



## MINUTES OF THE FIM GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 30 November 2019 – Monte-Carlo (Monaco)

### FIM Administration

#### PRESENT

Mr Jorge VIEGAS	President	Mr Marco COMANA	FIM AFRICA President
Mr Jacques BOLLE	Vice-President	Mr Stephan CARAPIET	FIM ASIA President
Mr Tony SKILLINGTON	CEO	Mr Martin DE GRAAFF	FIM EUROPE President
Mrs Françoise EMERY	Deputy CEO	Mr Pedro VENTURO JR	FIM LATIN AMERICA President
Mr Jorgen BITSCH	Board Member	Mr Robert DINGMAN	FIM NORTH AMERICA President
Mr Giovanni COPIOLI	Board Member	Mr Glen WILLIAMS	FIM OCEANIA President
Mr Jos DRIESSEN	Board Member		
Mr Jan STOVICEK	Board Member		

#### ALSO PRESENT

Mr Franck VAYSSIE	CCR Director	Mrs Nita KORHONEN	CFM Director
Mr Antonio ALIA PORTELA	CMS Director		FMN/CONU Liaison Director, Events Director
Mr Thierry MICHAUD	CTR Director	Mr Nuno LEITE	CTL Director
Mr John COLLINS	CEN Director	Mr Jesper CHRISTENSEN	CAP Director
Mr Larbi RIDA SBAI	CRT Director	Mrs Kattia JUAREZ	CID Director
Mr Armando CASTAGNA	CCP Director	Dr David MCMANUS	CMI Director
Mr Fabio FAZI	CTI Director	Mr Anand SASHIDHARAN	CJI Director

Mrs Lucile ACKAOUY	Financial Director		
Mr Francesco BRANDI	CCI Member		
Mr Jean-Paul GOMBEAUD	Sports Director		
Mr Guy MAITRE	Former FIM CEO		
Mr Fabio MUNER	Marketing & Communication Director		
Mr Damiano ZAMANA	Services Director		

#### NATIONAL FEDERATIONS PRESENT

*Please refer to appendix 1 – Presence of Voting Delegates*



## **1. Opening of the Meeting**

After welcoming all attending members of the General Assembly, the President declared the GA open and announced that a video produced by the FIM would be shown.

He thanked the Monegasque Federation for hosting this GA in the Principality and yielded the floor to its President, Mr André-Philippe Pollano, who made a speech by announcing how delighted the Federation was to once again welcome the FIM Family to Monaco. He hoped everyone would be able to visit the new facilities in the Principality, especially the new One Monte Carlo district, where people could safely promenade. He hoped everyone would have a pleasant stay in his beautiful country and return as often as possible.

The FIM President thanked Mr Pollano and assured him that the FIM would be back again the following year.

He then yielded the floor to Mr Tony Skillington, Chief Executive Officer of the FIM.

### **1.1 Tribute to deceased Members**

*See appendix 2 – FIM Obituary*

Mr Skillington asked the General Assembly to stand and observe a minute of silence in homage to members of the FIM Family who had passed away since the last GA; a tribute in video form was shown next.

### **1.2 Constitution of the FIM General Assembly**

#### **1.2.1 Roll call of FMNs present**

*See appendix 1 – List of Voting Delegates*

The FIM CEO proceeded with the roll call of FMNs.

#### **1.2.2 Roll call of Associated Members present**

None of the Associated Members was present.

#### **1.2.3 FMNs having the right to vote**

83 FMNs were present during the morning roll call. All had the right to vote. Quorum was reached.

82 FMNs were present during the afternoon roll call. All had the right to vote. Quorum was reached



#### 1.2.4 Appointment of the independent tellers

Mrs Lucile Ackaouy, Sara Moreno, Brigitte Zufferey and Mr Nicolas Jacquet are appointed independent tellers.

## 2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 General Assembly held in Andorra-la-Vella (Andorra)

The President explained that no comment had been made regarding these minutes, which were unanimously approved.

N° GA2019_01	Item: Approval of minutes of the 2018 FIM General Assembly held in Andorra la Vella (Andorra), in accordance with Art. 12.1.9. § 2 of the statutes	Raised by: JVI
	Information : No objection had been received in the two months after the minutes had been sent, so they were deemed approved	
	Decision: MINUTES OF THE 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED	

## 3. Approbation of the 2018 Financial Statements

The President gave the floor to Mrs Lucile Ackaouy, who explained that along with the Agenda, the Delegates had received the Management Report, the Report of the External Auditors, PwC, and the Report of the Internal Auditors.

### 3.1 Management Report

This report provided supplementary information regarding the accounts.

Balance sheet: there were two variations, partly due to the distribution of the extraordinary subsidy proceeding from the surplus of the 2017 result, which the FIM had wished to share with the FMNs. It had been accounted end 2017 and distributed in 2018 to the Federations that met certain criteria. No payment had been made, but the allocation to the accounts of the FMNs explained the increase of the creditors and decrease of the reserve fund in 2018.

Proceeds: the income evolution was due to contract developments, to evolution of the exchange rate (euro average 1.12 in 2017 and 1.17 in 2018) and to the reversal of risk provision.

Costs: lower subsidies following the extraordinary grants to the FMNs in 2017. Higher cost of events, as many had been held outside Europe, and more trips and meetings. In 2018, Presidential election year, the FIM had likewise contributed to travel and lodging expenses of the voting Delegates.

The increase in Administrative costs was due to staff evolution and to the provision for outgoing Directors.

2018 financial result: slightly negative, owing to year-end evolution of exchange rates, with the euro lower and financial markets at their lowest in December 2018.



Allocation: proposal to allocate the loss of CHF 102 to the capital.

N° GA2019_02	<b>Item : 2018 FIM Management Report</b>	<b>Raised by: LAC</b>
	<b>Information :</b> The management report namely presented the balance sheet, the profit and loss report and a comparison between the budget and actual proceeds and expenses. The accounts showed a slightly negative overall result	
	<b>Decision : 2018 FIM MANAGEMENT REPORT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED</b>	

### 3.2 Report of the External Auditors

The Financial Director reported that the accounts had been audited by the external auditors, PwC, who had issued a positive report. They had confirmed, as every year, the existence of internal control, and had recommended that the 2018 accounts be approved.

N° GA2019_03	<b>Item : Report of the External Auditors</b>	<b>Raised by : LAC</b>
	<b>Information :</b> The external auditors had examined the accounts and various documents and had recommended that the 2018 accounts be approved. The auditors had confirmed the existence of an internal control system	
	<b>Decision : REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED</b>	

The President asked the Delegates to pose any questions they might have, and explained that these were the 2018 accounts, consequently from the previous management. In the absence of questions, he yielded the floor to Mr Francesco Brandi, who could then present his report of the Internal Auditors.

### 3.3 Report of the Internal Auditors

Mr Francesco Brandi explained that as the members had all received a copy of this report, he would limit himself to presenting a brief summary of the three internal auditors' activities.

This report was based on the examination of the FIM's financial situation, the management report of 31 December 2018 and the report of the External Auditors. The Internal Auditors had met with the External Auditors in March 2018 and together, in the presence of the FIM President, they had examined the accounts, certain contracts and other financial documents. All questions asked were answered. They had attested to the accuracy, clearness and very good performance of the FIM's finances.

The FIM's net result in 2018 was close to breakeven. In 2018, CHF 2 million had been withdrawn from the fund for promoting motorcycling activities, of which CHF 1.2 million from extraordinary grants to the FMNs by the Board of Directors in 2017. This reserve fund had then diminished by CHF 1.5 million in 2018. Operating revenues had been up CHF 1 million and operating costs CHF 1.5 million due to the provisions already mentioned. The FIM's assets and reserve funds had amounted to 21 million CHF and remained at satisfactory level. The Internal Auditors had concluded that the FIM's working capital should be more than enough to meet future cash-flow demands.

They had recommended that the General Assembly approve the 2018 financial statements of the FIM. Mr Brandi emphatically thanked the FIM Administration for its collaboration.



N° GA2019_04	<b>Item : Report of the Internal Auditors</b>	<b>Raised by: FBR</b>
	<b>Information :</b> The representative of the Internal Auditors confirmed that they had received full cooperation from the Administration and that the accounting records were maintained to a high standard. The net assets were satisfactory and the working capital was sufficient to cover cash-flow needs in the foreseeable future. The Internal Auditors recommended that the 2019 General Assembly approve the FIM's 2018 financial statements and the allocation of the result proposed in the management report	
	<b>Decision : REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITORS, THE FIM'S 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ALLOCATION OF THE RESULT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (in accordance with Art. 12.1.7c of the FIM Statutes)</b>	

### 3.4 Discharge

The President asked the General Assembly to grant the respective discharge to the Board of Directors. The discharge was granted.

N° GA2019_05	<b>Item : Discharge</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information :</b> Mr Francesco Brandi recommended that the General Assembly grant discharge to the Board of Directors for the FIM's 2018 financial statements, in accordance with Art 12.1.7c of the FIM Statutes	
	<b>Decision : APPROVED – THE GA UNANIMOUSLY GRANTED THE DISCHARGE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE FIM'S 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</b>	

## 4. Report from the President

The President began by saying he was very satisfied with the large number of Federations present, a real record for a year with no Presidential election and knowing that in this case the Delegates' travel was not reimbursed.

The President emphasized the quality of this hall's arrangement, recalling that he had wanted the Commission Directors to be close to the Board, as they were what formed the organisation's backbone. In this regard, he gave the floor to Mr Thierry Michaud, who said he felt very honoured by that consideration and wanted to pass on the message that even though financial aspects were essential for the functioning of an organisation, it should never be forgotten that the FIM was above all a sport federation and that this sport must always take precedence.

The President took the floor to again to thank the Commission Directors, who were indispensable for the smooth running of the FIM.

Presentation of problems encountered and achievements during this first presidency year:

The first measure taken had been to change the Administration's composition in order to work with the best today, proof of this being the exceptional organisation of this GA. The President also recalled that when he had arrived a large number of problems within the FIM had been indicated to him. He had therefore responded by creating a task force. He was satisfied and noted that communication between the Federations and the Administration was good; he hoped it will continue to improve.



A liaison Department between the Federations, the CONUs and the Administration had been created, headed by Mrs Nita Korhonen, who would present that Department during the course of this GA.

The Commission Directors' role had evolved and they were now involved in key FIM decisions.

The FIM had been distanced from technical aspects; it now had three very competent engineers, and investment on the technical side should continue as far as possible.

Without going into details, The President also noted the serious problems that would have to be resolved regarding anti-doping procedures and the disciplinary measures that had to be taken, as nothing had been done in this area for nearly a year. The President deplored this and indicated that he had apologised to the riders, team directors and all people concerned. A lot of hard work had been required to deal with these issues and the FIM had now been brought up to date.

The creation of an Ethical chamber had been one of his electoral promises and the results of three cases would soon be known. It was nevertheless necessary to strengthen the CJI, whereby the President called on the Federations to invite available judges or jurists who were motorsport fans to present their candidacies to join and strengthen the CJI.

Another task carried out this year was the revision of the FIM's Codes and Regulations wherever so required. A dedicated working group headed by Mr Jacques Bolle would present the first results today.

#### **4.1 Collaboration with the FIA**

The FIM and the FIA maintained good relations with many common viewpoints, even though accomplishments could take some time. Cooperation with the FIA was nevertheless excellent regarding homologation of circuits and their safety, Women in motorsport and motorcycling, sustainability as well as medical cooperation.

##### **4.1.1 / 4.1.3 Cross Country Rally World Championship / Dakar**

The President had tried to reach a cooperation agreement with the FIA for this discipline, which does not have a promoter. Beyond the Dakar that everyone knows, the FIM organised 5 to 6 important rallies and wanted to establish a joint calendar with the FIA in order to next negotiate with a promoter. A tentative joint calendar with the FIA had been implemented this year, except for one race, and the promise that the Dakar would be associated to the FIM World championship in 2021 was obtained. The latter would take place in various Middle Eastern countries. The FIA had decided to launch a call for tender without waiting for the FIM, which hoped that the FIA would reconsider that decision – a promoter could not work solely for half the competitors and without the FIM. The President was confident that next year the FIM would have a true World championship with 5 rallies and TV coverage.

##### **4.1.2 Véhicules Side by Side (SSV)**

Another point of disagreement with the FIA concerned this 4-wheel drive motorcycle with steering wheel for which a licence could originally be granted by either the FIM or the FIA. Yet this was no longer the situation. Next year the FIM would nevertheless introduce this SSV class in the bajas and rallies.



## **4.2 E-Bike**

### **4.2.1 / 4.2.2 Progress report / UCI position**

Attention would also be called to another novelty during this GA: the first motorized 2-wheelers were low-powered, as everyone knew. What was happening today was a return to the origins with the E-bike and its small electric motor. This year the FIM successfully had launched the E-bike in motocross circuits and had sold the rights to Youthstream. A world Championship with specific classes would be introduced. It would be presented in detail by the Sport Director. The UCI had naturally been opposed to it, considering it to be a bicycle.

## **4.3 Enduro**

### **4.3.1 KTM / WESS**

Everyone involved in Enduro was aware of the WESS Championship promoted by Redbull and KTM as well as another promoter. They had resumed the series with few professional riders; only the KTM group had riders in this Championship. The President, accompanied by Messrs John Collins and Tony Skillington, had sought all year to resolve this conflict with KTM, by also contacting other manufacturers, to eventually be able to share a Championship and races. But it had not been possible to reach an agreement. The WESS furthermore recently proclaimed itself the Enduro Extreme world Championship via a press release.

The FIM was taking measures in this regard, though above all it had re-established the dialogue with KTM a short while ago. A meeting was scheduled in December to discuss the best possible solution, which would consist of accepting an Extreme world Championship though only if this promoter committed to respecting the rules for anti-doping, safety and sustainability as well as technical aspects and to organise fair races. KTM had accepted in principle and the FIM hoped to resolve the problem during the next meeting so that an FIM Enduro Extreme championship could be held from next year.

Regarding Freestyle, the FIM had terminated the contract with SportPlus, as for 5 or 6 years that promoter had never paid anything to the FIM. The issue had been taken before the courts; SportPlus would like to continue working with the FMNs, which the FIM did not want.

The FIM was striving to find a solution to these different problems.

### **4.3.2 Tenders for Enduro & Enduro Extreme**

2 tenders had been launched. One was for Classic Enduro, an event that performed very well from both the qualitative and quantitative standpoints. The President thanked Mr John Collins in this regard. The other was for Extreme Enduro, as long as a solution was found with the WESS.

## **4.4 Trial World Championship**

Another important point: a friendly agreement had been reached with the former FIM promoter Sport7 and the FIM henceforth intervened as promoter of the Trial GP World Championship. These races were fantastic and the President paid tribute to the difficult work carried out by Thierry Michaud and his team.



As for E-Trial, the FIM was trying include it in the European games, which would soon be held in Krakow, Poland, to make it an Olympic discipline, as according to the FIM Olympic values and motorcycling were not contradictory.

#### **4.5 Protocol at FIM World Championships and Prize Events**

The FIM wanted to include the FMNs in this protocol and, after consulting the promoters, had drawn up a uniform procedure for hosting FIM officials and for podium ceremonies. The promoter contracts now reflected these changes. This would particularly affect the podiums, enhancing visibility of the FMNR's logo.

#### **4.6 FIM Historic Events**

This had been a recent creation, first held in Estoril in October 2019, with Giacomo Agostini as Patron. Increasingly more people, former riders and amateur motorcyclists, liked to ride their collector bikes which also had historic value, each one having raced in at least one Grand prix. Efforts had been made with the Touring and Leisure Commission to adopt the designation of FIM Historic Events, with 4 events foreseen for next year. A parade licence would be established so that participants could be insured.

#### **4.7 Insurance programme**

The insurance programme introduced at the beginning of the year was not perfect, though it did offer advantageous financial coverage for all riders. Certain provisions still had to be reviewed, especially concerning rallies, whose costs were very high in terms of repatriation, etc.

#### **4.8 Finance**

##### **4.8.1 Promoters' contracts**

##### **Terminated contracts**

Two contracts had been terminated, the first early in the year with Sport7 for Trial, with no problem, and the second with SportPlus for Freestyle MX, which was currently before the courts, as previously mentioned, concerning amounts owed by the promoter.

##### **Changed contracts**

Renegotiation of the contract with Dorna – *FIM World Championship MotoGP Circuit Racing*, which also included MotoE. Note that Dorna accepted to pay 3 times what had been foreseen in 2016 for MotoE.

Moto3 Junior: a contract had also been signed with Dorna after 3 years on hold.

Youthstream had been bought by Infront, which belonged to a large Chinese group. The FIM was currently negotiating contracts for Freestyle MX, E-Xbike and Arena Cross.



**4.8.2 Changes for the upcoming years**

The contracts for Endurance with Eurosport Events had been renewed for 10 years. The FIM’s strategy had been to sign 3-year contracts with minor promoters and 5-year + 5-year contracts for more consequential promoters. In other words, if after 5 years the KPIs (key performance indicators) and other fixed objectives had been met, the contract would be extended for 5 more years. The SuperEnduro contract had been extended until 2024 with ABC Communication, a 4-year contract for DragRacing with TrakBak Ltd is under negotiation. Another one for 2 years for Speedway U21 and Youth with One Sport and one for 4 years for SuperMoto with XIEM had been signed. Also, Ice Arena Track Racing was under negotiation for the 2020-2024 period. There was a new 4-year contract for SidecarMX with APO Multimedia and the FIM had finally reached an agreement with the English Santander company for Superside for the 2020-2024 period.

The President announced to the GA the decision made by the Board of Directors following the tender meant to renew the contract for the Speedway World Championship, the Speedway World Cup and the Speedway of Nations for the 2022-2031 period. The promoter BSI from the IMG group has been the FIM’s promoter for this discipline for 20 years. 3 bids had been received, of which 2 had been carefully selected, that of BSI and that of Discovery, mother-company of Eurosport Events, a leading leisure and television rights company. The two projects examined, also by the CCP, had been presented to the Board of Directors, which had unanimously decided to grant the contract to Discovery, which had thus become the new promoter for 10 years starting in 2022, as BSI was still under contract for 2 years. This was a major step taken by the FIM with a new global partner, guaranteeing a future for Speedway.

The results presented in a graph showed two curves, one indicating revenue linked to current contracts, the other the much higher revenue linked to the same contracts after renegotiation. The President hoped that this curve would continue to grow.

Having finished his report, the President asked the assembly if it had any questions.

N° GA2019_06	<b>Item : Report of the FIM President</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information :</b> The FIM President addressed the 2019 General Assembly and requested approval of the presented report	
	<b>Decision : REPORT APPROVED</b>	

The President yielded the floor to Mr Guy Maitre, who presented the project for the FIM Foundation.

**5. International Foundation for Motorcycling (IFM)**

Mr Guy Maitre indicated that the Board of Directors had recently agreed in principle to the creation of a foundation, the International Foundation for Motorcycling (IFM). It had also approved the draft Statutes.

A foundation would enable the FIM to obtain additional financing from public or private bodies to promote and support the development of motorcycling. Such financing could be in the form of private donations or government subsidies, for example, or tangible gifts such as motorcycles, collections, etc.

The Foundation’s goals would be to promote and support the development of motorcycling internationally and the interests of the international motorcycling community, and notably, though non-exhaustively, to advocate and support road safety, training and education programmes (FIM Academies), lower environmental impact, integration of women in the sport and in key decision-making bodies, conservation of the cultural and historical heritage of the FIM (digitalisation of FIM archives, Hall of Fame, museum of motorcycle sport), advocacy and defence of the motorcycling community, and humanitarian and charity projects. Certain goals of the Foundation would be intentionally very similar to those of the FIM; the Foundation’s funds would finance, among others, current and future projects of the non-sport Commissions.



The Foundation's financing sources would initially be the FIM and external donors. The FMNs had a role to play to help the FIM find such donors in their countries. The FIM would transfer its current budget for non-sport activities to the Foundation, i.e. 4% of the FIM's current budget.

The Foundation would be managed by a Foundation Board comprising at least 5 members, including the sitting President of the FIM, at least 3 persons of high rank who were or had been active as members of a governing body or senior management of the FIM and at least one independent person of international standing who may have, though this was not mandatory, a specific link to motorcycling. The sitting President of the FIM was to chair the Foundation Board and appointed one of the other members to the post of Vice-Chair of the Board.

A Management Committee would be in charge of the Foundation's operational management, of conducting its activities and managing its assets. The Management Committee would be composed of the Chair of the Foundation, the Vice-Chair and the Managing Director of the Foundation.

An Advisory Council of donors would be composed of representatives of entities that had provided a major contribution to motorcycling or to the Foundation, or who could contribute to development and/or promotion of the Foundation's activities. The Advisory Council of donors could be consulted by the Foundation Board regarding major projects and developments associated to motorcycling.

Creating the Foundation would be affordable and its operating costs limited. The members of the Foundation Board would not be entitled to remuneration. The Managing Director and other employees of the Foundation would be entitled to remuneration in accordance with their employment contracts. The Foundation would furthermore be based at the FIM's headquarters in Mies, Switzerland, and be a tax-exempt body.

The Foundation would be subject to annual control of its operations by Swiss authorities and its financial statements to an annual audit. The Foundation could also finance projects to develop and promote motorcycling launched by the FMNs and CONUs on behalf of the international motorcycling community in the areas of road safety, education and training, for example.

The President took the floor to explain that contacts had already been undertaken with manufacturers and promoters, possible future donors, though above all this foundation will enable manufacturers, promoters and the FIM to gather around a same table for the first time.

The President asked the Assembly if it had any questions.

The representative of the Latvian Federation regretted that no donor confirmation letter had yet been obtained, that the budget for non-sport activities would be transferred to the Foundation, and did not believe the Foundation was a solution for the FMN's problems. He wished that the amount (one million Swiss Francs) distributed last year to all FMNs to be repeated this year.

The representative of the Turkish Federation expressed his support for creation of the Foundation and would like the FIM to consider the possibility of creating representations in various countries.

The President indicated that the Foundation was an opportunity to obtain more financing which could benefit FMNs that proposed projects meant to further develop motorcycling.

The President submitted the proposal to create the Foundation to vote.

### 5.1 Approval of the creation of the IFM

N° GA2019_07	Item : Creation of the International Foundation for Motorcycling	Raised by: JVI
	Information : Vote on creating the International Foundation for Motorcycling	
	Decision : THE GA CONFIRMS THE DECISION OF THE BD AND APPROVED THE CREATION OF THE FOUNDATION BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTES	



## 6. Report from the CEO

The FIM CEO, Mr Tony Skillington, explained by way of introduction that this was a new experience for him, because he had switched from working in the field to the Administration and left his native Ireland to come work in Switzerland. After nearly a year, he acknowledged that the days went by but were never quite the same and that he was very satisfied and happy with the results obtained and to be able to correct injustices of the past. He recalled that he had always urged the FIM to be above all else at the service of the FMNs. He hoped to be able to pursue this objective by fulfilling his responsibilities in an entirely transparent manner.

### 6.1 New working structure within the FIM

Homologation of helmets: complicated and intense activity; more action must be taken by the FIM and the process was always ongoing, notably due to the technical competence of the CTI coordinator, Mr Mathieu Piccand.

Environment and climate change: two issues that carried weight among younger generations. The ecological movement could not be ignored; the CEO said he was convinced that motorcycling was currently in the eye of the hurricane, even though many FMNs did not always take this question seriously. The CID Director was obviously fighting, though concrete actions were now needed with respect to this sport, to our children, and that's why it was necessary to work with the Sustainability Commission and then educate the local authorities what the FIM and the FMNs were doing to protect the environment and ensure the sustainability of this sport.

Technical aspects: the FIM needed engineers and had had the opportunity to recruit Mr Dominique Hébrard, CTI Coordinator, from the young generation of technical personnel, who had the skills the FIM Administration had lacked in motorcycling.

In this regard, the FIM was equipping a training centre at its location, aiming to improve the FMNs' technical skills by means of videos and practical seminars; this was at the service of all Federations that wished to see their technical licences renewed and improved.

The CEO was in permanent contact with the Commission Directors. There were many problems, some simpler than others or concerning sport-related matters or policy strategy, though all could be resolved if properly and responsibly approached. Other matters concerned the national Federations or the Administration and the determination of each should be strengthened. The CEO and his team had steered change within the FIM; it hadn't been easy on a daily basis but they had gone through with it and were at the FMNs' disposal, to serve them and be able to respond to their difficulties and listen to them.

He also wished to pay homage to the magnificent work done by the Administration, without which all these actions could not have been undertaken.

## 7. Strategic Plan report

Mr Jorgen Bitsch was also pleased by the large number of FMNs attending this year. He also thanked the Federations for the rates of participation in the satisfaction survey undertaken every two years since 2015 with the FMNs, without which, as the President recalled, it would have been impossible for the FIM to progress. Indeed, the latter needed to know the Federations' priorities and the information concerning them. The aim of the survey was to measure the FMNs' degree of satisfaction with the service and work done by the FIM Administration. He recalled that the results of this survey were very much taken into consideration. The procedures had evolved since 2015 and even though it provided, so to speak, a snapshot at a given instant, the results obtained were a very important basis for discussion.



Summary of the results: Very good results with a high rate of return on the FIM's priorities. More responses compared to 2015 and 2017.

The number of riders and events was slightly higher compared to 2017-2018. The creation of the FMN/CONU liaison department was very well viewed and the global evaluation of the FIM's services was positive. The platforms were still to be improved and above all be more disseminated. Good perception of the FIM and its priorities, which were considered clear. Mr Bitsch thanked all the Federations for the participation rate risen to 65%.

He went into detail on certain questions, particularly questions 6 and 7 concerning the rates of awareness regarding the creation of the FMN/CONU liaison Department and respective interest therein. The results showed that 73% knew about this Department, which obtained a score of 4.3/5 on the question regarding its interest.

As for the kind of services the Department could provide, the FMNs held that its role was primarily to learn about the problems experienced by FMNs, to share good practices and identify new tools and services useful to the latter.

Summary of results concerning certain questions:

- Evaluation of general services provided by the FIM to the FMNs/CONUs: very positive responses regarding overall services since 2015 and this year as well. The only quite low score in 2017 concerned the seminars, a question asked for the first time in 2017. But the FIM has worked on this point and the satisfaction level is now satisfactory.
- Evaluation of the different services in detail: overall satisfaction around 75%, with a slight drop of the rate for the medical/anti-doping area and official information, which needed to be improved.
- Platforms: The FIM-live, Awards and Family websites scored well but the other websites were still either unknown or rarely visited. The Trial GP and Public Affairs websites needed to be improved.
- Adjectives chosen to describe the FIM were: modern, proactive, professional, creative, leader, socially responsible and caring about the environment - more than 80% for all these adjectives.
- Aid and assistance from the FIM: the survey revealed that the FMNs would like more information and communication regarding insurance, though also about licences, training and subsidies.
- Priorities for the 2020-2024 period: 5 priority areas, led by (63%) the willingness to improve cooperation between the FIM, the FMNs and the CONUs, followed by harmonising insurance, enhanced rider safety, creation of a certification programme for trainers across all disciplines, and harmonising licences among FMNs and CONUs.

Overview on the vision and values of the FIM for 2020-2024: Desire for simplicity. Things had been simplified in the last year. Decision-making was common and the work accomplished had been based on a dynamic approach with very special attention paid to the set priorities. It was also necessary to measure the effects on these priorities and to spend responsibly. Roadmaps should be established with priorities regarding activities and the budget.

FIM's mission: unchanged; the FIM should remain the body that represents motorcycling everywhere in the world.

2024 vision: to make motorcycling globally accessible to all, in all disciplines; to achieve excellence in sport and in the organisation of international events with the cooperation of the FMNs; to develop training via the Academies; to be a responsible organisation and cooperate with manufacturers in terms of innovation, safety and sustainability, for example for the creation of new engines, as the Foundation will enable the FIM to get closer to manufacturers; and finally, to defend motorcyclists' interests and encourage responsible conduct.

Values: they remained unchanged: fairness, inclusion, openness, dialogue, respect, professionalism, health, safety and environment. Not to forget the excellence, passion and commitment of the volunteers, a veritable backbone of the FIM.

Expected results: improvement of cooperation within the FIM Family, harmonisation of the licence system, harmonisation of sporting regulations between FMNs and CONUs, creation of computer tools, of a trainer certification programme, of safety-related activities, avoidance of fatal accidents, enhanced road safety campaigns, involvement in public affairs and higher number of licences, men and women, and participation in the different world championships.



Mr Bitsch recalled that all that corresponded to the priorities expressed by the FMNs and that their input was indispensable for the Board of Directors, whose only aim was to work for the FMNs. He thanked the GA for its attention.

The President asked the Assembly if there were any questions about the strategic plan.

## 8. Reports from the CONU Presidents

### FIM AFRICA

Mr Marco Comana recalled the objectives, achievements and projects of his CONU.

#### Projects:

- The commitment made the previous year to have a smaller CONU Council, which had been reduced from 8 Members to 5, elected during its last GA. This had lowered costs
- The Motocross GP Academy with a successful first round in July in Harare, Zimbabwe, with junior participants
- Off-road training for women
- Recognition of volunteers with the creation of 5 Prizes.

#### Achievements:

- 2 Continental sport events: the African Nations Motocross in Zimbabwe with 8 countries and 205 riders, which could be followed throughout Africa thanks to live commentaries on FaceBook; the X-Race race in Namibia with a night prologue
- Other events organised: Rally du Maroc, which counted for the world Championship, with 328 registrations; the Retro Roof of Africa in Lesotho; the Toyota Race in Botswana; the Merzougua Rally, a very well-known mini-Dakar; and the Concours d'Elegance in Kenya. In Zambia, the Livingstone Motorcycle Festival (large machines and Enduro Extreme) near Victoria Falls; the Tankwa Rally in South Africa; and the Central African Motocross Series in Uganda and in Kenya with modified Enduro machines, relatively inexpensive races that had become increasingly popular
- Meetings/Seminars: 3 Council meetings, two in-person and one by videoconference, given that to travel from Zambia to Morocco could take up to 26 hours, usually passing through Paris. The CONU's last GA had taken place in Nairobi and the next would be held in Madagascar.

#### Projects for 2020:

To expand the number of Continental disciplines to three events and introduce the Africa Cup junior Road race. The middle class had been growing in Africa, especially in Kenya and Zimbabwe, and there was a genuine infatuation for this discipline, preferred to motocross, which remained marginal in Africa. Also notable was that the children of these middle classes adored this sport. In these countries, there were training centres for young people whose goal was to prepare the future of this discipline.

This CONU had also received the offer from a promoter, Promoting South Africa, to launch a new series the following year, the Africa Cup road races, with South Africa Motosport, another CONU and Sembra and Yamaha as partners.

The CONU had had 14 members for many years. Thanks to the President a new member was to be approved today.

Initiative: it had been decided in Nairobi to invite as observers or even participants all countries active in at least one of the Continental disciplines. This initiative was to serve as a launch ramp for new activities.



Last point:

road safety training, seriously deficient in Africa, especially for new clubs. The CAP had just sent a training module to this CONU which had yet to be disseminated, though some countries had already requested it.

## **FIM ASIA**

The FIM ASIA President, Mr Stephan Carapiet, indicated that this CONU was now more active thanks to the collaboration of the Board of Directors, the Commissions, the honorary advisers and the FIM Administration, who contributed to the success of each Continental Championship.

The Asia Cup of Road Racing (ACRR) had grown tremendously; it had received subsidies from the FIM and the number of participating countries has doubled. This CONU was now working on a crisis management protocol to avoid any confusion when the red flag was raised, so emergency assistance and ambulances could be routed as fast as possible with no obstacles. The FIM had helped introduce this protocol and the CONU President thanked it.

Activities:

This CONU had met four times this year for the first time ever and Mr Carapiet thanked the FMNs that had hosted it free of cost in China, Macao and Qatar. The sporting events had been organised thanks to the FIM's subsidies programme, except for the SuperMoto discipline, which for the time being was no longer in the FIM sphere. Cambodia had presented its candidacy, which would be submitted today to the GA, and Vietnam as well as Myanmar (Burma) may join the FIM family next year. An FIM ASIA motocross Academy had been created. There had been savings in travel costs due to the organisation of a seminar for licences at the same time as a continental Championship. Mr Carapiet expressed thanks for the Federations' assistance in all activities carried out in Asia. More funds had been allocated to sport and non-sport activities on the checklist basis. Contracts had been reviewed with promoters and the protocol adjusted to better publicise the FMNs during championships.

Digital:

Creation of an off-road Academy and launch of a platform in three months to bring FIM Asia into the digital era, with the possibility of accessing races and results via mobile phone. It would be shared with the other CONUs.

Safety:

This CONU was also working on new technologies for rider equipment, especially the airbag racing suits systems: President Carapiet recommended using the airbag and hoped it would become compulsory. The problem was its cost, which should however be lowered in the future.

Intercontinental relations:

FIM ASIA was trying to arrange intercontinental Championships with the Russian federation situated 2 hours away by plane, and thanked it for accommodating him in Vladivostok and Sakhalin. FIM ASIA also shared an international Championship with Oceania. The Asian region is still developing and counts on more World Championships both for FIA and FIM.

President Carapiet thanked the Macao headquarters, which would host the next GA on 16 January 2020, and recalled that their duty was to faithfully respect the Statutes and Rules of the FIM.



## **FIM EUROPE**

Mr Martin de Graaff first presented the 2019 season; the number of events organised could be consulted on the FIM Family website. He noted the very good number of licences and events.

### Key facts:

Great success with three very fine competitions such as the Speedway final, which had taken place in Poland and was a great success in terms of spectators (30,000) and media coverage. He would like to see more competitions of this type. Opening of the new CONU offices on 9 December 2019 at an easily accessible location near Fiumicino Airport in Rome. Mr Martin de Graaff thanked the current office which had housed FIM EUROPE for 28 years. He also invited the FMNs and promoters to hold their meetings at these new installations, free of charge. He thanked their Secretary General, Mr Alessandro Sambuco, who had overcome many difficulties to obtain these offices.

### Threats:

The European directive on insurance, already mentioned by the CEO, was a threat for Europe. The FIM and FIA were planning on contesting it. The so-called 'black races' organised outside the FMNs, CONUs and FIM, which should be eliminated because they were detrimental, with unguaranteed safety measures, among others.

### Projects for 2020:

Training for touring and leisure motorcycling in Barcelona; Training of young riders to prepare them for world Championships with the MX Academy.

### Two new Cups:

- Northern Talent Cup (8 races). Many Champions came from southern Europe, which was a very good thing. But Northern- and Central Europe should also be developed
- Yamaha R3 bLU cRu Cup, with eight road races.

## **FIM LATIN AMERICA**

Mr Pedro Ventura spoke about the political problems affecting his region which, however, had not prevented the different Federations from dedicating themselves entirely to motorcycling. Numerous events had thus been organised in 2019 in all the sport and non-sport disciplines. Organisation of the first seminar on motorcycle touring. A year consequently rather good, with a 60% increase in the number of events.

### Key facts:

The first international electric motorcycle race had been held in Mexico during which professional riders from Latin America could try them out. Very fine event with the hope of next year organising the first race of a Championship reserved for electric motorcycles. Creation of a mental coaching programme for teenagers under 12, which was very successful. In this region, as elsewhere, parents put a lot of pressure on their children; this programme aimed for the riders to have fun above all, playing at being future riders, so that they wouldn't desert this sport in their later teenage years. Standard training programme for instructors and trainers with the aim for them to become a link with the FMNs, the CONU and riders.

The FIM LATIN AMERICA President thanked the Chilean Federation, which had allowed them to organise their Continental championship, won by a Latin American rider, within the framework of the Atacama Rally. He also thanked the Argentinian Federation for hosting the Supersport 300 and Superstock 1000 Championships.

### Trial:

no Continental Trial Championship had been held for 7 years, but thanks to the efforts of the Guatemalan Federation and also the Commission, it had been possible to schedule a South American Trial Championship in the calendar.



Mexico:

first Latin America Motorcross Junior 125cc championship, with new motorcycles made available for lease by all registered riders. This was a major advantage, given that the cost of transporting motorcycles was very high due to the long distances travelled on this continent.

Plans and wishes for 2020:

To sustain the achievements and continue to grow.

Objective:

in motocross, that the next world MXGP event could include a pan-American 85cc championship with the participation of FIM North America, and to achieve a convention to set up an Academy for riders following an agreement between the FIM and Youthstream. A Latin American electric motorcycle Championship circuit, as previously mentioned. A Latin American Supersport 300 Championship that could take place during the Moto GP 2020 at Termas de Rio Hondo and during the World SBK2020 at Vilicum in Argentina.

Before continuing with the CONUs, the FIM President wished to submit a point to the General Assembly: he informed the Delegates that the Statutes and structure of the Latin American CONU had not been updated since 1975. It had therefore been decided during the recent GA of this CONU in Cartagena, Colombia, to 'recreate' FIM LATIN AMERICA as an entity incorporated under Swiss law with its head office at Mies, as the FIM. To validate this decision the agreement of the FIM GA had to be obtained today. The aim was to revive FIM LATIN AMERICA by starting from scratch and endowing it with appropriate Statutes and Regulations.

The President asked the Assembly whether there were any questions and submitted this proposal to its vote.

N° GA2019_08	<b>Item : Refoundation of FIM LATIN AMERICA and installation of its head office at Mies, Switzerland</b>	<b>Raised by : JVI</b>
	<b>Information :</b> Reform of FIM Latin America, endowing it with appropriate statutes and rules and installation of its head office at Mies. Switzerland	
	<b>Decision : PROPOSAL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED</b>	

## FIM NORTH AMERICA

The President of FIM NORTH AMERICA, Mr Robert Dingman, also paid tribute to the memory of Mr Darryl Hiddle, whom he missed very much. There were only two Federations in North America, with an alternating Presidency. Mr Dingman thus replaced Mrs Marylenn Bastedo, who had finished her term in office last year and was now Deputy President along with Mr John Pineo, while Mr Bill Cumbow was treasurer. The work begun by Mrs Bastedo on the website had been continued.

The Board and the Affiliations Committee had given Mr Dingman a mandate last February to establish a comparison between the CMA (Canadian Motorcycle Association) and the MCC (Motorcycle Confederation of Canada). He had presented this analysis to the Board of Directors in April 2019. The FIM President would travel to Canada in January 2020 and he hoped he will be able to work with these two organisations to find a solution.

The Commission for Women in Motorcycling requested the authorisation of FIM NORTH AMERICA to appoint Mrs Erin Hunter Sills a member of this Commission. She was a world speed Champion and was named "AMA female athlete of the year" in 2014. She also worked for a motorcycling heritage Foundation.

2019 World Championship Events:

- FIM world Championship held in the United States, the 17-round AMA Supercross. The next championship would begin in January
- The FIM President and CEO had attended the MotoGP in Austin



- Mr Dingman indicated that he was the FIM representative for the Laguna Seca Superbike
- Speed record at Bonneville Salt Flats.

2019 North America Events:

- 10-round road race Championship
- Trial championship, etc.

## **FIM OCEANIA**

Mr Glen Williams thanked the various people who mentioned the Oceania CONU in the homage to Mr Darryl Hiddle.

He presented his team on a slide and highlighted that Mr Noel May had joined; he insisted on the importance of having people from the two Federations forming this CONU, so that the whole territory would be covered. He also thanked them for their very good work.

2019 Achievements:

Website launched two months ago. The statistics presented showed that 2019 had been a good year with a slight increase in the combined figures from New Zealand and Australia; overall a sound and satisfactory situation. Despite its small size and its distance from all major events, FIM OCEANIA had organised major events and produced great riders in 2019 and aimed to continue doing so and to develop programmes especially for the young and very young. Mr Williams presented the list of events and winners from this CONU and mentioned the FIM OCEANIA Speedway training camp.

Plans for 2020:

To continue its activities, as FIM OCEANIA clearly showed last year its structure was solid and demonstrated its ability to hold numerous events while boosting relations between Australia and New Zealand. Organisation of the Tri-Nations Cup: Mr Williams wanted to thank the French Federation, which had helped great deal when setting up this Cup meant for young people, who were a priority. Before finishing, the FIM OCEANIA President wished to recall that support between the two Oceania Federations is paramount in order for the CONU to function properly and he thanked them. The FIM President explained that the French federation was involved due to New Caledonia.

## **9. Reports from the Commission Directors**

The President gave the floor to Mr Franck Vayssié, Director of the Commission of Circuit Racing (CCR)

### **CCR**

After showing a video to present his Commission, Mr Vayssié explained that like Mr Skillington he came from the field and likewise had just finished his first year; he was also more at ease on a motorcycle than in an office in front of a computer. That said, he had learned a lot this year, thanks his coordinators and the Members of the Commission, who had supported him so much this year.



**Notable facts of 2019:**

- One of the objectives had been to implement a new structure for World Superbike with the permanent member stewards
- Restoration of confidence to stewards during events
- Improvement of FIA-FIM collaboration on safety, even though the criteria in this area were not the same in the two sport federations. First event this year in Slovakia on track with cars and motorcycles. Other events with an FIA/FIM synergy were foreseen in the future
- The world Sidecar Championship had been in arrears but negotiations were under way with a new promoter and an agreement should be concluded in the upcoming weeks. This would mean added value for the FIM's visibility
- More FIM involvement needed for speed records, a major success last August
- MotoE World Cup: difficult start due to the accident in Jerez during the trials, but thanks to the teams it had eventually been very successful in 2019 and remained very promising for 2020
- Set-up of structures for support races to enable better understanding and more consistency.

**Plans for 2020:**

- To work on the process of circuit homologation. For now, only one inspector was able to sign a homologation. The Commission envisioned creating a homologation Committee with several people having the power to sign a homologation. That would also allow experts to share their experience and not leave this responsibility in the hands of just one person. A two-level certification was envisaged to boost the visibility of our FIM certificates
- Probable finalisation of the agreement with the sidecar promoter, so this would be the first season in this format
- Training of officials – a key to success. Our training should therefore be renewed in terms of content and format to give the necessary tools to stewards and ensure that our events were successful.

The President yielded the floor to Mr Antonio Alia Portela, Director of the Motocross Commission (CMS)

**CMS**

After showing a video presenting his Commission, Mr Alia Portela discussed the season's achievements:

- Harmonisation of the multi-task training programme for FIM/CMS team of officials, so they can become very familiar with all disciplines, speak with a single voice and act together
- Creation of the 'Goggle Lane', a completely safe space or track reserved for changing goggles. Mr Alia Portela explained that changing them was very quick and showed a video to demonstrate this
- Resolution of the problem at starting grid level thanks to the races' TV crew who supplied race directors with all images using the GoPro cameras in order to control the start. Those images were also supplied during the training of CMS members
- Very successful first E-XBike race in Imola (I) in the presence of the FIM President and the President of Youthstream
- Training of young MX riders with the contribution of the young champion Mr Jorge Prado to present the youths with new protection equipment in a video
- Mr Alia Portela showed another video on the subject of administrative and technical verifications meant to help understand well the problems of motocross. All these videos could be translated into the language of each country.

**Plans for next season:**

- Continued synchronisation of programmes for all CMS members, the aim being to enable them to multi-task and to be able to represent the FIM during seminars or as stewards, etc.

The President gave the floor to Mr Thierry Michaud, Director of the Trial Commission (CTR)



## CTR

After showing a video to present his Commission, Mr Michaud wished to highlight some notable facts of 2019:

- The change of promoter already mentioned by the President, a true challenge to take up several months before the world Championship opened. A position doubly difficult but successful, between maintaining relations with the associative world of the clubs and links with partners. For this the CTR Director thanked his Commission and FIM Administration colleagues, particularly the Coordinator, who did a huge amount of work. A challenge for next year as well
- The Netherlands Grand Prix, another challenge in a flat country, but successful thanks to the help of the President of the Dutch Federation and to the European Championship already being held several years ago. A fine competition, with large crowds attending. He reminded all countries with little topographic relief that they could consequently envisage this kind of competition
- Qualifications: short and dynamic process the day before races, which had been moved to the city centre several kilometres from the paddock twice this year, in Portugal and at the port of Ibiza, making it possible to reach a larger public
- Trial-E had had a tough year because of dependence on manufacturers who have had financial problems and were set on other objectives, though the future looked positive.

2020 plans:

- The promotion challenge was still to be perfected, particularly by ensuring better press reception
- Another challenge, the French Grand Prix in Cahors with an urban Trial and bringing many competitions in the town centre to expand the horizon and reach another public
- Trial-E Cup: much more participation with emphasis on autonomy by including it in performances counting for this competition
- Platform for the section observers, one-day volunteers who record the riders. Recognition and assistance needed for this population via the FIM platform still under construction.

The President yielded the floor to Mr John Collins, Director of the Enduro Commission (CEN)

## CEN

After an introductory video, Mr Collins first wished to thank the Members of his Commission and his Coordinator for the important work accomplished.

Notable facts of the 2019 season:

- 7 world Championships with the aim of putting on races that were both traditional and difficult, with exciting trials raced before large crowds
- Very successful legends race had been held in Italy during which former Moto GP Champions had raced on the same track as the riders
- Successful creation of a new Open class with the participation of old and new riders
- Last round of the female Enduro World Cup held in France after a somewhat disappointing 2018 competition, though finally a strong improvement with 19 riders from 9 countries for this year's competition
- As for the season's figures: 23 EnduroGP riders, 36 in juniors and 31 in Youth class, which was constantly increasing with strong involvement by all stakeholders (promoters, FIM and teams) consulted to establish the 2020 calendar. Much support for teams now and positive work
- 5 SuperEnduro events, with many having parallel rounds of the European Championship thanks to the cooperation of FIM Europe, and strong participation in the Junior World Cup;
- Very successful ISDEs organised at the Portimão circuit in Portugal with 508 riders from 31 countries at the start and 123 riders for the Vintage Trophy, an event that had taken place over 3 days.

Year 2020 plans:

- Some changes to the rules, increasing the minimum age to 40 in order to take part in a Senior Open; simplification of many administrative measures and modification of the start procedure
- The two worst rounds were not to be counted for the Juniors, while for Youth the 4 worst ones would be excluded.



Goals for 2020:

- Higher participation and maintaining the Open class with more participation
- To encourage and attract more women
- To boost visibility with a higher audience.

The President gave the floor to Mr Larbi Rida Sbaï, Director of the Cross-Country Rallies Commission (CRT)

**CRT**

Mr Rida Sbaï showed a video to present his Commission, then spoke about the CRT's two disciplines: rallies and bajas, the latter a discipline sometimes neglected. He confirmed that cross-country rally was one of the most accident-prone FIM disciplines and that the changes in Regulations were meant to reduce speeds so that fewer accidents would happen.

Notable facts of the 2019 season:

- Marathon stage imposed this year which consisted of spending two race days with no assistance at all at a consequently reduced speed; the riders were to manage their own engine and tyres
- Prohibition of any assistance during the race for each special, including during refuelling
- With the aid of the Dakar Director, Mr David Castera, creation of a road book distributed at the beginning of the race in order to leave the beautiful part to navigation and once again reduce speed
- Inclusion of a marathon rally and, as the FIM President had stated, the Dakar will certainly be part of their calendar next year
- Great year for seminars and popularity of official cross-country licences; Mr Rida Sbaï thanked the new interested countries: Jordan and South Africa, among others.

2020 Plans:

- To continue actions aiming to reduce speed and achieve better safety by introducing new categories: Rally GP reserved for pros and experts, with more difficulties, and Rally 2, for beginners and people who wanted to get started in Rally (more flexible rules, shorter distances and lighter motorcycles)
- Test of an electronic road book meant to simplify things and prevent the intervention of 'map-men', thus keeping the focus on navigation.

Mr Rida Sbaï presented the calendar and highlighted the growing number of bajas. A joint project with the FIA was under way, which should take place in the Middle East, Europe and North Africa before finishing in Portalegre, Portugal. Mr Rida Sbaï hoped that this FIA/FIM project would succeed and that other regions would join this programme.

He thanked his Coordinator, the Sports Director and the entire FIM team for their collaboration in introducing these new rules, always hard to apply.

The President yielded the floor to Mr Armando Castagna, Director of the Track Racing Commission (CCP)

**CCP**

After showing a video to present his Commission, Mr Castagna first thanked the Board of Directors and the Administration of the FIM for their trust. He recalled the excitement of track racing and the 4 very fine Championships organised this year with an incredibly thrilling last round on the last day.



Changes had taken place this year regarding the regulations, particularly for the Speedway of Nations, done on ice with a change of format and harmonisation after talks with different Nations; participation in this discipline was growing. Increasingly more disciplines but all was not perfect, such as the case of the youth Championship, which had begun successfully several years ago but had since stagnated; it needed to be reworked.

Improved relations between CONUs. There had been changes at the level of seminars for race directors. Organisation of a training camp in Australia to better publicise this discipline.

Change adopted for next year with the support of the Board of Directors: The launch of an FIM World Flat Track Championship was the result of work begun several years ago. After the Trophy and the Cup, this very well-known discipline in certain countries and in the United States, for example, would next year count 4 events in 4 countries.

The FIM President had already announced certain changes concerning the Speedway Grand Prix and the Speedway of Nations, particularly regarding promotion rights after very good cooperation with the current promoter IMG/BSI, which will continue for 2 more years before the arrival of the new promoter, Discovery.

Significant investment in the categories of women and young generations and support of this Commission for interested FMNs.

The President gave the floor to Mr Fabio Fazi, Director of the International Technical Commission (CTI)

## CTI

Having showed a video to present his Commission, Mr Fazi indicated that 2019 had been a particularly enriching year for the CTI, for various reasons:

- 2 new coordinators, both engineers, joined the CTI, Mr Mathieu Piccand and Mr Dominique Hébrard
- Introduction in June 2019 of new helmet standards for Moto GP, Moto 2, Moto 3 and Superbike after a study that had lasted more than 3 years. In 2020 these regulations would be applied to all CCR events. Fourteen helmet manufacturers had already received FIM approval and over 25,000 stickers had been distributed. Mr Fazi therefore thanked Prof. Mario Maza of the University of Zaragoza, Mrs Erica Manfredi, former FIM CTI coordinator, and Mr Mathieu Piccand, for their excellent work.

For 2020:

- The Commission Director was happy to announce next year's opening of the new CTI laboratory in the FIM headquarters in Mies. Its aim would be to study and develop electronic devices for use in Championships, thanks to the expertise of the new coordinator, Mr Hébrard, and would enable Mies to have on hand a totally independent Department for technical control of motorcycles
- The technical Commission would launch its programme of technical workshops at the next Conference of Commissions in February. This programme would gather technical experts and representatives of manufacturers who would come to share their knowledge. Michelin and Brembo as well as two university professors had been invited to take part in this first workshop, which was open to all FIM members.

The President yielded the floor to Mrs Nita Korhonen, Director of Commission for Women in Motorcycling (CFM)



## CFM

After showing a video to present the historical first ever FIM-FIA Women in Motorsports Conference that was organized in August in Finland, Mrs Korhonen commented on the photos of her presentation: the first photo showed FIM volunteers.

The volunteer programme had been set up to attract more female volunteers, not excluding men as most of the FMNs are struggling with getting more volunteers into their events. The backpacks distributed to volunteers could be seen in the photo she showed; plans called for handing out various merchandising objects at each event. Also, creation of the Friday for Volunteer Women on FaceBook to publicise all the work these women did for motorcycling around the world. It was vital for everyone to be able to attract more volunteers, without whom the events could not exist.

The second photo of 'future stars' was taken at the Trial training camp set up essentially to train girls, although boys had not been excluded. Merchandising objects had been distributed.

The third photo showed women during the Conference on Women in motorsports held in Finland, holding a book that recounted the story of Women in motorcycling. This high-level conference had gathered 40 speakers and one hundred participants from 25 countries, as well as experts, athletes and professors. The IOC had proposed that their case be studied.

For 2020

- Enduro World Cup project for women; three women had been included in the teams for the 2019 World Cup event with the support of CFM
- Continuing the Volunteer and Future Stars programmes, as well as willingness to empower women more in this sport and maintain the excellent cooperation with all the Commissions.

The President gave the floor to Mr Nuno Trepá Leite, Director of the Touring and Leisure Commission (CTL)

## CTL

After showing a video to present his Commission, Mr Nuno Trepá Leite declared that motorcycle touring was an increasingly popular leisure activity, which had grown from 5 events in 2016 to 21 in 2019; 45 applications had been registered to date for 2020. This indicated the Federations' growing interest in the discipline.

The same had occurred with steward licences, whose numbers had jumped from 20 in 2016 to 131 in 2019, attesting to the Commission's efforts to attract people with knowledge of the regulations and codes who knew how to ensure safety and respect for the environment. The events had attracted more and more participants, with a record number for this year's Mototour of Nations. The upcoming 75th FIM Rally would be held in Italy in 2020. The first Touring World Challenge held in 2019 had met all the set objectives.

Like the other Commissions, the CTL sought sponsors to help undertake new projects and try to balance motorcycle touring events around the world. Plans for 2020: implementation of actions and distribution of information and promotion material (leaflets) to present the FIM is and its activities, with a view to gathering a large biker family around the world.

Creation of software for the website as a way to further bring this family together.

The President yielded the floor to Mr Jesper Christensen, Director of the Public Affairs Commission (CAP)



## CAP

After showing a video to present his Commission, Mr Christensen explained that he was currently very nervous, because he was without doubt in the most complicated phase of his career in public affairs associated to motorcycling. Working with the European Commission to establish the price of road safety before fighting against the European insurance directive had led him to experience very extreme situations, shifting from the happiness of final success to the bitter disappointment of defeat after working so hard, and then to the hope of seeing the horizon once again. There was still some hope, and all resources had been mobilised to succeed. The same also went for the driving licence directive, which would soon be examined and for which all means had been put forward, because the licences depended on the number of riders and it was important to have new riders to keep this sport alive.

The ABS was also one of this Commission's priorities, as well as automatic daytime running lights on roads. Some 400,000 people around the world died every year on motorcycles or scooters and ABS is one of the means to lower this figure.

Much work also done in close collaboration with the industry to develop new technologies and establish procedures with a view to ensuring that safety regulations were applied.

### Plans for 2020

- to build on this momentum
- to attend the Conference of road safety ministers in Stockholm, the 3rd UN conference on this subject, which would result in the Stockholm declaration with 9 points establishing safety regulations from a new perspective of sustainability, equality, etc. – hence a new approach to road safety
- Mr Christensen was very proud that he had been able to convince the OECD, at its international transportation forum in Stockholm reserved only to motorcyclists, to have it extended to all powered two-wheelers without exception.

To finish his speech, Mr Christensen said he was very happy about the creation of the FIM Foundation. He had furthermore been in contact with his Federation in that regard and it had been decided that the Swedish riders would be the first to make a donation of € 5,000 to the Foundation. He was pleased about this and urged other Federations to do the same thing.

The President thanked Mr Christensen for this donation and assured him that it was a real surprise. He also commented on this Directive that all are worried about, which was the subject of an agreement with the FIA, as all motorsports were concerned. In case of an accident during a race, the race must be stopped and the police called in, as well as an insurance representative, to ascertain responsibilities, thus interrupting the event for several hours. The President had asked the FIA to join the FIM in this process. He would soon travel to Brussels with the FIA President to explain their concern to the European Commission.

Mr Viegas then yielded the floor to Mrs Katia Juarez, Director of the International Sustainability Commission (CID)

## CID

After showing a video to present her Commission, Mrs Katia Juarez presented two graphs, the first indicating some of the 17 objectives meant to ensure the planet's sustainability, with motorcycling contributing to 9 of these objectives, and the second showing a diagram that presented the FIM's concept of sustainability, with 3 major aspects: social, environmental and economic.

Achievements in 2019: The environment is a huge challenge to be met, requiring very special skills and behaviour.

- Commitment to favour education, a mainstay of the CID's strategy
- Activities developed internally though also with outside stewards to ensure presentation as a factor of change and also to raise awareness among the spectators
- Introduction of an online course about the environment with the FIM Academy



- Sustainable management of events: many projects with a new way of organising events, because the latter go beyond the sport. Introduction of the KISS programme signed by the FIM and meant to minimise the negative effects of an event, by reducing CO2, waste and plastic or promoting sustainable transportation, environmental education and support for local campaigns
- Mrs Juarez thanked the 6 environmental ambassadors of the Ride Green programme
- Participation in various forums and for the first time inclusion of the KISS programme in the WWF report for a green sport.

2020 projects:

- Continuing the programme
- Introducing a sustainable certification programme for permanent circuits.

The President gave the floor to Dr David McManus, Director of the International Medical Commission (CMI)

### **CMI**

After showing a video to present his Commission, Dr McManus thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to present this report from the Medical Commission. For 2019 integration of new members from different sport disciplines and consequently enhanced expertise for this Commission. Dr McManus therefore wished to thank all the members for their work, commitment and knowledge.

Activities in 2019:

- More seminars with good participation from health professionals
- More medical training for track and medical centre personnel
- Anti-doping: controls doubled
- Development of online prevention programmes and contribution of the FMNs and CONUs to these anti-doping training programmes. Harmonisation to respect the code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Plans for 2020:

- To modify the medical code and its appendices to ensure they conform to the GDPR
- To boost cooperation with the FIA. Meetings of the two medical commissions of the FIM and FIA next year
- Research – use of cervical collars and online statistics on traumatism.

The President gave the floor to Mr Anand Sashidharan, Director of the International Commission of Judges (CJI)

### **CJI**

Mr Sashidharan regretted that unlike his colleagues he did not have a video to present the activities of the CJI. He indicated that it had had to deal with 3 new disciplinary cases, one concerning a dispute during the FIM Enduro World Championship, the second concerning the quads rally and an appeal filed with the CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport). As for the third, it concerned an appeal filed before the Moto GP Court of Appeal. Other cases dated from previous years still had to be resolved, but all had been examined and closed.



The members of this Commission, particularly Mr Robert Hofstetter, had worked with Mr Jacques Bolle on around 40 amendments of the FIM Statutes, By-Laws and Codes, which would be presented before the GA this afternoon.

The main case dealt with this year by the CJI concerned the appeal filed before the Moto GP Court of Appeal of the FIM by Aprilia, Suzuki, Honda and KTM against Ducati, due to an attachment added at rear-wheel level. All parties had come to an understanding and the Court had ruled before the next race.

The President explained that, regarding this case, he had not put any pressure on the CJI to decide rapidly, rather giving them a week to decide; their decision was the good one because no appeal had been subsequently lodged.

He recalled that the medical Commission was close to signing an agreement with the USADA (American anti-doping agency) so that blood samples of American riders could be analysed in situ in case of a control. The FIM was a member of the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) and followed the strictest rules in this area and would continue to pay attention to it.

## **10. Reports from the Administration**

The President yielded the floor to Mr Jean-Paul Gombeaud, Sports Director.

### **10.1 Information from the Sports Department**

Mr Gombeaud first wished to discuss two subjects before the GA: E-bike and insurance.

The E-bike catalogue was very large, for it extended from 250 watts to 10 Kw bikes, consequently a bike faster than a 125cc. A large number of models, with and without pedals. This year a Working group had been created to make up for the two-year delay accumulated by the FIM compared to the UCI, which was already organising competitions. The FIM had been able to organise two competitions, one at Imola (I) and the other at Privas (F), thanks to the Italian and French Federations.

The Working group comprised avid E-bike users and two distinguished members, one a German and the other the director of one of Europe's biggest manufacturers, which produced 260,000 electric bikes per year, a huge amount, as is the number of users.

Two Cups had been voted on last year by the GA, with two Cup winners. The Imola competition had allowed much to be learned about this discipline and about the E-bike classes that should be selected.

The creation of an E-Bike Commission would probably be endorsed today; it should meet next Tuesday in Paris once the Members had validated their official licences. This Commission would be composed of 10 people, 4 from Asia and 6 from Western Europe.

This Commission and the respective Working group would focus on secure and fun races though also on the endurance of E-bikes and riders. The potential was huge and a meeting was expected the following day with the Secretary generals to discuss the licences and insurance in detail as well as possibilities for the FMNs to take in hand these disciplines, which could evolve toward motocross and road races.



The FIM insurance for riders was very good. The FIM had signed a 2-year contract with the Geneva-based insurance company TSM. A very large number of riders in all disciplines, with international licences, CONU licences or world Championship licences had been repatriated this year. From Australia to America, from Speedway to Sidecar cross, though what was most important and costly was what had been done by TSM for rallies. A study had shown that rally costed TSM the equivalent of its total revenue. Some 5% of all riders costed more than all the rest. As Mr Rida Sbaï had stated, the sport and safety aspect must be rethought, though also the insurance coverage.

According to Article 110.1 of the Sporting Code, it was possible to adjust the regulation of rallies. Previously, an organiser would have to have € 4,000 of insurance for repatriations, which was clearly insufficient given that a repatriation was known to cost between € 40,000 and € 120,000 and that the year began in January with the Dakar; TSM therefore had had to spend all its funds since January last year. It was necessary to recalculate everything and after several meetings it had been decided that the organisers or by private insurance would ensure more coverage for the primary insurance.

In insurance terms the cost of rally was enormous. For example, during the Silkway Rally, the total invoice for implementing safety and repatriations amounted to € 1 million, paid for by the organiser and consequently by the riders. That was the reason why this discipline should be reworked. The TSM contract was still valid for next year and this would be discussed tomorrow with the two brokers present. TSM insurance was also valid for SSVs, riders and co-riders, with no limit to activities being stipulated in the contract. It would even be inclusive for E-bike licences, though only for pros and not for amateurs, due to the lack of available statistics.

The minimum for third-party liability for FIM events had also been worked on. For the time being it had been set at € 120,000 and should never be lower than stipulated by local laws. A large survey had been conducted on this subject; the 47 responses received showed that the limit was zero in some countries but may rise to over € 20 million in others. So, there was no universal threshold. A Working group had nevertheless been set up to study this aspect and present next year, before the GA, a programme covering different insurance aspects.

The third aspect of insurance consisted of protecting the FIM and henceforth its Foundation. The FIM continually received insurers; negotiations were under way with two brokers with a view to finding the most appropriate coverage.

The President gave the floor to Mrs Nita Korhonen, who presented for the first time the new FMN/CONU Liaison and Events Department.

## **10.2 Information from the FMN/CONU Liaison Department**

Mrs Korhonen presented her new department, created this year at the service of the FMNs and whose primary aims were to develop cooperation and communication between the Federations, the CONUs and headquarters. According to the satisfaction survey conducted by Mr Bitsch, it was important for the FMNs to respond to the questions so the FIM could learn about their needs. It was necessary to have daily links with the FMNs but also to organise meetings during the FIM General Assemblies, like the one scheduled for tomorrow with the Secretary generals, during which the questions of most concern would be answered. This Department would try to react as fast as possible to all suggestions.

Plans also called for attending regional meetings and GAs of the CONUs, such as the one recently held in Kenya for the FIM Africa GA and that of FIM Latin America in Colombia. One liaison tool was the FIM Family website, which was still being developed. It would provide a large amount of information and enable a Federation to pass on to the others its good practices or expertise.

The team in charge of Events was working with all the Commissions. This year it had organised open-door sessions meant to publicise the FIM among the general public.

Mrs Korhonen invited the FMNs (and thanked them in advance) to use this Department's services as much as possible.

The President recalled that this Department was also in charge of organising this GA.



He then gave the floor to Mr Damiano Zamana, Services Director.

### **10.3 Information from the Services Department**

Mr Damiano Zamana had heard many people mention, as Darryl Hiddle had said, the need for money. Every year the FIM provided an annual administrative subsidy of € 500,000 to the CONUs, with the latter in charge of distributing that sum to further the development of sport and non-sport motorcycling activities.

There was also a fund for promoting motorcycling activities and the Board of Directors had decided that this fund would henceforth only be accessed by the CONUs and FMNs and no longer by other FIM bodies.

This financing had doubled in the last two years compared to 2016. The most stable CONU regarding allocation of this fund was that of North America, which never touched any of it... The funds agreed for Latin America and Asia had increased a great deal recently while Europe stayed at the same level year after year. Oceania witnessed a peak in 2018 due to the financing of the very fine FIM Oceania Junior Cup, which the FIM had been happy to support. Not to forget Africa, which was developing increasingly more projects every year.

More in detail, Mr Zamana noted that FIM Europe had allocated two-thirds of these funds to its FMNs. Conversely, FIM Africa and FIM Oceania had assigned all these funds to their CONUs.

The President gave the floor to Mr Fabio Muner, Marketing & Communication Director.

### **10.4 Information from the Marketing & Communication Department**

Mr Muner divided his presentation into several points:

#### **Enduro**

He presented a communication on the subject of Enduro, the aim being to tell a story, the same one, but in a different way. So 12 stories had thus been told in 40 days about the various legends and clubs, of the world of Enduro and the skills of some had been used, such as during the interview with Mr John Collins, Director of the CEN, where he had explained his role in the different FIM platforms.

Another project, the Unbroken Ride, was a video explaining that Enduro went well beyond what one can see on TV, the goal being to do justice to the true spirit of this sport and its many categories, pros, legends, amateurs, teams and clubs. All those elements had enabled very beautiful events to be organised. Mr Muner showed this video, which had already been viewed 145,000 times.

Regarding the ISDEs, much work had been done with the teams to complete the site, which recently had had over 150,000 views, not counting the creation of a new telephone application with 67,000 downloads since the first day.

#### **“We, the Riders” Campaign**

The communication for this already existing campaign had been reworked by creating communication directives, the campaign launch and a media kit in collaboration with the CAP. The communication directives had consisted of introducing a new colour palette for the various themes: safety, sustainability, leisure and equality.



Mr Muner presented to the GA several examples from Instagram and other digital tools. Programmes were envisaged for other supports, for example for the Bol d'Or and the Six days of the Enduro. The campaign was launched not with actors but with fans.

The media communication kits were placed at the disposal of the Federations, so that each could adapt them to their situation. For the first time a breakfast had been organised in Geneva, which was a veritable success among the public. The "We, the Riders" campaign had been presented there. Some 380 motorcycles had been at the FIM parking lot and more than 600 people gathered for the occasion.

Regarding the award of trophies, Mr Muner thanked the partners and indicated that some of them had stands in the hall. He recalled that all the printed supports, etc., would not exist without the help of these partners.

For the "FIM Rides the World" project, the image of the FIM mark should be strong to attract funds with the support of private enterprise. The logo, as well as the graphic chart of the FIM, were the tip of the iceberg, though there were also activities situated in the submerged part which could have a lot of influence on perception by the public, companies and Federations vis-à-vis the FIM. The FIM's role should therefore be repositioned and explained. This could be done through interviews with people from the FIM on the ground, photos and videos posted on the website. He presented 3 episodes already done for the Trial, Enduro and Moto GP; other episodes will follow for the other disciplines.

#### Uniforms

Mr Muner presented the new FIM uniforms for FIM Officials, apparel produced by the company Europe Suisse. Those formerly used would be recycled. Mr Muner thanked his team before showing one last video.

## 11. Finance

The President yielded the floor to Mrs Lucile Ackaouy and Mr Robert Dingman for presentation of the budget.

### 11.1 Approval of the 2020 budget

Mr Dingman once again greeted the Assembly and thanked the FIM President for entrusting him with this position. The latter had asked him to also surround himself with members of FMNs who were not Members of the Board of Directors, to show transparency and commitment to the CONUs. So the goal was to include more of the FIM Family in the financial decisions, the most important person being without any doubt Mrs Lucile Ackaouy.

Mrs Ackaouy first presented the 2019 forecast. She explained that the 2019 budget column had been corrected with the current year's average exchange rate in order to have a comparison without impact of the exchange rate. Proceeds should be higher due to income from promoters, which compensated a drop in partnership/sponsoring. Expenses were higher due to the FIM promoting Trial by itself. The result should consequently be balanced.

The exchange rate had been an important subject in 2019 with a loss of earnings due to the rate's evolution. For the 2020 budget, the euro rate had been fixed more cautiously at 1.09. However, the budget was balanced, even with the higher costs and the willingness to support projects of the Federations and the CONUs.

Assumption for revenue: 111 Federations, calendar rights depending on the number of events transmitted by the Commission directors when the budget was established. Licences had been calculated based on the average for licences in 2018 and 2019. Commercial income had been calculated based on existing contracts with indexing and new contracts for which negotiations are very advanced.



Expense assumptions:

Administration: Taking into account current personnel and one additional person, and the impact of depreciation of computer developments and building work.

Costs of events: there were more events with the consequent impact on travel, even though Commission directors had been asked to streamline nominations to avoid cost-inflation for this item; few changes regarding subsidies, apart from Moto GP (change approved by the Board of Directors for countries that organise more than 2 Moto GPs per year). The new marketing and communication projects were also taken into account.

Financial results: forecast only for bank fees and portfolio management, though neutral attitude with respect to financial markets and currencies.

The budget result with these assumptions showed a balanced result of CHF 4,000. If the average rate of 2018 had been applied, this result would have been above CHF 700,000.

The FIM Financial Director also presented the performance of expenses, resources, the result and financial reserves for the last 10 years.

The President explained that the last graph showed the good level of reserves and a substantial increase in revenue and investments. Given the lack of questions, he proposed moving on to vote on this budget.

N° GA2019_09	<b>Item : Approval of the 2020 FIM budget</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information :</b> The Board of Directors submitted the 2020 budget to the vote of the GA	
	<b>Decision : 2020 FIM BUDGET APPROUVED</b>	

## 12. Confirmation of appointments of CJI members for 2020-2022

Mr Anand Sashidharan had much work within the FIM framework though he was also very much involved in his professional life. For that reason, he had presented his resignation as Director of the CJI, but wished to remain a Member.

The President submitted to vote the resignation of Mr Sashidharan and his appointment as a member.

N° GA2019_10	<b>Item: Resignation of the current Director of the CJI</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The Board of Directors submitted to vote the resignation of Mr Anand Sashidharan as Director of the CJI	
	<b>Decision: THE RESIGNATION OF THE CJI DIRECTOR WAS APPROVED. THE GA APPROVED HIS APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF THE CJI FOR THE 2020-2022 PERIOD 2020-2022</b>	

The President thanked the Assembly.

The candidacy of Mr Robert Hofstetter to CJI Director, put forward by the CAMOD, was submitted for approval of the GA.



N° GA2019_11	<b>Item: Appointment of the new Director of the CJJ</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The Board of Directors submitted to vote the appointment of Mr Robert Hofstetter as the new Director of the CJJ	
	<b>Decision:</b> THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ROBERT HOFSTETTER AS CJJ DIRECTOR WAS APPROVED FOR THE 2020-2022 PERIOD	

## 13. Elections

### 13.1 Election of a Member of the Board of Directors

The President recalled that a position of member of the Board of Directors was vacant for one year. The two candidates were Mr Stylianos Korelis and Mr Ignacio Verneda Casasayas.

The President asked Mr Korelis to step forward and give his candidacy speech.

Mr Stylianos Korelis stated that once again he was showing his democratic commitment, for he wanted to take part in the process and help make the FIM an even more democratic organisation. He presents himself before the GA, asking it to support his candidacy. He recalled his lengthy experience as both athlete and organiser, let alone his 30 years of administrative experience, 14 of which as a member of the Board of Directors followed by 16 as President of AMOTOE. He stated that if the GA honoured him with its trust, he would put all his heart and efforts into strengthening the FIM by always placing the Federations, motorcyclists and the sport at the forefront. He thanked the Assembly in advance for its vote.

The President thanked Mr Korelis and invited Mr Verneda Casasayas to take the floor.

Mr Ignacio Verneda Casasayas said it was a true honour for him to be able to address this GA on this occasion. He had experienced a very tough year last year but things were going better and he was now happily married to a marvellous woman and had had his first grandchild. He also explained that what he had gone through last year had strengthened him and that his passion for this sport and his love and respect for this institution had nevertheless remained intact. He had begun his motorcycling career in 1970 and had competed in Trial, Enduro and Endurance as well as in Motocross. He had founded a motorcycling club which would celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year and had organised numerous national and international events. From 1985 to 2006 he had held different positions within the Spanish motorcycling Federation. He had obtained his first FIM licence in 1980 and in 1991 had been elected a member of the Trial Enduro Commission before heading that same Commission in 1994, holding that position for 12 years. In February 2006 he had joined the FIM Administration where he had occupied many positions of responsibility. He now presented his candidacy for the Board of Directors, supported in that by 2 Federations, the Argentinian and the Spanish, as well as by other Federations. He promised to be fully involved and to act in full transparency. He affirmed that the interest of motorcycling and of the Federations would always be a priority in respect of the FIM Family. He asked the GA to support his candidacy and thanked it in advance for that support.

The President thanked the two candidates and asks for the vote to be held.

Speech by a member supporting, Mr Korelis, who asked to be present during the ballot count, as had already been requested and agreed during an election concerning Mr Viegas in 2014. He also indicated that there was nothing in the Statutes to oppose this.

The President stated that although he believed this was unnecessary, he was not opposed to it and proposed that Mr Verneda also designate a representative if he so wished, which he declined.



The President announced the results: 81 Federations voted, 80 votes were valid, 24 votes for Mr Korelis and 56 votes for Mr Verneda. Mr Verneda was elected. The President congratulated the two candidates and asked Mr Verneda to say a few words.

Mr Verneda thanked the General Assembly for granting him its trust and declared that he was ready to work once again with the Federations, as he has already done.

The President invited Mr Verneda to join the table of the Board of Directors, where a place was reserved for him.

N° GA2019_12	<b>Item: Election of a new member of the Board of Directors</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information : Mr Ignacio Verneda Casasayas was elected member of the Board of Directors for a term of one year (until 2020) with 56 votes</b>	
	<b>Decision: MR IGNACIO VERNEDA CASASAYAS WAS ELECTED MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	

## 14. Members of the FIM

The President proposed moving on to affiliations and asked Mr Damiano Zamana to step forward and explain the situation.

### 14.1 Decisions regarding Malaysia

It was vital for all and for the FIM to explain what had happened with Malaysia.

In September 2018 the FIM had received a letter from the Malaysian Minister of Youth and Sport indicating that the Motor Sport Association of Malaysia (MAM), a body not affiliated with the FIM, was the sole body with authority over motorcycle sport in Malaysia.

In January 2019 a letter from the Malaysian Minister of Youth and Sport had informed that the Automobile Association of Malaysia (AAM) was no longer recognised as a body with authority over motorcycle sport in Malaysia.

Another letter dated March 2019 from the Malaysian Commissioner of Sport had indicated that the status of the AAM, the FIM's current affiliate, as a sport body had been revoked by the state pursuant to the law and that it was no longer recognised by its own government.

In March 2019 the FIM CEO wrote to the President of the AAM requesting information. The latter's reply indicated that there had been an internal political problem following a change of government and the appointment of a very young Minister of sport.

The Board of Directors had asked Mr Stephan Carapiet, President of FIM Asia, to study the problem in Kuala Lumpur, where he had met in May 2019 with the FIA, the AAM, the MAM and the Minister of Sport. He had clearly noted that the MAM had the total support of the government and the sports authorities. Indeed, a complete affiliation request had been filed by the MAM with the FIM in September 2018. Despite this, contacts had continued with the 2 associations and it seemed that the AAM was no longer in a position to effectively represent motorcycling in Malaysia.

Furthermore, the FIA had entrusted the MAM with authority over automobile sport in that country. As this delegation of powers could not be envisaged in the FIM Statutes, it had been decided to wait for the GA to resolve this case.

In August 2019 the Board of Directors, in accordance with Article 11.5.3, had decided to submit the AAM's expulsion to the GA. It had been a tough decision, because the primary mission of the FIM was to protect its affiliates, but in this case the FIM considered that the AAM no longer met the requirements of the FIM to be able to represent the interest of this sport and to be recognised by the authorities of its country.



The FIM had previously contacted the AAM again to learn its position. The latter, through a lawyer present today, had indicated that the AAM had not been heard to officially defend itself, which was against the Statutes of the FIM. The FIM had naturally tried many times, without result, to hear the AAM and obtain official explanations. This association would therefore be heard today and would claim that the FIM has not respected its right to be heard and that the expulsion is against its Statutes. It would also be indicated that a legal proceeding is under way in Malaysia and that for that reason this decision should be suspended.

The situation, however, was no longer tenable because the decision of the courts has been continually reported for several months.

On 28 October 2019, the AAM presented to the Civil Court of First Instance of Geneva a request for super-provisional measures to forbid the FIM from presenting a proposal to expulse the AAM to the FIM GA 2019, alleging that the FIM had violated its right to be heard, and also alleging that the on-going process in Malaysia (where AAM was challenging the Ministry of Youth and Sport's decision) had a suspension of effect.

On 12 November, the Court had decided to reject AAM's requests, stating notably that AAM was unable to demonstrate that its right to be heard had not been respected and that the on-going legal process in Malaysia had a suspensive effect.

The GA should consequently decide today on how motorcycling should be overseen in Malaysia. Present here at this GA were the Secretary General of the AAM, represented by his lawyer, and the MAM, represented by its Secretary general and its President. The delegates of this GA had received the documents and exchanges sent by these two associations, which would each have 10 minutes to present their arguments and would have a right of rebuttal. The GA should then first vote for or against the expulsion of the AAM. If the AAM were expelled, the MAM's affiliation would then be submitted for approval of the GA.

The President called the AAM to the tribune to defend its position.

The lawyer representing the AAM, Mr Nicola Noth, took the floor to explain the AAM's position.

The President felt that it was his duty to yield the floor to Mr Carapiet to respond to the AAM's accusations concerning its FMN.

Mr Carapiet consequently asked it to be cautious in its allegations. He hoped that that would be sufficient to correct the allegations heard.

The President called the MAM's representatives to the tribune to speak, but before that gave the floor to a Delegate who wanted to defend his own honour: Mr Essa Hamzah Alfaiakawi, President of the KIAC, did not understand how the AAM representative could mention the case of Kuwait, providing an erroneous explanation of that affair, which had nothing to do with the case of Malaysia.

The President next yielded the floor to the President of the MAM.

The President of the MAM, Mr Mokhzani Mahathir, presented the MAM's position.

The FIM President asked if any delegate wished to speak.

One delegate asked for a vote by secret ballot.

Mr Zamana recalled that the Board of Directors recommended the expulsion of the AAM.



The President proposed that the two representatives speak again. As they declined to do so, he proposed submitting to vote first the expulsion of the AAM, recalling that 2/3 of the votes cast were needed for that. He asked Mr Skillington to proceed with the roll call of delegations for the vote.

#### 14.1.1 Expulsion of the AAM

Mr Tony Skillington recalled that for this vote the majority is 2/3 of the votes cast was needed and pursued with the roll call of delegations by group of 4.

The President moved on to the result of the vote concerning Malaysia.

81 ballots, 3 blank, 3 void. 55 yes and 20 no. The AAM was therefore expelled. The affiliation of the MAM now had to be voted upon.

N° GA2019_13	<b>Item: Expulsion of the AAM from the FIM</b>	<b>Submitted by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information :</b> The Board of Directors submitted to vote the expulsion of the AAM	
	<b>Decision :</b> THE EXPULSION OF THE AAM WAS APPROVED	

#### 14.1.2 Affiliation of the MAM

N° GA2019_14	<b>Item: Affiliation of the MAM with the FIM</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The Board of Directors submitted to vote the affiliation of the MAM	
	<b>Decision :</b> THE AFFILIATION OF THE MAM WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED	

#### 14.2 Decisions relating to Kuwait following the ruling of the CAS regarding the dispute between the KMSC and the FIM

The President reminded the GA that the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) had ordered the FIM to hold a vote in the GA concerning the expulsion of the KIAC and the affiliation of the KMSC and asked Mr Zamana to explain this case, given that the Board of Directors was not allowed by the court to issue an opinion on the matter.

Mr Zamana indicated, as the President had stated, that the Board of Directors would make no recommendation concerning this case. The context: by its award on 14 October 2019 the CAS had ordered the FIM to submit to its next GA, i.e. this one, the expulsion of its current affiliate, the Kuwait International Automobile Club (KIAC) and, at the same time, the affiliation of the Kuwait Motor Sports Club (KMSC). He asked the KMSC representative to join them in the hall. According to the CAS award, both the expulsion of KIAC and the affiliation of KMSC were to be considered simultaneously by the voting delegates.

The two associations had each been able to present their respective positions and to rebut their respective declarations, and these documents had been forwarded to the GA delegates. The KIAC and KMSC had also had the possibility of presenting their arguments orally before the GA and would benefit from a right of rebuttal.



The vote would consequently have two objectives: expulsion of the KIAC and affiliation of the KMSC. A NO vote would mean maintaining the current situation; a YES vote meant the KIAC was expelled, affiliating the KMSC at the same time.

The President asked the KMSC representative to come to the tribune to present its arguments and disclose his identity.

After disclosing his identity, Mr Jean-Marc Raymond, representative and legal adviser of the KMSC, presented the KMSC's position.

Speech by Sheikh Ahmad al-Sabah, President of the KMSC, who presented the KMSC's position.

The President asked the representative of the KIAC, the FIM's current affiliate, to step up to the tribune.

The representative of the KIAC, Mr Fuad Abu-Arja, Sports Director, presented the KIAC's position.

As the KIAC had surpassed its speaking time, the President proposed that the KMSC take the floor for 10 extra minutes.

Mr Raymond of the KMSC took the floor.

The President initiated the roll call procedure for this vote. He recalled the modalities and asked before that for any delegate who so wishes to take the floor.

A delegate asked for the vote to be by secret ballot.

Another delegate, Mr Mohammed Ben Sulayem, President of the UAEMC, took the floor, saying that he had just left Abu Dhabi, where he had participated in a competition as organiser and that he would like to say that he had spent 20 years on the circuits and taken part in numerous events organised by the KIAC which had furthermore supported his Federation in 1995. As the FIM's representative in Kuwait, the KIAC had trained many officials in his country. He stated that activities exist in that country and that he wanted to inform the GA, for some members of the GA did not necessarily know the situation on the ground. He added that if an association was not active, it is normal to expel it; otherwise, one should be fair.

#### 14.2.1 Vote regarding the expulsion of the KIAC and the affiliation of the KMSC

Roll call for the vote regarding the exclusion of the KIAC and affiliation of the KMSC.

The President took the floor to announce the results of the vote concerning Kuwait.

79 votes, 3 blank, hence 76 valid ballots.

56 no and 20 yes. The KIAC consequently remained a member of the FIM.

N° GA2019_15	<b>Item: Expulsion of the KIAC from the FIM and affiliation of the KMSC with the FIM</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote the expulsion of the KIAC and the affiliation of the KMSC	
	<b>Decision: THE EXPULSION OF THE KIAC WAS REJECTED; IT WOULD REMAIN AN AFFILIATED MEMBER OF THE FIM. THE AFFILIATION OF THE KMSC WAS REJECTED</b>	



The President yielded the floor to Mr Damiano Zamana.

### 14.3 Decisions relating to Bosnia & Herzegovina

#### 14.3.1 Resignation of BiHAMK

Mr Zamana briefly explained the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, stating that during preparations to carry out a local survey, the current affiliate of the FIM, BiHAMK, had addressed a letter to the FIM Administration on 1 October 2019 indicating its desire to leave the FIM on 31 December 2019. During 2019 the FIM had received an application for affiliation in due form from MSBiH. An FIM delegate travelled to Sarajevo to meet the two local associations and the National Olympic Committee as well as the ministry concerned. However, the time period for requesting resignation, set at 6 months by the FIM Statutes, had not been respected by BiHAMK. BiHAMK's resignation should therefore be submitted to the vote of the GA.

Mr Zamana added that BiHAMK had no debt with the FIM.

The President asked the GA to accept or oppose the resignation of BiHAMK.

N° GA2019_16	<b>Item: Resignation of BiHAMK from the FIM</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote the resignation of BiHAMK	
	<b>Decision: THE RESIGNATION OF BiHAMK WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED</b>	

#### 14.3.2 Affiliation of MS BiH

The President then submitted to vote the affiliation of MS BiH.

N° GA2019_17	<b>Item: Affiliation of MS BiH with the FIM</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote the affiliation of MS BiH	
	<b>Decision: THE AFFILIATION OF MS BiH WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED</b>	

The President asked the representatives of MSBiH to step up to the tribune.

Mr Davor Komsic, Sport Director of MSBiH, briefly presented the history of this association. He recalled that Bosnia and Herzegovina was a very young country born in 1992 (the President asked him if he could pass over the historical part of his presentation, bearing in mind the very late hour). This Federation had been founded in 2011 and a year later organised its first official competition in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



In 2015 it had become a member of the Olympic Committee. Finally, in 2019, it had been registered as the only motorcycle sport federation and sought affiliation with the FIM. This federation comprised 62 member clubs, 25 full members and 37 associated members. It had 110 licenced riders, organised 19 events and had 15 active circuits and 166 officials at 3 levels. It offered 6 disciplines, Circuit Racing, Motocross, Enduro, SuperMoto, Scooter and other sporting events. Mr KoMrsic showed a video presenting his Federation's activities. He also announced the plans and goals of his Federation for 2020: introduction of Cross-Country and Enduro, organisation of around 20 races with Open championships, to become an active member of the FIM, to showcase their European orientation, to boost quality and competitiveness, to train officials and to build more sport infrastructures.

#### 14.4 Decisions regarding new affiliations

The President continued with the proposal of two new affiliations. First, Angola, and in accordance with the FIM Statutes he asked its representative to come present the respective association, the FADM, to the tribune.

##### 14.4.1 Affiliation of Angola (FADM)

The President of the FADM, Mr Ramiro Manuel Barreira, greeted and thanked President Viegas, the President of FIM Africa, Mr Marco Comana, the members of this GA, and wished to particularly thank Mrs Brigitte Zufferey, who had contributed a great deal to Angola's being able to present itself here before this great family which had worked so hard to promote motorcycling around the world.

He wished to briefly explain the situation of this sport in Angola, a country where many people had taken part in the development of motorcycling. Despite the 30 years of war that had shaken the country, one of the world's most beautiful racetracks was situated in Luanda, on which Emerson Fittipaldi raced. In 1974 Angola had been Africa's second-ranking country in the area of motorcycling. A huge effort had been made which eventually had led to the founding of the motorcycling federation in 2013, of which he was the current President. This country organised events for Motocross, 250cc and 150cc, though also SuperMoto 400cc, cross-country rallies and bajas. It counted 12 motorcycle touring clubs. Mr Ramiro Manuel Barreira asked the FIM Family to welcome the FADM, so it could further develop motorcycling in his country. He showed a video to present the activities carried out in his country.

N° GA2019_18	<b>Item: Affiliation of the FADM of Angola with the FIM</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote the affiliation of Angola	
	<b>Decision :</b> THE AFFILIATION OF ANGOLA AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE FIM WAS APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION	

The President announced that the second candidate for affiliation was Cambodia and asked its representative to step forward and present his country.

##### 14.4.2 Affiliation of Cambodia (CMSF)

Mr Wong Pily introduces himself as the Vice-President of the CMRSF (Cambodian Moto Sport Federation), which had been recognised by the CIO in 2012. His Federation had organised numerous competitions and was already a member of the FIA. His Federation comprised one hundred members who took part in races and they would be very happy to join the FIM Family, whereby he consequently requested that its affiliation be accepted.



N° GA2019_19	<b>Item: Affiliation of the CMRSF of Cambodia with the FIM</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote the affiliation of Cambodia	
	<b>Decision :</b> THE AFFILIATION OF CAMBODIA AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE FIM WAS APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION	

The President announced that due to the late hour it would not be possible to consider point 14.5 on information concerning Israel, Canada, Mozambique and South Korea, as foreseen in the agenda.

## 15. Amendments and Proposals

The President yielded the floor to Mr Jacques Bolle, Vice-President of the FIM.

### 15.1 Approval of the amendments to the Statutes and By-Laws

After explaining that the FIM had been working to modernise and clarify the Statutes, Mr Bolle wished like to present a major point and quickly pass over the other points, which had already been considered the day before during the warm-up and for which the FMNs had already received all respective documents in the agenda. He was at everyone's disposal to answer all their questions.

Mr Bolle presented the amendment proposed for *Article 12.1.8. paras. 5) and 6)*. The FIM President could currently be elected by just one country in the case, for example where there would be only one single candidate. To prevent that, and so that the President represented the majority, the Board of Directors proposed that blank ballots be considered valid ballots. In other words, if more than 50% of those who voted casted blank ballots, the single candidate up for election would not have a majority, given that to be elected the support of at least 50% of the valid ballots were necessary.

The President submitted this proposal to the GA.

N° GA2019_20	<b>Item: Amendment of article 12.1.8. paras. 5) and 6) of the Statutes</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote the validation of blank ballots	
	<b>Decision:</b> THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 12.1.8. PARAS. 5) AND 6) OF THE STATUTES WAS APPROVED	

The President explained that the amendment as proposed of Article 11.1.5.2 para. 3 (Suspension) concerned the procedure for urgent suspension of a Federation, but due to a certain number of questions still raised about this subject, the Board preferred to withdraw it so it could be reworked and presented next year. Consequently, for the time being the only reason for suspending a Federation was solely the failure to make payment; its suspension was not possible even in the case of reprehensible activity.

There were many other proposals. If no delegate wished to ask a question, they would be voted upon en bloc. No question was asked, so the President proposed going ahead with the vote and all the proposals were adopted.



N°	Item: Amendments to the Statutes and By-Laws	Raised by: JVI
GA2019_21	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote of the GA a bloc of amendments meant to modernise the Statutes and By-Laws of the FIM: Glossary, Articles 4 (headquarters and legal status) and 5 (arbitration clause), Article 9 (financial resources), Article 11.1.5.2 para 2 (Suspension), Article 11.1.5.3 (expulsion), Article 12 (bodies of the FIM), Article 12.1.1 (participation in the GA), Article 12.1.2. para. 3 (voting rights), Article 12.1.4 (agenda), Article 12.1.7 (authority of the GA), Article 12.1.10.1 (criteria applicable to candidacies for a position of President, elected member of the BD and Auditor of the FIM), Article 12.1.10.5 para. 5 (applicable incompatibilities), Article 12.2.2 para. 2 letters j, l, and m (authority of the BD), Article 12.2.3 (meetings), Article 12.2.4 para. 1 c) (the President), Article 12.2.4 para. 1 g) and Article 12.2.4 para. 4 (the President), Article 12.5.1 (the Chief Executive Officer), Article X 2) (Procedure applicable to elections), Article XII 2) para. 4 (Commission terms of reference), Article XII 3) (the Commissions), Article XVI (protocol at official ceremonies), Article XVII (FIM distinctions and FIM trophies)	
	<b>Decision: THE AMENDMENTS OF THE STATUTES AND OF THE BY-LAWS AS PROPOSED WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED</b>	

The President asked the representative of the Greek Federation to step up and present his proposals.

Mr Theodoros Rachiotis stated that he represented the Greek motorcycling Federation, AMOTOE, and that due to the late hour he would merge into one single request the first two proposals he had wanted to present and which concerned Articles 60.5 and 110.3 of the Sporting Code.

He recalled that Article 60.5 of the FIM Statutes envisaged a provision that exempted from all liability the entities involved in organising a race, i.e. the FIM, the Federations, the organiser, etc., in the event of damages, injuries or losses. He recalled the facts: the theft of two motorcycles during a competition in England in 2017. In the wake of that incident the Greek Federation had asked the FIM to modify this Article, a proposal for which the Board of Directors had issued an unfavourable recommendation. The speaker considered that no matter what disagreement placed a Federation at loggerheads with the FIM, it would be judged abusive, according to this Article. He would therefore like to add to this Article a paragraph foreseeing that this provision does not apply in case of flagrant negligence or willful professional misconduct of its employees or representatives.

The third proposal concerned the financial aid AMOTOE had requested regarding the previously mentioned theft of two motorcycles. He also recalled that his Federation had never been advised to take its own security measures. That is why he had filed a request for compensation from the FIM during the 2018 GA. According to AMOTOE, an agreement to pay the sum of € 14,400 to the Greek Federation had been reached, but that sum had never been paid. AMOTOE consequently requested that the President submit this financial aid of € 14,400 for AMOTOE to the vote of the GA.

The fourth proposal was withdrawn, in so far as most of its points, including the vote by secret ballot, were put into practice, even though AMOTOE believed it would be appropriate to vote with the aid of paper already printed and not blank paper, and that the tellers be chosen by the delegates and not by the Administration.

The President stated that nothing about this financial aid had been formalised in writing, and having submitted it to the Board of Directors in February 2019, they had decided to end this case once and for all. Many motorcycles were stolen during international competitions and the FIM could not take on this responsibility. Funds could be granted for interesting projects. He asked Mr Jan Stovicek to explain to the Assembly the position of the Board of Directors regarding these different proposals.

Mr Stovicek declared that the Board of Directors regretted the theft of the Greek Federation's motorcycles. The Board was aware that resources were limited for everyone, but the FIM could not be held liable for the numerous thefts that took place every year. The aim of this Article of the Statutes was to protect the FIM, but also the CONUs and through them the Federations. He indicated that in case of proven individual wrongdoing or negligence, a person may have to face justice and this despite this Article, but that could not be anticipated. That is why the Board of Directors recommended that the proposals to amend Articles 60.5 and 110.3 of the Sporting Code, as proposed by AMOTOE, be rejected.

As for the voting procedure for elections, Mr Stovicek indicated that no rule prevented a representative from attending the vote count and that it was better not to overly complicate the rules, at the risk of indefinitely prolonging this General Assembly.



The President submitted to votes the amendment of Article 60.5 of the Sporting Code proposed by AMOTOE.

N° GA2019_22	<b>Item: Amendment of Article 60.5 of the Sporting Code</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote of the GA the amendment of article 60.5 of the Sporting Code proposed by AMOTOE	
	<b>Decision: THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 60.5 OF THE SPORTING CODE PROPOSED BY AMOTOE WAS REJECTED</b>	

The President submitted to votes the amendment of Article 110.3 of the Sporting Code proposed by AMOTOE.

N° GA2019_23	<b>Item: Amendment of Article 110.3 of the Sporting Code</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote of the GA the amendment of Article 110.3 proposed by AMOTOE	
	<b>Decision: THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 110.3 OF THE SPORTING CODE PROPOSED BY AMOTOE WAS REJECTED</b>	

The President submits to votes the award of a subsidy of € 14,400 to the Greek Federation as compensation for the theft of two motorcycles.

N° GA2019_24	<b>Item: Award of a subsidy of € 14,400 to AMOTOE</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to the vote of the GA the award of a subsidy of € 14,400 as compensation for the theft of two AMOTOE motorcycles	
	<b>Decision: THE AWARD OF THE SUBSIDY WAS REJECTED</b>	

The President yielded the floor to the representative of Portugal's Federation for his proposal.

Before going into his proposal, Mr Manuel Marinheiro wished to address a few words to Mr Stylianos Korelis, to tell him that he was also present during the motocross of nations when the theft of the motorcycles had occurred and that he was sorry but the FIM could not be held liable for such a theft and an Article could not be amended for one particular case.

Articles 110.1.1 and 110.1.2 of the Sporting Code indicated that an organiser must present an insurance policy that covered not just its own liability, but also its liability vis-à-vis the participants, sponsors, manufacturers and officials in case of damage affecting third parties. According to Mr Marinheiro, organisers would find it hard to subscribe to this kind of insurance for a Moto GP, a Motocross event, etc. Most international events were organised without this insurance. If a rider, for example, had an accident and another motorcycle was involved, it was a racing accident. But if cross-liability was imposed, that meant that one of the riders must pay for the motorcycle of the other rider. That represented a very high cost for organisers and he proposed to henceforth remove cross-liability from this insurance.

Regarding insurance for events with and without promoters, he proposed correcting the last paragraph with respect to reciprocity. In motorcycling sport, cross-liability should never be imposed and the teams and manufacturers should subscribe to their own insurance to cover damages. It would otherwise be impossible to get insurance to organise an event.

The President indicated that the Board of Directors recommended accepting these two amendments to the Sporting Code presented by the Portuguese Federation.

He asked the GA if anyone wished to speak, then submitted these proposals to votes.



N° GA2019_25	<b>Item: Amendment of Article 110.1.1. and Article 110.1.2. of the Sporting Code</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote of the GA the amendments of Articles 110.1.1. and 110.1.2. of the Sporting Code proposed by the FMP	
	<b>Decision: THE AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES 110.1.1 AND 110.1.2 PROPOSED BY THE FMP WERE APPROVED</b>	

The President gave the floor to Mr Jean-Paul Gombeaud, FIM Sport Director, so he could present en bloc the proposed amendments to the Sporting Code.

## 15.2 Approval of amendments to the FIM Sporting Code

Mr Gombeaud indicated that many proposals had actually been made to obtain promoters for new Championships and that the GA had had time to study them. He asked the GA if it had any questions for him.

In the absence of questions, the President submitted these amendments to the vote of the GA.

N° GA2019_26	<b>Item: Approval of amendments to the Sporting Code</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote of the GA the amendments concerning the Sporting Code: Article 10.1 Event categories, Article 10.1.3 FIM training camps, Article 30.1.1 World Championships, Article 30.1.2 FIM Prize	
	<b>Decision: THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SPORTING CODE WERE APPROVED AS PROPOSED</b>	

The President proposed to continue with the new calendar and licence fees.

### 15.2.1 Approval of the proposals for new calendar and licence fees

Mr Gombeaud indicated that the FIM had studied the question of E-bike licences, the licence rights of the UCI and of the Federations and proposed a licence with an extremely low cost. He also recalled that there was still no insurance for amateurs but only for the 'elites'. He proposed voting en bloc for these proposals.

N° GA2019_27	<b>Item: Proposals for new calendar and licence fees</b>	<b>Raised by: JVI</b>
	<b>Information:</b> The President submitted to vote of the GA the proposal concerning the new calendar and licence fees (E-bike and Cross-Country Rallies)	
	<b>Decision: THE PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED</b>	



The President announced that this GA would now consider more agreeable matters. He called Mr Pedro Ventura to the tribune for a surprise requested by FIM LATIN AMERICA.

## 16. Upcoming official FIM meetings and FIM Awards Ceremony

Mrs Nita Korhonen briefly provided the latest information about the FIM Awards Ceremony and the Sunday morning agenda with the different scheduled meetings, for the newly affiliated federations, for the Secretary generals, which would basically consider licences, insurance coverage for riders, sound level control and digitalisation.

She presented the FIM Awards tomorrow evening, with 600 people present. In 2020 the General Assembly and FIM Awards Ceremony would be held on 21-22 November in Monte Carlo. She also mentioned that the Conference of Commissions will be held on 15-16 February 2020 in Geneva (Switzerland).

## 17. FIM Awards and recognition and FMN anniversaries

### 17.1 Awards and recognition and FMN anniversaries

Mr Pedro Ventura, President of FIM Latin America, declared that for him it was a great honour to present an award to Don Jorge Cabezas San Simon, a person known worldwide in motorcycling, whom the Latin America FIM Family considered its “uncle” (*tío*). Mr Cabezas had since January 1975 effectively supported and helped create the ULM (Motorcycling Union of Latin America), the current FIM Latin America. For this reason, Mr Cabezas received a commemorative plaque in the name of FIM Latin America.

For the first time, an individual recognition was awarded in the framework of the FIM General Assembly for touring activities, thereby stressing the importance of non-sport activities within the FIM. It concerned the World Touring Challenge, which was won by Mr Roberto Natali of Italy. Mr Natali was very active in motorcycle touring activities. During this competition he had crossed 10 countries, travelling more than 20,000 km, often accompanied by his 11-year old son Angelo. But his most beautiful discovery was to verify the excellent welcome reserved for motorcyclists everywhere in the world. He urged members of the Family to keep in mind the importance of motorcycle touring and its development.

### Approval of FIM Honorary Members for 2019

The candidates for honorary status were presented and approved by the General Assembly. They are the following persons:

Mr André PAHUD, honorary member of the Technical Commission (CTI);  
Mr Jan-Eric SÄLLQVIST, honorary member of the Motocross Commission (CMRS);  
Mr Faryd SUNGKAR, honorary member of the Motocross Commission (CMRS);  
Dr Reinhard KRAENZLER, honorary member of the Medical Commission (CMI);  
Mr Rui CASTRO, honorary member of the Trial Commission (CTR); and  
Mr Oriol PUIG BULTO, honorary director of the Technical Commission (CTI).

Mr Oriol Puig Bulto was present at this General Assembly and said he was very honoured to receive this status after being a part of the FIM for 45 years. He was very proud to remain a member of the FIM Family and thanked the President and the Board of Directors of the FIM for this nomination.

The President called forward Mr Rui Castro, also attending this General Assembly. The latter thanked the President and the Board of Directors for this honour. Mr Castro as well as the other honorary members mentioned above would receive their certificates during the February 2020 Conference of Commissions in Geneva.



N° GA2019_28	Item: Proposals for nominations of Honorary Members of FIM bodies	Raised by: JVI
	Information: Approval of the various candidatures for honorary titles	
	Decision: PROPOSALS APPROVED	

### FIM Distinctions

Finally, Mr Copioli announced the award of the Nicolas Rodil del Valle Gold Medal to **Mr Robert Rasor (AMA)**. The latter said he was very honoured to receive this medal after 43 years of work for world motorcycling and wished to thank his friend Jorge Viegas for the work done together, his friend, colleague and successor at the AMA, Mr Robert Dingman, for his support, as well as all members of the FIM Family.

The Nicolas Rodil del Valle Gold Medal was also awarded to **Mr Michio Arai, President of Arai Helmet Ltd. (Japan)**. The President accordingly told the story of his meeting with Mr Arai when he went to Japan this year for the Endurance competition (8 hours of Suzuka). Another meeting had been foreseen, but on that day the Olympic Committee had decided to do a test, closing all businesses in the centre of Tokyo to check the state of traffic several months before the Olympic Games. Forced against his will to stay in Tokyo, he remembered that Mr Arai had invited him to visit his helmet manufacturing facility and was truly happy to do so on this unexpected occasion. The President noted that this medal was particularly important, because it showed that not just riders and members of the FIM Family could receive FIM distinctions and recognitions, but also manufacturers and others involved in the world of motorcycling. Mr Arai is the first person outside close FIM Family to receive this award. He thanked Mr Arai emphatically for the work accomplished for rider safety.

Mr Michio Arai thanked the FIM for this honour. He explained that his father had been a motorcyclist during a time when there were no helmets! He had made his own helmet and that's how this industry began. Mr Michio Arai had himself practiced motorcycling and grew professionally in his father's factory. In the 1970s, when the time came for his succession, he had wondered whether it would be worth it... This gold medal received today proved that he had made the right choice back then! He also thanked Mr Viegas and all the present Assembly.

### Federation anniversaries

The FIM awarded a commemorative plaque to the representatives of the following Federations to mark the celebration of major anniversaries in 2019; an official photo was taken.



NAME		CREATION / AFFILIATION	ANNIVERSARY
Royal Motorcycle Club of Jordan	RM CJ	2009/2010	10
Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of Uganda	FMCU	1999/2011	20
Federacion Deportiva Peruana de Motociclismo	FDEPEM	1979/1986	40
Fédération Tunisienne de Motocyclisme et des activités associées	FTM	1979 – 2005 / 1985 - 2005	40
Oman Automobile Association	OAA	1979/2014	40
Unión Nicaraguense de Motociclismo	UNIMOTO	1979/1991	40
Motor Sports Singapore	MSS	1969/1984	50
Federación Cubana de Motociclismo	FCM	1959/1965	60
Automobile & Touring Club of Israel	MEMSI	1949/1999	70
Avto-Moto Zveza Slovenije	AMZS	1909/1993	110

The representatives of the FIM national Federations celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary were called to the stage.

## 18. Closing of the meeting

The President was happy that this long day had ended with the accomplishment of numerous tasks, during which everyone had been able to freely express themselves. He thanked all the participants and declared the 2019 General Assembly closed.

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				Present ✓ Absent X	Present ✓ Absent X
Algeria Algérie	FASM	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
Andorra Andorre	FMA	Natàlia	GALLEGO	✓	✓
Argentina Argentine	CAMOD	Arturo	SCALISE	✓	✓
Australia Australie	MA	Peter	DOYLE	✓	✓
Austria Autriche	AMF	Harald	HERTZ	✓	✓
Bahrain Bahrein	BAMF	Isa Ismaeel	ALAWADHI	✓	✓
Belarus Belarus	BFMS			X	X
Belgium Belgique	FMB	Stijn	RENTMEESTERS	✓	✓
Bolivia Bolivie	FBM	Nancy	DIEZ	✓	✓
Bosnia and Herzegovina Bosnie-Herzégovine	BIHAMK			X	X
Botswana Botswana	BMS			X	X
Brazil Brésil	CBM	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
Bulgaria Bulgarie	BMF	Ivo	TSVETANOV	✓	✓
Canada Canada	CMA	John	PINEO	✓	✓
Chile Chili	FMC	José Tomas	DÍAZ	✓	✓
China Chine	CAMF	He	JIANDONG	✓	✓
Chinese Taipei Chinese Taipei	CTMS	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
Colombia Colombie	CFM	Fernando Cesar	MOLANO JIMENEZ	✓	✓
Costa Rica Costa Rica	FMCR	Marco	CERCONE CABEZAS	✓	✓
Croatia Croatie	HMS	Stjepan	PERŠIN	✓	✓
Cuba Cuba	FCM	Roberto	CARBONELL GIL	✓	✓
Cyprus Chypre	CYMF	Zannettos	KOUMASI	✓	✓
Czech Republic République Tchèque	ACCR	Pavel	KONECNY	✓	✓
Denmark Danemark	DMU	Ole	HANSEN	✓	✓
Dominican, Rep. Dominicaine, Rép.	FDM	Valerio	PASTORINO	✓	✓
Ecuador Equateur	FEM	Ignacio Antonio	TORRES ASSEMAN Y	✓	✓
Egypt Égypte	ATCE	Hamdy Sayed Mohamed	EL SAYED	✓	✓
El Salvador El Salvador	FESAMOTO	Guillermo Antonio	HERNANDEZ JUAREZ	✓	✓
Estonia Estonie	EMF	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
Finland Finlande	SML	Kurt	LIUNGQVIST	✓	✓
France France	FFM	Jean-Marc	DESNUES	✓	✓
Germany Allemagne	DMSB	Hans-Robert	KREUTZ	✓	✓
Great Britain Grande-Bretagne	ACU	John	COLLINS	✓	✓
Greece Grèce	AMOTOE	Stylios	KORELIS	✓	✓

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Guam Guam	GMAC	Stanley	YASUHIRO	✓	✓
Guatemala Guatemala	FNMG	Gerardo Adolfo	GÁNDARA SALAZAR	✓	X
Honduras Honduras	FEHMOTO	Jesus	MEJIA	X	✓
Hong Kong, China Hong Kong, Chine	HKAA			X	X
Hungary Hongrie	MAMS	Henrik	HERMANN	✓	✓
Iceland Islande	MSI	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
India Inde	FMSCI	Prithviraj	JAGANNATHAN	✓	✓
Indonesia Indonésie	IMI	Sadikin	AKSA	✓	✓
Iran, Republic Iran, République	MAFIRI			X	X
Ireland Irlande	MCUI	David	RODGERS	✓	✓
Israel Israël	MEMSI	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
Italy Italie	FMI	Alberto	RINALDELLI	✓	✓
Japan Japon	MFJ	Tetsuo	SUZUKI	✓	✓
Jordan Jordanie	RMCJ	Omar H.	ZAROUR	✓	✓
Kazakhstan Kazakhstan	AMFK	Marat	ABYKAYEV	✓	✓
Kenya Kenya	KMSF			X	X
Korea, Republic Corée, République	KMF	Dong Ki	LEE	✓	✓
Kuwait Koweït	KIAC	Essa Hamzah	ALFAILAKAWI	✓	✓
Kyrgyzstan Kirghizistan	AMSRF	Aibek	TYNAMSEITOV	✓	✓
Latvia Lettonie	LaMSF	Martins	LAZDOVSKIS	✓	✓
Lebanon Liban	LMC	Charbel	ASSAKER	✓	✓
Libya Libye	LMF	Masaud	ELJERBI	✓	✓
Liechtenstein Liechtenstein	LMV			X	X
Lithuania Lituanie	LMSF	Robertas	BENEDIKTAVICIUS	✓	✓
Luxembourg Luxembourg	MUL	Jean-Pierre	KAUFFMANN	✓	✓
Macao, China Macao, Chine	AAMC	Bonnie	CHEONG CHI TAN	✓	✓
Madagascar Madagascar	FMaM	Tsirava	RAZAFIMAHEFA	✓	✓
Malaysia Malaisie	AAM	Nik Mohd Rafizan	NIK RASHID	✓	✓
Malta Malte	ASMK			X	X
Mauritania Mauritanie	FMSM	Abdoul Wedoud	DAHANE	✓	✓
Mexique Mexico	FMM			X	X
Moldavia Moldavie	FMRM	Victor	GOLOVICICHIN	✓	X
Monaco Monaco	MCM	André-Philippe	POLLANO	✓	✓
Mongolia Mongolie	MAMSF	Dashdondog	OCHIRSUKH	✓	✓
Montenegro Montenegro	MFM			X	X

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Morocco Maroc	FRMM	Abdallah	LARAICHI	✓	✓
Namibia Namibie	NMSF	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
Népal Nepal	NASA	Govinda Prasad	BHATTARAI	✓	✓
Netherlands Pays-Bas	KNMV	Patrice	ASSEDELFT	✓	✓
New Zealand Nouvelle-Zélande	MNZ	Noel	MAY	✓	✓
Nicaragua Nicaragua	UNIMOTO	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
North Macedonia Macédoine du Nord	MFMA	Zoran	TRAJKOVSKI	✓	✓
Norway Norvège	NMF	Tony	ISAKSEN	✓	✓
Oman Oman	OAA	Hisham Juma Said	AL SINANI	✓	✓
Palestine Palestine	PMSMF			X	X
Panama Panama	UPM	Oriel Jesus	PEREGRINA	✓	✓
Paraguay Paraguay	FEPAM			X	X
Peru Pérou	FDEPEM	Pedro	VENTURO MARKOCH	✓	✓
Philippines Philippines	NAMSSA	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
Poland Pologne	PZM	Michal	SIKORA	✓	✓
Portugal Portugal	FMP	Manuel	MARINHEIRO	✓	✓
Puerto Rico Porto Rico	FMPR			X	X
Qatar Qatar	QMMF	Abdulrahman	AL MANNAI	✓	✓
Romania Roumanie	FRM	Cristian	MURESAN	✓	✓
Russian Federation Fédération de Russie	MFR	Alexander	DZHEUS	✓	✓
San Marino Saint-Marin	FSM	Denis	ZANOTTI	✓	✓
Saudi Arabia Arabie Saoudite	SAMF			X	X
Serbia Serbie	AMSS	Jovana	LUKIC	✓	✓
Singapore Singapour	MSS	Thamodharan	KRISHNAN	✓	✓
Slovakia Slovaquie	SMF	Peter	LAZAR	✓	✓
Slovenia Slovénie	AMZS	Anton	BREZNIK	✓	✓
South Africa Afrique du Sud	MSA	Adrian	SCHOLTZ	✓	✓
Spain Espagne	RFME	Manuel	CASADO	✓	✓
Sri Lanka Sri Lanka	FMSSL	K.M.R. Manohan	SYLVA	✓	✓
Sweden Suède	SVEMO	Hakan	LEEMAN	✓	✓
Switzerland Suisse	FMS	Willy	LÄDERACH	✓	✓
Thailand Thaïlande	FMSCT	Kraitos	WONGSAWAN	✓	✓
Tunisia Tunisie	FTM	Afif	TRABELSI	✓	✓
Turkey Turquie	TMF	Mahmut Nedim	AKÜLKE	✓	✓
Uganda Ouganda	FMCU	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X

Voting Delegates 2019 FIM General Assembly - Délégués Votants Assemblée Générale FIM 2019

Country Pays	FMN	Voting Delegate Délégué Votant First Name - Prénom	Voting Delegate Délégué Votant Last Name - Nom	General Assembly 30.11.2019 morning - matin Assemblée Générale	General Assembly 30.11.2019 afternoon - après-midi Assemblée Générale
Ukraine Ukraine	FMU	Sergil	LIATOSINSKYI	✓	✓
United Arab Emirates Emirats Arabes Unis	EMSO	Mohammed	BEN SULAYEM	✓	✓
United States Etats-Unis	AMA	Bill	CUMBOW	✓	✓
Uruguay Uruguay	FUM			X	X
Venezuela Venezuela	FMV	Alejandro	AVENDAÑO	✓	✓
Zambia Zambie	ZMSA	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
Zimbabwe Zimbabwe	MSZ	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	X	X
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>				<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>



## 2019 FIM OBITUARY

### **OBITUAIRE FIM 2019**

This list includes riders who had died in FIM events, former riders in FIM competitions and former members of FIM bodies who died since the last FIM General Assembly.

*Cette liste comprend les coureurs décédés dans le cadre de manifestations FIM, d'anciens pilotes ayant participé à des manifestations FIM ainsi que les membres et anciens membres des organes FIM décédés depuis la dernière Assemblée Générale.*

Mr	Miloslav	VERNER	18.12.2018
Mr	Dieter	SASS	30.12.2018
Mr	Klaus	ENDERS	20.01.2019
Mr	Mirko	BUTULIJA	22.02.2019
Mr	Frank	HANSEN	15.02.2019
Mr	Bertrand	SEBILEAU	15.03.2019
Mr	Marcos	GARRIDO	24.03.2019
Mr	Herbert	SCHMITZ	26.03.2019
Mr	Duarte	FORJAZ	14.04.2019
Mr	Gavin	WILLSON	23.04.2019
Mr	Jorgen L.	JENSEN	07.05.2019
Mr	Jean-Paul	PLEE	17.05.2019
Mr	Antti	PENDIKAINEN	26.05.2019
Mr	Graham	STEWART	09.06.2019
Mr	Mathias	GNÄGI	15.06.2019
Mr	Xavier	PERMANYER	16.06.2019
Mr	Are	ANTONSEN	21.06.2019
Mr	Rolf	DIEFFENBACH	30.06.2019
Mr	Mitsuo	ITOH	03.07.2019
Mr	Aurelio	MARTINEZ	05.07.2019
Mr	Łukasz	LONKA	10.07.2019
Mr	Luca	SEMPRINI	01.08.2019
Mr	Afridza	MUNANDAR	03.11.2019
Mr	Pierluigi	MATTIOLI	14.11.2019