

EUROPEAN MASTER ATHLETICS Report - President Kurt Kaschke

Intersession EMA Council Reports for EOGA in Ancona 2016

From EVAA to EMA

After our last General Assembly in Izmir 2014 the delegates vote for the new name of European Masters Athletics. It was a long way to go but finally WMA and EMA are now on the same line in Masters Athletics.

Our first championship under the new flag was in Torun March 2015. More than 2000 athletes participated in one of the most beautiful and attractive arena in Europe. The Polish LOC did a marvellous job and received a lot of positive feedback from many participants. Torun is bidding for the World Masters Indoor Championship 2019 – the only candidate so far.

Grosseto in Italy hosted the road runners and race walkers in May 2015.

Under the heat of Tuscany more than 1000 athletes participated in a city that welcomed the "Giro Italia" as well. The LOC had chosen a great team with ambitious speakers and a course downtown for the Halfmarathon that suited nearly everybody. Only the big heat on Sunday during the race walking competition caused problems among some athletes.

Internet, website and e-mail

Some judicial and business changes had to be done until now but EMA Council could manage it with energy.

www.european-masters-athletics.org will be the hosting address in future for our website but (www.evaa.ch) will still remain until 2017.

The postal address is still

European Athletics (EMA)
Avenue Louis-Ruchonnet 18
CH-1003 Lausanne

There are two future projects the Council is focusing - a new e-mail address for all officers - (name)@ema-il.org, and a new layout for our homepage. Our partner is Nicolas Russi from Chilimedia GmbH in Switzerland.

EMA Council after Izmir

Kurt Kaschke	GER	President
Jerzy Krauze	POL	Vice-President
Jean Thomas	FRA	Treasurer
Tony Liestøl	NOR	Technical Director
Helena Maria Pires de Carvalho	POR	Secretary

Resignation of Tony Liestøl

After his election Tony started enthusiastically in his work for EMA. But after not being able to attend to the championships in Torun, Grosseto, nor Ancona he decided to step down.

The difficulty to have sports, family, and job in a good balance has to be solved by the candidates for the elections in Aarhus 2017.

New appointed member

For the Technical Management of EMA the Council decided to have Martin Roald Arbøl (DEN) on the position of appointed Technical Director until the elections in 2017.

For statistics the Council asked the federations for their proposals.

In Basel (last EMA Council meeting in December 2015) Fernand Marquina (ESP) was appointed by the Council. He will assist Ivar Soederlind (SWE) and Giusy Lacava (ITA) in statistician duties.

Technical Borad of Managers

The Board is consisting with the following persons:

Martin Roald Arbøl	DEN	EMACS
Helena Maria Pires De Carvalho	POR	EMACI
Dr. Vesna Repic Cujic	SRB	EMACNS
Josep M. Antentas	ESP	EMMRC/ULTRA
Marian Bigocki	GER/POL	EMMC Marathon advisor
Kalle Glomsaker	NOR	Coaches and Athletes Team-leaders
Valentina Krepkina	UKR	Coaches and Athletes Team-leaders
Emanuela Baggiolini	ITA	EMA Academy and Women Representative
Dr. Sorin Valeanu	GER	Safety Ofcer
Dr. Martine Prévost	FRA	Anti-Doping and Advisor

Organizing Partner

EMA is cooperating with SIGMA System to have the latest best processing system in data base, online registration – including payPAL system, championship procedure technic. This co-operation will continue until 2019 because of the contracts of the next EMAC organizers.

From EMA Council point of view and many competitors this up-to-date system serves the master athletes and the organizers best.

Meetings

The Council's meetings took part in Basel (Switzerland), Torun, and Lyon.

The decisions of the meetings are always published to EMA affiliates via e-mail contact. Some questions of the national federations could be answered and some misunderstandings could be solved as well.

EA-Relations

During the EA Convention in Lausanne 2015 a co-operation team was created. Two delegates of EA (Jean Gracia – IAAF appointed General Secretary and EA Vice-President and Alfo Giomi – EA Vice-President and President of FIDAL) and two delegates of

EMA will meet regularly to discuss the matters of a closer co-ordination.

One of the targets of the committee is to put championships of EA and EMA

Together – starting with road races. A second one is the integration of the Masters into the National Body. Until now there are affiliates that are autonomy of the National Federation of Athletics. This causes more problems than receives more benefits. EA will support the Masters to have a closer relationship to their National Body.

WMA-Relations

As European Representative in WMA Council I attended the WMACS in Lyon.

Three days of meetings before the championship started was not enough to discuss future matters in the World Masters. Some questions are still not solved. One of the most important one is WMA/EMA relationship towards IMG/EMG.

The Game Organizers don't co-operate in any case. This is a kind of frustration but Masters Athletics doesn't have to stand back. We are still able to create great championships for our sportsmen.

The new constitution passed the General Assembly of Lyon so EMA created and up-dated the old EVAA constitution together with Pierre Weiss. EMA Council send the draft to all federations to make sure that there is a lot of input. So far the result is presented during the Extraordinary General Assembly in Ancona.

There were no elections in Lyon because of the two stadia championships in row – Perth 2016 will be the next GA.

Positions will be available:

Executive Vice-President until 2016	Margit Jungmann (GER)
Vice-President Stadia until 2016	Serge Beckers (BEL)
Vice-President Non-.Stadia until 2016	Giacomo Leone (ITA)
Secretary until 2016	Winston Thomas (GBR)
Treasurer until 2018	Jean Thomas (FRA)
Women's Representative until 2018	Selma Türkkal (TUR)
President until	2018 Stan Perkins (AUS)

Because of the new constitution there will be the position of Vice-President Competition vacant in 2016.

Adequate candidates from our region should be nominated by their federations in time.

Final Comments

WMA Championship in Lyon had a great atmosphere but caused also many problems: the transportation of athletes through the city, the results coming out very late and sometimes wrong, food and beverage offer was poor, no really meeting tent for socialising athletes ...

For me as EMA President it was sad to see the lack of communication between WMA, EMA, and National Federation concerning the bidding for the next championships. Two European candidates for 2018 Venice (ITA) and Malaga (ESP) two ambitious organizers and one loser. The EMA Council was not informed about the competition between two bidders – that should never happen again!

Finishing my mandate as President of EMA in 2017 – the next Stadia Championships in Arhus (DEN) – the next candidates should be aware of the situation of athletics in the World. After the scandal in IAAF athletics reputation has lowered. Athletics is still attractive in road races, city marathons and other out of stadium-competitions but stadia is losing the younger generations – and we can't stop it.

The cities have to be careful with the investment in athletics facilities and they are more interested in investing money in "sports for all" than in high standard competition – except football !

It would be a great honour and success for the "old" EMA Council to see the European Masters Athletics Association in good hands after the GA in Aarhus 2017.

Thank you for your support and for your critics as well.

Kurt Kaschke
EMA President

EUROPEAN MASTER ATHLETICS Report - Vice President Jerzy Krauze

Since the EMA General Assembly hold in Izmir has passed 1.5 year. In the mean time in addition to my the daily tasks was maintaining contacts and Exchange orrespondence with the European affiliates.

In this period I tried to support LOC's organisers in the regional athletics championships i.e. Balkan, Nordic, Baltic Sea States and Interstate Masters Athletics Cup. In the same time I had an opportunity to encourage participants to organising of the future EMA Indoor or Stadia Championships.

The other form my activities was exchanging information's between EMA affiliates in connection to elaboration concern preparation calendar indoor and outdoor the EMA National Championships in 2016. It was also an excellent opportunity to maintain contacts with the federations representatives, while a review the situation of the most active athletics masters federation in Europe.

Among of the numerous EMA tasks is also close cooperation with the European Athletics Association. For some of them the EMA Council should participate at the European Athletics Convention. During such meetings EMA Council has always an excellent opportunity to talk with ofcial national European athletics authorities. At the same time there was a kind of platform to discussion and attracting masters athletics movement and encouraging European athletics federations to organizing of the future EMA Masters Championships in 2016 - 2020.

In 2016 my last activities were focusing on coordination and supporting organization of the EMA Marathon in 2017. In recent times the EMA Council was trying to fnd and a new solutions, concern of resolving the European Masters Marathon Championships. The EMA Council has got a lot of experience from previous EMACS Marathon races. The Local Organizing Committees has been complained, that organization marathon races is very costly and makes a lot technical problems. Taking in cosideration very high organizational cost and comparision relatively not large number of participants, like we can observe in typical Marathon races, even in small towns, the EMA was tryng to fnd a new solution.

For this purpose the EMA would like to join the European Masters Marathons Championships with the renowned races in Europe such as Berlin, London, Barcelona, Rome, etc. However, to fnd contact with very well-known LOC marathons organizers in Europe is not easy. For this the EMA Council commenced negotiations with Marathon organizers in smaller cities.

For EMA Council this task was also not easy, how to fnd partners and platform to cooperation between a few cities. At the end the challenge took Poland. This time an ofcial bidding to host the EMA Marathon Championships 2017 has made the city of Wroclaw (POL). I am in constant touch with the organizer, where on behalf of the EMA Council I support technically the bidding preparation to EMA Marathon in 2017 in Poland.

INTERSESSION ACTIVITIES

EA Convention 2014 in Baku, Azerbaijan

In October 10-11, 2014 on behalf of EMA Council, I was attended at the European Athletics Annual Convention Meeting. Convention has been hold in Baku, Azerbaijan. At the meetings attending the European member federations and was dedicated to better support of athletics between federations and the European Athletics Council. During the meetings was offering opportunities for educations, networking and socializing along with the formal meetings and calendar planning activities.

4th Interstate Masters Athletics Cup in Salzburg, Austria

In Salzburg, July 11th, 2015 hold the 4th Interstate Masters Athletics Cup. In the competition took part national teams from Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovenia and Switzerland. The EMA Council received an invitation form the LOC International

Athletics Cup.

On behalf of EMA I represented Council at the Cup. Certainly the visit of the EMA authorities raised the importance of this event, both for organizers and athletes. During the awards ceremonies, I awarded EMA pins the most encouraged representatives from the Local Organizing Committee for contribution of the Masters Athletics Development in this region.

10th European Masters Athletics Championships Indoor 2015, Torun, Poland, March 23-28, 2015.

For the first time Poland organized the EMA Indoor Championships. From the very beginning on behalf of EMA Council I was involved in this project. Therefore EMA Council asked me to take position as Indoor Manager who will be responsible for the efficient conduction the European Masters Championship Indoor in Torun (POL). On behalf of EMA Council I led this project, since from consisting the LOC in Torun, a signing contract EMACI 2015 as well as until the closing of the EMA Championships. Total number of representing countries entered by 2380 competitors from 37 countries but in the end, 2104 from 36 countries took part in the competition.

1ST TECHNICAL VISIT - bidding EMACI 2018 in Apeldoorn, Netherlands, November 24-25, 2015.

The EMA Council members - Jerzy Krauze and Secretary Helena Maria Pires de Carvalho visited the city of Apeldoorn, Netherlands in November 2015.

The visit was made due to the fact that the Royal Dutch Athletics has submitted to EMA a bid for the organization EMACI 2018. During our sight visit we were checked the Omnisport Arena facilities and also outdoor facilities.

The report from the visit in Apeldoorn was presented to EMA Council. The EMA Council took the final decision during its annual Council Meeting, December 2015 and granted the rights to organisation of the EMACI 2018 in Apeldoorn. The Contract will be signed by the Mayor of the City of Apeldoorn, Royal Dutch Athletics, LOC General Director in March 2016.

Jerzy Krauze

EMA Vice-President

EUROPEAN MASTER ATHLETICS Report - Treasurer Jean Thomas

General

It is with great pleasure that I present once again my report as EMA Treasurer. Since our last GA in Izmir two years ago, EMA has pursued its policy in favour of the development of the Master movement in Europe, especially by trying to improve the quality of our European Championships.

You will find in the next pages the Auditor's report and the audited financial statements: the balance sheet, Profit & Loss Account and the budget for 2016. I would like to make some comments:

Balance Sheet

on the 31st of December 2015, EMA's liquidity position amounted to 128.511 € against 155.393 € on the 31st December 2013, decreasing by 26.882 € during the two-year reporting period. This decrease is the result of only one cause, that is the sum of 33.000 € representing the Performance Bonds reimbursed to the organizers. It is interesting to notice that our Working Capital (W.C.) is quite stable amounting to 119.079 € at the end of the year 2015, against 121.562 € at the end of 2013. This ratio measures the capacity to cover the short term debts. It also shows how we are able to satisfy the upcoming operational expenses. This amount of 119.079 € represents one year and a half of operational expenses, that is enough to ensure our financial stability.

Profit & Loss Account

Income

During the accounting period 2014 - 2015, our revenues amounted to 175.738 € compared with the previous period (167.203 €) this represents an increase by 5,1% while our budgets expected 165.900 €. During this period, our revenues from the Championships have increased by 5.275 €. During this two year period we have received 17.575 € as grant from EA and 3.633 € from IAAF through WMA.

Expenses

The expenses amounted to 178.220 €. They have stayed under the budgets (184.400 €) but increasing by 20% compared with the previous period (148.374 €). This differential results from the increases of the championships expenses especially for Izmir.

As a result

The biennial accounting period ending December 31, 2015 concluded with a slight deficit of 2.482 €. The prior accounting period ended with a surplus of 18.829 €. However the year 2014 ended with a deficit of 16.573 € (due to the high cost and the low number of athletes in Izmir), while the year 2015 ended with a surplus of 14.091 € that recovers more or less the loss of the year 2014.

Budget 2016

The expected income amounts to 103.000 € with Ancona and Vila Real, what is over the average of the past years. This is the consequence of the increase of the EMA entry fees after the low number of athletes in Izmir has been largely under our expectations.

Regarding the expenses, the estimated amount is also 103.000 €, showing a balanced budget. As a result the coming year should lead EMA to a stable financial situation.

Next scheduled championships

Vila Real de Santo Antonio (POR)	EMACNS	2016
Aarhus (DEN)	EMACS	2017
Wroclaw (POL)	EMA Marathon	2017
On demand	Mountain Running	2017
Apeldoorn (NEL)	EMACI	2018
Venice/Jesolo (ITA)	EMACS	2019
On demand	EMACI	2020

Jean Thomas

EMA Treasurer

EUROPEAN MASTER ATHLETICS Report - EMA Secretary Helena Maria Pires de Carvalho

In the last year the work as EMA secretary has really been full-time, where I had to communicate and deal with issues within the Council, affiliates, inquires, LOC, biddings and other related issues. During these months I supported all Council Members with all informations. My first priority was to get updates of Website, the addresses of Affiliates Countries, all projects and all documents of EMA.

As Secretary of EMA as usual I had many communications with affiliates, athletes, advertisers and a countless amount of not important e-mails, that I also had to devote my time and attention.

A high percentage of the affiliate emails was mainly directed to competition, organisation and bidding of the future EMA Championships, entries and records matters and these were treated by me and by the EMA members in teamwork. For communication a large majority of our affiliates do not use EMA website, so it is an aim for the future to promote among affiliates the proper use of the EMA site.

Both EMA and the Affiliates countries should update the EMA website with more news, updates and other items to promote the championships, the use of the internet and website for information.

In many regions there is the need also to ensure that their websites are more regularly updated. Some did not make any change or even updated their affiliates information.

The relations with affiliates had a continuous improvement but there is still work to be done and affiliates still need to be more pro-active in their country too.

The number of our Affiliates increased in one affiliate. Kosovo now is EMA Affiliate.

The communication between EMA and all Affiliates is very important, the reason that It was updated the addresses of all affiliates. Many thanks to affiliates that have helped to make my life a little easier in last year, having e-mail addresses updated but I do need to know when changes are made and details of the new members.

I renew my thanks to most affiliate members for their cooperation in working together to meet the EMA's goals for the good of their athletes and affiliates.

EMA regular Meetings during the European or World Championships proves to be very important for the relationship between EMA, our Affiliates and WMA.

I look forward to the continued development of EMA during the coming period.

Helena Maria Pires de Carvalho
EMA Secretary