

**2019 World Bowling Congress
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President Report

The World Youth Bowling Championships was held in Detroit in July, 2018. It was scheduled to use the Current Frame Scoring. However, the scoring equipment in the centre was unable to support the new scoring and so the championships was competed with the conventional scoring system. All federations complimented the Organizing Committee on the transport provided for the teams. The performance standard of the youth have improved greatly as compared to two years ago. This goes to prove that youth programme in many of our member federations have been developing very well.

The 18th Asian Games was held in two cities in Indonesia, Jakarta and Palembang. A new bowling centre was built with QubicaAMF equipment in Palembang and the current frame scoring was installed and used in the competition to test the response from the Asian federations. The Organizing Committee and the Olympic Council of Asia cut the number of medals in the respective Men and Women Division from 6 to 3. Since federations have been training 6 men and 6 women athletes for the Games. ABF did not want to cut the number of players even though the OCA limited the entries to each event to two from each federation, so the events competed were Trios, 6-players Team and Masters for both Divisions.

The World Men Championships was held in Hong Kong in November. I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Vivien and Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress on successfully hosting the World Bowling Coaching Conference together with the Hong Kong Sports Institute on 20th and 21st November in the Hong Kong Sports Institute. The second day was devoted mainly to Anti-doping and educating athletes, coaches and administrators on Anti-doping. Ten leaflets on Anti-doping information have been produced and distributed to the participants of the Conference and were also distributed to all the athletes and officials of the WMC. These leaflets were also sent to all WB member federations. Community activities organized in conjunction with the championships included Drawing Contest for Children related to bowling, fund-raising for students studying sport and art with a local charity organization and a coaching and sharing session with the Paralympic and Special Olympic bowling athletes, students, underprivileged children and ethnic minority youth held in the afternoon of 23rd November

Our Last Executive Board meeting was in Hong Kong on November 22, 2018 before the World Men Championships. The World Men Championships was a success thanks to the efficient and experienced Executive Committee of Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress in hosting large international events. Most impressive was the HK\$1.2 million advertising and promotion for the championships before and during the championships so that not only the participating federations but the whole community of Hong Kong were very much aware of the championships being held. There was live-streaming of the championships. The broadcast rights were distributed by Reddentes Sports, a sports consultancy group who were appointed last year to oversee the media rights for the World Bowling World Championships. The finals of the 5 events were broadcast live by a local television i-Cable. It was transmitted to 15 overseas TV station and on the IOC Olympic Channel.

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The inaugural World Junior Championships for youth under 18 years of age was held in March, 2019 in St. Maximin and Paris, France. This timing was necessary due to the IOC announcement that the new Paris 2024 Olympic sports would be announced by the second quarter of 2019. The WJC clashed with the Euro Challenge in Munich and also was close to the European Youth Tenpin Bowling Championships. I hope to receive the understanding of ETBF over this decision.

As we planned for the inclusion of our sport in 2024, we also bear in mind that athletes and events in any new sports proposed by Paris 2024 should be considered within the Olympic Charter framework of approximately 10,500 athletes and 310 events. These were the same factors we have to consider when we plan for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

We scheduled a TV Final of the Boy and Girl Doubles, Mixed Team and Masters Final in the Paris Judo Hall, where lanes were installed. The entire WJC was conducted using the alternative Current Frame Scoring System.

Unfortunately, before the WJC commenced, which was to promote bowling to the Organizing Committee of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, the Organizing Committee already announced on February 21 that they chose 4 sports for recommendation to the IOC for the 2024 Games; Surfing, Skate Board, Rock Climbing and Breaking (breakdance).

The Championship was watched by viewers in the following countries:

China (Tencent),	Mongolia (SPS HD),
Hong Kong, (i-Cable)	Singapore (StarHub)
France (VIA Reseau)	Thailand (TrueVisions)
Indonesia (TVRI)	Turkey (BeIn Sports)
Malaysia (Astro)	Vietnam (VTV Cab)

The finals were also on USBC's Bowl.com and IOC Olympic Channel.

The choice of sports by the Paris Organizing Committee told us very strongly that we should consider revamping our sport to attract more youth participation and youth followers. This led to the fact that our scoring system at the highest competitive level should be changed to be more spectator-friendly, whether this is the current frame scoring which we are trying on a number events in Asia or another system. We have also engaged a professional agency to gather views of athletes and official as well as the public on their response to this system. Change is definitely a MUST.

The Bowling Federation of Africa (African Zone) has been formed in 2018. Mr. Farouk Haridi of Egypt was elected President. Members were Egypt, South Africa, Tunisia, Somali, Sierra Leone and Ethiopia and they have had their first African Zone Championships in South Africa on March 18 – 23, 2019.

We had an Executive Board meeting in London on June 4, 2019. There were numerous discussions on the competition and technical rules of our games. As you can see in the Agenda, there were a number of

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proposals from the Executive Board, ETBF, Japan Bowling Congress, Tenpin Bowling Australia. World Bowling has been registered in Lausanne in November last year.

I intend to stand for re-election and I hope that member federations would support me in this position again in the next four years.

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