

**REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE EUROPEAN TENPIN BOWLING FEDERATION
WTBA Congress, December 2015 in Abu Dhabi, UAE.**

This is a progress report to the Congress of the World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA). The report covers the period from August 2013 till December 2015

1. Presidium meetings

The Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation consists at the moment of 6 persons. The duties and responsibilities in the Presidium are:

- a. A.A.Th. Ophelders, President. Leadership and Finance.
- b. K. Th. Jensen, Vice President. Website and Tournaments
- c. R. Ashkenazi, Member. Technical affairs
- d. S. Lisitsyn, Member. Tournament affairs and EBT Consultant
- e. V. Gudbjartsson, Member. General Secretary, Tournament Affairs and EBT Consultant.
- f. O. Gurkan, Member. Education committee.

Since August 2013 the Presidium met seven times. The meetings were handled in a very professional way and in a good atmosphere.

2. The Congress of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation

During the above mentioned period ETBF held two Congresses: on 20 October 2013 in Bratislava, Slovakia during the European Championships Cup and the second one on 2 June 2015 in Aalborg, Denmark.

The European Tenpin Bowling Federation has at the moment 47 member federations.

3. Championships conducted by ETBF

- a. **European Champions Cup.** The ECC is held every year; national champions of the member federations meet. In 2013 it was hosted by Bratislava, Slovakia. In 2014 the Icelandic Bowling Federation was the host and San Marino was the host for the ECC 2015.

- b. European Championships.** The championships for WOMEN were held in 2014 in Berlin, Germany; the MEN travelled to Aalborg, Denmark in 2015.
- c. European Youth Championships** are held every year. In 2014 the championships were held in Odense, Denmark and in 2015 Leipzig, Germany was the host.

4. International meetings (FIQ and WTBA)

The Presidium of FIQ met once: on 15 December 2014 in Abu Dhabi, UAE

The WTBA Presidium met 3 times: on 27 February 2014 in Doha, Qatar; on 15-16 December 2014 in Abu Dhabi, UAE and on 4 August 2015 in London, England.

5. European Bowling Tour

The main task for the ETBF Tournament Committee is the flagship of tournament activities in Europe, The European Bowling Tour, which in 2016 will start its 17th season.

We have 4 tour categories in the tour:

EBT Platinum Tournaments with a minimum of 100.000 € in the prize fund

EBT Gold Tournaments with a minimum of 60.000 € in the prize fund

EBT Silver Tournaments with a minimum of 40.000 € in the prize fund

EBT Satellite Tournaments with a minimum of 20.000 € in the prize fund

19 tournaments were adopted in the EBT 2015, 16 tournaments were adopted in the EBT 2015 and 18 tournaments will be adopted in the EBT 2016.

The average number of players has been around 200 per stop since the beginning of the tour.

The total prize pool has in the 10 last years of the tour been between 900.000 and 1.100.000 Euros per year, with an average of 50.000 - 65.000 Euros per stop.

The final of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT Masters, was played in Tilburg in 2014 and in Madrid, Spain in 2015. In 2016 the EBT Masters will be played in San Marino.

6. Education

ETBF Educational Committee had an active year by hosting about 9 events and 3 new instructors joined our committee.

ETBF Level I, II and III Coaching programs were presented in Kuortane, Ankara, Teheran and trained 35 new coaches. Our Level III coaches trained 32 new Level I and II coaches. Our Level III program which is the highest coaching education program in Europe welcomed coaches from three continents (Europe, Asia and America).

ETBF introduced the first Advanced Coaching Camp for Coaches. The main topic of the camp was Championships Lane Play and Mental Game in the Championships. Six participants followed the theoretical presentations and also participated in interactive coaching with Kuortane Bowling High school students.

ETBF also introduced its first Ball Drilling and Pro-shop Management Program and Technical Certification Program in Kuortane, Finland. Our Ball Drilling program was followed by 11 students and Technical Certification Program is followed by 4 students. ETBF will also present the Technical Certification class in Scotland.

Our biennial iCoach | ETBF International Coaching Conference by Kegel was held for the third time in Kuortane Finland between 18-20 September and followed by 78 people from 27 countries.

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