



# EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

## Activities Report of the Education and Coaching Director 2017-2019

### I/ Implementation of training activities along the period 2017-2019:

#### ❖ **Technical Courses for Coaches:**

- 23 technical courses for coaches were conducted by IJF appointed experts.
- 868 coaches have participated to these technical courses.
- The Federations listed below hosted a training activity:
  - **Africa:** Burundi, Cameroun, Guinea Bissau, Gabon, Nigeria, Soudan, Tanzania, Malawi.
  - **Asia:** Bangladesh, Vietnam, Nepal, Kirghizstan, Tajikistan, DPR Korea.
  - **Europe:** Belarus, Bosnia, Moldova, Poland, Kosovo.
  - **Panam:** Chili, Uruguay, Costa Rica.
  - **Oceania:** This continent has a special status. It relies upon the funding of the Association of the National Olympic Committees of Oceania (ONOC). Nevertheless, Australia benefited from a course within the framework of the IJF Coaches Academy.
- This technical training programme for coaches received an important budget: 276 000, 00 US Dollars. This figure increased by 56% compared to the period 2016-2017.
- It is worth stating that a powerpoint presentation regarding Olympic Solidarity programmes was shown during the seminar on Refereeing and Coaching held in Baku (5-8 January 2017). It considerably helped the national federations to understand how these activities work and accordingly claim such programmes from their National Olympic Committees.

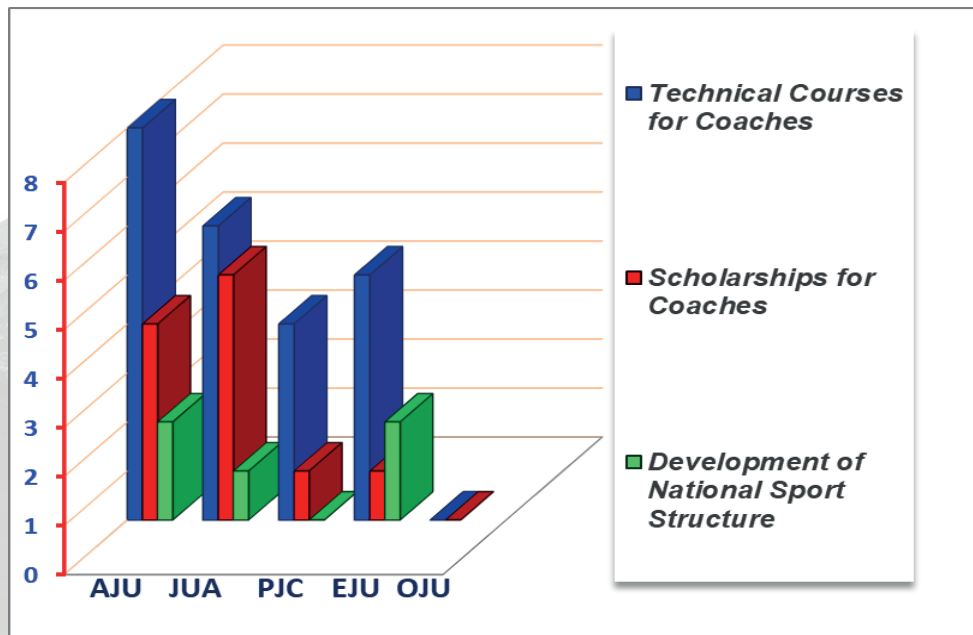
#### ❖ **Scholarships for Coaches 2017-2019:**

- 12 scholarships were allocated. They are distributed as follows:
  - **Africa:** Cameroun, Togo, Botswana, Chad.
  - **Asia:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, Mongolia, Turkmenistan, Singapore.
  - **Panam:** Argentina.
  - **Europe:** Romania.
- 300 000.00 US Dollars were dedicated to this programme.

#### ❖ **Development of the National Sport Structure 2017-2019:**

- 4 projects were implemented:
  - **Africa :** Cape Verde, Chad.
  - **Asia:** Tadjikistan.
  - **Europe:** North Macedonia, Latvia.
- 125 000 US Dollars were allocated to these activities.

The following graphic chart shows the distribution of these three programmes through the continents :



Frequent travels are made to the headquarters of the Olympic Solidarity in Lausanne to strengthen our mutual collaboration. Our cooperation and exchange with this institution are very productive.

### II/ Coaches Academy:

- The IJF Coaches Academy continues to perform its core role in training coaches and grant diplomas.
- Since 27 August 2018 the Academy is registered in Malta as a Higher Education Institute.
- This training institution is run by Mr Envic Galea.
- 3 073 coaches registered to take up a training course at the Academy.
  - 939 coaches graduated as instructor level 1.
  - 187 graduated as level 2 coach.
- Olympic Solidarity supports partly our training programme.
- The Academy has broadened its scope of activities by implementing:
  - IJF Nage-waza et Katame-waza programmes.
  - Judo for Police.
- Judo Management was started recently. 368 students graduated.
- A project is under progress in cooperation with the Kodokan to prepare a video on 100 judo techniques.
- A document is being prepared on grading techniques from white to brown belt.

### III/ Olympic Solidarity Preparation Scholarships « Tokyo 2020 » for Athletes:

- This programme offers to the IJF athletes assistance through a scholarship to prepare and qualify for the Olympic Games of Tokyo 2020.
- 120 applications from 70 countries were considered and assessed in close collaboration with the IJF Sports Commission.

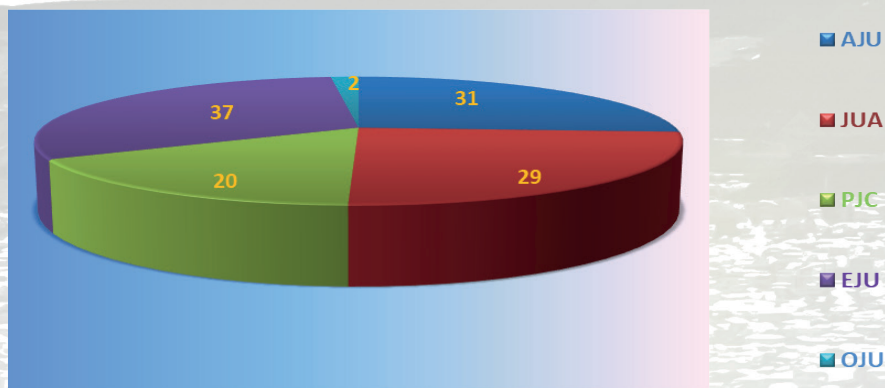




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- The award criteria depend on the sporting results of the athlete, the technical sports level, universality, doping offence.
- The preparation scholarships are distributed as follows :
- Africa: 31 athletes coming from 18 countries.
- Asia : 29 athletes, 13 countries.
- Europe : 37, 23 countries.
- Panam : 20, 15 countries.
- Oceania : 2, 1 country.
- Refugee (IJF) : 1

Hereinafter is a graphic chart showing the allocation of the scholarships through the continents :



- The overall budget for these scholarships amounts 2.193 992 US Dollars.

## **IV/ IJF Athletes Commission:**

- The Athletes Commission is the linking body between active athletes and IJF.
- It is composed from 9 members (5 members are elected by their fellows athletes with one per continent and 4 are appointed by the Executive Committee of IJF). This commission is chaired by Teddy Rinner.
- Natalie Galea (AUS) is nominated as Vice-president in charge of administration matters for the term of office 2017-2020.
- The commission has taken part to two IOC Athletes Commission Forums (November 2017 and April 2019).
- The members of the commission communicate regularly between them via skype and electronic mail.
- Following the unavailability of Tiago Camilo (BRA), Pablo Aprahamian from the same continent (URU) has taken over.
- Sabrina Filzmoser (AUT) replaced Kayla Harisson (USA).
- The IOC source book « athlete365 » is posted on IJF website. This a resource document for the athletes during and outside the Olympic Games.



## **VI/ Kata:**

### **2017 Activities**

- Kata World Championships Olbia, Italy 6-7 october 2017
- Number of participating nations : 27
- Number of pairs : 87
- Distribution of the participants by continent :
  - Africa: 2, Europe : 16, Asia : 4, Panam : 4, Oceania : 1
- A new competition format is designed :
  - On first competition day (Kata Grand Slam): 2 age categories compete separately by performing all different kata, 35 years and under; and 35 years and over.
  - On second day competition (World Championships): to participate the best pairs who qualified in the Kata Grand Slam.
- Kata Training Camp 8-9 October 2017 :
  - Experts from the Kodokan conducted the training camp dedicated to « Koshiki no kata and Itsutsu no kata ».

### **2018 Activities**

- Kata World Championships, Cancun, Mexico 15-16 October 2018
- Number of participating nations : 22
- Number of pairs : 86
- Distribution of the participants through the continents :
  - Africa: 1, Europe: 12, Asia: 3, Panam : 5, Oceania : 1
- Training Camp :
  - The topic of the camp has addressed the history of Kata and individual evaluation. Experts from the Kodokan conducted the workshop.
- Judges training and examination :
  - 30 referees passed their examination and received a licence as IJF judge.
- To make Kata more attractive a reflection is initiated by the Kata Commission. Kata is the grammar of judo. It is an important development tool for our clubs in order to make the athletes discover the features of judo in accordance to the spirit of Professor Jigoro Kano.
- It is strongly recommended that national federations include kata in their programmes for teaching judo.
- The Kata Commission under the leadership of Mr Franco Capelletti is achieving a great job.

## **VII/ Judogi control operations:**

- The statistics show a considerable decrease of breaches to the current judogi rules.
- Judogi control standards are defined to ensure better consistency and put all the athletes on the same playing field.
- Following a decision of the Executive Committee the belt tightening is enforced. This control aims to limit the jacket going out of the belt during the contest. We received good feedback from the IJF Refereeing Commission.
- The Judogi Control Guide was updated to meet the new technical development requirements.
- Our Commission continues to proceed with evening judogi check to give the opportunity to the athletes to correct any relevant breaches.





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- Standards have been defined regarding the running of sewing service.
- A powerpoint presentation on the authorized identifications during the Olympic Games of Tokyo was made during the Seminar of Mittersill (15 January 2019) to give the possibility for the athletes to get prepared well in advance and in the best conditions.
- A new provision was approved by the Executive Committee to support small delegations with a limited number of coaches. Any breach to judogi control will no longer result in the suspension of the coach for the whole day and consequently penalize all the athletes of the delegation. Actually, the athletes who break the judogi rules are not entitled for a coach. « In the event a judogi does not comply with the rules the athlete will take a reserve judogi and is not entitled for a coach. »

## **VII/ Random Weigh in:**

- The Education and Coaching Commission ensures the strict application of the random weigh in rule in close cooperation with the IJF Sports Commission.
- So far no breach to this rule was noted.

## **VIII/ Application of the Code of Conduct of judo:**

- The Education and Coaching Commission addressed consistently all disciplinary cases that occurred during World Judo Tour brought to its attention.
- A powerpoint presentation was given on 15 January 2019 during the Refereeing and Coaching Seminar of Mittersill. The subject concerned the athletes and coaches Code of Conduct. The aim of the presentation was to remind the athletes and the coaches on the importance to comply with the IJF Code of Ethics.
- An IJF fairplay trophy is created to be awarded annually to an athlete, coach, club, country, personality or any other, for having demonstrated or reflected good respect to judo values. A commission is set up to consider the applications and submit proposals to the IJF President.

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