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EUROPEAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (EUBC)

ISTVÁN KOVÁCS APPOINTED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF AIBA

Two-times AIBA World Champion and Olympic champion István Kovács was appointed as a Secretary General of the International Boxing Association (AIBA).

The decision was taken by the AIBA Board of Directors on Monday, March 22nd, during a meeting via videoconference.

‘The fate of our organization has to be decided and will be decided by the boxers themselves. They have dedicated their entire lives to boxing, they know it from the inside and understand the needs for our sport effective development better than any managers. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors members have approved István Kovács as AIBA Secretary General. István Kovács is a two-time World Champion and an Olympic champion, boxing is life and AIBA is a family for him. I am positive that as Secretary General he will be able to bring AIBA to a fundamentally new efficiency level and transparency of management,’ said AIBA President Mr. Umar Kremlev.

‘I am very grateful for the confidence placed in me by the AIBA Board of Directors. It is a great honor and at the same time a great responsibility to become the Secretary General of the International Boxing Association and to work together with President Umar Kremlev, a man who lives by boxing. Now AIBA is undergoing a period of global reforms. All of them are necessary for boxing to develop as a sport loved by millions of people around the globe so that our athletes and coaches show the best results in international competitions at all levels. I see that the new AIBA leadership is heading in the right direction and is committed to working with full dedication to support and reinforce this course of positive change. I pledge to act in the best interests of boxing and guarantee maximum



openness and democracy in my work. I am sure that together we will be able to carry out all the necessary reforms and bring AIBA to a fundamentally new level', said Mr. Kovács.

Mr. István Kovács will take over as AIBA Secretary General this week.

A GREAT NUMBER OF 487 BOXERS FROM 66 NATIONS REGISTERED AT THE AIBA YOUTH WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the registration deadline for the AIBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships, an impressive number of 66 nations will take part in the event. The number of registered women boxers excluding the reserves is 160, while 327 male athletes are to attend the event. The total number of registered boxers is 487, which is higher than in the previous 2018 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships.

The first AIBA Championships of the year is to be held in Kielce, Poland on April 10-24. Boxers who were born in 2002 and in 2003 are eligible to compete in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships which has been postponed from November 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemics.

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine will take part in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships from Europe in April.

Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Tajikistan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan confirmed their participation from the strong Asian continent in the upcoming AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships.

Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, Nicaragua, Saint Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago and Venezuela will be the nations from the American

Confederation. The Central African Republic, DR Congo, Gambia, Morocco, Sierra Leone and Eswatini (former Swaziland) registered to attend from the African continent.

The registered countries also include Bahrain, Bangladesh, Central African Republic, DR Congo, Iceland, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone and Eswatini who have never competed at any of the previous AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships.

'AIBA leadership, LOC and all participants are eagerly waiting for the Championships, which will take place soon in Poland. No doubts that the event will be conducted on the highest level in accordance with all safety measures. Most of all our athletes need the opportunity to perform on the international level to try their skills. Many active boxing stars have started their way from Youth World Championships, so we can't underestimate the importance of it for the young generation of boxers,' AIBA President Mr. Kremlev claimed.



Polish Boxing Federation

STRONG HUNGARIAN EVENTS IN THE RECENT WEEKS AND MANY UPCOMING PLANS INCLUDING THE BORNEMISSZA MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The Hungarian Boxing Association has held several competitions and events already in the year of 2021, and their projects are only gaining momentum. Following the Bocskai, the Enekes and the Akos Toth Memorial Tournaments, their traditional Bornemissza Youth & Junior Memorial Tournament are scheduled.

The 65th Istvan Bocskai Memorial opened the series of the traditional strong international competitions this year. The newly elected AIBA President Mr. Umar Kremlev visited the finals of the 65th Bocskai Memorial Tournament in Debrecen to follow the prestigious boxing competition. England, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, and Turkey shared the gold medals in the Bocskai Memorial Tournament. 175 boxers including 55 women from 22 different countries and three Confederations competed at the event.

Following the Bocskai Memorial Tournament, two more competitions have already been held in Hungary where local boxers gained competitive experience. The Istvan Enekes Youth Memorial Tournament was held in February and coaches used it to select boxers for the upcoming international events. Istvan Enekes was Hungary's second boxing Olympic Champion who won the flyweight title in 1932 in Los Angeles.

The next Akos Toth Memorial Tournament was held in the small town of Koka near Budapest, it also welcomed international boxers. Hungary's national team members, including 16-year-old super talented Rafael Buza and Bocskai Memorial Tournament silver medallist Szabina Szucs also won their contests in Koka.



Another one-day competition, the Vitanyi Memorial Tournament is scheduled in Eger on March 20 and is to welcome boxers from all age groups.

The Hungarians are planning to send their team to the upcoming AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships which is scheduled in Kielce, Poland on April 10-24. Hungary's capital, Budapest hosted the latest AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in 2018 where their boxers claimed one silver and one bronze medal.



Hungarian Boxing Association

AMANDA COULSON IS DETERMINED TO USE HER NEW ROLE AS CHAIR OF AIBA'S WOMEN'S COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE THE 'EXCELLENT PROGRESS' MADE BY WOMEN'S BOXING IN RECENT YEARS

The appointment of the England Boxing Development Coach and four-times national champion to head up one of the world governing body's seven committees was confirmed this week.

Coulson's selection for the role followed an e-mail vote by the AIBA Board of Directors, and she will report in to the executive committee.

"Women's amateur boxing has made huge strides forwards since my first competitive bout in 1999 – and I hope to help continue the excellent progress that has been made," she said.

"Back then, there were only a handful of female boxers at any weight and it was very hard to get bouts both domestically and internationally, but, thankfully, that situation is improving all the time, with more and more women taking up the sport all over the world.

"The England Boxing Women's Winter Box Cup, that was held for the first time in 2018 and attracts boxers from not just across England but all over Europe and beyond, shows the thirst for women's competition is extremely high, as does the recent interest in the professional success of the likes of Nicola Adams, Natasha Jonas, Savannah Marshall and, of course, Katie Taylor.

"But women are also realising the power of boxing as a superb training tool to keep fit – even if they never step in the ring – and that is something we should



be looking to harness as best we can.

“Hopefully, working alongside the rest of the committee as we come out of the Coronavirus Pandemic, I can help continue the momentum that has been building in women’s boxing, so that we can move things on and increase its popularity and influence even more.”

Coulson’s Women’s Committee will work alongside other AIBA committees for Competitions, R&J, Coaching, Champions and Veterans, Medical and Anti-doping and Marketing.

Each National Federation was encouraged to put forward candidates to be a part of the seven committee based on criteria detailed in AIBA’s regulations.



Boxing Association of England

ASIAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (ASBC)

INDIA WINS 10 MEDALS INCLUDING A GOLD ONE AT BOXAM INTERNATIONAL

New Delhi, March 07, 2021: Continuing his splendid run in the tournament, Manish Kaushik bagged the gold medal as Indian boxers concluded their impressive campaign at the Boxam International Tournament with 10 medals in Castellon, Spain.

The 2018 Commonwealth Games silver medalist Kaushik, who returned to the ring for the first time after the Asian Olympic Qualifiers held in March last year, beat



Denmark's Nikolai Terteryan with a split 3-2 decision in the men's 63kg summit bout. However, the World Championship bronze medalist Vikas Krishan went down 4-1 against local favorite Ndiaye Sissokho and had to settle for the silver medal in the men's 69kg.

Meanwhile in the women's category, Asian champion Pooja Rani lost to World Championship bronze medalist, USA's Naomi Graham 5-0 in the 75kg final while young Jasmine, who in her senior women international tournament, showed great attacking display but couldn't beat 2019 European Champion Irma Testa of Italy, and settled for the silver medal in the 57kg after going down 0-5 in the final bout.

The remaining five silver medals for the country were secured by Simranjit Kaur (60kg), Mohammed Hussamuddin (57), Ashish Kumar (75kg), Sumi Sangwan (81kg) and Satish Kumar (+91kg).

Ashish had to withdraw from the final bout after he was tested positive for COVID-19 while the other four boxers also withdrew from the tournament as a precautionary measure because of their proximity to the boxers who have turned positive.

Earlier, Mary Kom settled for bronze after her semi-final exit. The 14 (8 men and 6 women) Indian boxers had participated in the 35th edition of the Boxam International Tournament. The team returns back in India on Monday afternoon.



Boxing Federation of India

The Chinese Taipei boxing Association hold the Boxing Coach Course for National Level B in Fu Jen Catholic University in 4 days from March 18 to 21, 2021. To promote national sports, improve national physical and mental health, promote the spirit of boxing, and increase the number of boxing coaches in the Association. Sports Department of the Ministry of Education, Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee (NOC), Chinese Taipei Sports Federation (NFs) were leading the Association for the program.

Participants and qualifications:

- (1) Elementary, middle and high school physical education teachers.
- (2) College students
- (3) People who are interested in boxing.

(4) Those who have been certified as a boxing National C-level coach for more than two years and have practical work experience in boxing coaching.



(5) The boxing national team members who have participated in the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Paralympic Games, World Games, and World Individual Sports Official Championships who must be 20 years old and graduated from high school (vocational) with high marks. All applicants must submit a high school (vocational) certificate with the above qualifications. There were total 32 participants, 2021 Tokyo Olympic Boxers Hsiao-Wen Huang (51) and Shih-Yi Wu (60) were among those who passed the course. Congratulation to those participants whose hard work has paid off!



Chinese Taipei Boxing Association

In preparation for the Summer Olympics 2020, Danis Latypov, Bahrain's first boxer to qualify for the Olympics, will attend an international training camp in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The camp, which will operate from April 7 to 17, will also be attended by the Olympic teams of Great Britain, France and Germany. Immediately after the camp in Belfast, Latypov will begin training with team GB from April 17 to May 30 in Sheffield, England.

Danis Latypov, the First Bahraini Boxer to Qualify for the Olympics (March 18).

On 18 March, the members of the Bahrain Boxing Federation were ecstatic to hear from the IOC Boxing Task Force. After a long halt, the cancellation of the World Olympic Qualifier and the adoption of a new qualification system, team Bahrain finally received news that they have earned a quota in the Summer Olympics 2020. Danis Latypov, competing in the Men Super Heavy (+91kg), will be Bahrain's first boxer to compete in the Olympic Games.



Founded only 3 years ago, under the patronage and persistent guidance of His Highness Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Bahrain Boxing Federation has already made history. Yusuf Al Kooheji, President of the Federation, stated: "This may have been the greatest achievement in Bahraini Boxing to this day. We must now concentrate on grass-root development, paving the way for the next generation of athletes."



Bahrain Boxing Federation

AMERICAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (AMBC)

The Elite Olympic Boxing Panama National Team was finally able to compete after the one-year halt due to the global pandemics caused by SARS Co-V. The Panamanian delegation that participated in the Boxam Internacional Tournament in Castellon, Spain comprised the following athletes: Martin Perez (52kg), Orlando Martinez (57kg), Jonathan Miniel (63kg), Eduardo Beckford (75kg) and Atheyna Baylon (57kg) with Martinez and Baylon both winning the delegation a bronze medal.

This event served as the first step of preparation for the national team before they are set to compete in the pre-Olympic tournament held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from May 10th to May 16th this year.

The youth Panamanian National Team finally got back on track after the pause forced by the global pandemic by completing at an altitude training camp from February 26 to March 27 in Boquete, Chiriqui, Panama. This camp was supervised by AIBA trainers Jesus Martinez (3 stars), Ariel Echeverria (1 star) and Melanio Flores (2 stars). This was a part of the preparation for the athletes for the Juvenile Continental Qualifier which will be held in Cali, Colombia from June 10 to June 17.



Panamanian Boxing Federation

AFRICAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (AFBC)

ZONE 3 AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS TAKES PLACE IN KINSHASA, DRC

The Championships has been conducted from 22nd to 27th March 11 African Nations including the host expected to participate event are;

1. Democratic Republic of Congo (Host)
2. Kenya
3. Uganda
4. Burundi
5. Cameroon.
6. Congo Brazzaville
7. Equitorial Guinea
8. Gabon
9. Mozambique (Guest)
10. Morroco (Guest)
11. Libya (Guest)

