental Council meetings
- The AGM and ITTF Council during the WTTC in Busan

These engagements have been crucial in shaping ITTF's policies and ensuring sound financial and operational governance.

Strengthening African Communication and Development

Collaborating with Mr. Wahid Oshodi, I focused on enhancing ITTF's communication and development across Africa.

Key milestones include:

- The African Cup in Rwanda was a huge success, featuring an exceptional venue that surpassed those of any other African event.
- The African Table Tennis Championships in Ethiopia showcased excellent organizational progress, with a transparent and well-conducted ATTF AGM. Congratulations to all newly elected and re-elected ATTF EB members.
- WTT Contender Lagos remained a signature event this year. Equally notable were the Contender events in Tunisia, which provided an outstanding showcase of Africa's growing hosting capabilities.
- WTT Youth Series tournaments continue to expand, offering more opportunities for young African talent.

IT & Digital Transformation

The IT and digital landscape is a pivotal area for ITTF, but challenges persist.

Major focus areas:

- Database Modernisation: Updating and improving ITTF's databases to increase efficiency.
- Revenue Generation: Leveraging underutilised data for new revenue opportunities with stronger business strategies.
- Cybersecurity: Enhancing cybersecurity measures and protecting digital rights remain critical.

IMG Arena Partnership Challenges

Our 2020 partnership with IMG Arena, focused on betting data and streaming rights, encountered difficulties this year. Revenue fell from \$7M to the \$2.4M minimum guarantee, amid broader challenges across multiple International Federations. The integration of IMG Arena into Endeavor's OpenBet platform suggests operational challenges. Diversifying revenue streams must be a top priority for the ITTF moving forward.

Development Initiatives

Under Mikael Andersson's visionary leadership, development programs continue to grow despite budgetary constraints.

Key initiatives:

Overhauling coaching manuals with modern methodologies.

Introducing a structured and globally standardised coaching accreditation system.

Prioritising creative funding solutions to sustain development programs.

Athlete Representation and WTT Governance

While athletes are represented on ITTF's Executive Board, WTT lacks comparable representation.

To promote trust and collaboration, a comprehensive review of WTT event structure and scheduling and athlete inclusion mechanisms is urgently required.

Finance and Budget Management

Taking on the finance portfolio, I have worked closely with the President, CEO, and CFO to solidify ITTF's financial health.

Key accomplishments:

Stabilised finances to lift the hiring freeze in key departments.

Implemented structured departmental budgeting, enhancing clarity and accountability.

Maintained tight cash flow monitoring to ensure stability.

Management Buyout Proposal

A proposed Management Buyout (MBO) for WTT sparked constructive discussions. While the initiative demonstrated our team's entrepreneurial spirit, I supported retaining ITTF's 85% equity stake. This decision preserves long-term value and reflects senior Executive Board alignment.

Financial Recovery

Despite challenges such as reduced IMG Arena revenue, disciplined leadership turned a significant \$9m loss in 2023 into a \$1.5m profit in 2024. This success was made possible through collaboration with the President, CEO, CFO, and financial team.

Closing Remarks

I extend my gratitude to the ITTF President, Deputy President, Senior EVP, Executive Board members, CEO, Secretary General, and CFO for their unwavering support. The future of ITTF relies on financial stability, active athlete involvement, and embracing digital innovation to drive global growth.

Alaa MESHREF

ITTF Executive Vice-President Finance

INTRODUCTION

After my election in Houston, the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 were very productive. With the appointment of President Petra Sörling, my main focuses were:

- Para TT
- Innovation
- Health

With the support of the entire ITTF group staff (ITTF, WTT and Foundation), I tried to understand and collaborate in many other areas, such as: Financial, Human Resources, WTT, Communication, Foundation and Development. I must always highlight the opportunity I was given to spend a few days at the WTT/ITTF office in Singapore, before the Grand Smash – 2023.

This greatly facilitated all my activities in the following months. Again, I thank everyone who made this opportunity possible, particularly President Petra Sörling and CEO Steve Dainton.

I participated in dozens of online meetings, totalling more than 80 hours. In addition, I represented the ITTF at several events and participated in face-to-face meetings of the EB:

1. World Championship – EB Meeting – Busan - February
2. Visit to the Austrian Federation – Vienna - May
3. Open for Factor 40 Slovenia – Lasko - May
4. South American Senior Championship – Asuncion – June
5. Olympic Games – EB Meeting – Paris - July/August
6. Paralympic Games – Paris – August/September
7. Pan American Senior Championship – El Salvador – October
8. World Table Tennis for Health Festival – Metz – November
9. Mixed Team World Cup – EB Meeting – Chengdu – December

CONCLUSION

1 – The ITTF Constitution needs to be improved. The EB needs to play an increasingly strategic and supervisory role in the operational area. However, it should avoid getting involved in any operational area. As I said in my report last year: Nose in, hands off. Today, there is a lot of mixing, and some clashes occur.

2 – We need to discuss our Strategic Plan more and more, and it must be known by all our stakeholders. And prioritise processes, procedures, indicators and goals. Everyone has to be transparent, especially with periodic publications on our website. We have to applaud the creation of the Plan in 2023/2024.

3 – Despite being one of my focuses – innovation, unfortunately, I was unable to attend; but hosting the 1st Virtual Table Tennis World Championship in Sweden was an important step towards the future. Mainly to show the IOC our strength and to have the elements to fight for the inclusion of our sport in the E-sports Olympic Games, whose rights were acquired by Saudi Arabia for several years.

4 – “A dream came true”. After much insistence, with many interventions at EB meetings and on several other occasions, Para Sport underwent a revolution last year, the repercussions of which will be eternal, starting in 2025.

I thank President Petra Sörling, Steve Dainton, Raul Calin and especially Mounir Bessah, for transforming the dreams of para athletes into reality.

After extensive collaboration with the ITTF Para Committee, the Ranking Working Group, and multiple departments, we’re introducing:

- A reimagined three-tier event structure, creating distinct opportunities for players to compete at progressively higher levels
- Fresh, dynamic branding to give the Circuit a new look and engage fans
- An ambitious calendar with over 20 events spanning all continents
- An updated ranking system designed to boost player participation
- An online system, avoiding errors in draws, optimising the time of ITTF event managers and local organisers.
- Partnership with the company Butterfly to be the official ball for all events
- Possibility of sending videos of athletes in advance, facilitating and optimising the work of classifiers in competitions.

Alaor AZEVEDO

ITTF Executive Vice-President

Areas of Responsibilities:

1. Sports Science and Medical
2. Entourage
3. Home of Table Tennis (Project stopped due to COVID-19)

2024 has been a wonderful success for Table Tennis with “ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals, Busan”, “2024 Paris Olympic & Paralympic Games” and over 90 WTT events held across the globe. I would like to thank all the ITTF and WTT staff, Member Associations, Hosting Countries & Cities for the great organisation of these events.

Meetings and Events which I have attended in 2024:

Date	Location	Meeting / Event
23 rd ~26 th Jan	Tokyo, Japan	Visit from Petra Sörling (ITTF President)
15 th ~28 th Feb	Busan, Korea	WTTCF, Busan ITTF EB #01 / ITTF Council Meeting #1 ATTU Council Meeting #1 / ITTF AGM
22 nd May	Online Meeting	ITTF EB #02
11 th ~12 th July	Tokyo, Japan	Visit from Steve Dainton CEO
25 th July~12 th Aug	Paris, France	Paris Olympic Games 2024 ITTF EB #03 ~ #05 / WS Award Presenter
6 th ~ 15 th Oct	Astana, Kazakhstan	27 th ITTF - Asian Table Tennis Championships ATTU Council Meeting #2 / ATTU AGM
23 rd Oct	Online Meeting	ITTF Entourage Group
1 st Nov	Online Meeting	ITTF EB #06
19 th ~24 th Nov	Fukuoka, Japan	WTT Men’s & Women’s Finals
5 th ~ 10 th Dec	Chengdu, China	ITTF Mixed Team World Cup ITTF Council Meeting #2 / ITTF EB #07

I represented the ITTF at the following events and meetings:

ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals Busan 2024, Korea

16th to 25th February 2024

Knowing the background of WTTCF Busan being postponed due to COVID-19 in 2020, it was truly wonderful and privileged to attend the event. I believe the 1st WTTCF in Korea has been a great 1st event for both KTTA and ITTF, as well as the first “ISO 20121” certified event.

Paris Olympic Games 2024, France

26th July to 11th August 2024

The Paris Olympics were a great event thanks to the efforts of the French Organising Committee and the ITTF’s Olympic officials.

I would also like to thank them for giving me the opportunity to be a gift presenter at the Women's Singles Awards Ceremony at such a wonderful event.

27th ITTF - Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024, Astana, Kazakhstan

6th to 13th October 2024

Thanks to the Kazakhstan organising committee for hosting an event which has become a very memorable event for me. This is a personal feeling I have about the event, but seeing the high performance and skills from all participants, especially to see Japan stand on the Winners podium for Men's Singles and Women's Team Event, which is both the 1st time in 50 years.

ITTF Entourage Meeting

23rd October 2024

This was the first meeting held after the "Paris Olympic Games 2024". With the great work from WTT and hosting countries, the number of WTT events has greatly increased from 21 events in 2021 to 97 events in 2024, providing many opportunities for players to participate. But at the same time, I noticed the difficulties of some players maintaining their physical and mental conditions due to the increase in events. So, our discussion mainly focused on the fields to ease the schedule for the players.

WTT Finals Men & Women, Fukuoka, Japan

20th to 24th November 2024

This was the second WTT event held in Japan. As a deep Table Tennis fan, it is always nice to have the Top players performing their highest level of games at my home soil. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the WTT staff, organisers, sponsors, and volunteers for making such a fantastic WTT Finals event in Japan.

ITTF Mixed Team World Cup 2024, Chengdu, China

1st to 8th December 2024

For the Mixed Team World Cup, I observed it for the first time and realised that China's table tennis passion is growing, to the extent where the venue was packed to capacity.

I was also moved to see scenes of Chinese table tennis fans cheering not only for their own players but also for their opponents. "One Table One World" is truly the way we are headed.

Conclusion

At the next AGM, I will have served the ITTF for 12 years (3 full terms); therefore, my journey as your Executive Vice President will come to an end.

Looking back, I can't tell you how many experiences I had, starting with the actions against boosters, hosting of 2014 World Championships Tokyo, discussion on the number of matches at World Junior Championships, continuous hosting of Sports Science and Medical Committee meetings, framing of the mixed doubles event for the Olympics, entry of unified Korea in WTTTC, proposal to implement TTR, fighting COVID pandemic situation, beginning of WTT and the great success of Table Tennis at Paris Olympics.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Prof. Kondrič, Miran, the former chair of the SSMC who worked with me throughout the 12 years.

Finally, I would like to thank all the EB members who have worked with me during my term of office and wish the ITTF continued success in the future.

Thank you very much.

MAEHARA Masahiro

ITTF Executive Vice-President

This report covers the period of the year 2024.

My responsibilities as Executive Vice President included developing business strategies, practices, and a business model for table tennis under the scope of ITTF, as Head of the Business Development Unit.

Regarding business development, 2024 might be described as the first most successful year of a new era of business management of Table Tennis worldwide, meaning that the structure created on the basis of WTT started to prove its business potential.

In the first months of 2024, I worked on creating the Business Development Unit's working methods and working programme and negotiated with the new unit members.

However, the financial challenges of the previous year elevated the responsibility of developing the business model; therefore, I negotiated with the CEO and the Executive Board members rather than pursuing this work in an expert-based Unit.

The goal of the work remains unchanged: to create and develop new business models and structures for further developing our sport and allowing it to strengthen the business channels that help us to monetise our sport. During the year, I had to evaluate potential investors' proposals based on the reports presented by the CEO and CFO of ITTF. I personally shared these evaluations with the Executive Board members.

2024 was a year of the Olympic Games that proved to be a great success for Table Tennis. Paris, as the host of the Olympic Games, organised a fantastic event, with a Table Tennis Hall full for the whole Games. From a business perspective, this was clear proof of our sport's inimitable strengths.

During the year, I actively participated in all Executive Board meetings. In addition to the Olympic Games, I attended the World Championships in Busan and the ITTF Mixed Team World Cup in Chengdu. Both events hosted the EB Meetings in person.

In 2024, I closely followed, as part of my responsibilities, the serious work made in the field of Master's Table Tennis to develop and widen the amateur and post-professional base of our sport.

NATRAN Roland
ITTF Executive Vice-President

This report covers work done as the ITTF Executive Vice President (EVP) with oversight for all issues relating to Governance, Communications and World Ranking. This is in addition to the general duties which lie upon all EVPs within the ITTF Executive Board (EB) and other duties assigned by the ITTF President.

GOVERNANCE

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

1. Involved in various legal advisory services relating to member associations.
2. Attending to matters relating to the ITTF Eligibility Commission and dealing with issues referred thereto.
3. Meetings with various relevant organs and committees of the IOC on issues relating to governance.
4. Attending with relevant staff to advise on the necessary work to strengthen our safeguards against match manipulation in our sport.
5. Acting in concert with other relevant officials of the ITTF to review governance issues in various Member Associations (Indonesia, Mexico, Panama, Morocco) and taking appropriate actions in accordance with the ITTF Statutes.
6. Completing self-assessment for ASOIF's International Federation Governance Review in tandem with the Secretary General.
7. I was a member of the ITTF task force, which successfully resolved players' agitations regarding certain rules and regulations of the WTT and ITTF.

Kindly find hereunder work done on other matters related to and touching upon issues of governance:

- i. Review of submitted propositions and resolutions for the 2025 ITTF AGM and Council meetings to be held in Doha, Qatar.
- ii. Working with the Nominations Committee in setting and advising upon criteria for nomination and selection of persons to the various ITTF Committees and Commissions, including lately screening candidates for upcoming elections.
- iii. Part of the team that succeeded in resolving the surrounding issues affecting the table tennis associations in Mexico and Indonesia. Fully involved in the Work in Progress in the resolution of other member associations' problems.

COMMUNICATIONS & PROTOCOL

2024: A RECORD YEAR, A TURNING POINT FOR ITTF

The year 2024 marked a historic milestone for the ITTF, featuring the highest number of events since the inception of World Table Tennis (WTT). This presented an opportunity to reposition the ITTF as an event brand, reinforce its social media presence, and reassert its status as the global governing body of table tennis.

The ITTF Communications team fully embraced this golden opportunity, maximising visibility, engagement, and global reach. The results were remarkable, setting new benchmarks for the sport's media impact and positioning it for the expected growth in the years to come.

As we look ahead, maintaining and expanding this momentum requires strategic investment in the team. By strengthening our capabilities, we can build on this success and ensure continued growth for ITTF Communications.

A YEAR FULL OF EVENTS

ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals Busan 2024 (16 – 25 Feb)

- A Paris 2024 qualification event that attracted unparalleled media attention.
- Record-breaking 350+ accredited media from over 20 Member Associations.
- Cumulative global audience of 963 million.
- Seamless collaboration with an efficient Local Organising Committee (LOC).

ITTF Men's and Women's World Cup Macao 2024 (15 – 21 Apr)

- A strategic communications push reintroduced this iconic event after a three-year hiatus.
- The campaign reinforced its rich history, paving the way for further growth.
- With stronger integration with the continental qualification pathway, its potential is immense.

ITTF World Masters Championships Rome 2024 (6 – 14 Jul)

- Largest table tennis event in history: 6,100 players from 111 Member Associations.
- First-ever inclusion of Para table tennis giving us more latitude to publicise our efforts in the Para table tennis sphere.
- Human-interest stories, transitioning to competition narratives.
- 11 tables live-streamed on ITTF YouTube.

Paris 2024 Olympic Games (26 Jul – 11 Aug)

- A landmark moment for table tennis with worldwide exposure.
- Key narratives included: China's dominance sweeping all gold medals, Europe's resurgence with strong performances from France and Sweden, France's "Lebrunmania" driving unprecedented home interest, India's historic achievements and growing engagement, USA's rising presence ahead of the LA 2028 Olympics.
- ITTF Communications played a pivotal role in amplifying all these stories, ensuring they resonated in each key market.

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games (28 Aug – 8 Sep)

- Increased focus on Para table tennis, delivering richer content and deeper engagement. Our efforts herein were fully acknowledged by the IOC.
- Record ITTF Communications presence on-site for a Paralympic Games.
- Set the stage for the ITTF Para Circuit rebranding, launched later in the year.

ITTF World Youth Championships 2024 (22 – 29 Nov.)

- Navigated overlapping schedules with the WTT Finals to maximise ITTF platforms' output.
- Maintained ITTF's leading voice on youth development and future stars of the sport.

ITTF World Esports Championships 2024 (27 – 28 Nov.)

- A debut event requiring full conceptualisation and alignment with IOC Esports initiatives.
- ITTF Communications played an instrumental role beyond traditional media duties.

ITTF Mixed Team World Cup 2024 (1 – 8 Dec.)

- Building on the success of its first edition, the event presents an exciting opportunity for growth and refinement. Strengthening collaboration and optimising strategic planning will ensure its continued development and increased impact in future editions.

ITTF Summit, Youth Development & Esports Summits 2024

- ITTF Communications spearheaded the growth of the Summit brand and played a key role in shaping the content for these important gatherings, ensuring impactful and engaging programmes.
- Strengthened relationships with Member Associations through clear, consistent communication.

NEW STRATEGY: A SHIFT IN APPROACH GOING FORWARD

The record number of events, coupled with the ITTF Group restructuring, necessitates a strategic evolution in how we communicate.

From institutional narratives to a sport-first approach:

- Greater emphasis on the World Cup, World Championships, Continental pathways, the Para Table Tennis Series, and Esports.
- Stronger focus on video content and data-driven engagement: Investing in data analytics will allow more refined targeting and impact measurement.

This resulted in phenomenal digital growth: (December 2024 figures, % increase over 2024):

- Facebook: 84,817 followers (+34%)
- Instagram: 61,060 followers (+405%)
- LinkedIn: 5,545 followers (+22%)
- YouTube: 66,345 subscribers (+294%)

These figures underscore the power of effective storytelling, consistent branding, and proactive engagement. The success is undeniable. Now, we must secure the resources to sustain and scale this momentum.

BUILDING THE TEAM: INVESTMENT IN TALENT

In June, we welcomed a Graphic Designer, a game-changer for ITTF's brand identity. The impact was immediate:

- Olympic and Paralympic Games: Delivered all design materials.
- Brand Evolution: Refreshed and expanded ITTF's brand identity (guidelines attached).
- Esports & Para Table Tennis Branding: Created new logos and identity structures.
- Event Branding Overhaul: Standardised all event logos and materials.

This investment has elevated ITTF's professionalism and visual impact.

CONCLUSION: SUSTAINING MOMENTUM FOR FUTURE GROWTH

2024 has been an exceptional year, proving the impact of a well-executed communications strategy. We maximised every opportunity and delivered unprecedented results for the ITTF brand. Improved partnerships with Continental Federations and ITTF Communications advisory in this regard have led to improved coverage across all the continents.

To sustain and expand this success, I believe that ITTF must invest further in additional resources. The next logical step is to expand video production and social media management resources. The future is bright.

WORLD RANKING

The ITTF World Ranking Working Group (WRWG) was tasked by the EB with conducting a comprehensive review of the ranking regulations to identify and address fundamental issues affecting the system's core integrity.

A survey was carried out with over 100 participants, including players and Member Associations, highlighting key concerns such as:

- The perceived unfairness in the allocation of continental points.
- Stringent mandatory event participation and penalty policies.
- The disproportionate awarding of ranking points in youth competitions.

Following a thorough analysis, the Working Group proposed a series of improvements, including an adjustment to the points distribution for youth events to ensure a fairer and more balanced ranking system. The work of the WRWG in improving the system is on-going and will surely help in addressing all the issues raised in the survey.

ITTF World Para Rankings

With input from the Para Table Tennis Commission, the ITTF developed a new ITTF World Para Ranking system, aligning it more closely with the existing able-bodied ranking structure. A structured transition plan was implemented, with the first events under this new system being incorporated in March 2025.

ITTF World Ranking Working Group – Composition and Responsibilities

The composition of the ITTF WRWG has been updated over the past months to ensure a well-rounded representation, including the addition of a dedicated representative for Para Table Tennis.

Olympic Games Qualification

The ranking-based qualification process for the Olympic Games was executed successfully, with all relevant rankings published smoothly and receiving positive feedback. Additionally, historical rankings, statistics, and player achievements were compiled and provided to the Olympic Games' organising body to enhance the overall broadcasting experience.

ITTF WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

ITTF played a crucial role in coordinating seeding and draw preparations for the ITTF World Masters Championships, the largest table tennis event ever held, featuring over 6,000 participants. Their involvement ensured the seamless organisation of this landmark competition.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I hereby acknowledge the support and trust of the ITTF President, **Ms Petra SÖRLING** and my esteemed colleagues in the Executive Board, Continental Presidents and all members of our working groups. I thank them for making time to meet and deliberate on issues pertinent to the development of our sport, and I hope this commitment to the cause of the ITTF will continue into the future. I would also like to heartily thank all my colleagues and friends across all our member associations and wish them the best for 2025.

I also extend my gratitude and appreciation to the ITTF CEO, **Steve DANTON** and the ITTF Secretary General, **Raul CALIN**, respectively, for giving of their valuable time and patience in guiding and advancing the work of the Executive Board and me in particular. Lastly, I would like to thank all the staff of the ITTF Group, with special regard to the departed **Dylan MAH, Javier ANGULO** and **Tristan LAVIER**, for providing the necessary support, ultimately bringing ease to my work. Finally, I hereby reaffirm my continued dedication to the work of advancing the ITTF in all areas.

Wahid OSHODI

ITTF Executive Vice-President

In 2024 my primary portfolio responsibilities continued to be Integrity and Equipment.

INTEGRITY

Anti-doping functions, including event-based education, are outsourced mainly to the International Testing Agency (ITA). This arrangement has been extended for another four years. This contract consumes approximately one-half of the budget allocated for Integrity. In 2024, ITA delivered presentations to athletes and entourage personnel at the WTT Feeder Dusseldorf event in November 2024 and at the ITTF World Junior Championships a week later. An online webinar for ITTF coaches was provided in December.

BETTING INTEGRITY & MATCH MANIPULATION

Due to the extent of betting coverage and betting volume, table tennis has a relatively high-risk rating for betting integrity and match manipulation. Reports of suspicious betting on table tennis matches increased in 2024. The majority of these were in events not sanctioned by the ITTF. However, there were also some matches in lower-level WTT events and sanctioned regional events.

Investigation of such incidents can involve a team of specialist investigators and is hence quite expensive.

Cooperative relationships have been developed with the organisers of several private events to provide advice on steps to minimise the risk of match manipulation associated with betting.

Discussions have taken place with WTT regarding potential initiatives to manage risks for WTT.

SAFE SPORT

The Integrity Unit successfully brought a case to the ITTF Tribunal against a coach for sexual assault on a player at an international event, resulting in a ban on the coach.

ETHICS

One of the issues in this area is the range of complaints received, from very serious allegations of corruption to much more minor cases involving altercations between individuals. A process to fast-track the processing of more minor cases would be of assistance.

REVIEW OF REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The regulations which govern integrity matters in the ITTF have been drafted at different times and in different sections of the regulations, resulting in a number of inconsistencies, omissions and shortcomings. A review of the integrity regulatory framework is regarded as a priority by the

Integrity Board. A cost-effective proposal to review the framework using the services of a Swiss university has been negotiated. However, this will require the allocation of specific funding.

RESOURCES

The Integrity Unit budget was boosted by US\$50,000 for 2024, enabling the employment of a part-time Assistant Integrity Officer from April 2024. This has assisted with responding to reports and complaints; however, the Unit remains very stretched in attempting to meet its comprehensive Terms of Reference.

EQUIPMENT

TESTING

Testing of balls, tables, nets, flooring and racket coverings is a key responsibility of the Equipment Unit, and 2024 was again a busy year in this regard.

The Unit also progressed with work on several key projects.

AFTER TREATMENT OF RACKETS

A testing regime has been developed to reliably detect instances where players have modified rackets to obtain an unfair advantage. Training for racket testers was delivered in 2024 at both the Asian Championships and the European Championships and further training is scheduled for March and April 2025.

In several instances, players have used approved top rubber sheets on blades but with sponge sheets different from those provided by the manufacturer. This has necessitated proposed amendments to the regulations for racket coverings.

BALL BOUNCE ON DIFFERENT TABLE SURFACES

In 2024, 3 classification categories for table surface friction coefficients were introduced, providing players with advanced notice of the properties of the tables used in tournaments. To reduce the current variance in table surfaces, it is proposed to progressively reduce the allowed range in each classification category over a 10-year period, allowing manufacturers time to adapt.

WHEELCHAIR TABLES

Changing designs of sports wheelchairs have led to a need to amend regulations relating to the requirements for wheelchair tables, necessitating modifications to some table brands to accommodate larger wheelchairs.

There are several propositions for Doha, as well as associated amendments for Manuals and technical Leaflets, that have been prepared by the Equipment Unit in consultation with the Equipment Committee to address these issues and to ensure fair competition.

Graham SYMONS

ITTF Executive Vice-President

1. Introduction

The Athletes Commission (AC) continues to actively engage with the ITTF and other stakeholders to ensure that the concerns of athletes are addressed and to advocate for positive changes in the sport. Early 2024 has been marked by productive discussions and progress, particularly around issues such as World Ranking points, tournament scheduling conflicts, prize money, and the pathway to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. This report also highlights positive developments, particularly from the World Table Tennis (WTT) organisation, where several key changes have been made to improve the athlete experience.

2. Key Discussions and Updates

2.1. Online Meetings & Key Topics

The Athletes Commission held two online meetings in early 2024, focusing on various pressing issues:

- **World Ranking System:** The inclusion of World Ranking points in the Mixed Team World Cup (China) and the World Team Championships (Korea) was discussed. Athletes expressed concerns about the fairness and transparency of these decisions.
- **Prize Money:** A key topic of discussion has been the reduction in prize money of the previous years, 2022 and 2023, particularly in comparison to the 2021 season.
- **Tournament Scheduling Conflicts:** The overlapping of tournament dates, such as the Pan Am Games and the Frankfurt Champions, and between the African Games and Singapore Smash, was raised as a major issue affecting athletes' ability to participate in multiple important events.

2.2. Athlete Satisfaction with Major Events

Athletes have expressed positive feedback regarding key events held in early 2024, such as the World Championships, Frankfurt Champions, and the Mixed Team World Cup. These events have been praised for their organisation, competitive atmosphere, and support services for athletes, demonstrating that improvements are being made to ensure better competition environments.

3. Positives from WTT: Key Changes in the Handbook

WTT has made several significant changes in its 2024 Handbook, leading to improvements in tournament conditions, which have been positively received by athletes. These changes focus on reducing costs, improving prize money, and streamlining penalties.

Some of the key improvements include:

3.1. Reduction in Hospitality Requirements:

- The minimum number of days required for hospitality has been reduced from 3 days to 2 days. This change helps to alleviate the financial burden on athletes, as they are no longer required to pay for additional days of accommodation and food. This is a welcome change for many players, especially those with limited sponsorship or funding.

3.2. Increase in Prize Money:

- WTT has made notable strides in increasing prize money for several tournaments, addressing one of the key concerns raised by athletes. The increase in prize money is aimed at helping athletes offset the costs of participation, especially those who are competing in lower-tier tournaments or feeder events, where prize money was previously insufficient to cover basic expenses.

3.3. Reduction of Penalties:

- Another positive development is the reduction in penalties for certain violations, ensuring that penalty systems are fairer and more consistent across different competitions. This change was welcomed by athletes, as it reduces the severity of penalties and ensures that minor infractions do not lead to disproportionately harsh consequences. The adjustment aims to create a more player-friendly environment.

3.4. AC Co-Chair Invited to WTT HQ in Singapore:

- In September 2024, the AC Co-Chair, Sharath Kamal Achanta, was invited to the WTT Headquarters in Singapore to engage in direct discussions about these recent changes. This meeting provided an invaluable opportunity for the Athletes Commission to discuss the latest developments in the WTT Handbook, including hospitality reductions, prize money increases, and penalty adjustments. The dialogue with WTT's leadership was a positive step forward in ensuring that athlete perspectives continue to be integrated into decision-making processes at the organisational level.

These changes reflect WTT's ongoing efforts to make the sport more accessible and sustainable for athletes, demonstrating a commitment to improving the overall experience for players at all levels of competition.

4. Requests and Concerns from Athletes

4.1. Exceptions from Mandatory Event

- Many top-tier tournaments have been announced, and the athletes requested for some exceptions to the mandatory events, which could help them plan better their tournaments and training calendar.

4.2. High costs for participation

- **WTT Tournament Costs:** The cost of participating in WTT tournaments remains high, with many athletes spending up to 1200 USD for a 3-day stay covering basic hospitality. This cost burden is becoming unsustainable for many athletes, especially those without major sponsorships or financial backing.

4.3. Calendar Announcement Delays

Athletes have requested that the ITTF announce the tournament calendar well in advance to allow sufficient time for proper preparation. This includes:

- **Avoiding Last-Minute Changes:** The inclusion of World Ranking points for the Mixed Team World Cup just a few weeks before the event, and similar last-minute changes to the World Team Championships, were a source of frustration for many athletes. Such changes make it difficult to plan training schedules, travel logistics, and overall tournament participation.

4.4. Communication Platform for Athletes

The Athletes Commission has received a request from athletes to improve communication and networking opportunities among players. A potential solution is to start using the drop-down menu on the ITTF website to facilitate direct communication between athletes. This feature would allow athletes to easily connect with each other, share advice, and collaborate on various initiatives, fostering a stronger sense of community within the sport.

Sharath Kamal ACHANTA and LIU Shiwen

Co-Chairs of the Athletes' Commission

The year 2024 was the Olympic year full of exciting sporting events. With the Olympics at the heart of the global sports community, numerous sports activities flourished throughout the year, bringing vibrancy and enthusiasm to the field. I had the honour of engaging in countless meetings and events. Many IOC, OCA, and ITTF meetings were conducted online and in-person to discuss the development of sports and to provide athletes' better sports environment. The following report covers my ITTF Executive Board and IOC Member activities in 2024.

19th January to 1st February – Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games, Gangwon

The Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) continued the legacy of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics, bringing together 1,802 young winter sports athletes. During the YOG festival-style programs and learning programs were organized to encourage youth participation. The IOC Athletes' Commission closely monitored the event to ensure that the athletes could perform at their best.

16th to 25th February – ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Busan 2024, Busan

The ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Busan 2024 was the first time in the 100-year history of Korean table tennis that the event was hosted in South Korea. Initially scheduled for 2020, the tournament was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, after overcoming numerous challenges, it was successfully hosted, with approximately 2,000 athletes and officials from 40 countries, along with Summit participants from over 150 nations, took part in the event. Furthermore, the event achieved ISO 20121 Certification for outstanding sustainability performance.

12th to 13th March – IOC Advisory Committee on Human Rights Meeting, Lausanne

The IOC Advisory Committee on Human Rights had its meeting in Lausanne. During the two-day meeting, we discussed ways to guide the IOC in the implementation of its strategic framework on human rights.

27th – 31st March – WTT Champions Incheon 2024, Incheon

The WTT Champions Incheon 2024 was the first WTT Series event to be held in South Korea, and also the first WTT Champions event of 2024. The event was held successfully, and I look forward to the next WTT Champions.

17th to 19th April – ITTF Men's and Women's World Cup, Macao

I had the great honour of participating in the WTT Champions Macao 2023 opening and the first couple of days. The event was held successfully, and I look forward to the next WTT Champions.

22nd April – IOC Sustainability and Legacy Commission Meeting, via online

We held a meeting on the topic of Sustainability and Legacy for the Olympic Games Paris 2024, discussing key initiatives to ensure a sustainable Paris 2024.

8th to 11th May – WTT Youth Contender Gangneung 2024, Gangneung

The WTT Youth Contender Gangneung 2024 were held in Gangneung Arena, which was the venue for the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games. Young athletes showcased their talents and skills.

26th to 11 August – Olympic Games Paris 2024, Paris

The Olympic Games Paris 2024 were a resounding success, showcasing not only outstanding athletic performances but also the Olympic Movement's commitment to inclusivity, sustainability, and innovation.

On a personal note, my tenure as an IOC Athletes' Commission member concluded in Paris after eight fulfilling years. During this period, I had the privilege of representing the voices of athletes, advocating for their needs, and actively contributing to the growth of the Olympic Movement. It has been an incredibly rewarding journey, and I am proud of the initiatives we have championed to enhance the athlete experience and strengthen the global sports community. While my term as an IOC Athletes' Commission member has come to an end, my dedication to the values of Olympism and athlete empowerment remains unwavering.

8th September – 44th OCA General Assembly, New Delhi

The 44th OCA General Assembly was held in New Delhi, Raja Randhir Singh of India was elected unopposed as a new President. The post of President, five Vice Presidents for the five zones and five Executive Board members were all uncontested.

19th to 20th September – Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games Coordination Committee Meeting, Nagoya

The second Coordination Committee meeting was held for two days. Many important agenda items were discussed, including the accommodation, venues, etc. The members of the committee are composed of different experts bringing up diverse agendas.

In conclusion, the year 2024 was a full year for myself and the table tennis family and friends. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the members of ITTF and the table tennis family. While my term as an IOC member has come to an end, my dedication to the development of table tennis and the advancement of sports remains. I will continue to work towards fostering growth, innovation, and excellence in our sport. I can assure you that I will do my best to continue the solid relations with the IOC for the benefit of our sport.

I look forward to working with you all in 2025.

RYU Seung Min OLY

ITTF Executive Board Member

IOC Member (2016-2024)

AFRICA'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVENTS

Since the previous Continental Council (CC) meeting held in Busan on 20th February 2024, Africa successfully conducted five major events:

1. The Table Tennis event of the 13th African Games (Accra, Ghana, 3 – 10 March)

- Record participation of 27 National Olympic Committees (NOCs).
- Events: MT, WT, MS, WS, MD, WD, XD.
- The Table Tennis event was classified in the top category of events due to the professional organisation of our events within the Games.

2. ITTF-Africa Cup & ITTF African Olympic Qualification (Kigali, Rwanda, 12 – 18 May)

- First-ever TT Continental title event in Rwanda.
- Delivered a professional live-streamed event with a strong global image leaning on the hosts excellent world class facilities.

3. 2024 African Clubs Championships (Benghazi, Libya, 25 – 27 June)

- Participation from 5 MAs: EGY, ETH, LBA, NGR, TUN.
- Followed by a WTT Youth Contender event, marking the first WTT event in Libya.

4. 2024 ITTF-Africa Youth Championships (Gaborone, Botswana, 15 – 21 July)

- Included African Hopes Week/Challenge.
- Qualifying event for the ITTF Hopes Week/Challenge in Paraguay & ITTF World Youth Championships in Sweden.

5. 2024 ITTF-Africa Championships (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 12 – 19 October)

- Hosted the ATTF Elective AGM for the 2025-2028 office.
- Qualification event for the 2025 WTTC in Doha, Qatar.

Africa had a highly successful year with these five major events and five additional regional qualification events. There were also a sprinkling of top-class WTT Contender events, mainly in Tunisia and Nigeria. The quality and participation of world-class players on the African continent continue to improve. We acknowledge the success of our top players, Oman ASSAR, Quadri ARUNA, Dina MESHREF, and Hana GODA, in helping to put Africa in the spotlight.

With the election of a new Executive Committee and ATTF Council discussions are underway with the ITTF and the Corporate world on the need to increase funding for development projects, training programmes, regional qualifications and major events to ensure the participation of all member associations. This is an important goal for the newly elected team.

6. Africa at the 2024 Paris Olympics & Paralympics

Africa achieved a record qualification in the Men's category (9 players) and maintained strong representation in the Women's category (7 players). Key highlights:

- Men (9 players): 3 EGY, 2 NGR, 1 ALG, 1 MAD, 1 SEN, 1 CGO.
- Women (7 players): 3 EGY, 2 NGR, 1 CMR, 1 ALG.
- Paralympics: 11 EGY (6 female), 8 NGR (2 female), with Nigerian player Ogunkunle Isau winning a podium finish in Class 4.

7. 2025 ATTF Calendar & Development Initiatives

- The 2025 ATTF Calendar was adopted during meetings in Ethiopia, aligning with the ITTF Calendar, pending confirmation of the new MCA/SQA for 2025.
- ITTF Development Department provided critical support for African qualifiers to participate in the ITTF Hopes Week/Challenge in Paraguay, helping with high travel costs.
- Key development programs were conducted:
 - i. Match Officials: Blue Badge Education/Evaluations in Rwanda & Ethiopia.
 - ii. Competition Management Course: Held in Ethiopia.

8. Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

A proposal has been made to ensure adequate development programmes and events in Dakar to support their preparations for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games. A request has also been made to the IOC to adjust the cut-off age limit from U18 to U19, aligning with ITTF's new age categories (U15 & U19). This adjustment would prevent qualification pathway conflicts and ensure fair participation following the YOG postponement from 2022 to 2026.

9. Acknowledgements

I must express our thanks to all members of the ITTF Development Department for their great support of the African qualifiers for the ITTF Hopes Week/Challenge and various other development projects in Africa.

The constant engagement with the ATTF development team has produced excellent results along all our development pathways. They also assisted ATTF in conducting 2 important Development activities for the Match Officials (Blue Badge Education / Evaluations) during the major African events in Rwanda & Ethiopia, as well as one more essential Development Course for Competition Management held also in Ethiopia.

We also extend our thanks to the ITTF President **Ms. Petra SORLING**, ITTF CEO **Steve DAINTON** and ITTF Secretary General **Raul CALIN** for their immense support. Finally, we must also thank the Chinese Table Tennis Association for their assistance and partnership in development and coaching programmes for our youngest players.

Wahid OSHODI

Continental President: Africa

On behalf of the Pan American Table Tennis Confederation (ITTF-Americas), I am honoured to present a summary of the most relevant activities since the last ITTF Annual General Meeting.

The year 2024 has been very fruitful for the table tennis family in the Americas, as we managed to fulfil the activity calendar with extraordinary results. Two key events stand out:

- The continent's participation in the Paris Olympic Games, including the respective continental qualifier held in Lima, Peru, meeting world-class standards
- Implementing the Americas App, a digital platform that will allow us to grow in various dimensions, such as economic, technical, visibility, marketing, etc.

PANAMERICAN EVENTS:

The continental events were carried out with high-quality standards and distributed across each of the four (04) regions:

The city of Corpus Christi, United States, hosted the return of the Pan American Cup. It was an excellent event where Canadian player Eduard LY surprised and delighted everyone with his aggressive gameplay, claiming the championship and earning the right to participate in the World Cup.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, organised the Hopes Camp and the Pan American U11-U13 Championship, with a record number of young athletes participating who began their dream of becoming great champions.

Lima, Peru, hosted the Pan American Junior and Cadet Championship, reinforcing its prestige as one of the countries that best showcases table tennis events. It was undoubtedly a world-class event.

The city of San Salvador, El Salvador, surprised everyone by organising the best Pan American Senior Championship in history. The essential requirements (venue, hotel, transportation, food, and exposure) were first-class. The streaming broadcasts through our App were of high quality. We thank the Federation of El Salvador for its great commitment to table tennis.

Paris 2024 Olympic Qualifier:

Lima again became the premier venue for Table Tennis in the Americas by hosting the Paris 2024 Olympic Qualifier. All essential elements were carried out to very high standards. We congratulate the Table Tennis Federation of Peru for their great sense of responsibility.

Regional Championships:

Caribbean: The Dominican Republic hosted all the events for the Caribbean region, starting with the Hopes Camp, followed by the U11-U13, U15-U19 Championships, and the Caribbean Senior Championship, which also served as a qualifier for the World Championship. In this last event, we were able to stream live coverage of all eight competition tables.

Central America: El Salvador hosted the Senior Championship for the Central American region, Honduras organised the U15-U19 Championship, and Guatemala hosted the U11-U13 Championship.

South America: Paraguay served as the venue for the South American Senior Championship, Bolivia organised the U11-U13 Championship, and Chile hosted the U15-U19 Championship.

Technical Growth of Athletes: Brazil's Hugo CALDERANO and Puerto Rico's Adriana DIAZ continue to dominate the Pan American Championships, remaining the top representatives on the international stage. Their performances at the recent Olympic Games filled the Americas with pride. In addition, in the younger categories, we are creating high expectations with a group of young players who have decided to pursue their dreams.

Institutional Situation: The major event in our institutional life was the Ordinary General Assembly, during which the election of ITTF-Americas authorities took place. Juan VILA and Herny REIMBERG were re-elected as President and Vice President of the continent.

APP-ITTF-AMERICAS:

Key data: Over 8,000 people have downloaded and installed the APP on their phones, allowing us to reach these individuals directly with any information. It also enables us to determine fan demographics by country, age ranges, etc. Approximately 800 people paid to watch our events this year. Considering this is the first year, the results are very encouraging for 2025.

In the second phase of implementation, we aim to extend the technology to federations and associations, giving them the ability to organize tournaments with the help of the APP. It also offers the opportunity for us to establish our own ranking system.

REFEREEING:

Path to IU 2024 Course:

This initiative aims to train and update referees across the continent in preparation for the International White Badge Referee exam this year. Weekly synchronous meetings were held via an online platform for over five months. Currently, there are 57 participants from 17 countries.

IU Exam 2024:

In October of this year, the international referee exam will be held simultaneously worldwide. From the Americas, we have a total of 205 registered participants from 22 countries.

ITTF-Americas Referee Training:

A first virtual training session was held for basic referees, both in Spanish and English. The Spanish version had 20 participants, of whom 12 passed. The English version had 7 participants, with six passing.

Thank you very much,

Juan VILA

Continental President: Americas

As ATTU President, I am pleased to present the ATTU Report.

In 2024, the ATTU successfully achieved the key objectives we set last year, and we are honoured that the AGM has chosen us for another term. We are dedicated to working closely with our ATTU Executive Board members, Regional Vice Presidents, and Asian member associations to elevate the standard of table tennis across Asia and deliver the best possible outcomes.

1. ITTF / ATTU Strategic Quadrennial Agreement (SQA):

With the recent signing of the ITTF-ATTU/SQA, the ATTU (Asian Table Tennis Union) is poised to make significant advancements in promoting and developing table tennis across Asia. ATTU remains actively engaged in cultivating the sport in all Asian regions. By collaborating closely with member associations, ATTU provides valuable assistance and expert counsel on various matters. Committed to expanding regional activities, ATTU is steadfast in its mission to strengthen the table tennis community throughout Asia.

2. ATTU Website:

In alignment with the ITTF/SQA initiative, the ATTU (Asian Table Tennis Union) website has seen significant enhancements and is now more engaging than ever. For the most current updates on upcoming tournaments, player rankings, and coaching resources, this website serves as the premier platform. The modernisation and improved functionality of the ATTU website have greatly elevated the quality of information available to users.

3. ATTU AGM:

This year, the Asian Table Tennis Union held its Annual General Meeting in Astana, Kazakhstan, with representatives from over 40 countries across Asia in attendance. The meeting proved to be a great success, allowing the ATTU and its members to discuss important topics and share innovative ideas. A very successful election was conducted.

4. 27th ITTF-Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024

The 27th ITTF-Asian Table Tennis Championships took place in Astana, Kazakhstan, from October 6th to 13th, 2024. This prestigious event gathered top table tennis athletes from across Asia, fostering an atmosphere of intense competition and excitement. Hosting the championships in Astana, with its modern facilities and enthusiastic spectators, showcased the agility, skill, and determination of the participating athletes, leaving a lasting impression on both fans and players alike.

6- 27th Asian Youth championships 2024

The 28th Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships were held in Chongqing, China, from June 30th to July 6th, 2024. This prestigious event brought together talented young players from across Asia to compete in thrilling, high-intensity matches. The championships showcased exceptional skills, agility, and determination on the table tennis courts. The Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships in Chongqing provided not only a great platform for young athletes to demonstrate their abilities but also an opportunity for cultural exchange and camaraderie. Players from different countries united to compete in the spirit of friendship and sportsmanship.

7- ATTU Future Events

Since the AGM was confirmed in 2024, several events have been scheduled in the Asian Table Tennis scene.

- 34th ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup in Shenzhen, China from 19 – 23 February 2025.
- 29th Asian Youth TT Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 26 June to 02 July 2025.
- 28th ITTF – Asian Table Tennis Championships 2025 in India from 11 – 15 October 2025.

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the ITTF, ATTU member associations, and my colleagues for their unwavering support and contributions to the ATTU in 2025.

Khalil AL-MOHANNADI

Continental President: Asia

Membership

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

Events and Competitions

During the year 2024, ETTU was able to organise all scheduled events:

- 2024 Virtual TT Finals in Düsseldorf (Germany) on 13 January.
- ETTU Table Tennis Champions League men Final 4 in Saarbrücken (Germany), semi-finals and finals.
- ETTU European Champions League women, quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals.
- ETTU Europe Cup men, R16, quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals.
- ETTU Europe Cup women, R16, quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals.
- ETTU Europe Trophy men and women Grand Finals in Novi Sad (Serbia), from 31 May to 2 June.
- Europe Top 16 Cup in Montreux (Switzerland) from 20 to 21 January.
- European U-21 Championships in Skjope (North Macedonia) from 24 to 28 January.
- Europe Youth Series Croatia Open in Osijek from 21 to 25 February.
- Europe Youth Series Türkiye Open in Nevsehir from 13 to 17 March.
- Europe Youth Series Greece Open in Loutraki from 3 to 7 April.
- Europe Youth Series Bosnia Herzegovina Open in Sarajevo from 29 April to 3 May.
- European Olympic Singles Qualification in Sarajevo (Bosnia Herzegovina) from 15 to 19 May.
- European U-13 Championships in Bucharest (Romania) from 22 to 26 May.
- European Youth Championships in Malmö (Sweden) from 12 to 21 July.
- Europe Youth Series Serbia Open in Niš from 25 to 29 September.
- Europe Youth Top 10 in Grodzisk Mazowiecki (Poland) from 4 to 6 October.
- Europe Youth Series Czech Open in Plzen from 16 to 20 October.
- European Individual Championships in Linz (Austria) from 15 to 20 October.
- ETTU European Champions League men, stage 1 and stage 2, involving 24 clubs.
- ETTU European Champions League Women, stage 1 and stage 2, involving 18 clubs.
- ETTU Europe Cup men, stage 1, involving 16 clubs plus 12 (stage 2) relegated from ECL
- ETTU Europe Cup women, stage 1 involving 16 clubs plus 8 (stage 2) relegated from ECLW.
- ETTU Europe Trophy men involving 30 clubs.
- ETTU Europe Trophy women involving 22 clubs.

Development Activities

The Development Program was, once again, fully executed. A total of five Development Camps were organised (two Eurotalents U13, one Eurotalents U13 / ITTF Continental Hopes and two Eurotalents Selection Camps), in total coordination with ITTF recommendations, with a total participation of 158 players from more than 30 different associations. Also, ETTU supported 9 different activities of their Member Associations under the National Association Assistance Program.

ETTU also supported coach development through several scholarship initiatives. Under the "Stages for Coaches – Learn from the Best" programme, two male and two female coaches attended training stages at leading European Training Centres. Four coaches were supported to participate in the ITTF Youth Summit in Helsingborg, and two female coaches took part in the ITTF's "My Gender, My Strength" programme. In addition, ETTU awarded scholarships to 12 young players (6 girls and 6 boys) in the U13 and U15 categories, supporting their individual development projects through tailored training and competition opportunities.

For the second year in a row the Young Umpires Development Project (YUP) involved 23 (13F 10M) participants from 15 National Associations during the European Youth Championships in Malmö. The program maintained its successful approach, pairing less experienced umpires with senior officials, conducting evening training sessions, and providing educational evaluations. Also, 14 umpires from three countries (Latvia, Lithuania and Norway) participated in the ETTU URC Development Activity in the field of Match Officials during the Riga City Council Cup.

In 2024, ETTU carried out a wide range of GEDI actions and events. One of the highlights was a Table Tennis Day activity held in Saarbrücken, focused on promoting inclusivity across all age groups and skill levels. The rest of GEDI-specific actions were financed through the GAP project and included webinars and focus groups. The main event took place in Aix-en-Provence, featuring a round table on gender equality, followed by a grassroots activity and a survey exploring women's behaviour and motivations when first approaching table tennis.

Also included in our Development Program, the six events of Europe Youth Series received 570 players from 25 countries.

In total, 38 Member Associations were involved in ETTU Development Activities throughout the year.

2024 ETTU Electoral Congress

ETTU had its regular elections during the 2024 European Individual Championships held in Linz on October 17. As result Pedro Moura became president of the ETTU. Also, Executive Board members were elected having Zoran Primorac, Didier Leroy and Jaroslaw Kolodziejczyk joining the re-elected Heike Ahlert (as Deputy President), Sandra Deaton (as Vice President Finances), Sonja Grefberg and Ina Jozepson as Vice-Presidents building a gender balanced Executive Board. The 9 European representatives for ITTF Council were also elected.

Governance, Marketing and Commercial Initiatives

During the year of 2024, and following a process started in the previous year ETTU complied with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA) which provided assurance of highest audit standards to meet governance and transparency expectations of the membership. Also, during 2024 several ETTU Committees Terms & References were finally set-up, as well as a Code of Conduct, Portrayal Guidelines and an Open Recruitment Policy.

The Champions League Final 4 event was a huge success, with 5000 spectators attending the event, providing new partnership opportunities that are already under way. Meanwhile Stupa Sports Analytics Private Limited was contracted for the creation and maintenance of a new website, OTT platform, management system and data collection. Also, a new agreement with the SPORTRADAR GROUP was signed in order to maintain the Integrity Services via its Universal Fraud Detection System (UFDS) and for betting rights of the Champions Leagues, the Europe Top 16 Cups and the European Championships (new agreement validation 2024-2030).

Contracts with Supplier Pool members were also resigned.

Staff

ETTU opened positions for Social Media Content Creator and Finance Manager.

Other activities

At the beginning of the year, the ETTU organised the first “ETTU Working Week”, involving all staff and EB members in setting the standards and goals for the year. The ETTU EB met on 13 occasions from January to December 2024. The EB adopted the budget for 2025 and submitted the approval of the 2023 Financial Statement to the Annual Congress held in Linz in October 2024.

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

Continental President: Europe

2024 will be remembered as a year that laid the foundations for a bright future for ITTF-Oceania.

Governance

In January 2024 we bid farewell to Barry Griffiths, who ended his time as CEO after more than five (5) years' service. After an extensive recruitment process led by ITTF, we welcomed Scott Houston, who commenced as CEO at the end of June 2024.

Also in June 2024, the ITTF-Oceania AGM was held, with this year serving as an election year. I was re-elected unopposed as President, existing Management Committee (**MC**) members Sarah Sandley, Carolyn Li and James Ji Jr. were also re-elected, and Benoit Coquelet was elected to the MC for the first time. All outgoing MC members whose tenures expired at the AGM are thanked for their service; their contribution was greatly appreciated.

Over the last six months of 2024, Scott and our new MC hit the ground running, finalising multiple key projects, setting up ITTF-Oceania for a bright future in the years ahead.

Key achievements include, but are not limited to:

A new landmark 2025-2028 Strategic Quadrennial Agreement was signed with ITTF, providing an increase in funding and further strengthening our relationship with ITTF.

A new 2025-2028 Strategic Plan was finalised, which aligns with the ITTF Strategic Plan, but maintains elements suited to Oceania's unique needs and circumstances.

Our 2025 budget was developed and approved, providing the financial blueprint for implementing our Strategic Plan.

The process to implement a new ITTF-Oceania Constitution is well underway and it's anticipated that we will seek Member Association (**MA**) support to approve the new Constitution in mid-2025 at a Special General Meeting.

Meetings were held with a majority of MAs to establish contact and identify ways in which ITTF-Oceania can assist.

Events and High Performance

With a big gap between our former CEO finishing and our new CEO starting, Oceania events in 2024 were more difficult to implement than usual. However, all 2024 Oceania events were completed.

Key achievements include but are not limited to:

A full suite of Continental events were conducted and all Oceania quota positions for the Olympic Games and ITTF events were determined.

The 2024 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games featured athletes from Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and Vanuatu competing. Australia performed admirably at the Paralympic Games in particular, winning medals including Gold.

New Zealand's rising star, Eli Ho, made history by winning the 2024 ITTF World Hopes Challenge (Under 12's), becoming the first Oceania athlete to win this prestigious event.

On the administrative side, our Event Regulations have been updated for the ITTF-Oceania Cup and ITTF-Oceania Championships, which strengthens all events and provides more meaningful competition opportunities for MAs.

Pleasingly, the 2025 ITTF-Oceania Events Calendar was published before the end of the year, providing our MAs sufficient time to prepare their players and finances to participate.

Participation and Development

There were two main focus areas in participation and development throughout 2024.

First was the continuation of our Smash Down Barriers Program, with ongoing programs running in Fiji, Solomon Islands and Tonga. These programs are fully funded by the Australian Government through its Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade and continue to serve the region well, in particular when working with people with disabilities and women and girls.

Secondly, with our new CEO in place, we made a concerted effort to re-establish the Oceania Development Program to service all 24 Member Associations.

We are incredibly appreciative for ITTFs belief and agreement to support our new direction, which will be a key strategic focus in 2025 and beyond. Two new Oceania Development Officers have commenced in early 2025 and this area will create a lasting impact where it is needed most.

Acknowledgement

ITTF-Oceania offers sincere thanks to ITTF under the leadership of President Petra Sörling, CEO Steve Dainton and Secretary General Raul Calin. Their ongoing support has been invaluable and their belief in the direction we are taking is truly appreciated.

Also, praise must be given to our 24 Member Associations and the army of volunteers and staff members who keep everything running at the national level. Your dedication is both acknowledged and appreciated.

It is a great honour to be President of ITTF Oceania, and with this position comes a great responsibility to ensure our great game continues to prosper in our region.

We have taken the second half of 2024 to position our Continental Federation in the best shape to support our Member Associations across our vast blue seas.

With Brisbane 2032 on our horizon, we want to ensure that we continue to develop more Eli Ho's and provide pathways for continued development and achievement.

We embrace and support the opportunities that World Table Tennis offers our sport and hold ambitions to stage WTT events in our region. WTT is vitally important to the continued growth of our beloved game; here in Oceania and the rest of the world.

Lastly, we look forward to all that 2025 holds for table tennis as we continue this fabulous momentum we are all enjoying.

Anthony MOORE

Continental President: Oceania

With the pandemic finally and hopefully in the shelves of history, 2024 stands out as one of the most accomplished years in my tenure with the ITTF Group thus far. Table tennis as a sport received a never-before-experienced amount of attention and spotlight globally, which we should all be proud of.

The year was filled with activities spanning from grassroots to professional levels, and across all disciplines, including Para, Youth, Senior, Masters, and Esports. Alongside the focus on the Olympics and Paralympics, which have always been key to our sport, we've also made significant strides by breaking into new markets and territories to fuel its growth. With an incredibly hectic schedule, igniting the momentum with a strong belief was required, all while balancing patience and perseverance to ensure success.

Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games 2024

The pinnacle of the year - the Olympic and Paralympic Games, as always, were so important for table tennis. With nearly 4 weeks of back-to-back table tennis on the most important International global sporting stage, there was no doubt that the sport was shining brighter than ever before.

The Olympic Games as a barometer for our sport showed us that we were developing and making good progress.

The Paralympics also surprised us with continued full stadiums and the full French crowd cheering on the multitude of champions from all over the World.

Events For All

The momentum for table tennis events worldwide remained strong at all levels through 2024.

The year started with the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals held in Busan, Republic of Korea, their inaugural hosting, and was a huge success. Remembering how the 2020 edition was finally forced to be cancelled due to COVID-19, this historic event stands as a testament to the united efforts of the entire table tennis family. Congratulations to the Korea Table Tennis Association (KTTA) led by the then KTTA President, Ryu Seungmin, for wonderful championships and unforgettable experience.

In April, the ITTF Women's and Men's World Cup made a spectacular return in Macao, China, generating impressive ticket sales and significant excitement surrounding it. The event was held in the best arena that table tennis has ever seen, giving us a glimpse of the future unrivalled opportunities for the sport.

The ITTF World Masters Championships 2024 in Rome, Italy also saw an uplift with a record of over 6000 registrations, making it the largest table tennis gathering to date. Para-players were also welcomed for the first time, exemplifying our commitment in promoting diversity and equal opportunities for all. This enormous celebration of our sport is only possible with the strong support by the Italian Table Tennis Federation.

Helsingborg, Sweden, rose to the challenge to host both the ITTF World Youth Table Tennis Championships and the inaugural ITTF World Esports Table Tennis Championships Finals in November 2024. The exceptional performance of the Youth players gave a sense of quiet confidence towards the future strength of the sport. On the digital front, the culmination of the Final Stages in Helsingborg after an online mixed-gender Qualifying Stage with over 200 players worldwide, the World Esports Championships demonstrated how virtual platforms can break down geographical barriers and create new pathways to elite competition. Credit goes to the Swedish Table Tennis Association for its steadfast commitment, which solidifies its position as one of the key partners of international table tennis.

Finally, the year capped off with the ITTF Mixed Team World Cup in Chengdu, China, now a mainstay in the annual international table tennis calendar. The event was also an important proof to our ambitions as a sport to bring new and innovative formats that champion the values of unity and gender equality.

World Table Tennis – Turning the tide

In 2024, we witnessed a spectacular showcase of our best players on a more regular basis than ever before. From the three WTT Grand Smashes in Beijing, Singapore and Jeddah, to the 5 WTT Champions events – Incheon, Chongqing, Macao, Montpellier and Frankfurt, to the WTT Finals in Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, Japan. Not forgetting our 13 WTT Star Contender and Contender events, 19 WTT Feeder events and 54 WTT Youth events. 2024 brought us a near-complete event calendar, with events all over the globe almost weekly, sometimes with events even running simultaneously.

The flagship Singapore Smash, in its third edition, continued to raise the bar and defended its title as the “Event of the Year” in Singapore for the second year running.

Debut WTT host, the Saudi Table Tennis Federation, made a bold move to bring the Saudi Smash to life in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in May 2024. Their belief and trust were instrumental in making the event a big success with many valuable learnings for the future.

A significant milestone for WTT was also the launch of the China Smash in Beijing, China in October 2024. Notwithstanding the strategic importance of the Chinese capital city towards the history of the sport, it is also the first major international table tennis event to be held in Beijing since the 1961 ITTF World Table Tennis Championships. A heartfelt appreciation to the Chinese Table Tennis Association for their tremendous support and dedication to making the event a reality.

On the WTT Champions events, the bar was raised with each stop. Incheon impressed us with its brand-new venue, while Chongqing showed us the importance of having the right venue and that table tennis can also be enjoyed by more than 10,000 spectators. Macao continued to impress with high-quality delivery. Montpellier and Frankfurt highlighted the untapped potential of the European markets. With over 41,500 fans filling the arena through the event week at Montpellier, the astounding atmosphere alongside the significant media coverage puts table tennis at the forefront, propelling the sport to the heights it truly deserves.

After a hectic year, for players, fans and staff alike, the WTT Finals in Fukuoka, Japan was perhaps the dream ending for the 2024 WTT series. Thank you to the Japan Table Tennis Association for their support.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the hosts in 2024, with whom WTT was able to mark several historic milestones.

The year of 2024 did not come without its set of challenges. Despite drawing our experience from previous years, WTT has yet to achieve perfection. A great deal of learning and figuring out how best to deliver a full calendar of events is required. Emerging from the pandemic's shadows still left us with many questions to solve. Addressing these questions will be crucial in ensuring success for the sport's future development.

Rigorous and intensive work was also done to turn around the business from underperforming finances in the previous year, which we are pleased to announce soon. Several solutions were also proposed both to the WTT Board and the ITTF Executive Board for consideration after an internal review process.

On a positive note, WTT has truly started to capture the momentum for the sport. From the electrifying arena delivered at Chongqing, to the exceptional ticket sales and crowd in Beijing and to the phenomenal atmosphere witnessed in Montpellier. WTT has proven to set the stage, with the spotlight on the players, creating events that ensure table tennis is able to start to compete on the global sports and entertainment stage.

Finally, I extend profound gratitude to the WTT Board, led by Mr. Liu Guoliang and supported by Mr. Khalil Al-Mohannadi, Mr. Lei Zhenjian, as well as the full support of ITTF President Mrs. Petra Sörling and the entire ITTF Executive Board. Your continuous support is crucial as we continue this bold journey of transformation.

ITTF Summit Expansion

After three successful runs of the ITTF Summit, the ITTF expanded the Summit series to all World Championships – Finals, Youth, Esports, Para and Masters, streamlining the focus on specific needs, challenges and opportunities.

The ITTF Summit held in conjunction with the ITTF World Team Championships Finals in Busan, Korea Republic brought together key stakeholders and visionaries from the global table tennis community. Amidst robust discussions and key decisions being made at the official meetings, the ITTF Awards Night provided a brief respite to celebrate the exceptional achievements of players, coaches, associations, and event organisers throughout the year 2023.

The inaugural ITTF Youth Development Summit and ITTF Esports Summit took place alongside the ITTF World Youth Championships and ITTF World Esports Championships, respectively, in Helsingborg, Sweden. The former focused on the importance of nurturing young talents, fostering inclusivity and laying the foundation for the sport's future stars, while the latter highlighted the limitless potential for the sport and brought together key industry players to help chart a course for the future of Esports Table Tennis.

With the diversification of the Summits, more opportunities are provided for key stakeholders and leaders to engage and collaborate through various platforms for the betterment of table tennis in today's rapidly changing world.

Sports Development

The year 2024 marked many new initiatives and activities driven by the sports development team, with over 100 development initiatives successfully completed. These initiatives were often connected with many ongoing events by WTT, ITTF or the Continental and Regional events for maximum outreach, with the objective of nurturing talent and building capacity across different regions and demographics.

Notably, there was a remarkable 22% increase in the number of participants in the initiatives offered, reaching 11,000 individuals. Female participation continues to be on the rise, with over 50 member associations expressing interest in women's development initiatives, and with a 40% increase in female participation and applications in 2024. The overall increase in participation highlights the growing engagement in table tennis globally. More importantly, it also demonstrates the ongoing efforts to promote gender inclusivity and diversity within the sport.

A total of 16 Olympic solidarity programs were delivered in the Olympic year, along with it, Para Table Tennis development initiatives were also introduced, with five dedicated training camps launched, benefitting 92 athletes and 28 coaches globally. These initiatives underscore ITTF's commitment to provide further opportunity and support for athletes, coaches and member associations.

ITTF Foundation's fifth year of driving positive change through table tennis

The ITTF Foundation celebrated its 5th year anniversary in 2024 as it continues to provide a platform to drive social change through table tennis. As a board member, I am happy to witness the continued development of the Foundation and continue to help find financial resources to ensure its viability.

World Table Tennis Day (WTTD) celebrated its 10th year with record-breaking participation, hosting 812 events across 121 countries — nearly double the previous year. The ITTF Foundation also held its first anchor event at its headquarters in Leipzig, featuring an exhibition match and a roundtable discussion on inclusion. Returning for second edition, the World TT4Health Festival held in France, also hosted the World Parkinson's and World Alzheimer's Table Tennis Championships, along with the World TT4Health Congress, where the NeuroPong Handbook was launched. Overall, the Festival recorded its highest participation yet, with 153 players representing 25 countries and territories.

A key focus was also placed on global advocacy and partnerships through various initiatives. In collaboration with WTT, an "ITTF Foundation Day" was celebrated at the Singapore Smash 2024 with a portion of the Day's ticketing revenue - €12,000, pledged and donated to the Foundation. Through this initiative, it solidified WTT's commitment to support the Foundation's cause. Further collaboration was also made with Ultimate Table Tennis with the launch of a new ambassador initiative programme to strengthen the Foundation's global reach and influence.

Looking ahead for 2025

As we reflect on the successes and challenges of 2024, there is far more to celebrate than be critical about towards the progress we have witnessed in our sport today.

2025 will be an exciting year with an exhilarating line-up of events and activities. A continued focus will remain on the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals and the ITTF Summit, it's also an election year which brings its own excitement, and host cities for the 2027, 2028 and 2029 World Championships Finals will be decided in Doha, Qatar in May.

Concurrently, WTT will continue to deliver its series of world-class events around the world. The Grand Smash in Singapore, China, USA and Europe – for the first time with Las Vegas and Malmo to ignite those markets. Six Champions events: Incheon, Chongqing, Yokohama, Macao, Montpellier and Frankfurt. Finally, we will conclude with a Finals in a location to be announced soon, that we are very excited about and are sure will be an amazing event to end the season. We will also see an expansion of the Contender, Feeder and Youth series in 2025.

Players remains as the heart of table tennis, bringing skill, passion, and dedication that drives the sport's growth and excitement. Their tenacity and performance shape the landscape and fuels the global development of the game. As the sport continues to evolve, its increasing prominence is evident in the rising interest among the younger generation, expanded media coverage, and a passionate fan base eager for more. Fans will also play a key role in fast-tracking the promotion of the sport.

WTT is new and is just getting started. We are still learning the advantages and disadvantages, finding the right balance to bring to the sport of table tennis. 2025 will witness the full series of events delivered for the first time.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation, firstly to the ITTF and WTT boards who have had to face the difficult questions throughout 2024 yet always supporting positively in the best interest of the sport. Special thanks are also due to ITTF President Mrs. Petra Sörling and ITTF Deputy President Mr. Liu Guoliang for their leadership and guidance.

And to all the staff team, your unwavering determination to be adaptable and innovative has been instrumental in supporting and bringing the sport to new heights.

2025 will be the time for us to continue capitalising on the wonderful momentum of 2024. There is definite certainty that the ITTF and WTT will ensure 2025 to be the best year yet for the sport of table tennis. Let us continue to maintain a united front as a sport, working together with optimism to find solutions and embrace growth.

Table Tennis. For All. For Life.

Steve DANTON

Chief Executive Officer, ITTF Group

The report refers to ITTF activities from within 2024, complementing the CEO's report.

World Title events in 2024

Busan (Korean Republic), Macao (China), Rome (Italy), Maizières-lès-Metz (France), Helsingborg (Sweden), and Chengdu (China), hosted ITTF World Title events in 2024.

The year couldn't start better than with the historic first edition of our WTTC in the Korean Republic. The excitement around the event was greater than usual as it also served as one of the qualification pathways for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Our sincere thanks and congratulations to Mr RYU Seung-Min and the entire Korean Table Tennis Association (KTTA) for the efforts made and for not giving up after the 2020 edition was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Macao, China, was the place for the return of the World Cups, and what an incredible way to bring them back to life. For the first time in a world title event, one million dollars in prize money was offered to the athletes, and the venue, the Galaxy Arena, was probably the best location that has witnessed a table tennis event of this magnitude.

Rome, Italy, was the place where all records were broken: 6,000 players, over 25,000 matches played, and an authentic atmosphere of "sport for all" that will stay in our memories for many years to come.

Maizières-les-Metz, France, hosted the 2024 World Table Tennis for Health Festival. In its second edition, it had record participation numbers, with events for participants affected by Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases and interesting contributions from key speakers from around the world at the Table Tennis Health Congress. This proves that there is a big room for expansion in the area of research on table tennis for Health.

Helsingborg, in Sweden, hosted the World Youth Championships and the first-ever World Esports Championships in our sport. I echo our CEO's words in congratulating the brave initiative of the Swedish Table Tennis Association for embarking on the digital journey never before explored.

Last, but not least, Chengdu hosted the second edition of the Mixed Team World Cup, which was a much greater success than the 2023 edition. This solidified an innovative event that combines men's and women's playing together, and in which the ITTF is investing with an eye on its potential Olympic appearance in the years to come.

We sincerely thank the Member Associations of the Korean Republic, Macao (China), France, Sweden, and China for their commitment to our sport and, WTMG, for their support.

Governance**ITTF Summits**

Following the introduction of the ITTF Summits in 2022, in 2024, we didn't have one, but up to three Summits. To the ITTF Summit held in Busan, the Korean Republic, from 22nd to 27th February, which included the [ITTF Council](#) and [AGM](#) meetings, two more Summits were added

at the end of 2024: an ITTF Youth Development Summit and the ITTF Esports Summit, held from 26 to 28 November in Helsingborg, Sweden.

We believe that the three Summits provided an excellent field of information exchange and dialogue, exploring new areas, such as Esports, and allowed the participants to listen directly from our athletes on their personal experiences on current matters, such as mental health or anti-doping. Furthermore, dedicated sessions for the different bidders for major events allowed the delegates to be better prepared for making informed decisions when they had to vote to select future hosts.

My thanks to the staff who had to work simultaneously in the World Championships and the Summits, which in previous years were standalone events.

[Fifth Review of International Federation Governance](#)

2024 was also the year when the moderated results of the 5th edition of the ASOIF Governance Survey were published. As an introduction to this review for new members of the ITTF family, it consists of the independent external review and moderation of the self-assessments made by each of the Summer Sports International Federations (IFs). At the ITTF, we are very pleased to report that our International Federation continued its progress, rising to the 8th position among all ASOIF members, and improving once again our scoring. For more details, please check [here](#).

As 31st December 2024 marked his last day in office, we want to thank ASOIF President 2013-2024 Francesco RICCI BITTI. His twelve years at the organisation's helm have brought projects such as the mentioned IFs Governance Survey, or the [Future of Global Sports](#), which was one of the inspirations for the creation of World Table Tennis.

[International Representation](#)

2024 marked the end of Mr RYU Seung-Min's tenure as an IOC Member, as an elected IOC Athletes Commission Member (2016-2024). With our President and IOC Member, Ms Petra SÖRLING, Mr RYU has been bearing the flag of table tennis within the Olympic Movement as a true ambassador of our sport. We thank him for his excellent contribution and wish him success in his future endeavours.

Nowadays, several former table tennis athletes and officials are presidents, secretaries general, or board members of their respective national Olympic and/or Paralympic Committees. We encourage every one of our officials to engage with the Olympic and Paralympic Movements nationally, as the stronger we are in every nation, the stronger our collective voice will be.

As mentioned in our 2024 report on 2023 activities, we should continue working to strengthen our presence in these international bodies daily.

[Executive Board Meetings](#)

The ITTF Executive Board met in February, May (online), August, November (online), and December 2024. While technology allows virtual meetings, nothing beats the possibility of physical interaction. Hence, combining the physical meetings with events in Busan, Paris, and Chengdu was a sustainable and thus effective way to have productive discussions.

Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games

A special mention is due to the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024. The first “normal” edition after the pandemic. Table Tennis had record figures in terms of spectator attendance and television audiences. We were particularly pleased by the number of Host Broadcasters that requested live coverage of Table Tennis at the Paralympic Games, which shows the footprint of our Para Sport discipline. Here, we would like to sincerely congratulate and thank the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee, its President, Tony ESTANGUET, Executive Director of Sports, Aurélie MERLE, and Table Tennis and Para Table Tennis Sport Manager, Gilles DE LA BOURDONNAYE. But also, the fans. The French and international fans were incredible; the atmosphere in the South Paris Arena was unforgettable. And our congratulations to our Olympic and Paralympic medallists, but also to each and every one who managed to qualify for the Games and contributed to its success, with special thanks to the devoted volunteers.

Final Remarks and Appreciation

In the busiest year of table tennis activities, I would like to thank the ITTF Executive Board, the WTT Board, the ITTF Foundation Board, the Continental Federations, particularly their Presidents and CEOs/SGs, ITTF Council Members, Committee Chairs, Commissioners, and Member Associations once again for their commitment to uphold the values and mission of our Constitution and Strategic Plan.

We believe ITTF’s positioning within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement is better than ever, and, in this regard, I sincerely appreciate the tireless efforts of our President to represent us in the different institutions where she serves, on her ITTF President’s capacity: IOC Member, WADA Foundation Board, Sport Accord Executive Committee, ASOIF Council, and IMGA Board.

These positions allow the ITTF to penetrate the international sporting movement more, as we could experience at the 2024 SportAccord Convention held in Birmingham.

My thanks also to World Table Tennis, notably its Chair, Mr LIU Guoliang, who has opened the doors of China for a robust partnership and collaboration with the ITTF, which is unmatched in this century, and both World Sports and WTMG for their support to the different ITTF, WTT and ITTF Foundation activities.

To conclude, I want to thank each and every one of our staff colleagues, particularly to the Group CEO, Mr Steve DAINTON, for his confidence and support throughout the year, the ITTF Foundation Managing Director, Mr Leandro OLVECH, for leading the social responsibility areas of the ITTF, and Mr Mounir BESSAH, who, effective 1st January 2025, has moved from the ITTF to WTT. 2024 has been excellent for the rise of the ITTF events, and credit is due to Mr BESSAH for how he led the ITTF events team, motivating them, and producing results.

Respectfully submitted,

Raul CALIN

Secretary General

The Continental Council (CC) met twice in 2024:

- 20th February 2024, Busan, the Korean Republic
- 7th December 2024, Chengdu, China

In the first CC meeting of 2024, the Continental Presidents presented reports of their continental activities, and discussions were held about how to best elaborate a proposal for the qualification system and format of play at the World Championships of the centenary, London 2026, given the proposition passed in Bangkok to include 64 teams per gender.

The CC noted the progress made in the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games qualification process, preparations for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, and an update on the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA28).

The CC also noted the deadline of 1st March 2024 to submit the ITTF's events proposal for LA28. Two different models, with six and seven events respectively, were discussed. The CC reflected on the fact that when introduced in the Olympic Games, in Seoul 1988, table tennis had four events. It was the same case up until Rio 2016, and for Tokyo 2020, our sport got the additional event (Mixed Doubles).

The CC agreed to propose two options for LA28 and engage in discussions with the IOC and LA28 Organising Committee to determine which is most realistic.

The CC also noted the positive meeting held in November 2023 with the Continental Presidents to try to clarify the Master Continental Agreements contributions for 2023 and 2024, and the way forward was made clear. It was also noted that the CEOs/SGs of each of the Continental Federations were invited to Busan to benefit from experiencing the WTTC, participating in the ITTF Summit, and engaging with the Development, Events, and Governance staff within the ITTF.

The second meeting, held in Chengdu in December during the second edition of the Mixed Team World Cup, was an excellent opportunity for the Continental Presidents to experience this event's innovative competition format, which includes men and women competing in the same team. The Continental Presidents shared their 2024 year-in-review report and their plans for 2025.

The CC approved a proposal to be submitted to the ITTF Council for the London 2026 qualification system and considered that the format of play proposed needed further elaboration.

Updates on the 2027-2029 WTTC Finals bid process were noted, and the major events of 2024 were reviewed. The calendar for 2025 was also presented, and more details on the Dakar 2026 YOG concept, as received from the IOC, were shared.

On behalf of the Continental Council,

Raul CALIN

Secretary General

2024 saw the integrity function serving the ITTF Group make notable progress, including getting cases heard by relevant disciplinary bodies, and yet the Integrity Unit is still stretched to such an extent that each of those bodies has criticised and punished the Unit for delay. During and since last year’s Summit, the Integrity Board has stated in clear terms how the function needs to be fundamentally evolved to achieve an effective operation which would be sustainable. To-date the lack of operational and political stability in the sport has not given the Head of Integrity a fair opportunity to deliver what was promised to stakeholders by the organisation when the Unit was established.

Cases

As of the end of 2024, in total, there were 22 open (active) cases: Betting integrity & Match manipulation – 6; Competition manipulation – 1; Ethics – 6; Safe sport – 8; Other – 1.

The following Integrity Unit matters have been determined in 2024:

Reference number	Area	Notification date	Disciplinary body	Decision	Sanction
<i>2021/INT/968ec0</i>	Safe sport	17/12/24	ITTF Tribunal	Charge upheld	10-year ban
<i>2023/INT/075dae</i>	Ethics	06/12/24	ITTF Tribunal	Charge dismissed	-
<i>2023/INT/2d3d8e</i>	Competition manipulation	17/12/24	IPC Board of Appeal Classification	Charge upheld	Disqualification of results

Furthermore, in response to call for greater transparency in the Unit’s operations, extracts of the Unit’s Case Tracker Spreadsheet have been shared on a quarterly basis with relevant departments across the ITTF Group.

2024 Olympic & Paralympic Games

There were two cases the Integrity Unit had to handle which directly impacted on the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

The first was an individual charged with non-betting match manipulation and betting on table tennis. When charging the individual, the Unit applied for a provisional suspension to be applied on which would have prevented them from participating in the Games. This was granted by the Integrity Board, and the first appeal by the athlete was then rejected by the ITTF Tribunal. The athlete’s lawyers then went to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for emergency measures and the CAS granted a stay on the provisional suspension on 26th August, meaning the individual was able to compete. The written Reasoned Order then wasn’t notified by the CAS until 10th October. The Unit and the Integrity Board were extremely unhappy with the ruling and how it has been handled by the CAS. There is now an appeal from the athlete to the CAS for the whole of

his provisional suspension, which is going to be ruled on the written submissions only imminently. In the meantime, the Unit is pushing ahead with the substantive proceedings and hope to have a hearing before the ITTF Tribunal before the end of the year.

The second case concerned a para circuit athlete charged with Intentional Misrepresentation in relation to his degree of impairment and he was charged prior to the Paralympic Games. The case heard by the International Paralympic Committee's Board of Appeal of Classification. The panel upheld the charge, although did not hand down the full sanctions requested.

Investigations

For the first time, the Unit instructed a firm of specialist investigators to conduct an on-site investigation into four players flagged as suspicious following a betting alert received on a WTT Feeder event. After an initial screening process, three of the four players were then asked to hand over their mobile phone devices for forensic download, and initial interviews were held with those three. Following the investigators submitting an interim disciplinary report, one player will be charged by the Unit with numerous violations. The other two remain under investigation.

Intelligence

In September the Head of Integrity went to Madrid, Spain having been invited by the Spanish police, Europol and Interpol for a briefing on the Operación Mursal investigation they have been conducting. It concerns a major organised crime network, led by former table tennis player, who has been fixing matches in table tennis, tennis and football in recent years. The Spanish police said fixers are offering between €900 to €4,000 either to manipulate parts of a table tennis match or fix an entire match. They have arrested the key figures in the criminal network, but are not planning to go after players involved, so that is now up to the Unit. No action has yet been taken in this regard due to the resources available to the Unit to pursue such individuals.

Resourcing

At the 2024 Summit in Busan, the Integrity Unit was told USD 50,000 had been approved by ITTF for 2024 principally to engage the Assistant Integrity Officer (for an initial six-month period) and instruct an external investigator for a sensitive safe sport case, with roughly USD 20,000 being left to spend on general operations. This was the first time since joining in October 2021, that the Unit had been allocated budget to administer in line with the Integrity Regulations and supervised by the Integrity Board.

Given the operational needs of the Unit, the Head of Integrity, with the support of the Board, did not renew the ITTF's commercial bet monitoring agreement, relying rather on the Unit's Memorandum of Understanding with the International Betting Integrity Association (IBIA), freeing up a further USD 80,000. This meant a total operational budget for 2024 of USD 130,000.

The Board and Unit are in talks with WTT about securing additional investment to tackle Betting integrity & Match manipulation and Safe sport issues. Recent media releases and new stories on betting corruption in table tennis have again showed clearly the necessity and urgency to increase the investment in the Unit.

Enric RIPOLL

ITTF Integrity Board Chair

On behalf of the members of the ITTF Tribunal, this is the report of its activities for 2024.

In 2024, the ITTF Tribunal issued the following decision or recorded the following requests:

1. ITTF Integrity Unit request for proceedings in Anti-Harassment proceedings

On 28 October 2022, the ITTF Integrity Unit filed a request for proceedings before the ITTF Tribunal to conduct proceedings against a coach for a possible violation of the 2021 Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures.

The ITTF Tribunal Chair 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 as President of the Panel.

On 17 December 2024, the Hearing Panel issued its decision, imposing a 10-year period of ineligibility on the Coach, during which time he is prohibited from participating in any activity relating to Table tennis, under the auspices of the ITTF, its National Federations and continental confederations. In addition, the Coach was ordered to undertake (at his own expense) an accredited programme in safe sport and sexual consent before he can make any attempt to return to participation (in any form) in the sport of table tennis following the expiry of his 10-year period of ineligibility

2. Request for eligibility status to compete in Olympic and World Titles events

On 2 February 2024, a Player filed a request for proceedings with the ITTF Tribunal to challenge a decision of the Eligibility Working Group of the ITTF (“**EWG**”). The issue concerned the Player’s eligibility status regarding Olympic title competitions and World Titles Events following a change of nationality of the Appellant.

The ITTF Tribunal Chair opened proceedings and appointed Mr Olivier Ducrey as sole member of the Hearing Panel. On 25 April 2024, the Sole Member of the ITTF Hearing Panel dismissed the request. He found that it was the responsibility of Table Tennis Australia Limited to register the change of the Player’s sporting nationality and not the Player’s. The Player did not have standing to make such a request.

The Player appealed this decision with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The CAS appeals proceedings are pending.

3. Request regarding the ITTF World ranking

On 22 February 2024, the Fédération Française de Tennis de Table and the Federação Portuguesa de Ténis de Mesa submitted a joint request for proceedings aimed at the European Tennis Table Union, the Comité National Olympique et Sportif Français and the International

Table Tennis Federation to challenge the decision issued by the ITTF Executive Board notified on 1 February 2024. The Appellants requested the modification of their ITTF World ranking for the seeding at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

On 23 February 2024, the ITTF Tribunal Chair opened proceedings according.

On 28 February 2024, the Appellants withdrew their request and on the same day, the ITTF Tribunal Chair closed the proceedings.

4. Appeal against fines for withdrawing participation from an ITTF Event

On 19 July 2024, a Player filed a request for proceedings to challenge two decisions imposing on him two fines of USD 2,500 for withdrawing his participation from the WTT Champions Incheon 2024 in Korea Republic, between 27-31 March 2024 and for participating in a non-WTT event in Saudi Arabia, between 22-28 March 2024.

The ITTF Tribunal Chair opened proceedings and appointed Ms Anna Smirnova as sole member of the Hearing Panel. The Sole Member of the ITTF Tribunal held a hearing on 22 January 2025. The decision will be issued shortly.

5. Appeal against a provisional suspension imposed by the ITTF Integrity Unit (corruption and betting)

On 20 August 2024, the ITTF Integrity Unit imposed a 6-month provisional suspension on a Player for 74 alleged violations of the ITTF Code of Ethics, mainly related to corruption and betting.

On 22 August 2024, the Player submitted a request for proceedings, asking for the provisional suspension to be lifted.

On 25 August 2024, the ITTF Tribunal Chair issued the operative part of his decision, rejecting the Player's request that the provisional suspension be lifted. On 29 August, he provided the parties with the reasoned decision in which he found that all of the requirements for the provision suspension had been met.

The Player appealed ITTF Tribunal Chair's decision to the CAS and requested that his appeal have suspensive effect, which was granted by the President of the CAS Appeals Division on 26 August 2024. However, CAS ultimately dismissed the Player's appeal on 5 January 2025.

6. ITTF Integrity Unit's request regarding the appointment to ITTF Nominations Committee

On 8 November 2024, the ITTF Integrity Unit submitted a request for proceedings to the ITTF Tribunal to prevent the Chair of the ITTF Nomination Committee from putting himself for his re-election and re-appointment as Chair of that committee. It requested that the matter be subject to expedited proceedings, as the ITTF Executive Committee was due to meet on 9 December to select the members of the next Nominations Committee.

The ITTF Tribunal Chair opened proceedings and appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of Mr Kok Keng-Keng Lau, President, Ms Morenike Obi-Farinde and Mr Olivier Ducrey.

The Hearing Panel held a hearing on 4 December 2024. On 6 December 2024, it issued the operative parts of its decision, dismissing the ITTF Integrity Unit's request. The final grounds of the decision were served on the parties on 5 February 2025.

I remain at your disposal for any further information. Yours sincerely,

Lausanne, on 14 March 2025.

Jorge IBARROLA
ITTF Tribunal Chair

The ITTF Audit & Finance Committee conducted their annual meeting online on 9th May 2025, to approve the Financial Statements. The primary topics of the meeting were as follows:

Audit of Financial Statements

The Committee was presented with the audited financial statements for the year ending 2023 and 2024. For the first time, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) conducted the audit. A point of discussion was the reclassification of the Value in Kind investment related to World Table Tennis. This involved a movement between Rights of Use Asset and Other Asset, which had resulted in a treatment at fair value expense for the 2023 financial year.

The financial statements for 2024 demonstrated a significant positive shift, achieving a record level of revenue for the ITTF and marking the first surplus since 2018. The Committee noted the financial success of the investment in World Table Tennis over the past five years, which materialised in 2024 while maintaining stable reserves during this period. PwC provided a clean audit opinion on both the 2023 and 2024 financial statements. Following a thorough review and discussion, the Finance & Audit Committee approved the Financial Statements.

Financial Management

The substantial increase in revenue during 2024 was attributed to hosting a greater number of major events. These included three WTT Grand Smash events, five WTT Champions events, as well as the Olympic Games and ITTF World Cup events. Despite the increased activity, general and administrative expenses saw a slight reduction. This combination of increased revenue and controlled expenses led to a significant improvement in the financial performance compared to previous years, culminating in the reported surplus. The Committee commended the strategic planning and execution that led to this result and expressed confidence in ITTF's financial stability going forward.

Risk Management

The update on Risk Management was consistent with the previous year's report. The Committee reiterated the importance of monitoring and mitigating potential risks, with an increased focus to be placed on geopolitical risks and their potential impact on ITTF activities and finances.

Dr Alaa MESHREF
ITTF Audit and Finance Committee Chair

Members

Ms Rita Bsaibes	Chair (Lebanon)
Mr Hua Yuan	Full member (China)
Mr Patrice Nzi	Full Member (Cote d'Ivoire)
Mr Torsten Kueneth	Full Member (Germany)
Ms Kookhee An	Full Member (Korea Republic)
Mr Philip McCallum	Full Member (Scotland)
Mr. Atsushi Hasegawa	Special Advisor (Japan)

GENERAL

The Equipment Committee and Department continuously strive to ensure the high quality of table tennis products. They also establish technical definitions to guarantee safe and reliable playing conditions.

APPROVALS

Equipment	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Balls	91	84	83	78	86	97	103	97	88	91
Tables	188	184	168	167	159	153	152	130	116	119
Nets	61	60	54	54	50	50	51	51	52	54
Floorings	29	27	24	24	18	18	19	19	18	17
Racket Coverings	1696	1639	1601	1571	1641	1607	1570	1548	1483	1483

Balls: The situation within this section improved.

Tables: A continuous increase in approved table products has been noted, particularly in requests for black tabletops on already approved tables.

Nets: The situation in this section remains relatively stable.

Floorings: The situation within this section increased a little.

Racket Coverings: An ongoing rise in approved rubber products was observed on the List of ITTF Approved Racket Covering (LARC).

SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Current projects

1. After Treatment of Racket Covering

To ensure a professional implementation of the new post-match procedure, a pool of several potential racket tester candidates from around the world was established with the support of URC. At the same time, an educational video was developed for relevant stakeholders as part of an online course. Four candidates were ultimately selected for two pilot events (Asian Championships 2024 in Astana and the European Championships 2024 in Linz 2024) as part of the training.

In addition to providing notifications for MAs, participation in Umpire and coach meetings before the events helped communicate project-related information. Despite some challenges during implementation, including logistical constraints and ensuring consistency in testing procedures, the pilot events proceeded successfully. After conducting 325 inspections on 188 different players, four racket testers have been approved for official racket control starting in 2025.

2. Ball Bounce on Table (BBoT)

Samples from both summer and winter have been collected. The testing and analysis were reviewed by the Table WG to reach a conclusion. Project-related propositions will be finalized, and the tabletop friction grouping results are expected to be published on the ITTF website in 2025.

3. Blade Material Liberalization

During the research, all relevant stakeholders emphasized the need to establish a database before defining any criteria or tolerance limits. As a result, the current approval system may initially grant approval to brands before refining the criteria once sufficient data has been collected (approximately five years). At that stage, the related criteria can be finalized, and testing methods standardized.

The first milestone may involve requiring brands to sign a contract for brand approval, along with defining testing methods and devices to ensure products comply with regulations. Discussions on these aspects are planned for 2025, with finalization by the end of the year.

4. Wheel-Chair Table

Due to the needs of top-class players and the increased height of wheelchairs, the original regulation recommending a batten height of $\leq 80\text{mm}$ is no longer suitable. After reviewing the current measurements of approved Para tables, it was found that 17 models did not meet the new requirements. Following negotiations, 14 models agreed to make the necessary adjustments, 2 models were discontinued, and 1 model remains under discussion. A proposition for the related regulation modification was prepared for 2025.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Future projects focus on enhancing racket control education, refining table design, and improving equipment regulations (example: T5 - Net gauge). More training rounds will be conducted to qualify 8-10 racket testers who can oversee official post-match controls at events worldwide, with budget and planning still under discussion. Research will be conducted to develop a device for measuring contrast between table lines and the playing surface, with testing methods to be finalized in 2025. Additionally, a device and method will be explored to detect manipulation of pimple-out racket coverings. Lastly, the LARC system will be upgraded to include details such as OX versions and available sponge colours for better reference in future racket control.

Rita BSAIBES

Chair of the ITTF Equipment Committee

1. Composition of the committee (Period January 2024 – December 2024)

Ms. Ina Jozepsone (Latvia / Europe), Chair; Mr. Ali Sultan Al Muftah (Qatar / Asia), Ms. Eunmi Seok (Korea Republic / Asia), Mr. Leonel Gerardo Godoy Sierra (Honduras / Latin America), Mr. Galal Ezz (Egypt / Africa), Dr. Adesoji Emmanuel Tayo (Nigeria / Africa).

2. Committee meetings / Communication

Throughout 2024, the Masters Committee maintained communication through email exchanges. The first in-person meeting of the year occurred on 24th February 2024, in conjunction with the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals and the ITTF AGM 2024 in Busan, Korea Republic. Despite the difficulties associated with the fact that some members were unable to attend for various reasons, the committee successfully held the meeting. Regular communication continued between the Masters Committee, the ITTF Sports Development Director Mikael Andersson, and the ITTF Competition Manager José Bentes. These interactions facilitated the smooth organization and ongoing support for Masters events.

3. Committee's activities

3.1 Co-operation ITTF VMC and SCI

Throughout the year, the Masters Committee worked closely with the ITTF Masters Committee (VMC) as well as the Swaythling Club International (SCI). The Chair, Ms. Jozepsone, participated in the SCI AGM 2024 in Rome and continued to foster strong relationships with the SCI leadership, particularly President Ms. Claude Bergeret. Regular exchanges between the Chair and key ITTF staff ensured alignment and coordination in matters related to Masters' activities.

3.2 Support in organising World Veteran Championships

The ITTF World Masters Championships in Rome (06-14 July 2024) marked a historic milestone as the first World Masters Championship organized under the ITTF's banner. The event in Rome attracted over 6,000 participants from around the globe, representing a significant increase compared to previous years. During the event, a meeting was organized between the Chair, Ms. Jozepsone, and ITTF staff, where future development plans were discussed.

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

The Masters Committee continued to encourage and support national and continental federations in promoting Masters' table tennis. Exchanges were held with officials from various continental federations, fostering collaboration and the sharing of best practices in organizing Masters' and Veterans' events.

3.4 Update Masters' activities on the ITTF website

The ITTF website remained an important tool for updating the table tennis community on the latest developments in the world of Masters' table tennis. Information related to the 2024 World Masters Championships in Rome was regularly posted, including key updates, registration details, and event schedules. The ITTF website also featured monthly updates of the Masters' calendar, ensuring that the global table tennis community remained informed about upcoming tournaments and events.

4. Appreciation

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who have supported the work of the ITTF Masters Committee throughout 2024. Special appreciation goes to the ITTF staff for their constant cooperation and timely assistance. The valuable exchange of ideas and perspectives with fellow committee members and key stakeholders continues to be integral to the ongoing success and development of Masters' table tennis.

Ina JOZEPSONE

Chair of the ITTF Masters Committee

1. Introduction

The ITTF Nomination Committee is pleased to present its report on the nomination and selection process for leadership positions within the federation. This report summarises the committee's activities, including the nomination process, candidate evaluations, and final recommendations.

2. Committee Responsibilities

The committee is responsible for:

- Identifying and assessing candidates for ITTF governance roles.
- Ensuring a transparent and merit-based nomination process.
- Verifying candidates' eligibility and compliance with ITTF regulations.

3. Committee Meetings and Nomination Process

Two official meetings were held to oversee the nomination process:

First Meeting

- Purpose: Introduction of the members, general discussion and explanation of the nomination process for transparency and fairness understanding. A clear guideline was discussed to ensure there is fairness in review of application without any conflict of interest. It was agreed to host three meetings separately for President, Executive Board Members and Continental President.

Second Meeting

Date:6th March 2025

- Purpose: Review and selection of candidates for ITTF President role. The committee members were invited to review all candidates. After evaluating all applicants in advance, the committee was informed to ensure its recommendations are based on eligibility, leadership experience, and alignment with ITTF's strategic objectives.

4. Candidate Evaluations and Recommendations

Following a thorough review process, the committee nominated the individuals.

All recommended candidates meet ITTF's leadership criteria and demonstrate a strong commitment to the development of table tennis.

5. Challenges and Considerations

During the nomination process, the committee identified key challenges:

- Limited applications for some positions.
- The need to improve regional and gender representation.
- Ensuring transparency and fairness in candidate selection.

6. Conclusion and Recommendations

The Nomination Committee is confident in the integrity of the selection process and believes the recommended candidates will contribute effectively to ITTF's leadership. Moving forward, we suggest:

- Expanding outreach efforts to encourage broader participation.
- Strengthening diversity and representation in ITTF governance.

We extend our gratitude to all committee members and ITTF stakeholders for their valuable contributions.

7 March 2025

Abdulla Y AL MULLA

Chair of the ITTF Nominations Committee

Paris Paralympic Games Meeting

In September, a two-day meeting was held in Paris during the Paralympic Games, with the participation of ITTF President Petra Sorling, Alaor Azevedo, ITTF VP in charge of Para Table Tennis and Para Table Tennis Committee Members and invited persons to discuss several points related to para table tennis modernization and evolution. Other regular Committee Meetings were held virtually throughout 2024 the year. The following subjects were discussed: competition system, tournament tiers, conditions required and number of events, doubles combinations, rating vs ranking, classification, merging of classes, reduction of MIC and adaptive equipment.

Paris Paralympic Games TV Coverage

The broadcast requests were very high and a success. We will probably have a better and wider TV coverage in LA28 because of the success in Paris 2024. According to OBS data, Para Table Tennis received more than 150 requests from broadcasters, which was 50% of the overall requests for all the sports during the Paralympics.

2025 New Para Competition Structure

After more than 20 years we have changed completely the para circuit structure. The new ITTF World Para Circuit with its pioneering three-tier structure – Elite, Challenger, and Future. This tiered approach creates clear pathways for athlete development, ensuring appropriate competitive platforms for players at every stage of their journey.

The 2025 calendar includes more than 20 events worldwide, making it the most diverse and globally expansive Para circuit in ITTF history. From major metropolises to emerging markets, the ITTF World Para Circuit will bring Para table tennis closer to fans everywhere.

New Ranking System

In 2024 there were several meetings to discuss a new ITTF World Para Ranking, we have launched a modernized ranking system that aligns with the newly restructured ITTF World Para Circuit. The new system is already running in 2025 competitions.

World Table Tennis Championships 2026

The World Table Tennis Championships is confirmed to take place in Pattaya (THA) from 23-29 November 2026.

Classification

In 2024 we had 208 players classifieds, and it was delivery 3 classifications seminar. We also have deeply discussed the classifications changes in our system. Mainly points was merging classes 4-5 and remote classifications.

Development

- Para Table Tennis International Training Camp Support - Lasko, Slovenia - 23-30 July 2024
- ITTF Para Table Tennis Asia Training Camp - Thailand - 16-20 July 2024
- ITTF Para Table Tennis Americas Training Camp - São Paulo, Brazil. 2-5 October 2024
- 2024 ITTF Para Table Tennis Athlete Grants - January – December 2024
Support towards 18 athletes (9 male and 9 female) from 14 MAs in Africa, Asia and the Americas to attend ITTF PTT sanction events (fa20, fa40) or international training camps.
- Oceania National Para Table Tennis Training Camps support
National PTT Training Camp in New Zealand from 28 Sep – 2 Oct.
National PTT Training Camp in Tonga from 4 – 9 November.

Edimilson PINHEIRO

Chair of the ITTF Para Table Tennis Committee

Meetings / Internal Communication

Due to unexpected health reasons, I could not attend the 2024 ITTF Summit in Busan by very short notice.

Nevertheless, we could arrange a hybrid online Committee meeting on 23rd February 2024 in order to prepare and discuss the final 2024 AGM and Council propositions and resolutions.

During the season, as usual we had a lively communication within our Committee on some current issues.

Questions / Interpretations on Rules

The Rules Committee had to deal with several inquiries about the ITTF Statutes. Another time some questions came from our colleagues on the Umpires & Referees Committee, and we tried to provide them with interpretations regarding Laws and Regulations for International Competitions.

There was quite a number of requests for checking the legality of players' clothing. In a few cases, we had to advise national Associations to modify sizes and other properties of advertisements and logos on shirts, shorts or skirts.

Composition of the Rules Committee

Although we have repeatedly pointed out that the Rules Committee was reduced by one member without any reason, this was not corrected during last two years. Therefore, I hope that in 2025 the Nominations Committee will observe this fact and will comply with the minimum number of 25% of female full Committee members, as defined in our Constitution.

Already in 2024 the ITTF Legal Counsel, Mr Dylan Mah, who acted as our assigned staff member, left the ITTF. As a consequence, again the Secretary General, Mr Raul Calin, is now our perfect link to the ITTF leadership.

Since Mr Adrian Christy left his national Association (Table Tennis England), we probably cannot count on him as a full member anymore.

Eligibility Questions

Another time we were involved in discussing some eligibility cases. As member of the ITTF Eligibility Commission, I could contribute to the final decision regarding a player, who changed his nationality.

Propositions to the 2025 AGM and Council meeting

Another time, we prepared some propositions in order to update current rules.

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, who also substituted me as a member of the World Championships Jury in Busan.

I am also 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 thoughtful cooperation and assistance.

Personal Remarks

Since I am acting as Chair of the Rules Committee since more than 21 years, I felt that it is time for refreshing and revitalising this important ITTF body. This is why I asked responsible ITTF officials to find a person who could chair the Rules Committee in future and would bring some innovations to our sport.

However, I will of course always be ready to provide advice to the Committee in future, if required.

Rudi SPORRER

Chair of the ITTF Rules Committee

In 2024, the ITTF's Sport Science and Medical Committee (SSMC) was focused on activities related to organising the ITTF Sports Science Congress, after a six-year hiatus since the last Congress in 2019, and proceeded with the work on different sports science and sports medicine fields.

1. SSMC members attended the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals – Busan 2024, from 21st to 26th February 2024. SSMC members participated in a visit to the local University, a committee meeting, and several meetings with stakeholders from the ITTF family to bring science closer to the practice of table tennis.
2. SSMC members Taisa Belli, Esko Heikkinen and Miran Kondrič alongside with ITTF Sports director Mikael Andersson and ex SSMC member Sima Limoochi took part at the Pukyong National University (PNU) tour and meeting on February 19th, 2024. Presentation of the PNU activities and tour through the university facilities have been provided. During the discussion proposals on possible cooperation and projects have been addressed.
3. SSMC members Miran Kondrič, Xiaopeng Zhang, Taisa Belli, Fethi Regaieg, Esko Heikkinen, and Michael Fuchs alongside with ITTF Executive Board (EB) members Mr. Masahiro Maehara and Mr. Alaor Azevedo attended a hybrid meeting on February 22nd, 2024. Visit to the Pukyong National University, proposal on monthly on-line lectures, and update on activities for the 17th ITTF Sports Science Congress were the main topics of the meeting.
4. SSMC members Miran Kondrič, Taisa Belli, Kazuto Yoshida, and Nabila Cherifi attended to the online meeting on March 27th, 2024. Committee members' activities related to four announced events, namely 1st ITTF Coaches Education Conference, 2nd TT4Health Congress, 17th ITTF Sports Science Congress, and 7th World Congress on Racket Sports, were the main topics of the meeting.
5. On 2nd June 2024, Prof. Miran Kondrič announced his resignation from the SSMC. On 6th August 2024 ITTF EB decided to appoint Ms Taisa Belli, Full Member of the SSMC, as the Acting Chair of the SSMC up until the ITTF AGM to be held in Doha, on Tuesday 27th May 2025.
6. SSMC member Michael Fuchs offered three keynote lectures related to Table Tennis Match Analysis from 24th to 30th September 2024 at University of Campinas, Brazilian Table Tennis Association, and Brazilian Olympic and Paralympic events.
7. SSMC member Taisa Belli alongside with ITTF EB member Dr. Alaa Meshref, ITTF Secretary General Raul Calin, and ITTF Deputy Secretary General Mounir Bessah attended the Inspection Program –ITTF World Table Tennis Championship Finals 2025 in Doha- Qatar from 02nd to 04th October 2024. Visits and meetings with Qatar Table Tennis Association (QTTA) and Aspetar Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Hospital (Aspetar) were held to organize the 17th ITTF Sports Science Congress as part of the ITTF World Table Tennis Championship Finals 2025.
8. SSMC member Taisa Belli attended the 2024 World Table Tennis for Health Festival. This event was organized by the ITTF Foundation and was held in Maizières-lès-Metz, France,

from 23rd to 27th October 2024. Taisa Belli was the moderator of the World Table Tennis for Health Congress.

9. Since October 2024, SSMC members Taisa Belli, Fethi Regaieg, Irene Faber, Esko Heikkinen, Kazuto Yoshida, Michael Fuchs, and Xiaopeng Zhang have been focused on organizing the 17th ITTF Sports Science Congress – Doha 2025. This event is sanctioned by the ITTF, is jointly provided by QTTA, and Aspetar, will be held on 15-16 May 2025, and including a total of 18 keynote speakers to talk about cutting-edge research in sports science and medicine, and will feature a diverse range of topics.
10. SSMC member Taisa Belli offered two keynote lectures related to Table Tennis Coach Education Program and Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion from November to December 2024 at Brazilian Table Tennis Association and Brazilian Paralympic events.
11. ITTF SSMC members are also active in the professional field: Esko Heikkinen was president of Finland Table Tennis Association until October 2024; Fethi Regaieg is NSMP Club and Federation Doctor at the Aspetar Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Hospital, covering national and international table tennis competitions and treating injured table tennis athletes; Irene Faber is senior researcher at Windesheim University of Applied Science (Netherlands) and president of the Netherlands Table Tennis Association; Kazuto Yoshida is professor at Juntendo University (Japan) and Chair of the Sports Science and Medicine Committee, Japan Table Tennis Association; Michael Fuchs is National Coach Analysis Para Table Tennis of the Germany Team, and Taisa Belli is Professor at University of Campinas (Brazil) and Chair of Sports Science Committee, Brazilian Table Tennis Association.

We would like to acknowledge Mr Masahiro Maehara for his contribution and support to SSMC as an ITTF EB representative.

Prof. Taisa BELLI, PhD

Acting Chair of the ITTF Sports Science and Medical Committee

INTRODUCTION

This report reflects our shared vision: A sport that champions the planet as fiercely as it celebrates competition, a sport leading the charge for a sustainable future.

In 2022, the ITTF took a bold step forward by joining the United Nations Sport for Climate Action Framework, cementing our commitment to two critical goals:

- Reducing emissions by 50% by 2030 (against a 2022/2023 baseline)
- Achieving net-zero emissions by 2040

Furthermore, as a founding signatory of the Sport for Nature Framework, we pledged to protect ecosystems, champion sustainable supply chains, and inspire global action to safeguard our planet. These frameworks guide our strategy to ensure table tennis becomes a beacon of environmental and social responsibility.

PROGRESS OVERVIEW

Building Foundations, Driving Momentum

Our phased action plan remains on track, with key milestones achieved:

2023: Established baselines, aligned stakeholders, and defined pathways to meet our targets.

2024: Collaborated with partners to raise standards, share best practices, and accelerate progress.

2025: Focus shifts to scaling impact through education, promotion, and finalizing our 2026-2030 reduction strategy.

Overall, our Planet Action Plan is right on track, albeit with a few actions rescheduled.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS: A YEAR OF ACTION AND INNOVATION

1. Raising Standards Across the Sport

- Achieved ISO 20121 Certification for the ITTF World Championships Finals Busan 2024, setting a new benchmark for sustainable event management.
- Conducted groundbreaking visits to leading manufacturers (Butterfly, Nitakku, ESN, DHS, and Double Fish) to advance eco-friendly equipment production.
- Collected and processed survey data from industry leaders to establish a baseline and grow further discussions for raising standards and collaboration.
- Launched the first FIT Working Group on Sustainability, paving the way for a unified industry pledge in 2025.
- Followed up on the 1st Sustainability Committee meeting with 2 additional active meetings.

2. Empowering Communities

- a. Introduced the Planet Ambassadors Programme, featuring Adriana Diaz and Martin Perry, who inspired youth at the World Championships with actionable sustainability case studies.
- b. Delivered targeted education programs to Member Associations in Lebanon, Nicaragua, Colombia, and Botswana, alongside the first sustainability training for coaches.

3. Innovation and Collaboration

- a. Partnered with Yunus Sports Hub to pioneer social entrepreneurship, zero waste solutions, and sustainable procurement.
- b. Developed an Athletes' Carbon Footprint Calculator (supported by IOC and Deloitte), set for pilot testing in 2025.
- c. Integrated Evalu8 software to measure and transparently report our carbon footprint by 2025.

4. Celebrating Progress

- a. The Hellenic Table Tennis Federation produced recycled plastic medals for the E-sport and TT4Health World Championships, a first for our sport.
- b. Featured in the IOC Sustainability Case Studies, recognising ITTF's leadership in best practices.

LOOKING AHEAD: ACCELERATING IMPACT

In 2025, we will:

- a. Launch the ITTF Sustainability Virtual Forum and Awards to celebrate pioneers.
- b. Introduce online sustainability education modules for global accessibility.
- c. Finalise our 2026-2030 Reduction Strategy, backed by data-driven insights.
- d. Embed sustainability deeper into event bidding processes (2027 and 2029 World Championships) and stakeholder collaborations.

A COLLECTIVE JOURNEY

None of this progress would be possible without the dedication of our Member Associations, athletes, manufacturers, and partners. Together, we prove that table tennis can lead by example, balancing competitive excellence with planetary responsibility.

Sustainability is not a destination but a continuous journey. As we move forward, let us remain united in our mission to make table tennis a sport that thrives today while safeguarding tomorrow. Thank you for your unwavering commitment. With your support, we will build a legacy of resilience and innovation for generations to come.

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for their support, and look forward to Table Tennis becoming the standard in sustainability.

Mawuko AFADZINU

Chair of the ITTF Sustainability Committee

2024 ITTF URC had a special focus on development of match officials and a new record of 41 activities has been achieved. The implementation was only possible because of the excellent cooperation with High Performance and Development and the full support of a lot of associations. The following objectives have been worked on in 2024.

1. Communication

- Three online and one one-site meeting with all members of the Committee
- Online meetings and close cooperation with the WTT Match Officials Coordinator
- Online meetings with the Integrity Unit to discuss specific cases
- Online meetings with ITTF IT staff to discuss the IT requirements for ITTF URC
- Online meetings with Equipment to discuss racket control/dismantling procedures
- Online meeting with Para TT
- Meeting in Busan and close cooperation with Development during the year
- Two Newsletters have been published
- Use of the ITTF website and Facebook group to communicate with match officials

2. Participation in working groups

Members of ITTF URC participated in the following working groups:

- Racket Control Procedures/Dismantling process – new 01.01.2025 (Equipment Committee)
- Table Tennis Review (TTR)

3. ITTF/WTT Match Officials Coordinator

Tina Crotta, as the contact person for ITTF URC towards ITTF and WTT for all issues related to match officials, is communicating each day with ITTF URC, and the cooperation with Tina Crotta is exceptional.

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 done in close cooperation with ITTF/WTT and the LOC.

5. Education; Performance Assessment and Evaluations

In total, 146 (+14% compared to 2023) Performance Assessments have been made by the appointed referee teams.

508 (+17,5% compared to 2023) evaluations done by certified evaluators in 16 events during the year. Due to the excellent support of national associations ITTF URC could also

offer self-funded evaluations and training during events in France, Philippines, Hong Kong and Egypt.

6. Education; Advanced Rules Exam

ITTF URC offered the Advanced Rules Exams in 18 events for 183 candidates, and 151 umpires passed the exam. Compared to 2023, the pass rate increased from 65% to 82%.

7. Education: International Umpire Exam 2024

ITTF URC, in cooperation with Development, offered two online preparatory courses per language (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish) for all nominated candidates. 1052 candidates participated in the International Umpire Exam and 608 passed successfully, which is a significant increase from 39% in 2022 to 58% in 2024.

8. Education: Advanced Referee Workshop 2024 in Frankfurt

ITTF URC started again the training of future Advanced Referees. 9 Candidates attended the Workshop with the aim to raise officiating standards and equipping referees with the skills necessary to excel at the highest levels of table tennis.

9. Train the Trainer Workshop 2024 in Doha

The workshop welcomed 14 participants from 12 countries, to enhance the skills of trainers, focusing particularly on didactical methods and social skills, essential for effective training delivery. Omar Refaat Bassyouni from ITTF Development also joined the workshop, contributing to discussions on the Committee's development plans for 2025.

10.2024 ITTF Mentorship for Umpires and Evaluators Trainee.

A total of 17 participants (8 male and 9 female) umpires and evaluators have been trained and mentored by experienced umpires and evaluators.

11. International Referee School 2024

During 2024, one International Referees' School was held in Czechia, China. Five Match Officials qualified as International Referees.

12. Match Officials Statistics

The number of Match Officials with active status 01.03.2025 is:

- 8 Advanced Referees (2 female)
- 115 Active International Referees (31 female)
- 27 Gold Badge Umpires (12 female)
- 198 Blue Badge Umpires (74 female)
- 2.136 White Badge Umpires (687 female)

13. Referee Toolbox

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

14. Acknowledgement

I want to thank all URC members who participated in an active way. I would also like to thank the ITTF and WTT leaders and their staff members, especially Graeme, Tina, Raul, Karl, Dimos, Mohamed, Tiago, Bart, Polona, Omar and Katarzyna, 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

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Report to the AGM

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2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report to the AGM

Document E-02

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Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-01

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of BRA, BRN, ERI, ETH, HUN, INA, IRI, IRQ, JOR, KAZ, KGZ, KUW, LAO, LBN, LCA, LES, MDV, MGL, NEP, OMA, PLE, QAT, SUD, TUN, UAE, UGA, UZB, and YEM.

To add a new clause under 1.46.1.1. (Appointment of a Chair) as follows:

1.46. AGENDA

1.46.1. The agenda for an AGM shall include:

1.46.1.1. the appointment of a Chair

1.46.1.1.1. In any election year for the positions of ITTF President or membership on the Executive Board, no individual standing as a candidate for any of these positions shall be permitted to preside over the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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Rationale:

- 1. Ensuring Integrity and Impartiality: The goal is to prevent any conflicts of interest, as chairing the meeting could provide an unfair advantage in the election process.*
 - 2. Promoting Transparency: Prohibiting nominees from chairing the AGM ensures that the electoral process remains fair and unbiased.*
 - 3. Enhancing Credibility: This measure strengthens trust among member associations in the governance of the ITTF.*
 - 4. Protecting the Election Process: It creates a more equitable and transparent environment for all candidates.*
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Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-02

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Continental Federation of Asia (ATTU)

To amend Article 1.60.1.

1.60. COMPOSITION

1.60.1. The Executive Board consists of:

1.60.1.1. the President;

1.60.1.2. 8 Executive Vice-Presidents ~~of which one shall be designated by the President as Deputy President and another one shall be designated to be responsible for finances;~~

Proposed Amended Article:

1.5.4.4 The Deputy President and the Vice-President for Finance shall be elected by the General Assembly during its session from among the elected members of the Executive Committee.

- The Deputy President and the Vice-President for Finance shall be elected by a simple majority of the votes cast.
- The President's right to appoint either of these positions is revoked to ensure independence and transparency in the election process.
- In the event of a vacancy in either position between two General Assembly meetings, the Executive Committee shall organize an extraordinary election to fill the position until the next General Assembly session.

Rationale:

Ultimate Objective of the Amendment:

- *Enhancing Transparency: Transforming the selection process for the Deputy President and Vice-President for Finance into a democratic process that ensures fairness and clarity.*
- *Strengthening Good Governance: Implementing practices that ensure accountability and balance of power at the highest levels of the ITTF.*
- *Empowering the General Assembly: Granting the General Assembly, as the ITTF's supreme authority, a central role in selecting key leadership positions.*
- *Reducing Individual Influence: Limiting the President's discretionary power over key appointments to safeguard the independence of leadership roles.*
- *Encouraging Competence: Opening the door for competition among candidates and enabling the presentation of clear work programs that align with the ITTF's vision and goals.*

Justifications:

1. *Ensuring Fairness: Transitioning to an electoral system that promotes impartiality and integrity in leadership selection.*
2. *Minimizing Individual Authority: Reducing the influence of the President in making significant appointments.*
3. *Aligning with International Governance Standards: Enhancing trust and transparency in line with global best practices.*
4. *Engaging Stakeholders: Increasing the involvement of the General Assembly in strategic decision-making.*
5. *Securing Continuity: Establishing a clear mechanism for filling vacant positions without disrupting ITTF operations.*

Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-03

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Continental Federation of Europe (ETTU)

To amend Article 1.60.1.3.

1.60. COMPOSITION

1.60.1. The Executive Board consists of:

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1.60.1.3. 2 members from the Athletes' Commission from different genders and different continents; and

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Rationale:

To ensure diversity and global representation of athletes.

Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-04

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by World Table Tennis (WTT)

To amend Article 1.60.1.

1.60. COMPOSITION

1.60.1. The Executive Board consists of:

1.60.1.1. the President;

1.60.1.2. 8 Executive Vice-Presidents of which one shall be designated by the President as Deputy President and another one shall be designated to be responsible for finances;

1.60.1.3. 2 members from the Athletes' Commission from different genders; ~~and~~

1.60.1.4. any IOC member connected to Table Tennis; ~~and~~

1.60.1.5. the CEO of World Table Tennis (WTT) as an ex-officio member by a decision of the Executive Board.

Rationale:

As the sole commercial rights entity of the ITTF, which ITTF has entrusted to enhance, promote, professionalise and drive the growth of Table Tennis, it is important that the entity, through its representative, is fully aligned and invested into the coordinated work of the ITTF for the betterment of the sport. This also acknowledges the essential role of WTT in the ITTF's ecosystem while ensuring that its commercial and operational leadership is represented at the governance level, to be able to provide direct input, aiding in better informed decision-making.

Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-05

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Association of Iraq (IRQ)

To add a new clause under 1.71.3 HONORARY PRESIDENT.

~~1.70.3.1. Any past President of the ITTF shall be automatically bestowed the title of "ITTF Honorary President" with a set of privileges decided by the Executive Board from time to time.~~

~~1.70.3.2. This title can be revoked by a Simple Majority vote of the AGM or by a decision of the ITTF Tribunal.~~

1.71.3.1. Any former President of the ITTF may be granted the title of "ITTF Honorary President" for a term of eight years, following a simple majority vote by the AGM. The privileges associated with this title shall be determined by the Executive Board and may be adjusted from time to time.

1.71.3.2. The title of "ITTF Honorary President" may be revoked under any of the following circumstances: A simple majority vote by the AGM, failure to attend the AGM, or a decision by the ITTF Tribunal.

Rationale:

- 1. Promoting Diversity and Representation: The proposal aims to ensure fair representation of different continents in leadership roles.*
 - 2. Global Perspective: Leaders from diverse geographical backgrounds can better understand and address the needs and interests of all regions.*
 - 3. Greater Inclusivity: This approach fosters inclusiveness and ensures decision-making reflects a wide range of priorities and viewpoints.*
 - 4. Balanced Governance: The proposed model ensures leadership balance, strengthening the unity of the ITTF as a global organization.*
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Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-06

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by World Table Tennis (WTT)

To add Article 1.81. and renumber the subsequent articles.

1.81. BETTING INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

1.81.1. The Betting Integrity Commissioner shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

1.81.2. The term of office of the Betting Integrity Commissioner shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

Rationale:

Based on an annual study by Sportradar in 2024, table tennis ranks no.3 in the list of sports involved in match-fixing with a high volume of suspicious matches. Lack of regulation and rise of garage leagues has tarnished the sport's reputation and heavily impacted its commercial value negatively. More focused regulation efforts should be put in place to address the issues arising from illegal betting and corruption in our sport, with a dedicated team focused on this area.

Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-07

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Association of Uganda (UGA)

To amend Article 1.71.1.

1.71. PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1.71.1. 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 Masters Committee are permanent Committees.

Rationale:

There is nothing more important today to most of our Countries than the need for more development financing and other resources. For many years we have not had a dedicated attention to the marketing efforts of our Sport and indeed most countries are not aware of the overall strategy or plan being used to grow the finances of our Sport. Most countries are even not aware of what they need to do to contribute to the financial growth of the Sport. We have also never had any Marketing Session to plan together how to make our Sport more financially powerful for the benefit of all our Countries.

This Gap needs to be closed by having a permanent Marketing Committee that reports to the AGM on all the above areas aimed at getting more development financing and other resources for all our Countries. All our countries need to also follow this very important aspect closely and to get regular reports on the progress.

Our countries also need to make contributions to this strategy and we all contribute to the growth of the financial welfare of our Sport for our own benefit.

The ITTF Executive Board has tried to rely on the "Business and Development Unit" but this has not working out as well as we had all hoped. With a Constitutionally established Marketing Committee, more attention will be given to this very important aspect of our Sport by AGM authority and it will most likely be handled much better.

Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-08

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Continental Federation of Oceania (ITTF-Oceania)

To amend Article 1.79. replacing the Gender & Diversity Commissioner with a new Permanent Committee.

~~1.79.— GENDER AND DIVERSITY COMMISSIONER~~

~~1.79.1. The Gender and Diversity Commissioner shall be appointed by the Executive Board.~~

~~1.79.2. One gender and diversity representative who is not from the same continent as the Gender and Diversity Commissioner may be nominated by each Continental Federation and appointed by the Executive Board.~~

~~1.79.3. The term of office of the Gender and Diversity Commissioner and the gender and diversity representatives shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.~~

1.79. GENDER EQUITY DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

1.79.1. The Gender Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee shall be composed of at least 6 members, including:

1.79.1.1. one representative from each continent appointed by the ITTF Council;

1.79.1.2. at least one independent individual appointed by the Executive Board, and

1.79.1.3. at least 50% of the Gender Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee shall be female.

1.79.2. The terms of office of the Gender Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

Rationale:

The global sport of table tennis prides itself on being a sport for all, for life. Further growth can be achieved if the sport is more diverse and inclusive. To demonstrate that ITTF is serious about its objectives, it is proposed that the current Gender, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce should be disbanded, and, in its place, a new Permanent Committee be established. While the Taskforce has made some initial positive steps, a formal structured Committee with robust Terms of Reference is needed to champion change.

Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-09

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of ALG, BRA, BRN, DJI, ERI, ETH, HUN, INA, IRI, IRQ, JOR, KAZ, KGZ, KUW, LBN, LCA, MDV, MGL, NEP, OMA, PLE, QAT, SOM, SUD, TUN, UAE, UGA, and YEM.

To add a new clause under 1.86.6.

“In the event that the ITTF President is elected from a specific continent, the positions of ITTF Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and Secretary General shall each be occupied by individuals originating from distinct continents. Under no circumstances shall more than one individual holding these three leadership positions be from the same continent.”

Rationale:

- 1. Promoting Diversity and Representation: The proposal aims to ensure fair representation of different continents in leadership roles.*
 - 2. Global Perspective. Leaders from diverse geographical backgrounds can better understand and address the needs and interests of all regions.*
 - 3. Greater inclusivity: This approach fosters inclusiveness and ensures decision-making reflects a wide range of priorities and viewpoints.*
 - 4. Balanced Governance: The proposed model ensures leadership balance, strengthening the unity of the ITTF as a global organization.*
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Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-10

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Board

The expulsion of the Pengurus Pusat Persatuan Tenis Meja Seluruh Indonesia (PPPTMSI) from the ITTF Membership and the recognition as a new ITTF Member Association in Indonesia, the Indonesia Pingpong League.

Rationale:

The sport of table tennis has suffered for over eight years in Indonesia, with repeated reports of internal disputes about its governance, complaints from athletes, associations of athletes, the Indonesia Olympic Committee, and the Indonesia Ministry of Sports.

The ITTF and the ATTU have tried to assist in resolving the problems and concur with the Indonesia Olympic Committee's analysis that the longstanding governance disputes within Indonesian Table Tennis between the different parties remain unresolved, with no indication of a settlement in sight.

Therefore, the ITTF and the ATTU fully support the Komite Olimpiade Indonesia's position that our sport needs a fresh start in Indonesia, hence, this proposition.

Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-11

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by the Equipment Committee

To amend 2.1.

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 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.

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 incorporated into the ITTF Statutes. Furthermore, the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games demonstrated that tables with coloured lines can better present the sport. 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.

Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Resolution A-12

(Simple majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Board

To introduce fresh new ITTF Statutes for the next centenary that reflect more accurately the modernisation and advancements of our sport and the world that we live in today and in the future.

Rationale:

The current ITTF Statutes was first introduced in 1926, almost 100 years ago, and relevant to those times. Throughout the years, parts of it have been amended according to needs, although the general framework and regulations remain the same. With the modernisation and advancement of the world today and the development and growth of our sport in recent years, new Statutes that more accurately reflect the world we live in today and in preparation for the future are integral to better promote, represent and continue to grow our sport for future generations.

Propositions & Resolutions to the 2025 ITTF AGM

Resolution A-13

(Simple majority required)

Proposed by the Member Association of Türkiye (TUR)

Para table tennis is one of the most universal Para sports in the world. Since its inclusion in the 1960 Rome Paralympic Games, it has been featured in every edition of the Games. Currently, it ranks as the third-largest sport in terms of athlete participation, surpassed only by Athletics and Swimming. To ensure this intense competition continues fairly, the classification system should be updated and strengthened. However, classes should not be merged.

Rationale:

Merging is being considered in the Para Table Tennis Classification.
