MINUTES FROM THE JJIF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
27 November 2008 – RADISSON SAS HOTEL – MALMÖ – SWEDEN

1. Welcome and Opening of the GA
The Congress was opened at 11:45 hrs. by JJIF President Paul Hoglund. He welcomed all delegates.

2. President’s Welcome Speech
JJIF President read his welcome speech and gave the floor to The President of the Swedish Budo and Martial Arts Federation, Daniel Petresson, who greeted all delegates, and drew their attention to the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of ju-jitsu in Sweden.

3. Roll Call and Attendance
The JJIF Secretary General, Rossitsa Stateva, carried out the roll call and attendance. It was stated that the General assembly was attended by 30 National Federations and that there was the necessary quorum.

4. Nomination of 3 scrutineers
The President called for the nomination of three (3) persons who would distribute, collect and count the ballots and act as scrutineers. They should verify and undersign the Protocol of the elections. The Assembly approved Bruce Bethers(USA), Nuvir Proag (Mauritius) and Robert Perc (Slovenia).

5. Adoption of the Agenda
The President asked whether the Agenda could be adopted, or not. The Assembly accepted the Agenda. There was a proposal for discussing the revision of the Statutes. This issue was left to be discussed more thoroughly separately, as there were not enough well-
grounded proposals for these discussions.

6. Approval of the Minutes from the GA2006 in Rotterdam (The Netherlands)
The Minutes were adopted unanimously.

7. JJIF President’s Report
7.1. JJIF Activities for the period 2006 – 2007;
7.2. JJIF Activities for the period 2007 – 2008 and Future Strategic Planning.
The President read his reports.
A question was raised whether the Board had any plans whatsoever, or follow-up decisions for its activities; whether the Board had planned in advance the travels to various countries; or had any reports after coming back; and clear ideas about the budget that was needed for these trips; whether there was a Board decision about any cooperation with the belt-wrestling federation. The President answered that all these remarks would be taken into consideration. The President of the Asian Union answered that it was too late to raise this issue about the belt-wrestling federation, as he had been presented as President of the Asian Ju-Jitsu and Belt Wrestling Union in Rotterdam in 2006. He complained that JJIF had done nothing for the development of ju-jitsu in Asia.
Opinion was voiced out that – as there was no legal threat, and as that could be for the benefit of Ju-jitsu, then things could be left the way they were.
It was underlined once again that there was no such official decision for any cooperation with belt-wrestling – neither of the Board, nor of the GA.
The President’s Report was accepted by applause.

8. Vice-President’s Report
JJIF First Vice-President, Heinz Lamade, had already dispatched his report. He made a summary, and thanked for the cooperation of all.
His report was accepted by applause.

9. Secretary General’s Report
The secretary’s report was read. Issues like lack of team atmosphere and work, planning, proper management and organization, collective decisions and acting had been stressed out.
This report was approved by applause.
9.1. Membership Applications and Acceptance from the GA of new members
The Secretary General reported the new applicants and made a short presentation of them all:
1. Korea Ju-Jitsu Federation - Republic of Korea
2. Finnish Karate Federation – Ju-Jitsu Section - Finland
3. Ethiopian Ju-Jitsu Association (EJJA) - Ethiopia
4. Latvian Ju-Jitsu Federation - Latvia
As the representative of Latvia requested for a postponement of the payment of their registration fee, there was a short discussion whether the congress should make an exception, or not. In the end, the discussion was finalized favourably, as the due fee was offered to be paid by the President of the Bulgarian federation. Thus a chance was given to Latvia, as well. The President of the Korean federation said a few words to present it. This presentation was accepted by applause. Finland had no representative; it was reminded that Finland had been a JJIF member long time ago, and this time they wanted just to renew their membership. The President of Ethiopia made a short presentation, applauded too.

The JJIF GA 2008 approved and accepted 4(four) new members: Korean Ju-Jitsu Federation; Ju-Jitsu Section to the Finnish Karate Federation; Ethiopian Ju-Jitsu Association; Latvian Ju-Jitsu Federation.

The congress voted to decide whether Korea, as fully-paid member, could vote at the congress or not, but not to compete. The result was as follows: In favour: 13 Against: 8 Accepted

It was decided that Finland could compete; as the membership fee of Latvia was offered to be paid by the Bulgarian President, the GA decided that Latvia could participate in the Championship.

The JJIF Honorary President, Rinaldo Orlandi, stressed out the significance of the Rules; he pointed out that they should always be observed. He said that such incidents should not happen anymore; that rules and regulations should be kept. Against the above decisions were Rinaldo Orlandi, Frank Furst – Denmark, Robert Perc – Slovenia.

10. Treasurer’s Report

An objection was made by the German federation saying that they had not received 20% of the sponsorship for Africa, as it was written in the report. This was not a support for the German federation, but money used for travel costs for the trainers. The German federation wanted that to be deleted from the financial report. The sponsor of the African Union, Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, made it clear that he had never given money to the German federation and raised his objection that his report about the way of spending of the sponsorship money had been changed and re-written by JJIF President. He said, that he had all good reasons to make comments on the way of spending the money he had donated; he stressed out that there was a special reason why the money was not given through the JJIF Treasurer. He specified one bank transfer supposedly for the training seminar in Africa, which was actually payable to the African Belt-
Wrestling Association. This fact alone spoke for itself; no clear picture how the money was spent and for what purpose.

10.2. Auditor’s Report

Bruce Bethers read the report.

A question was raised whether there was a decision of the Board for the expenditure Budget, as it happened to be much more.

The JJIF Treasurer, Luc Cassier, explained that the expenditure documents had been presented too late; for example, the expenditure for 2007 contained expenses made in 2006; that is why it was too difficult to check when exactly the certain amounts had been spent; he pointed out that it was really difficult to check the approved budget.

A question was raised if the money was spent for the development of JJIF. The Treasurer answered that it was difficult to say, as the documents for the expenditure had been given too late and it was difficult to check; that was the reason why that expenditure was classified as travel costs.

A question was raised if any money was reimbursed to the Asian, or other Unions. The Treasurer explained that JJEU had its own bank account; that is why they got their fixed percentage every year to come; the other Unions did not have bank accounts, due to which it was not possible to remit the due amounts.

Another question was raised why the Auditors did not have all necessary documents. The explanation was that the receipts given had been loose; and that respectively – a recommendation should be given for proper handling and presenting these documents.

Another question was raised – was there a Board decision about these trips; what were the results of these trips for the development of JJIF. As it is the results what is of importance, an explanation should be given how much money was spent personally for Paul Hoglund’s trips, how much for the referees, and how much for the instructors.

JJIF President argued that the floor was not given to the President of the Bulgarian Ju-Jitsu federation, and that he should sit down and keep quiet.

The Bulgarian President argued back that he was the one who paid the membership fee; that the JJIF President had not given even one Euro from his personal money; that the answer that had been given was not satisfactory. The Bulgarian President stressed out that we were supposed to develop ju-jitsu; he wanted to have a clear answer, and namely: if the budget for 2007 for example was 50 thousand, how much of this money was spent by the JJIF President, or by the other Board members; and how much was used for the instructors and referees. If it were not possible to give a proper explanation for 2005 and 2006, then any answer for 2007 would be satisfactory.

The Treasurer made some comments about 2007 and the respective budget. It was underlined once again that there was no plan who was going to spend how much and for what purpose.

The Bulgarian President stressed out once again that – as the members were
paying the fees and actually giving the money, they should be entitled to have a clear explanation and answer as to how the budget was supposed to be spent. He said that no organization whatsoever – neither non-profit, nor a private one, would afford to spend its money in such a manner. He appealed to all delegates to think what that meant. The expenses for the Board meetings were double. An explanation was demanded. He repeated that the delegates should make one extremely important decision. The money given by the members was not for travelling of the Board; the status of all Board members should be known; how much he was entitled to spend, etc. – as, according to the Statutes, everyone was supposed to work free-of-charge, on an honorary basis.

A question was also raised that some of the receipts were actually copies. The explanation given made it clear that the issuing of electronic plane tickets was backed up by printed sort of documents.

A recommendation was made that some funds should be included in the book, too.

10.3. Discharge of JJIF Treasurer and the JJIF Board for the period 2006 – 2008
The General Assembly unanimously discharged the Board of Directors and the JJIF Treasurer for the JJIF accounting and financial report for 2006 and 2007. A remark was made that the Board members were personally responsible for carrying out the recommendations of the Auditors; that their conclusions should be taken into consideration and kept.

10.4. Budget for the period 2008 – 2010
Accepted.

11. Continental Unions’ Report

11.1. Africa – The representative of Mauritius said that thanks to JJIF ju-jitsu in Africa was active and alive.

11.2. Asia – appealed to think about Asia when the funds should be planned for the future. He informed about the championships and referee seminars held there.

11.3. Europe – It was pointed out that JJEU was only a continental Union, not the whole world. Information was given about the decision, made in Torino about the percentages of the membership fees, due to be left in favour of the JJEU. This money was supposed to be used solely for purposes of development.

11.4. Pan-America – was characterized with a certain frustration after the establishment of the Pan-American Union; that both partners involved - North and South America, differed in too many ways. An idea was voiced out that this Union should be split into two; thus working by far more easily.

12. Committee’s Reports

12.1. Sport Director Mario den Edel
He thanked the First Vice-President for his support and Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos for his financial back-up. He said that he finally managed to
understand where the money had disappeared – not given for development, but for travelling. About the World Games in 2009 – he explained that the final list would be ready after the WCh in Malmo. He reminded of the WCh for Aspirants and Juniors – due to be held in November 2009 in Athens. He pointed out that the organizers of the Championship in Malmo tried to follow the organization and example of the organizers of the WCh 2006 in Rotterdam. They tried to take into consideration the proposals and ideas of the coaches, as they in fact happened to be in close contact with the athletes themselves.

12.2. Coaches’ Committee – Bert van Haren

He pointed out that all those present were actually there for the sake of the fighters; the fighters are interested in a good organization, good facilities; and competent and objective referees and competition. He voiced out his opinion that JJIF was a body, which needed harmony in its development; that there should be balance everywhere – otherwise there would be no development. He paid a compliment to the technical directors; he expressed his belief that all – coaches, technical directors and referees would manage to find the right direction.

12.3. Assistant Sport Director – Joachim Thumfart

He talked about the first Asian championship in Kazakhstan; he agreed that the standards there happened to be quite different, but expressed his belief that this was a good beginning. He also mentioned the countries which he had visited – Kuwait, South Africa, Estonia, Slovenia, etc. He informed about the JJIF summer camp, due to be held in Bad Blankenburg, Germany, in 2009 – after the World Games. That is why, he pointed out, that this camp would be mainly for young competitors and coaches, who would train and prepare for the WCh for Aspirants and Juniors in Athens. The flyer was distributed to all; the fee – 380 Euro (Full Board) was specified; the accommodation – corresponding to 3-star hotel.

A recommendation was given by the President of the Canadian Federation that each nation should have a programme for biomechanic, physical training, for developing the respective muscles of the athletes practicing martial arts; he stressed out that this should be paid due consideration.

The Assistant Sport Director agreed with the above and assured all that the Sport Director Mario den Edel was a very sophisticated instructor and would manage to incorporate all this.

12.4. Referee Director – Henrik Sandberg

He made a presentation of the structure of the JJIF referees; he stressed out the atmosphere of friendship among all referees, the team work, and the satisfactory results. He agreed that the JJIF Rules could be in different languages on a national level; but they should be also studied in English, as English should be spoken on a continental and world level. He specified the number of referees: 39 World; and 73 Continental referees. He declared that all referee committees had been functioning, due reports given about their activities. He also voiced out his
hope that the Referee Committee would get its own budget for the next two(2) years; that the camps should not be split into two; that there should be only one official camp.

12.5. Director Media – Khalil Khan
He pointed out that all possible information could be found on JJIF web-site; that the whole world was accessible from there. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the Newsletters that had been circulated. He assured all that he was in a position to offer a much more professional version. He briefed all present that he had attended a Reception, hosted on November 13, 2008 in Lausanne, for all registered in Switzerland federations, where all top leaders could be seen. He made an appeal the office in Lausanne to be supported.

A presentation was offered to reveal the necessity of such activities, aimed at guaranteeing financial funding for JJIF.

13. Rewards
This item was skipped by the presiding JJIF President and disregarded by the delegates.

14. Elections
14.1. JJIF President
14.2. JJIF Second Vice-President
14.3. JJIF Treasurer

JJIF President authorized Khalil Khan to further chair the meeting. This was not put to the vote. Khalil Khan started to preside.
Rinaldo Orlandi, in his capacity of Honorary JJIF President, appealed to the delegates to proceed intelligently, as all had been flooded with paper and correspondence lately. He said that it was his duty to calm down the atmosphere, although he agreed that all issues should be duly addressed. He suggested that personalities should be selected; that the newly-elected should be given mandates to sort out the problems, prepare and solve them. Old and new members could work together. He offered his experience. He said that it was up to the new Board to decide who could be used and how; good guidelines for management to be found.

The candidates were announced once again:
For President: Paul Hoglund & Panagiotis Theordoropoulos
For 2nd Vice-President: Tom Kempkens and Tomo Borissov
For Treasurer: Luc Mortelmans, Lic Cassier, & Viljar Jaamu

All candidates were given 5 minutes to present themselves.
Paul Hoglund talked about the aim of JJIF, the development, etc.
Panagiotis Theodoropoulos *said* that he had expressed himself through the new Draft-Statutes; thus tabling down his concept for good management.

Tomo Borissov *outlined* the main problems he would be willing to solve.

Tom Kempkens *stressed out* the necessity of team work.

Luc Mortelmans *presented* himself; working as an accountant having his own company; *underlined* the necessity of budgeting all projects – to definitely know in advance how much money would be needed and spent; to who the money would go; the necessity of absolute transparency.

Luc Cassier had not received the support of his National federation, which was reminded by the Belgian President; this fact made him step back.

Viljar Jaamu was not attending the congress, so he could not speak for himself.

The election *was carried out* simultaneously for the three(3) positions. Each federation was supposed to vote for one of the candidates. The election was secret – by ballots, done one by one in alphabetical order. The two newly-elected JJIF members *were* included in the election: Latvia, and Korea.

Thus the total number of delegates, entitled to vote *was 32*, and namely: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Greece, Germany, Iran, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, UK, USA

The results from the voting were as follows:

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Thus, the newly elected members of the JJIF Board are:

**Panagiotis Theodoropoulos**(Mr) – JJIF President

**Tomo Borissov**(Mr) – JJIF Second Vice-President

**Luc Mortelmans**(Mr) – JJIF Treasurer

The new JJIF President *thanked* Paul Hoglund for his friendship and for what he had done for this federation. The former President *was applauded.* Tomo Borissov *thanked* all for their support.
Luc Mortelmans declared that what he had said would be materialized into practice. Khalil Khan handed over the chair to the newly-elected President.

14. Membership Issues
A discussion followed about the status of irregular members and their membership. It was unanimously decided that they should be given a 6-month gratis period for settling this issue. A proposal was made that certain countries should pay only 25% of their membership fee. The new President pointed out the necessity of equality— that all members should have equal rights and obligations. He also stressed out that regular payments of membership fees would not automatically mean regular membership; i.e. that federations should be supposed to participate in the events, not only appear at congresses to vote. A decision was made that the new Board should consider this issue carefully and report back to all members. JJIF President called for proposals from the national federations.

16. Motions received from JJIF Member Federations
The Bolivian representative, Theo Roncken, informed the delegates that too many things happened in the Latin American countries, which had not been known to Europe. He called for adapting the JJIF policy to the needs of Latin America. He said that, naturally enough, that would take a lot of time; that Latin America needed JJIF, and vice versa— JJIF needed Latin America. That is why their needs should be listened.

The Asian Union’s President made a comment that the draft-Statutes should be finalized.

The delegate from Canada proposed to introduce Medical Passports.

It was pointed out that all proposals should be summoned up.

P. Theodoropoulos underlined that Khalil Khan’s version of new Statutes was a result of a great job; but that it would be necessary to start all over again; to have a working committee; to gather all proposals, and study carefully and summarize the essence of all in 3-4 months; then there should be an extraordinary congress for discussing and approving the new Statutes; he also pointed out that all technical people should clearly table down and express what they needed for the development of ju-jitsu; that traveling was not necessary; that changes should be made not by voting alone, but by thinking things over; that the work should be started from tomorrow.
18. Future World Championships
- It was announced that the German federation requested to cancel their commitment for organizing the WCh 2012, due to certain problems with the host-city.
The Secretary General announced that Belgium was a candidate for U18 & U21 - in 2011, and in 2012.
The World Championship for U21 would be in Athens in November 2009.

19. Next General Assembly – location and date
Otherwise the GA and WCh 2010 had been decided to be held in Pakistan. The delegates left this issue to be considered by the Board.

19. Election of Auditors
The delegates elected the following auditors: Bruce Bethers, Didier Menu, and Bomel.

20. Presentations
The President of Montenegro announced that the European Championship in 2009 would be held in Montenegro, as Serbia resigned. He invited everybody to Montenegro.

The President declared the JJIF General Assembly 2008 closed.

Verified by: Panagiotis Theodoropoulos(Mr), JJIF President
Minutes written by: Rossitsa Stateva(Mrs), JJIF Secretary General
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**JJIF OFFICIALS**

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- Rinaldo Orlandi, Honorary President
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- Luc Cassier
- Rossitsa Stateva
- Panagiotis Theodoropoulos
- Khalil Khan
- Colince Tchinda
- Mario den Edel, Sport Director
- Henrik Sandberg, Referee Director
- Joachim Thumfart, Assistant Sport Director
- Dana Murgescu, Assistant Sport Director
- Bert Van Haren, Coaches Committee
- Ola Johanson, Development Committee

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