

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL CONGRESS OF THE
PANAMERICAN HANDBALL FEDERATION (P.A.T.H.F.)**

In the city of Buenos Aires, on the 30th July 2016, at 10 am in the morning, at Intersur Hotel in Recoleta, and after the formal opening ceremony, the opening Session of the Ordinary Congress of the Panamerican Handball Federation, summoned May 23rd 2016 takes place, pursuant Article 5 of the Bylaws of this Federation.-----

The President gives the floor to the Secretary General for him to comply with the second paragraph of the Bylaws concerning the necessary quorum for the Assembly to be valid.-----

The Secretary General informs that Representatives from 24 out of 26 member countries, are present in the room, consequently, and the quorum stated in paragraph 3 Article 5 is complied with. -----

The member countries in the room are stated below: **Argentina** (Delegate Mr. Alejandro Ferrantelli), **Brazil** (Mr. Vittor Domingo Martines), **Chile** (Mr. Marcel Mancilla y Mr. Roberto Aldanes), **Paraguay** (Mr. Nelson Ozorio), **Uruguay** (Mr. Atilio Ancheta and Mr. Jorge Rodriguez Gimenez), **Bolivia** (Mr. Martín Chilaca), **Peru** (Mr. Gustavo del Carpio), **Colombia** (Mr. Oscar Bautista Forero), **Venezuela** (Mr. Ghassan Mamo Kapasse), **Panama** (Dr. José María Contreras Gonzalez), **Costa Rica** (Mr. Juan Carlos Guttierrez Vargas and Mr. Oscar Perez Guevara), **Nicaragua** (Mr. Jaime Delfs Neira), **El Salvador** (Dr. Hector Alvarado Véliz), **Honduras** (Mr. Gerardo Valerio Reyes), **Guatemala** (Dr. Carlos Morales Sosa), **Mexico** (Dr. Mario García de La Torre), **Canada** (Prof. Raquel Pedercini Marinho), **United States** (Mr. Mike Cavanaugh), **Greenland** (Mr. Kurt Lauritzen), **Haití** (Ms. Carline Choute), **Dominican Republic** (Mr. Miguel Rivera), **Puerto Rico** (Mr. Nestor Milete), **Barbados** (Ms. Shirley Hoyte Boyce), **Trinidad & Tobago** (Mr. Roger Salandi.-----

The Federations of **Ecuador** and **Cuba** were absent.-----

The members of our Executive and Federation Council were also present, Messrs. Mario Moccia, President - Julio Noveri Giandana, 1st Vice-president- Hector Fernandez Bogdanic, Secretary General - Carlos G. Ferrea, Treasurer - Rafael Sepulveda Montalvo, 2nd Vice-president - Mr. Mario García de La Torre, P.A.T.H.F. Representative before the International Handball Federation - Mr. Salvio Sedrez (President of the Referee Commission), Gerardo Paniagua Occhipinti, MS., current Vice-president, Southern Region and the Executive Director, Mr. Miguel Angel Zaworotny.-----

The President opens the floor to observations that could be made on the details of the Agenda, included in the Notification to the meeting dated May 23rd. -----

The Secretary General, asks for the floor and expresses the following: -----

1.- A Note dated 27th June from the Argentine Handball Confederation was received requesting the consideration of the Assembly, for a modification of Article 10 of the Bylaws to change from 60 to 90 days, making the term between the Summons to a Congress and its actual performance longer.-----

The Assembly was also requested to consider the modification of paragraph 5 of Article 12, changing the figure 60 for 30-----

To comply with the term stated in Article 9, paragraph 1, the proposal to submit it to the consideration of the Assembly as one more item in the Agenda is accepted -----

2.- A note from the Secretary General requests the Assembly for authorization to add a new item to the Agenda, which had been forgotten: the five members for the Appeal Tribunal must be appointed, pursuant what was approved in the Assembly, held in the city of Buenos Aires in 2014, the current members stop their functions in this Congress.-----

Next, the President takes the floor: he begins thanking the member countries for their presence in this Assembly, a great landmark for the organization. He thanks all attendees for the excellent work done over these four years of the current administration of the Executive finishing today, and expects that this Congress is followed by other four years of development and growth. -----

He acknowledges the presence of the President of the International Handball Federation, Doctor Hassan Mustafá, who attended this event, particularly this being an Election Assembly that will appoint the Directors who will be in charge of the Federation for the next four years.

Then, the Agenda for this Assembly is read and it starts immediately.

Item nº 4: P.A.T.H.F. President Report

Now, the President makes his report to the Honourable Congress, indicating he will do so itemizing his work of the last four years, and of course, he makes himself available for any clarification necessary. He starts by saying he is extremely happy for the job done, and thanks the Executive and Council members who have shared this mission.

He also expressed his gratitude to the IHF President, Dr. Hassan Mustafá, present here, for all his support during these years, without which many things would have been very tough to implement. He also pointed out that together with Mario García de La Torre, our representative before the I.H.F., and Rafael Sepúlveda, they have properly represented America in the I.H.F Council meeting, where we have been welcome and respected by all continents.-----

Their presence and participation in meetings and Olympic movement working groups are worth mentioning. We will soon be in Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games, and in the year 2018 Buenos Aires will host the Youth Olympic Games, for which he has been appointed as responsible for the sport competitions as well as Venue Manager of those games. -----

It is also worth mentioning the job done by our Federation in the Toronto Panamerican Games, where we had great collaboration from the Canadian Federation and its President Raquel Pedercini who is here today. The Games started with some audience and television problems, which were later solved and ended up in a wonderful competition. These problems soon became secondary since Cuban and Argentine television helped the transmission of the Finals and Semi finals. The work of our vice-president Julio Noveri is specially highlighted at this point for his top position in our representation. -----

As far as the sport aspect, the President indicates that in this four year period, there have been 2 masculine Senior Tournaments, 2 Feminine Senior Tournaments, 2 Masculine and 2 Feminine Junior Tournaments, 2 Masculine and 2 Feminine Youth Tournaments, several Club Panamerican tournaments, the South Olympic Sport Games, the PP GG in Toronto, totalling 28 tournaments played, something wonderful.

It is worth mentioning that 2 activities took place, the Masculine Club Pan in Argentina this year, even US teams participated in a very good environment, with a good audience and all matches shown on TV. It was an excellent job of the Buenos Aires Federation and its President Alejandro Ferrantelli.-----

The Masculine Panamerican Senior was played in Buenos Aires and the idea was to play a tournament with different concepts of communication, audience and marketing. It always followed Dr. Moustafá 's guidelines about this being an excellent product and we must only know how to sell it. This Buenos Aires event had a great audience from Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and even Greenland, so, we do have an excellent product. As a result of this Press and Marketing job, we would like to show you something we have done about it. Next, the afore mentioned video was shown. A round of applause followed suit. By request of the Guatemala delegate, they are informed that there are copies for all and that it will be uploaded in the website. Brazil was crowned champion after an excellent performance, followed by Chile and Argentina in the third place.

We have had a very active role in the organization of the South America Sport Games in Chile, in the Central America games in Guatemala and Central American and Caribbean Games in Veracruz, Mexico.

We had 2 annual meetings of our Council in 2013, 2014, and 2015 and we have already had one in 2016. We have had several meetings of the Executive and have been in permanent contact with all their members when necessary. Work, we have had a lot. -- We managed to gather all Commissions but one, and just like the IHF we have had Inter Commissions in the city of Buenos Aires, which were very successful .-----

We have signed agreements with the Swedish and Polish Federations for help to educate our coaches, for the presence of American countries in the Partille Cup, which would be ideal for those Federations that do reach the World championship. We have signed a help agreement with the Ibero American Sport Council for the development of our sport in all the Continent. Another agreement with the Spanish Federation of Handball for the participation of our coaches in the courses they organize, and to which we already sent 19 coaches in 2015 and 16 this year, and expect a course for top level coaches in our Continent.

We have started the development of wheelchair handball (adapted) and have had a Panamerican tournament with teams from various countries. We have published material on the subject and our Commission, whose President is present, did organize that.

We have given a strong impulse to Beach Handball and the tournaments are usually all over the continent. Venezuela saw the 1st U16 Beach with players born between 2000 and 2001 with a view towards the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, 2018.

We have delivered over 20 courses for referees and coaches all over the continent, both Indoor and beach, they were all so successful that we will continue.

We have developed the Marketing area and Gabriel Klein will be speaking about it in the afternoon. We have signed an agreement with Qatar Airways, with the special intervention of Dr. Hassan Moustafa, we have received a great support in the last four years, and we do expect the money will last four years more, since we are very thrifty when using those funds.-----

On another note, we have continued working on the History of our Federation, so this afternoon we shall be presenting a Book of Statistics of all the tournaments played in Panamerica since our beginnings, last century until the present. It was made by our

specialist historian Juan Carlos Rennis, you will be able to find all matches played, where they were played and their results. In this regard, we have copied the I.H.F. that lays a lot of emphasis on the importance of history.

We have improved communication, we have worked hard on our website, we have greatly enlarged our presence in the social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram), great tools to strengthen our institution. This is what I have to inform you all, many thanks to all of you, we have done this together.-----

After being subject to consideration, the report is unanimously approved by all attendees. Before that, the Peruvian delegate asked for the floor. and requested the inclusion of the achievements of Handball in the Bolivarian Games and Beach Bolivarian Games, sub-regional competitions in South America. The President takes the motion as his. The issue is approved and finished.

The Guatemala delegate asks for the floor, and requests to add to the proceedings the fact that he has received information from his Olympic Committee that expresses that our sport is one of the eight most practised sports in the continent and that is also an achievement of our Panamerican Federation. The secretary General, asks the Assembly to decide on the account submitted by the President, which is unanimously approved .-----

Item nº 5: General Secretary Report :

Firstly, I have submitted my written report (which you all have in your folders) which reflects my work. I would like to highlight some specific issues: the excellent work of our Executive Director, Mr. Miguel Angel Zaworotny, without whose effort, this would have been impossible. His job has been magnificent and he has been a very important support for all of us. An average of 40 daily emails, the use of the telephone, Skype and WhatsApp have been key for our job. We have supported our President in the noted Dominican Republic affair, an issue which is already closed and which has set a serious example for the future.

I would like to stress the work of the Commissions, which are now working and have been of vital importance as collaborators, although some more than others. For example, it is necessary to continue supporting the work of the Marketing Commission whose activities are very important today. We still have some problems in participation of some countries in what concerns sport, but they will be integrating little by little. It is important to highlight the growth of the Bolivian Federation which is reviving. To support Peru and Ecuador. Also Central America -----

I would like to address the putting off of our Congress expressed by Brazil. But, before, I would like to congratulate the Argentine Confederation for the excellent work organizing the Panamerican tournament of Buenos Aires. Unfortunately, because of Brazil's position, it could not be a great celebration for all. The idea was to do everything simultaneously, the tournament and the Congress, but regrettably because of Brazil's claim, it was not possible. No one wanted to hurt Brazil, there was just a mistake in form, but not of substance, and it could have been solved among ourselves without having to resort to the I.H.F. The mother institution did the right thing and today we can have our Congress. But for the future, we have to solve problems ourselves, putting internal organizations to work. This is the end of my report, so I thank all members for their support.

The report was unanimously approved.

El Salvador delegate asked for the floor and thanked Miguel Angel Zaworotny, the Executive Director, who has been of permanent help for his Federation and all the Central area. Particularly when interpreting the I.H.F documentation. -----

Item nº 6: Treasurer report:

The Treasurer, Carlos Ferrea B.S. starts his presentation and says that an international accounting bureau based in Puerto Rico has been hired during his administration. This Accounting Bureau has checked each and every banking movement as well as the expenses incurred into. He adds that to comply with what was agreed upon, all members have received a detail of all the accounting movements until 31st Dec. ,2015. He also reports that the balance of the bank account, at the end of the fiscal year, is u\$s 547,000, indicating that at the beginning of his administration there were only u\$s 4,000.00. There were previous debts from the organization of the Panama congress and other minor debts. The treasurer goes on to say that all movements have been audited. The year 2012 saw the beginning of a number of expenses for meetings and congresses, some of them timely covered by the Argentine Handball Confederation.

As of 2013, a number of expenses for the work of the Commissions and Council started. Administration expenses start cropping up, although on a minor scale, since many of them were covered with other funds. Fee expenses start increasing as well. Our Executive Director is granted an increase, more expenses are created for Press and the website and the research work on the history of our sport started. In addition to the above, there are also the tournament expenses.

The tournament expenses have increased since 2014 because the sport activities have also increased. There were also extra ordinary expenses: legal advisory in relation to the Dominican Republic issue. Administration expenses have not had substantial changes, and now there are course development investments. A laptop was bought for the Referee Commission and two Dartfish software packages to facilitate their work.

2015 saw an increase in Admin expenses, which is normal due to the greater number of activities. Development activities increase and so do press and promotion expenses for the work of the Marketing Commission. Daily expenses are really very small. General expenses grow year after year, but we try to be as thrifty as possible. All expenses are permanently audited by accountant José Mendoza in Puerto Rico. Money is safe. Once finished the report, the Treasurer makes himself available to clarify any doubts or concerns. By request of the President he adds that, as of 2016, a help has been implemented to help participating and organizing countries of Youth and Juniors tournaments, for the amount of u\$s 2.000., for participating countries that organize, but we will enlarge upon this at the end of the fiscal year 2016. Then, the Treasurer thanks Mr. Rafael Sepúlveda for all the support to the area, mainly for the collaboration with our bank in Puerto Rico. The Treasurer report is submitted for consideration, **it is approved.** -----

Item nº 7: I.H.F. representative report

Mr. Mario García de La Torre reports that all delegates have received a printed copy of all the proceedings, so, he must only make minor contributions. His activities at the I.H.F. are political and related to the venue of some events in his country. The first part is all in the proceedings, and as to the second part, he mentions two facts which were celebrated in the continent for the first time. The first one is Global Clinic Coaching Course, in two parts and as an I.H.F. initiative and with its funds. The first part was in Mexico with the attendance of coaches from 15 nations, and the second in Auburn (USA), where Mike Cavanaugh was a great support and did an excellent job. The activity has been a great success.

The second activity was the meeting held in Mexico for Emerging countries with the presence of Dr. Moustafa where the concept of Emerging and the activities that can be carried out were explained. Mr. De La Torre thanks Dr. Moustafa for the activities carried out -----

Finally, the meeting held between Mario Moccia and Dr Moustafa in Basel was mentioned. They discussed the support to the countries that play in the Youth and Juniors World Cups which should get a greater support than before which amounted CHF 10.000,00. Finally, what was obtained is much more than expected, now it will amount CHF 25.000,00 + a plus of CHF 15.000,00 if the team ends up among the first eight, or CHF 10.000,00 for the ninth or tenth positions. It is important to stress that Dr. Moustafa has kept his promise and we are extremely grateful. The President of the Chilean Federation asks for clarification about the possibility of a nation ending up in the last positions, and receiving nothing for being present at a World event. Mr. De La Torre expresses that that is evaluated by a Special I.H.F.Commission and Dr. Moustafa adds: "we work to grow and what is promised is complied with". But I was upset to know that some country in America wanted to take the issue to the IHD Congress, that did upset me. We are paying for all the expenses of the Senior championships, ticket or lodging and you all know how expensive tickets are nowadays. Besides, the expenses of the World cups depend on the Council and Congress, but still, those countries did not wait and wanted to have it in the Congress directly. But the funds do come from the Council, When we met with Mario Moccia and Mario García de La Torre, we agreed upon the increases but, obviously, we must keep the level and quality of the tournament. We cannot allow for a quality different from that of a world cup. We have already decided that Australia will not get any help from our part, for the Senior tournaments, since they do nothing to get better. This is negative for our sport. That is why Australia will get no more support. We insist on the fact that we will help, the better the position, the greater our support. But you must understand that you have to get better. Dr. Mario García de la Torre´s report is unanimously approved. -----

Item nº 8: Report of the President of the Development Commission, Rafael Sepúlveda:

It is worth mentioning that since Mario Moccia took over as President of this Federation, development has been redefined as a priority. To help referees in development, as well as to help to train coaches or leaders, or to organize better tournaments. Everything is development. As to my report, it is necessary to consider

the I.H.F. and the Federation activities. As regards our Federation, we are developing the following objectives: Olympic Solidarity programme, a programme related to the Ibero American Sport Council, Big Brothers project, Caribbean project and the activation of the permanent Commissions plus two Panamerican Development Centres. This has been a great step. As to Olympic Solidarity, we are preparing a Manual to help the Federations face the issue with their National Olympic Committees. We are having conversations with the Ibero American Council of Sport which is made up of the Sport Ministries of the nations. As to Big Brothers programme, agreements have been signed with Spain, Poland and Sweden, which are already in place. As to the Development centres, we are evaluating the possible venues, for the time being ARG – USA – MEX and PUR are in condition to be so. We will continue working on this issue. As to the Caribbean project, we are dealing with it, we are interested because it includes 31 nations and there is a lot to do. -----
Finally, we are organizing the Central America and Caribbean Games, in Barranquilla, 2018, and we are incorporating the President of the Colombian Federation. Dr. Moustafa thanked for the creation of a working group for Adapted handball. He specially thanked Carline Choute, his colleague in the I.H.F. Development Commission. He thanks Amal Khalifa through Dr Moustafa for the help received from the IHF. He thanks Salvio Sedrez, Carlos Ferrea, Carline Choute, Dr. Llew Harper and Thedy Adjemian for their efficient work at the I.H.F. commissions -----
Having no more issues to discuss, I thank for this opportunity the P.A.T.H.F. President has given me. The report was unanimously approved.-----

Item nº 9: Report of the Vice-president of the Northern Region, Mr. Brian Hayes:

The President reports the absence of Mr. Brian Hayes, who has undergone a heart surgery. His report is in the folders and we wish him a quick recovery.

Item nº 10: Report of the Vice-president of the Southern Region, Gerardo Paniagua Occhipinti:

Mr. Paniagua takes the floor and informs that his report is in the folders handed out and his report is unanimously approved.

Item nº 11: Report of the Vice-president of the Centre Region, Dr. Carlos Morales Sosa:

Apart from indicating that his report is also in the folders, Dr. Morales adds that as a result of the meeting of emerging countries he has drafted a sketch of a tournament for them, which he has submitted to the IHF. He also thanks the President of the Region, Prof. Jaime Delfs Neira for the job, and all the Presidents of the Federations in the Region. The report was unanimously approved. -----

It expressed that there is no report of the Caribbean Region due to the fact that it has had no leader since Mr. Jose Duval was suspended. A new President will be elected today and we will have the reports again.

Item nº 12: C.O.C. President Report Mr. Carlos González Aldea:

The President informs that our Competition president is also absent because he has had an accident. His report is in the folder and it was unanimously approved.

Item nº 13: P.R.C. President report Mr. Salvio Sedrez:

He takes the floor and, having included the report in the folders, it is unanimously approved. He adds the following: a) the IHF guidelines are being followed in the tournaments. Observation meetings are being held, the referees work is followed with Dartfish. b) several courses have been organized in different countries, c) a GRTP course was held in Buenos Aires, where 3 more couples were added to the IHF list, d) there is an agreement with the Spanish Federation to send our referees to work there. e) Special work will be done with BOL and PER, they have important competitions in the short time. Finally, he thanks our President for all his support for the work in the Commission. Submitted to the Assembly, it was unanimously approved. -----

Item nº 14: Development Commission report:

It has been approved at the time of the intervention of Mr. Rafael Sepúlveda Montalvo when speaking as the development Vice-president of this Federation.

Item nº 15: Election of the P.A.T.H.F. Executive Committee:

The President understands that at this time, and since the total election of the Executive is being requested, it is convenient to ask them to leave the room. Before leaving, the Secretary (H. Fernández) insists that the election is ruled by Article 12 in the Bylaws. The Executive is elected full list, just lists are recorded at the end. One is backed by 23 of 26 PATHF Federations, and it must be approved by 50 % + 1 of the votes of the attendees.

There are 24 Federations, so 13 affirmative votes are necessary. The President asks Mr. Gerardo Paniagua Occhipinti to move the election forward. Having said so, the current Executive leaves the room and Mr. Paniagua takes the floor. There is only one list backed by 23 Member Federations. It is made up of the candidates: Mario Moccia (ARG), 1st Vice-president, Mr. Junio Noveri (URU), 2nd Vice-president, Mr. Rafael Sepúlveda Montalvo (PUR), Secretary General, Mr. Héctor Fernández Bogdanic (CHI), Treasurer Mr. Carlos Ferrea (ARG), and Representative before the I.H.F. Mr. Mario García de La Torre (MEX). Since there is only one list, and complying with the Bylaws, the election may be made in a loud voice, by secret voice or by show of hands. The delegate from PUR, considering there is just one list, decides the election be made in a loud voice. There is no opposition, so the single list is acclaimed. The IHF President intervenes. Dr. Hassan Moustafa asks the election be made one position at a time and asks for the Congress opinion. Mr. Paniagua insists on the election being for the group, as stated in the Bylaws. This being the case, the list presented and presided by Mario Moccia is elected.-----

The Executive returns in full, and Mr Moccia thanks for the support and promises hard work for the next four years, and reads the working plan for four years, which will be

included in the Congress folder, and adds more countries to the Caribbean, mainly in Beach Handball. He mentions all the countries in the area he intends to visit and involve. To improve the quality of our tournaments, increase the number of U16 and U14; advance with Adapted Handball, and accelerate Snow Handball. To do more Commission work - to have more courses for leaders, - to add more women to our work - to have more courses of all kinds, to improve and increase financial resources courses- more and better administration and communication- better press work - improve our website and finally, work together in a team.

Item nº 16: Election of the President of the Competition Commission:

By request of the President, Mr. Carlos González Aldea is unanimously re- elected as President, and Mr.. Carlos Ferrea remains as our Representative before the I.H.F.Commission-----

Item nº 17: Election of the President of the Referee and Rules of the Game Commission:

By request of the President, Mr. Salvio Sedrez is unanimously re-elected as President and he remains as our Representative before the I.H.F.Commission-----

Item nº 18: Presentation of the President of the Beach Handball Commission:

Will be elected in the first meeting of the Council.

Item nº 19: Election of the President of the Coaches Commission:

By request of the President, Mr.Mike Cavanaugh is unanimously re-elected as President and he is appointed as our Representative before the I.H.F.Commission-----

Item nº 20: Election of the President of the Medical Commission:

By request of the President, Dr. Llew Harper is unanimously re-elected as President and he remains as our Representative before the I.H.F.Commission-----

After the election of the above was finished, the members of the Executive and the Presidents of the COC and PRC plus the Regional Vice- presidents make up the Council of this Federation that will meet for the first time next September 30th and October 1st. So, we still have to know who are the Regional Vice-presidents that were elected before in meetings of the same regions. Having said this, and by request of the President, Mr. Gustavo del Carpio (PER) , representing the Southern Region, reports that Mr. Ghassan Mamo Kapasse (VEN) has been elected Vice-president for that Region. Likewise, Mr. Jaime Delfs (NCA) informs that in the Central Region the person elected is Dr. Carlos Morales (GUA). Next, Mr. Miguel Rivera (DOM) informs that for the Caribbean Region the person elected is Nestor Milete (PUR). This way, the P.A.T.H.F.Council is, then, integrated -----

Item nº 26: Election of the venue for the Masculine Senior Tournament 2018:

The President requests to have the election of this venue earlier since the GRL delegate (one of the applicants) is travelling home early in the afternoon. The Congress accepts the request of the President, and the Chilean Federation expresses the desire to be a candidate to host this tournament. It is accepted. The Greenland Representative takes the floor and makes the presentation of the venue, stressing the elements that are already in the presentation made in each information folder. The most important item, the trip from America to Greenland, confirms that they will put a charter flight from Panama to Nuuk. He answers the questions related to the event. Then the Chilean Federation makes its presentation, and also answers the questions. Once the presentation and the questions were finished, voting took place and the result was seventeen (17) votes against seven (7) in favour of Greenland to host the event. It was also stated that Greenland has a deadline, June 2017, to comply with all that has been proposed or else, the venue will automatically pass to Chile.

Item nº 21: Election of the venue for the Masculine Youth Tournament 2017:

Chile applied to be the venue for the Chilean Federation tournament, which was unanimously approved, and the Peruvian Federation was added as a substitute venue.

Item nº 22: Election of the venue for the Masculine Junior Tournament 2017:

The Paraguayan Handball Confederation applied to be the venue, which was unanimously approved, the Canadian Federation being a substitute venue.

Item nº 23: Election of the venue for the Feminine Senior Tournament 2017:

The following Federations apply to be possible venues: Canada, Paraguay and Argentina. After the relevant presentations, and after voting, the result was Canada 10 votes, Paraguay 8 votes and Argentina 5 votes. The Canadian Federation was appointed venue. The other two remain as substitutes in the order indicated by the votes received.

Item nº 24: Election of the venue for the Feminine Youth Tournament 2018:

The Argentine, Chilean and Uruguayan Handball Confederations presented their applications as candidates. They agreed that the Argentine Confederation would be the venue, the other two being substitutes.

Item nº 25: Election of the venue for the Panamerican Junior Tournament 2018:

The following Federations present their applications as candidates: Bolivia, Paraguay and Chile. The result after voting was: 12 (twelve) votes for Bolivia, 7 (seven) for Paraguay and 4 (four) for Chile. So, the Bolivian Federation will be the venue, the other two being substitutes.

Nomination for several tournaments:

Masculine and Feminine Panamerican Youth Beach Handball 2017:

The Paraguayan and Uruguayan Federations were candidates. After voting, the result was twelve (12) votes for Paraguay, ten(10) for Uruguay and a blank vote. Venue Paraguay (Asunción) in February/ March 2017.

Masculine and Feminine Panamerican Senior Beach Handball 2018:

The United States, being the only candidate, was nominated for March 2018 in California or Florida.

Extra item: Election of Account Auditors:

Candidates Gerardo Paniagua Occhipinti and Miguel Nacer were subject to Congress consideration. Unanimously approved.

Extra item: Election of thr Appeal Tribunal:

As decided in the 2014 Congress in this city, this Entity was created as a modification of the Bylaws, an entity was elected and it is finishing today. It is part of the Ethics and Discipline regulations. Five members were appointed and the new body will be appointed for the next four years. The Executive suggests in a motion Dr. Héctor Alvarado Véliz as President of this entity and members Rafael Sepúlveda (PUR Caribbean Region), Héctor Fernández Bogdanic (CHI – Southern Region), Dr. Carlos Morales (GUA - Central Region) and Jason Ferguson (CAN - Northern Region). Unanimously elected-----

Extra item: Modification of the Bylaws by request of the Afilliates:

The Secretary General requests the modification of Article 10th of the Bylaws for the summons to P.A.T.H.F. Congresses changing the figures from 60 (sixty) to 90 (ninety) days.-----

And also modify the Spanish text in our Bylaws regarding the terms to submit the Lists of Candidates to 60 (sixty) days to match the English version of the Bylaws, -----

Changes are unanimously approved.

Juan Carlos Rennis Presentation:

Statistics of tournaments and games from the P.A.T.H.F. creation until now.
Mr. Rennis takes the floor and reports that the methodology of the work so far is an important starting point for future work about the History of our sport in the continent.

The I.H.F. acknowledges Uruguayan Handball as a background for modern handball and admits that the Argentina vs. Uruguay match was the first international match of the Selection teams. -----

To write our history is a very hard and tough work.

We have, so far, a sequence of Congresses and Commissions.

We are starting with statistics today and will go on.

He is congratulated on the great job done. This is keeping those who have participated in our sport alive.

Marketing Commission Report:

Mr. Gabriel Klein makes a summary of the activities to position our sport in the Continent. He provides some examples and progress made. Everything is approved and he was congratulated by the attendees.-----

Presentation of the President of the Adapted Handball Commission:

The President of the Commission describes all the activities of the last two years and what is projected for the future, as well as the possibilities of inserting our sport in the Paralympics. He makes a detailed description of the reality in America and its targets. After his presentation, he was congratulated too.

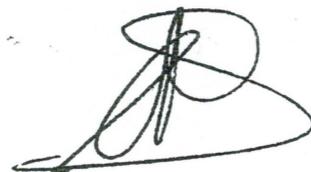
Next, Dr. Hassan Moustafa asks for the floor and expresses his gratitude for having shared this Congress. He congratulates the newly elected authorities and wishes them all the best in their future work, he offers the I.H.F. support not only to the P.A.T.H.F., but also to all affiliates making the I.H.F. and all its staff available to help The I.H.F. President wants to help everybody but, at the same time, he requests everybody to help in order to make our sport greater. He wishes everybody good luck in these four years-----

Then, Mr Mario Moccia takes the floor thanking , in the first place, for the presence of the I.H.F. President, as well as all the delegates in this Congress, and says he is very pleased with the job done this day. He expects to go on growing and that we all undertake the commitment to try to be better and to really be better. The Executive, the Council, all the Commissions, all our staff are available, and we do believe this is everybody's job and the results are for everybody.-----

Finally, at 7 pm. The Congress was closed.



Héctor Fernandez Bogdanic
Secretary General



Mario Moccia
President