



# Congress Minutes

**21st Congress - April 13th 2019**

**Boulodrome national FLBP, Belvaux, LUXEMBOURG**

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## Participants

### Members of the Board

- Mike Pegg - President
- Joseph Cantarelli - Vice-President
- Signe Hovind - General Secretary
- Tony Smith - Treasurer
- Bruno Fernandez
- Ralf Krähmer
- Jean-Luc Melleker
- Henrik Toft
- Barnabas Novak

**Not Present/ absents:** M. Fabio Ballauco and M. Mario González Gozalbes

### Guests:

- Claude Azema, President of the F.I.P.J.P and C.M.S.B.
- Patrick Grignon, President of the French Umpires Commission

### Federations Present (Voters in italics)

- **Austria:** Ralf Krähmer
- **Belgium:** Jean-Luc Melleker and *Reinhold Borré*
- **Bulgaria:** *Boryana Balabanova-Kukusheva* and Elisabeth Kukusheva
- **Czech Republic:** *Petr Stoklásek* and Karel Dohnal
- **Denmark:** Lars Friis and Henrik Toft
- **England:** *Martin Eggleton* and Ken Buchan
- **France:** *Joseph Cantarelli*
- **Germany:** *Michael Dörhöfer*
- **Greece:** *Ioannis Giakoumis*
- **Hungary:** *Barnabas Novak*
- **Latvia:** *Juris Silovs* and Edgar Silovs
- **Lithuania:** *Linas Budrikas* and Emilija Naudziknaite
- **Luxembourg:** *Gérard Schneider*
- **Monaco:** *Didier Fulconis* and Serge Turuani
- **Netherlands:** *Sjoerd Pieterse* and Jan Paashuis
- **Norway:** *Signe Hovind*
- **Scotland:** *Colin Stewart*
- **Slovakia:** *Bruno Fernandez*
- **Sweden:** *Kerstin Hjelm*
- **Turkey:** *Mutlu Turkmen*
- **Wales:** *Tony Smith*

### Not Present/ Represented

Andorra, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Guernsey, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jersey, Poland, Portugal, Russia, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine

## 1. Welcome by the President, Mike Pegg

The President welcomed all the Federations present and especially M. Claude Azema, President of the F.I.P.J.P / and the C.M.S.B, and M. Patrick Grignon, President of the French Umpires Commission.

21 Federations was present to vote, which made us legal to continue the meeting.

## 2. Apologies

The apologies we have received, from the Federations that could not attend the meeting:

Belarus, Finland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jersey, Russia, Slovenia and Switzerland.

From the Board of Directors; M. Fabio Ballauco and M. Mario González Gozalbes.

## 3. Adopt the Minutes of the Congress 2018

M. Pegg made a remark to the Minutes, page 12, Item number 8; The English text is corrected to 22 voting for (and accordingly to the French text).

**VOTE: For 21, Against 0 – Decision: Minutes adopted.**

## 4. Action points from the previous Congress

All the action points should be covered by the Agenda.

## 5. Annual Reports

### a. President's report – President, Mike Pegg

It is again a privilege to present our members with my report on the past year, my fifth such report since taking office as the President of the CEP.

The last twelve months have once again been full of activity and change. As with many industries, sport has continued to do more with less and this is true of the CEP. We have had to be innovative, collaborative and creative, particularly in progressing our new training programme.

In light of this, we have continued to work diligently on your behalf, fostering the development of pétanque and our ideals throughout Europe, always in close collaboration with the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal (FIPJP), the Confédération Européenne des Sport de Boules (CESB) and our member Federations.

Throughout the last year we have again worked closely with each championship host, providing both logistical and technical support. Organising six championships, over three weekends in France, Italy and Spain was, to say the least, extremely tiring and would have been impossible had it not been for the army of volunteers at each event.

2018 was the first of a 3-year contract with the FFPJP/Comité Départemental de la Charente and the Boulodrome "Gilbert Louis" to host our EuroCup finals.

Holding the finals of our unique European tournament, which now involves 16 Club teams, at such a prestigious venue certainly attracted a large number of spectators and extensive media coverage. I am confident that we have a good partner for hosting our EuroCup final and look forward to working with them for future EuroCup finals.

We continue to applaud all the championship hosts, the organising committees and especially the volunteers for all their hard work, warm hospitality and sincere friendship. It is through these combined efforts that our Championships are assured to be a success.

A significant source of pride for myself and the CEP, remains our commitment to supporting our members. I am pleased to say that, during the past year we have continued to help many of you over a wide range of

topics; from registering for the world championships in Canada, sorting licence transfer difficulties, to giving advice on how to deal with some of your federation or club problems. Whatever the issue we make every attempt to find a solution or locate a resource that will help you.

I feel sure that each of you will be as disappointed as we are that Paris 2024 selected other sports over Boules Sport for inclusion in the Olympics. The fact that pétanque, one of the three Boules Sport disciplines, is a national sport of France gave us all high expectation and makes their choice all the more surprising.

Although there has been a lot of speculation as to why Paris 2024 selected Breaking (Break dancing), Skateboarding, Sport Climbing and Surfing we are advised the reasons include building on the reforms of the 2020 Olympic Agenda to make the Olympic programme gender- balanced, more youth-focused and more urban.

The sports proposed by Paris 2024 will be reviewed by the Olympic Programme Commission. A recommendation by the Commission will then be presented to the IOC Executive Board in March and if accepted, it will then be presented to the IOC Session. After this Session and following any necessary observation at the Tokyo 2020 Games, the final event programme and athlete quotas for the new sports will then be finalised.

So, does all of this mean the end for our bid, the answer is an emphatic no!

To echo the sentiment in Claude Azema's recent statement, we have raised the awareness of our sport at the highest levels, we must learn from the campaign and ensure we are better organised, better prepared and presented as a modern sport.

The CEP works responsively with the FIPJP and our members, we continue to be a progressive organisation, always ready to move forward and keep pace with our sport as it also grows and develops.

As a non-profit organisation our strategic objectives are to focus on the services provided to our members. These include identifying your needs and developing programs and projects geared at fulfilling those needs, for example, our mission to provide quality training for coaches and in time umpires.

I believe that we are now one of the leaders in our sport and that we are a model of excellence for our sister continental confederations.

As always, I wish to record my appreciation for the efforts of my fellow Directors, a great crew of volunteers, thank you all.

To our Member Federations I ask, please continue to support our efforts, I know we can continue to improve our sport, but it is always better if we do it together.

#### **The President added to his report;**

The Presidency of the European Confederation of Boule Sports (CESB) has moved from pétanque to the boule sport of Raffa and M. Bruno Cassirini, but at this time we have very little to report because he has only just taken over the post and wants to remodel a few things.

We are aware some of you having recently received messages/emails etc. from a group calling themselves Lithuanian Association of Pétanque. I should advise you that we are very aware of this organisation and we have been talking with them and to the recognized federation in Lithuania, the Lithuanian National Boules Sports Federation (LNBSF) via their President Linas, who is here today, to reach a solution.

#### **b. General Secretary – Signe Hovind**

It gives me great pleasure in commenting on the CEP's activities over the past year and congratulating our champions.

The first Championship held in 2018 was our 9th Womens Triples – at Palavas les Flots in the south of France. 133 players from 33 nations met in the boulodrome "Salle Bleue", 27 – 30 September and for the 6th time the French womens team can adorn themselves Champions of Europe, this year represented by Charlotte Darodes, Daisy Frigara, Anna Maillard and Angelique Colombet.

Charlotte Darodes didn't leave Palavas les Flots with only one gold medal – she is now also the European Champion of womens precision shooting – scoring 43 points in the final against Israel's Sivan Siri, who scored 40 points. The Nations Cup was won by Monaco – Anne Marie Valmonte, Ondine Cazzulo, Cathy Janiszewski and Marie Lyne Bolis.

The next Championship to welcome last year was the Singles for Men and Women. The "BoccioDromo" in Savigliano, Italy, was hosting this event, with 33 men and 31 women participating, even if this was only the second time we have arranged the championship for individuals. In the Singles for Women Sadrine Herlem, France, won the final against Katarzyna Blasiak from Poland 13-9, while Italy with Diego Rizzie won the Singles for Men against Henri Lacroix, France, with 13-11. The winner of the Nations Cup Women was Päivi Lehtonen-Palmqvist, Finland, while Monty Quaia, England won the Mens Nations Cup.

The last stop for European Championships 2018 was in Almarimar, Spain. Youngsters from all over Europe gathered by the Mediterranean the second weekend of October for the Juniors Triples and the Espoir Triples, men and women. It was gratifying to witness "the future of European pétanque" – they are still quite few in numbers, but the qualities are there!

The Juniors Triples was won by Monaco – Louis Marsille, Lucas Parisot, Jean Phillipe Buche and Enzo Perez. Silver medallist was France – Joe Casale, Dawson Dubois, Jeremy Gelin and Marius Baloge.

The Nations Cup was won by England – Daniel Raine, Kai Sheffield, Jamie Brooks and Morgan Pry.

Precision shooting Juniors was won by France – Joe Casale scoring 32 against 25 Jesús Antonio Escacho Alarcón, Spain, after having won their semi-finals scoring respectively 50 and 39 points.

The Espoir Triples Women was won by France – Caroline Bourriaud, Celin Lebosse, Emma Picard and Alison Rodriguez, leaving the Silver medals for Belgium – Jessica Meskens, Allisson Vandaele, Kiany Deschouwer and Laura Streef. The Nations Cup was won by Germany – Luzia Beil, Eileen Jenal, Kirsten Lisner and Julia Reimers.

The Precision shooting was won by France – Emma Picard over Spain – Sara Diaz Reyes.

The Espoir Triples Men was won by France – Tyson Molinas, David Doerr, Kenzo Dubois and Lucas Desport against Spain – Eric Gámez Cortes, Jose Alfredo Heredia Mula, Jose Antonio López Cabrera and Jose Alberto Andreu Quiñones. The Nations Cup was won by Netherlands – Elijor van Klaveren, Tim Gijbetsen, Milan Saunier and Mauro Saunier. The Precision shooting was won by France – Tyson Molinas against Germany – Pascal Müller.

In November as many as 16 clubs met for the EuroCup Final in Boulodrome "Gilbert Louis" – four teams from each qualifying group, and the result was:

1. FRANCE, C.A.S.E. Nice
2. BELGIUM, Pachy Waterloo
3. ITALY, San Giocomo
3. SWITZERLAND, Lèman Pétanque

The Federations Cup Medals were won by:

1. NETHERLANDS, Cdp Les Cailloux
2. FINLAND, Helsingin BY
3. GERMANY, Bouleverein Ibbenbüren
3. NORWAY, Groruddalen PK

The work of the CEP Board of Directors throughout the year relates to much more than preparation and organisation for the European Championships, in co-operation with the hosting nations. We have the last 12 months also dealt with;

- Prepared our Licence Survey and continuously updated our contact database
- Invoicing all Federations, incl. the annual fee for the FIPJP
- Prepared and organised our Spring meeting in Luxembourg
- Prepared and organized the Congress 2018, also in our new headquarter in Luxembourg
- Invited, prepared and organised the EuroCup – qualification-tournaments and Final, in cooperation with the hosting clubs/nations
- Appointment of Umpires for 2018 European Championships and the EuroCup
- Production of scorecards and software for all our championships
- Review rules of all our championships
- Prepared for different courses of education
- Discussions and communications concerning the CESB
- Ongoing discussions and assisting member federations concerning the FIPJP and general pétanque matters
- Continuous update of our website, incl. the documents presented on the website and monitoring of our Facebook Page.

Of course, we have also prepared for the year to come and are looking forward to new events in 2019, in cooperation with our member nations.

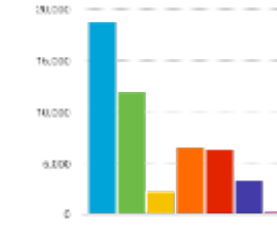
**c. Treasurer's Report – Tony Smith**

Another challenging year has ended, and I am looking forward to the next year with great anticipation. The financial results for the 2018 are as follow: Consolidated Income and Expenditure for the year ending December 31st, 2018.

**Finance Report.**

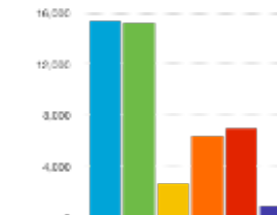
**INCOME 2018**

	€'S
MEMBERSHIP	18,850
EUROCUP	11,898
ADMINISTRATION (CONGRESS)	2,165
CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION	6,400
MARKETING	8,207
LUXEMBOURG MINISTRY	3,350
DPV (DONATION)	255
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>€48,925</b>



**EXPENDITURE 2018**

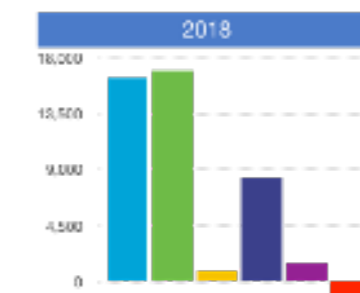
	€'S
ADMINISTRATION (INC. CONGRESS)	15,343
CHAMPIONSHIPS	15,137
UMPIRES	2,555
PRIZES	8,402
MARKETING	6,954
CMSB OLYMPIC BID (DONATION)	1,000
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>€47,522</b>



**Statement of Financial Position.**

The CEP's Statement of Financial Position is summarised as follows:

CATEGORY	2017	2018
CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT	18,708	16,331
RESERVE BANK ACCOUNT	13,994	16,990
PETTY CASH	1,019	885
OTHER ASSETS (CURRENT/FIXED)	3,441	8,376
INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	4,836	1,400
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-1,600	-1,692
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>€40,400</b>	<b>€42,270</b>



The total income for the year was increased by a little over € 6,000 predominately from the sales of the Precision Shooting Templates.

The Championship registration fees offset, to some degree, the expense of the recent

Coaching for Coaches course but falls short of financing both coaching and umpiring courses which are the objective of our training programme.

As our income is limited, we could only afford to make a token donation of €1,000 towards the CMSB Olympic bid.

The financial position of the CEP continues to be strong, with consolidated net assets of circa € 42,270. Overall, in my opinion, although we are a non-profit organisation, we do need to generate more income to cover our costs and in particular our training programme.

**d. Audit Report**

Colin Stewart, chairman for the auditors read the Report. The other auditors were Ioannis Giakoumis and Kerstin Hjelm.

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the balance sheets of the CEP and the related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows for the year end 31 December 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements.

**Treasurer’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The CEP Treasurer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Europe; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor’s Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Europe. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and the disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the CEP Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ending 31 December 2018 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Europe.

**6. Proposal: To accept the Finance Report 2018**

**VOTE: For 21, Against 0, Decision: 2018 Finance Report were adopted.**

**7. Determine the rate of Annual Fees**

**a) Proposal to increase Member fees**

Background: Membership fees are reviewed by the Board of Directors at its Spring Meeting every two years. The review includes the obligation to meet the Congress (2009) decision requiring the CEP to work towards reducing the burden on the Board Members’ federations by supporting more of the Board members costs. In addition, the Board also consider the additional funding requirements for its activities which includes the new European Pétanque Training programme for coaches and umpires, plus the activities of the Medical Commission.

We know that in most cases the resources of a federation come from the sale of their licenses, this is especially the case for many of our members who do not have state subsidies.

Our fee structure is indexed to the number of licensees/members to take into account the federations financial means. Indexing your contributions to the number of licences/members is also an action of solidarity of the wealthiest federations in favour of the development of our sport in the least wealthy federations.

All the additional resources collected will make it possible to implement the action plan proposed by the Directors. Therefore, we propose a change to the licence/member-based structure and an increase in fees as detailed in the following table:

**Proposed Fees 2020/2021**

Licences/Membership	No Federations	Fee	Total €'s
> 100	4	220	880
101 > 500	20	280	5,600
501 > 1,000	6	350	2,100
1001 > 3,000	4	500	2,000
3001 > 5,000	0	650	0
5001 > 10,000	2	800	1,600
10,001 > 15,000	2	1,800	3,600
15,001 > 25,000	2	2,500	5,000
25,001 >	1	4,000	4,000
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>			<b>€ 24,780</b>



**Comments from the Congress:**

**Netherlands:** Sjoerd Pieterse: I don't think you have made a change in the structure. You have only added one category – 15.001-25.000 members. This will make a big change for Netherland. I am not happy with this proposal.

**Mike Pegg:** The structure was reviewed and based on the total number of members for each Federation in line with the proposal from Belgium.

For the sake of clarity, I emphasize that we ask each federation to register the total number of their members, not just those with a licence.

**VOTE: For 21, Against 0 – Decision: Fees 2020/2021 approved.**

**b) Proposal to increase EuroCup registration Fees**

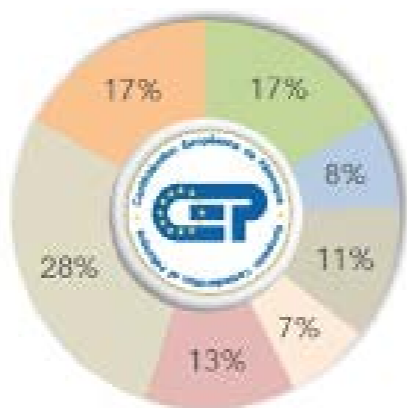
Background: The EuroCup Registration fees forms part of the rules for the event and are reviewed by the Board of Directors at its Spring Meeting every two years.

This review took into consideration the increase in the number of teams accepted to the finals, from 8 to 16, and the additional medals and financial reward money required, plus an increase in the contribution we make to the host nation for the finals.

As a result, the Board propose a change to the licence/member-based structure and an increase in fees as follows:

Proposed EuroCup Registration Fees 2020/2021

Licences/Membership	No Federations	Fee	Total €'s
> 100	0	160	0
101 > 500	14	170	2,380
501 > 1,000	4	270	1,080
1001 > 3,000	4	400	1,600
3001 > 5,000	0	500	0
5001 > 10,000	1	1,000	1,000
10,001 > 15,000	1	1,800	1,800
15,001 > 25,000	2	2,000	4,000
25,001 >	1	2,400	2,400
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>			<b>€ 14,260</b>



**Comment from the Commission:** We must also increase the money for the host nation of the finals

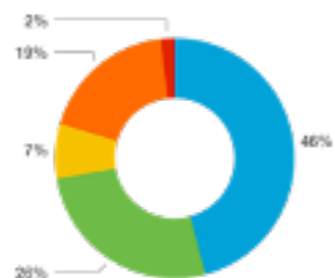
**VOTE:** For 21, Against 0 – **Decision:** EuroCup Registration Fees 2020/2021 approved

**Mike Pegg** thanked the Congress for the approval of the new fees and their continued support.

**8. 2020 Budget**

**INCOME 2020**

	€'s
MEMBERSHIP	24,750
EUROCUP	14,260
CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION	4,000
TRAINING COURSES	10,000
MARKETING	1,000
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>€54,010</b>



**EXPENDITURE 2020**

	€'s
ADMINISTRATION	13,300
COMMISSIONS	5,900
TRAINING COURSES	11,800
TRIPLES - WOMEN	3,400
TRIPLES - JUNIORS	1,500
TRIPLES - ESPOIRS	1,450
SINGLES	2,150
EUROCUP	14,000
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>€52,500</b>



**Comment from Germany:** You should not show a plus when you are asking for increase.

**Comment from the Treasurer:** As a non-profit organisation we are not required to show financial surpluses, but we do need to generate enough income to cover our costs and to build retained earnings for lean financial times.

Our financial objectives include raising enough money to fund the activities included in our strategic plan, for example, our mission to provide quality training for coaches and umpires. Our Marketing Commission continues to seek ways to generate income through fundraising activities and sponsorships, but our primary financial objective is to break even and maximise cash flow, whilst avoiding excessive financial risk.

**9. Commission Reports**

**a) Technical**

**i. Championship Specifications**

Some small changes have been made to the Championship Specifications regarding appointment of Umpires by the CEP and the responsibility of host Federations.

**ii. Championship Rules**

Modifications to the Championship Rules to clarify the eligibility of players emphasising that it is entirely the responsibility and a burden of proof for the federations, not the CEP, to establish a player is eligible to compete in a European Championship.

**iii. EuroCup Specifications**

The EuroCup Specifications Rules have been updated to improve the section regarding team Kit and team Uniform. The major changes to the EuroCup Rules are really for the Finals. We have separated the Specifications from the rules to provide more information about hosting the tournament, the requirements are of the CEP etc.

To clarify the change regarding team kit for the Championships and EuroCup is teams must look like a team, so matching tops mean matching tops regardless if it is a jacket, shirt or jumper, plus if you have advertising on your shirt it must be the same for each player.

**iv. EuroCup Rules**

For the finals alone, the qualified teams will now play in poules instead of groups. We think this will be more sportif and challenging for them. We shall take the two top teams from these poules into the EuroCup and the two bottoms to the Federations Cup (FedCup).

**b) Coaching**

Henrik Toft presented the Report from the Coaching Commission and informed the Congress about the first CEP Coaching for Coaches Course with 22 participants from 14 Federations. Henrik Toft and Jürgen Hatzenbühler had worked together for the past year to prepare the course and were very satisfied with the weekend in Luxembourg – every participant was motivated and eager to learn. The programme for the weekend was quite tight – divided into 5 sections.

Henrik thanked for all the positive feed-back and good support and could inform the Congress that the Commission was already working on a new course.

**Comments:**

**Greece:** asked for further information on the CEP website

**England:** their two guys having participated were very pleased with the course

**Belgium:** Reinhold Borré – asked for a course not only in English, not possible to attend for French-speaking people.

**c) Umpiring**

There were no courses or exams during 2018 but we are working to provide both in the near future.

**d) Medical****i. Doping Control and Alcohol testing**

**Ralf Krähmer** presented the Report to the Congress:

**SEASON 2018****ALCOHOL TEST**

EuroCup Qualification Groups July : 26-29

Nice: 10 negative controls

Monaco: 11 negative controls

Imperia: 14 negative controls

Waterloo: 18 negative controls

EC Triples: Women September: 27-30 - 15 negative controls

EC Singles: (Men -Women) October: 05-07 - 6 negative controls

EC Triples: Espoirs (Men - Women) and Juniors October: 11-14

Espoirs Women: 4 negative controls

Espoirs Men: 4 negative controls

Juniors: 4 negative controls

Umpires: 1 negative control and 1 control at 0,06 g/l

**DOPING CONTROL TESTING**

EC Triples: Women September: 27-30

4 doping controls testing (1 player from each qualified team in ½ final). All controls were negative.

**SEASON 2019**

We will continue to provide medical assistance in European competitions. There is no novelty in the field of the fight against doping. We will perform Alcohol Test on all the European Championship and EuroCup, the FFPJP has already planned an anti-doping control during the European Championship Espoirs in Saint Pierre lès Elbeuf.

Anti-doping controls on other championships would be desirable.

**Mike Pegg:** Jointly with the International Federation, we encourage all our member Federations to conduct at the least, alcohol testing and if you can, doping control at some of your major tournaments.

**e) Marketing**

**Mike Pegg:** This Year we set up a new Commission for Marketing looking for other sources of income, Bruno Fernandez and Mario González Gozalbes from our Board have taken on this challenge.

**Bruno Fernandez** presented the initial plans by telling how he throughout life has been working on making events for companies and how this experience may be useful related to pétanque. He has been working on the ideas of dealing with companies, so far in Slovakia, raising money for our sport.

- We have to be better in finding sponsors among our own friends/ players/ Federations
- We should sell advertising space on our WEB-site for example, during tournaments especially when we post the results
- Possible agreements where a little fee goes to the CEP
- La Liga – doing new TV like Netflix – in cooperation with Spanish Sport Federation.

For the first time ever you can watch live broadcasting from a World Championship this year, when the FIPJP and the Spanish Petanque Federation have agreed with the Professional Football League the sale of the image rights of the World Championship of singles, doubles and mixed doubles which will be held in Almeria this May,

e) Perhaps for the Eu.Ch.ship for Women in Spain 2020?

f) We will keep up the good work – talking to people – making contacts

**Comments:**

**Denmark:** Why can't we allow different logos/advertisement for each player in a team – that would give a team a better chance for more support from more companies.

**Mike Pegg:** With the exception of Singles, all our championships are team events and just like all other "team sports" the individuals making up the team all wear the same kit and have the same advertising.

**10. Licence / Member - Transfers**

**Mike Pegg:** We have been discussing and researching licence/membership transfers since the Belgium Federation made this congress aware of their issue last year. Some of the Federations we have spoken with are here today, and I invite them to share with us the problems they are having:

**Netherlands:** We don't have a special way to issue licences to members coming from other countries, but we have looked at transfers – we don't know how to check new members from other countries. That is why we don't really know if we have a problem regarding giving licences to players coming from other Federations. Of course, we want to do things correctly, but we need to know how to do these transfers.

**Germany:** We had a player from Belgium - the player had a manipulated document, received a German Licence and he became a German champion. This was not good for the sport. We must be able to avoid this happening again. Another example, - we had a suspended player, he moved to Luxembourg, but they didn't know anything about his status. And some players have changed their name etc. when they go into the database.

**Mike Pegg:** I have experienced this problem in England too with players forgetting their login-details, they just register as a new member with a small change in date of birth or a small change in their names, to let them login.

**Belgium:** We have a big problem with players coming from Netherlands and France – and we can't refuse the players to come and play – perhaps we have to change our rules and have some kind of control. It is not good for the sport - we need a solution to this problem.

**Joseph Cantarelli:** In France we only accept one transferred player per team the first year after the transfer. But this is only in the national championships – giving national title. A foreigner cannot play single, but one player is allowed in doubles and triples. Another problem in France is with the players from Madagascar. They often have two licences, having just changed one letter in their name. We must control before they play, not like today when we control them after playing.

**Claude Azema:** The Federation of Madagascar is suspended.

**Joseph Cantarelli:** We have to think about that the players of Madagascar are victims of the system!

**Mike Pegg:** The rules about transfers used to be a part of the statutes in the FIPJP, but now are a part of the championship eligibility, we shall research a little more to see if we can establish a new protocol setting rules for transfers in Europe and how best they can be administered to provide some control.

Meanwhile, tomorrow I have a meeting about the possibility of the CEP introducing a European licence, or more correctly, a European database linked somehow to transfers.

With your agreement we shall take the first step to implement a transfer protocol and regulations which shall apply to all European federations.

**Congress Decision:** Agreed to review the Process of Licence / Membership / Transfers from Federation to Federation and to introduce a protocol and regulations.

#### 11. Championships

##### 2020

June 4 – 7 EC Triples Women – Torrelavega, Spain

September 17 – 20EC Singles Men and Women – Riga, Latvia

October 1 – 4 EC Triples Espoirs – Men and Women – Saint-Pierre-lès-Elbeuf, France

October 1 – 4 EC Triples Juniors – Boys and Girls – Saint-Pierre-lès-Elbeuf, France

November 26 – 29 EC EuroCup Tournament – Saint-Yrieix-sur-Charente, France

##### 2019

September 16 – 18EC Triples Veterans – Albena, Bulgaria

September 19 – 22EC Triples Men – Albena, Bulgaria

October 3 – 6 EC Triples Espoirs – Men and Women – Saint-Pierre-lès-Elbeuf, France

Nov/Dec 29 – 1 EC EuroCup Finals – Saint-Yrieix-sur-Charente, France

#### 12. EuroCup 2019 Draw

27 Federation Club Teams will participate in 2019.

The draw was carried out and will be issued to each member Federation and published on our website.

#### 13. Any other Business (non-voting):

**Claude Azema** presented his speech to the Congress, thanking Mike Pegg for the cooperation they have had through the years and for inviting him to the CEP Congress 2019. He briefly informed about all his visits to federations all over the world, and different problems having to be solved and some still to be worked upon.

**Claude Azema** made a short resumé of all the lobbying trying to get pétanque into the Olympics 2024, as one of the new sports. We all know the result.

**Claude Azema** also commented upon the FIPJP's fight against corruption and game fixing. And he also informed about the suspension of the Federation from Madagascar.

Last he informed about the FIPJP's intention making changes in the rules every 4th year, the next time in 2020.

One of the subjects on the Agenda regarding rules: The FIPJP want to make changes regarding precision shooting: Both feet have to stay in the circle until the boule has stopped. They were also discussing reducing the time for each player to finish the shooting.

##### Various comments from the participants:

**England:** There should be rules for championships and rules for other tournaments/play

**Denmark:** Lars Friis: I suggest we could have a program for this weekend except for the Congress, it is a long journey for participating at the Congress only.

- Work in groups discussing rules etc.
- Work in groups working on different items
- Arrange a President's Cup

**Germany:** Some federations could be invited to make presentations to the Congress, sharing ideas from different ways to work with different items in their federations, regarding training, umpiring, how to get new members etc.

#### 14. Closure of Congress

**The President from the Danish Pétanque Federation, Lars Friis,** said thank you to Mike Pegg for his first five years as President of the CEP and for the great job he has been doing. Mike Pegg also received a gift from Denmark. Applauded by everyone!

**There being no further business, the Congress meeting was closed at 11:30 hours**

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