



Minutes of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of FIPS-Mouche

held in Cape Town , South Africa,
on 18 April 2024, 09:30 to 12:15 hrs

1. General Assembly Opening
 - a. 2nd VP President Edoardo Ferrero welcomed members and declared the GA officially open.
 - b. The members joining online were welcomed
 - c. President Mario Podmanik joined the GA online
2. Determination of the quorum : 15 members represented, 14 physically present + 1 proxy (IRL) out of 38 members. The required quorum was reached at the second call.
 - a. Present : BEL – ITA – NED – USA – ROM – POR – FRA – ESP – CIS – JAP - CZE – RSA – SWE- LIT
 - b. Proxy : IRL (held by ITA)
3. Approval of the Agenda (available on the FIPS-Mouche website)
 - a. In accordance with Art 8.17 of the FIPS-Mouche Statutes
 - b. No urgent matters were added
 - c. Agenda points 10 and 11 order will be switched
 - d. Approved
4. Approval of the minutes from the last GA (Rome, Italy)
 - a. The minutes of the GA have been published on our website in the dedicated section.
 - b. No remarks were made by the GA
 - c. Approved
5. Report by the Treasurer (available on the FIPS-Mouche [website](#))
 - a. Report available on our website in the dedicated section
 - b. No questions or remarks were noted by the GA
 - c. Approved
6. FIPS-Mouche Board Report by President Mario Podmanik (available on the FIPS-Mouche [website](#))
 - a. Brief summary of the 2023 championships and the board main activities
 - b. Topics the board is thinking about for the future
 - c. Complete report is available on our website in the dedicated section
7. Discussions of Reports :
 - a. No remarks or questions were noted by the GA
 - b. Approved
8. Discussion of proposals and the allocation of championship venues
 - a. The championship calendar on the website was used as working document and were updated immediately during the GA as per information below.
 - b. 2025 :
 - i. Approval of the bid by USA for hosting the World Youth
 - ii. Approval of the bid by USA for hosting the World Ladies
 - iii. Approval of bid by SPA for hosting world masters championship
 - iv. The EURO championship in ITA had already been approved in earlier GA : ITA announced that there may be a change of venue for this championship
 - v. The World championship in CZE had already been approved in an earlier GA
 - c. 2026:
 - i. Approval of the bid by USA for hosting the World Senior
 - ii. Bid by IRL (Youth) was approved at earlier GA

- iii. Bid NOR (combined Masters and Ladies) was approved at earlier GA
 - iv. No bid has been made for the Euro championship ; we urge members to make a bid
 - d. 2027:
 - i. Letter of intent by RSA for organisation of World Ladies
 - ii. Letter of intent by NZE for organisation of World Masters
 - iii. SPA delegate put forward the intent of organizing the World Seniors
 - iv. No bids or letters of intent for Euro and Youth categories : we urge members to make a bid
- 9. Admission of new members
 - a. Two applications have been received
 - i. Bulgaria as a candidate member
 - ii. Iran as an ordinary member
 - b. Both applications were received with the required paperwork
 - c. The GA accepts both applications as new members of FIPS-Mouche
- 10. Election of the new 1st vice president for a term of 1 year
 - a. The Gen Sec stated preliminary that a review of the statutes related to this matter should be considered. The primary role of the 1st VP is to represent FIPS-Mouche in the presidium of CIPS if the president is not available. A stepping stone system should be considered.
 - b. Six (6) candidacies were received.
 - c. Delegates Greig Brown (Channel Islands) and Evert Minnaar (RSA) acted as commissioners for the election.
 - d. In total 21 members voted, 8 via e-mail and 13 physically by members present. Two of the members present had already voted by e-mail and stated they did not wish to change their vote.
 - e. The minutes of the election are available on the FIPS-Mouche [website](#)
 - f. The result : Mr Cato Vivelid Nilssen was elected for the position of 1st VP for the period of 1 year
- 11. Discussion of topics submitted by members and board
 - a. Preliminary remark : changes to statutes and competition rules are made every 2 years (odd years), both documents may be amended at the 2025 GA.
 - b. Motions by CZE: (available on the FIPS-Mouche [website](#)); these will be decided upon at the 2025 GA
 - c. Board ideas and concepts on [rules](#) and [statutes](#) (available on the FIPS-Mouche website) were put to the GA as an information only.
These points will further studied and developed before the 2025 GA. Fur sure points will be added during 2024.
 - d. CIPS president stated that some points should be treated at CIPS level in order to align protocol and procedures covering all FIPS's (example : playing of anthems at medals ceremony)
 - e. SWE delegate remarked that wording of "obligation" of dry fly only session should be rephrased to "a strong recommendation"
- 12. Any other business.
 - a. Website
 - i. Mario Podmanik gave an overview of the developments of the website
 - ii. The feature "championship website" was elaborated upon. The Euro 2024 will serve as a test case. Organisers will no longer need to develop their own championship website but will have access to the fips-mouche.com domain. This a substantial cost saver in the long run. To recuperate some of the maintenance costs the registrants fee of 25 euro will be amended to 30 euro per registrant.
- 13. Final remarks : Stefan Allacker thanked the organiser and the interpreters for their work in running this GA and congress.
- 14. Meeting was closed at 12:15

Stefan Allacker
FIPS-Mouche General Secretary and Treasurer

Mario Podmanik
FIPS-Mouche President