



**MINUTES**  
**OF THE MEETING OF THE IWWF EUROPE & AFRICA TOURNAMENT COUNCIL**  
**held at the H+ HOTEL, HALLE, GERMANY**  
**on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**1. Attendance and Apologies for absence**

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Candido Moz            *Chairman*  
Inessa Potes           *Secretary*  
Dimos Alexopoulos  
Donal Connolly  
Christophe Duverger  
Stian Lilleberg  
Hannu Rintanen  
Nigel Talamo  
Ricardo Botas         *(only on Sunday after his election)*

**Apology for absence:**

Clémentine Lucine *(Prior appointment with superpower)*

The meeting commenced at 0830. Candido welcomed all members to the TC meeting. Inessa would like to start transferring some of her secretarial workload due to some family reasons and possible lack of financial support from her Federation, so Nigel took the minutes.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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The Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Monte Carlo Bay Hotel were agreed as a true record

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes and items for Other Business**

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**Financial administration for Championships.**

Prior to tackling the agenda, the TC had a final discussion to set out the process which the Office will adopt to administer finances associated with E&A championships.

Starting from this year, Intention to enter fees, Entry fees, Familiarisation fees et.c. Will be sent directly to a separate account which will be run by the Office. The office will then distribute appropriate funds to organisers according to a rigid timetable. Procedures and timetables (for this year) were finalised.

Brit (for the Office) visited the meeting and was briefed on how to proceed.

A letter will be sent to all Federations to explain the new system and to state the deadlines for each tournament.

### **Possible clash of interests with new TC member**

The TC had a discussion about the probable election to the TC of Ricardo Botas. Mr Botas is a member of the recently formed Drivers Commission. The Drivers Commission must elect within themselves a representative for the World TC. It was agreed that there was no problem with Mr Botas serving on both the Tournament Council and the Drivers Commission. It was also agreed that if elected to the TC, Mr Botas would not put himself forward as a candidate for the Drivers WTC Representative. Candido informed Ricardo, before the election, of this decision.

In addition, to make the Drivers Commission more representative, it should be expanded to 6 members in total. Therefore the drivers who received the most votes will form the Drivers Commission. These are:

Ian Campbell	GBR
Davide Gandola	ITA
Ricardo Botas	ESP
Ioannis Doimas	GRE
Tito Sonzogni	ITA
Vincent Stadlbaur	SUI

### **a) Eye Trick system update**

Donal had worked on the system this winter and he has concerns that the system is still not ready to roll-out and that the work involved by himself and by the Federations to successfully roll out the system will be significant. To complete the development and then correctly educate the community of judges, scorers and technical people, he needs to invest considerable additional time and money into the project. He is not ready to do this until he has enough commitment from enough federations worldwide to make this worthwhile.

As IWWF World President Perez-Priego and Executive Director Fong were attending the Congress, Donal made a small presentation to them for feedback. Following this meeting it was agreed that the priority for Donal to work on was an automatic way of monitoring Slalom End Course. eyeTrick will be revisited at a later date.

### **b) End Course**

Skiers have been asking for more stringent slalom end-course monitoring. Uploading end course video is time consuming for all involved. Furthermore, out of tolerance passes are only spotted after the tournament has finished. Even when end course is monitored at the site and according to the rules, too often bad passes are not noticed. The TC believes that it has become extremely important to monitoring end course passes (reliably and easily). The importance of this has also expressly declared by the IWWF President Jose Antonio Perez Priego, and should be consider as a priority.

Donal has proposed himself to develop his SplashEye End Course System which will automatically monitor end course video in real time and generate an instant analysis of the boat path with a pass or fail result. All boat paths will be compiled into a summary which can be sent to the TC. The software will be made available free of charge in E&A. TC thank Donal for his offer and his effort on doing this.

### **c) Update on downgraded tournament.**

Last year a tournament was held in Belgium where over 50% of the slalom passes in one round, were out of tolerance. An inquiry was opened and the TC received a letter from the Chief Judge. The problem was attributed to the inexperience of one driver and one boat judge together with some unfortunate management issues. The homologation level of the tournament was downgraded. The TC will send letters of reprimand to the Belgian and Netherlands federations.

### **d) Finances as of 2018**

The coffers of the TC are healthy and show a handy surplus. The TC therefore has the liberty to consider supporting some new educational initiatives. Proposals will be presented in due course.

### **e) Rule for Under 10 and Under 14**

PanAm has agreed to fall into line with Asia, E&A and Oceania regarding age categories. We now will all use U14, U12 and U10 (although PanAm has yet to adopt U12). There are still some anomalies in shortening speeds but Candido and Dimos are working with the septsics toward global harmonisation.

### **f) Medals**

We have a new medal supplier. Nigel confirmed the requirements for Tournament and Disabled divisions with the help of Dany de Bakker from the Disabled Council. The order will be sent to the new supplier before February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **4. Election of TC officers**

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This was done during the lunch break in the Congress on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

On the morning of the Congress, all existing TC members were re-elected. In addition Hannu Rintanen and Ricardo Botas were elected to the Tournament Council. (For the previous 2 years, Hannu had been a co-opted). The make up of the TC is now as follows:

Candido Moz	Chairman, Admincom representative, World TC member.
Inessa Potes	Secretary (alternate WTC Member)
Stian Lilleberg	Treasurer (alternate WTC Member)
Dimos Alexopoulos	World TC member
Nigel Talamo	World TC member
Hannu Rintanen	(alternate WTC Member)
Donal Connelly	(alternate WTC Member)
Christophe Duverger	(alternate WTC Member)
Ricardo Botas	(alternate WTC Member)
Clémentine Lucine	Athlete representative. (Re-elected at the open Worlds 09/17)

## **5. Distribution of Paperwork**

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The following papers were distributed together with the assistance of the Office. Thank you Brit for your work!

November 2017 TC Minutes sent to the Federations and to the Office

Seminar 2018 Bulletin and online registration form

Mediterranean Games 2018: Nomination to the Panel - letter to the appointed officials

Call for interest for the World Junior Championships 2017 and the second Call.

All necessary documents for the Congress to the Office:

- TC president report
- Voting powers
- Records certificates
- Athletes of the year information

## 6. Finance

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### a) To finalise the budget for 2018

All fines and fees had been received and the budget for 2018 was finalised.

### b) Review of E&A Championships travel grants

Under the new procedure outlined at the start of item 3, above, 10 days before the start of the competition the Office will send the Organiser the balance of the entry fees plus a sum to pay for Officials' travel expenses. This travel money will be given in cash to the TC representative to distribute to officials.

For all E&A Championships and the Mediterranean Games, the Travel Grants will be up to €300. Officials will be required to show some evidence of their travel expenses to the TC representative who will make the payment.

### c) Review of travel grants for the Junior Worlds

For the Junior Worlds in Spain, the travel grant from E&A will be €200.

In addition, officials at the Junior Worlds will receive a grant from the organisers which has been harvested from the entry fees. As this grant applies to all officials no matter which confederation they come from, the amount will be dependent on the distance travelled. Stian will devise a formula to divide up the available fund appropriately. (eg: Officials' travel could be: Local, National, European, PanAm, Asia).

### d) Request from UK to lift a fine

The UK was originally fined for cancelling competition 17GBR019. Due to the clash with the Worlds, the organisers were unable, even with the help of the TC, to find key officials to work this competition. Therefore they reluctantly had to cancel the event. Due to the circumstances, the TC decided to cancel this fine.

## 7. Officials

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### a) New Officials' levels and codes

The rulebook must be updated to take into account the new global naming system. In addition the new Officials Cards will be updated with the new system.

The new system is designed to be a global system and will be adopted by all confederations. There are 3 levels of officials. Note that Calculators are now renamed *Scorers*.

LEVEL	Explanation	CURRENT CODE	NEW CODE
LEVEL 1	This is a 'World level'. This level of officials will be subject to periodic retesting in order to retain their qualifications. The exams will be the same worldwide administered by the E&A TC on behalf of the World TC.	JE HI DI CI	J1 H1 D1 S1

<b>LEVEL 2</b>	These are international officials. Any retesting will be conducted by E&A TC  (D2* Some PanAm countries have 2 event drivers)	<b>JS</b> <b>JS2</b> <b>HS</b>	<b>J2</b> <b>J2*</b> <b>H2</b> <b>D2</b> <b>D2*</b> <b>S2</b>
<b>LEVEL 3</b>	All National officials. Responsibility of their federation.	<b>JN</b> <b>CN</b> <b>HN</b> <b>DN</b>	<b>J3</b> <b>S3</b> <b>H3</b> <b>D3</b>

**b) & c) Review of Officials activity and qualifications.**

Dimos and Donal have compiled a list of all officials activity over the last 3 years. The lists were reviewed by the TC. Some officials have been upgraded and others down. Some are new. The amended lists have been compiled and are included in a separate document attached to these minutes.

**e) National Officials**

Since some National (L3) officials are permitted to work at L events, the TC needs to compile lists of qualified National Officials. Nigel will write to all federations to request this information

**f) Official's Seminar 2017**

The TC thanked Greek federation and especially Aristotelis Balais, John Doimas, Mandy Lambiri and the group for former skiers for all their work in the organisation of this important Seminar and very intensive evening programs.

**g) Officials' Seminar 2018.**

The 2018 IWWF Europe & Africa Tournament and Disabled Officials Seminar will be hosted by the Czech Water-Ski Federation in Prague between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The venue will be the Wellness Hotel Step, Malletova 1141/4, Prague. The provisional schedule is:

Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 14:00 - 20:00  
Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> 09:00 -19:00  
Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> 09:00 -12:00

The program will contain a special session how to upload the competition data to the E&A and IWWF sites to avoid the numerous problems at the end of the season. All federations should encourage their officials (not just the international but also National homologators and calculators) to visit the Seminar.

Booking for the seminar can be made and paid for at [shop.cwwf.cz](http://shop.cwwf.cz)

Officials are reminded that they must have attended an officials seminar within a 3 year period in order to be considered for E&A titled events.

**h) Contact Management System**

Donal has created a unified contact database using proprietary software. All TC members have had instruction on its use. When mass mailings go out they will be sent using this system.

## 8. Skiers

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### a) Best Performances. Records and Skiers of the Year

Inessa prepared the certificates which were signed and presented at the Congress

### b) Athlete commission report

Due to the absence of Clémentine, this has yet to be submitted.

## 9. Major Event Panels

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### a) Calendar and Call for interest for major events

The 2018 calendar is published on the TC website <http://iwwfeatc.com/2018-calendar>

There will be a call for interest from officials interested in applying to work at the E&A Titled events, Cash Prize and Record events. Inessa will prepare the letter which will be sent by Donal using the new database. The deadline for responses is March 09<sup>th</sup>. The TC will have a web meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 0800 CET to confirm panels for these events.

Event dates to note:

21-24/06	Mediterranean Games	ESP	Tarragona
22-26/08	E&A Youth Championships	UKR	Dnipro
23-26/08	E&A 35+ Championships	GER	Halle
30/08–02/09	E&A U 21 Championships	FRA	Roquebrune-sur-Argens
30/08–02/09	E&A Disabled Championships	FRA	Roquebrune-sur-Argens
06-09/09	E&A Open Championships	GRE	Ioannina
26/11-02/12	World 35+ Championships	CHI	San Bernardo

### b) Call for interest for IWWF World 35+ Championships

The 35+ Worlds will be held in Chile from 26<sup>th</sup> November until 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2018. The call for interest will be included in the above appeal for E&A Championships.

### c) Appointment of officials for the 2018 IWWF Junior Worlds

The call for interest was sent out on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Due to paucity of responses, a further letter was sent out on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The TC will have a small web meeting in the next few days to choose nominations to submit.

## 10. Distribution of Council Members workload

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All regular jobs were reviewed and if necessary re-distributed. A short summary and any changes of some of the work split amongst TC members:

### Hannu

Will look maintain the calendar and our online presence

### Stian

Continues as treasurer and is on the alert for fines. Fines will now be sent monthly, when they arise. Stian will make the calculation and the Office will send the demand.

Stian will also now look after CJ reports. Stian will create a template which will be sent to Chief Judges to return after major events.

### Clémentine and Christophe

Christophe will now help Clémentine check bulletins. A unified template for essential information to be included, will be created to help organisers when they compose bulletins.

## **Dimos and Donal**

Will work together to compile up to date Officials Lists. They will inform Brit who makes the cards.

## **Inessa & Nigel**

It was decided by the TC that Inessa remains the secretary but over the course of the year, she will gradually transfer her secretary job to Nigel because of the reasons mentioned earlier. They will continue to perform their own tasks as before.

## **Ricardo**

Will look after Team Captain's reports. He will create an online reporting system which will be issued to team captains to return after major events. Hannu will publish.

## **11. Correspondence**

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### **a) Letter to Drivers**

Nigel will write to the members of the Drivers Commission to ask them to propose who they want to be their WTC representative and to outline our expectation of them.

### **b) Letters of reprimand**

Letters will be composed by Donal to be sent to the Belgian and Netherlands Federations regarding item 3c discussed previously

### **c) Fees Letter to Federations**

As discussed in item 3 above, a letter will be sent to all federations outlining the new payment system which will be run by the office. With the letter, a timetable of deadlines, and all account details will be included. Brit at the Office will send federations this letter.

### **d) National Officials**

Nigel will write to all federations requesting lists of National officials. Item 7e above

## **12. Other Business**

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### **a) World Exams & judges payment**

At the Congress, IWWF President José Antonio outlined some of his vision for the future of the sport. One aim was to create unified officials exams for the top level of officials. These officials will be regularly re-tested in order to retain their level. Funds will be made available to help with this education and to help these officials attend world events. He would like top officials to be paid a per-diem *and* have their expenses re-imbursed.

The TC discussed his comments. Region E&A is in fact already at the stage where our top officials have to be re-tested to retain their qualifications. It is encouraging that the rest of the world is moving in the same direction.

Regarding *World* exams, Candido has been working with top judges from all regions to establish common standards for trick judging. With their help, he creates the current J1 (previously E&A Judge) exams. These and all other Level 1 exams are taken online. They will now be developed into unified exams for global use. Funds will be found to expand the online server capability which is currently resting on Candido's personal cloud!

### **b) Online Exam alerts and notification**

There was a discussion on how to integrate the new contacts database which Donal has created with the qualifications records which Dimos has been handling for many years. They will work together to organise this. The contacts database will help create alerts for when officials need to be re-tested or attend seminars. In addition when a candidate passes an online exam, the results will be circulated to all TC members automatically.

If an Official want to take any exam, new or re-exam, they must submit a request via our website <http://iwwfeatc.com/officials> and complete the application form.

**c) Carmelo Cannizzaro passed away recently.**

The TC acknowledges and appreciates his work driving for many tournaments over the years.

**d) Ricardo Botas was welcomed to the TC after his election at the congress**

**e)Trick judging decisions**

Candido had made a detailed analysis of judges decisions at world events last year. He dissected all the pink sheets to see which judges were scratching which tricks and with what degree of regularity. It is clear that there is a problem with a few tricks where consistency between judges is very diverse. Candido will prepare a discussion to be presented at the Prague seminar.

**f) Additional Rules**

Candido and Dimos are working on the additional rules. Nigel will proof-read and correct if necessary

**13. Next meetings**

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The next Tournament Council meeting will be at the Seminar in Prague, CZE.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Tournament Seminar

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Secretary

Inessa Potes

(Prepared by Nigel Talamo)

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Chairman

Candido Moz

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The Minutes are subject to approval at the next Meeting.

Federations please note: The Minutes are sent to all International Officials. Please pass on any relevant information to your National Officials.

Meeting sessions: Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 0830 to 1800. Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> 0900 to 1200



## E&A OFFICIALS CHANGES for 2018

### January 2018 TC Meeting in Halle

Name	Country	from	→ To:	TC DECISION
<b>Int. Judges - J1</b> (former E&A JUDGES - JE)				
DEL BARRIO Patricia	SUI	J1	J2	Must take reexam in Seminar
<b>Int. Judges - J2</b> (former SENIOR JUDGES - JS)				
ANDEOL Thibault	FRA			Ok for 2018
BEGUN Anna	BLR	J2	J3	Federation decision
BONNEMAN Giannina	GER			ok for 2018
BROWAEYS Elisabeth	FRA	J2	J3	Federation decision
CHEVALIER Alain	FRA	J2	J3	Federation decision
D'ALBERTO Lorenzo	ITA	J2	J3	Federation decision
DUBUISSON Alain	FRA			ok for 2018
DUPOND Patrick	FRA			ok for 2018
GRIFFIOEN Marcel	RSA			ok for 2018
GRINHAFH Marc	GBR	J2	J3	Federation decision
HOLMQUIST Ola	SWE	J2	J3	Federation decision
JACQUIER Christophe	FRA			ok for 2018
JOHNSSON Maria	SWE	J2	J3	Federation decision
NIEUWSTAD Brett	RSA			ok for 2018
OOSTERHUIS Jitze	NED	J2	J3	Federation decision
RASEY Derek	GBR	J2	J3	Federation decision
RAUCHENWALD Stefan	AUT			ok for 2018
RITSCHARD Kuno	SUI			ok for 2018
RITSCHARD Vreni	SUI			ok for 2018
SIEBERT Thomas	GER	J2	J3	Federation decision
TORDO Jonathan	FRA			ok for 2018
VANDERMOT Cedric	BEL			ok for 2018
<b>Int. Judges - J2*</b> (former SENIOR JUDGES 2 DISCIPLINES – SJ2D)				
ALLAIS Carlo	ITA			ok for 2018
CORNHILL Eric	RSA			ok for 2018
ELIASSEN Mads	DEN			ok for 2018
GALVIN Barry	IRE			ok for 2018
LOFT Thomas	DEN	J2*	J3	Federation decision
NAPOLITANO Davide	ITA			ok for 2018
PRESZ Jan	POL			ok for 2018
ROUSSELOT Sonia	FRA			ok for 2018
VAN DER MERVE Hannelie	RSA			ok for 2018
VAN DER MERVE Piet	RSA			ok for 2018
VISSER Johan	RSA			ok for 2018
VISSER Marica	RSA			ok for 2018
WHARTON Christopher	GBR			ok for 2018

<b>Int. Scorers - S1</b> (former INT. CALCULATORS - CI)				
DEL BARRIO Patricia	SUI			ok for 2018
HILL Gillian	GBR			ok for 2018
HOWARD Jill	GBR			ok for 2018
KICINOVA Michaela	SVK			One year of absence for 2017
RITSCHARD Vreni	SUI			ok for 2018
RYANZINA Natalia	RUS			ok for 2018
SELIVANOV Sergey	BLR			ok for 2018
<b>Int. Drivers - D1</b> (former INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS -DI)				
CHATZIS Anastasios	GRE			ok for 2018
GALLI Elisabetta	ITA			ok for 2018
GUSENBAUER Jorg	AUT			ok for 2018
KEBBEL Brent	NAM			ok for 2018
KUHN Dieter	AUT	DI	D3	Federation decision
LHOMME Stephane	FRA	DI	D3	Federation decision
MADSEN Peter	DEN			ok for 2018
MEDJA Sasa	SLO	DI	D3	Federation decision
MOOYMAN Duncan	NED	DI	D3	Federation decision
SCHMIDT Martin	NAM			ok for 2018
TORISEVA Pasi	FIN			ok for 2018
VOGT Reiner Kent	GER			ok for 2018
<b>Int. Homologators - H1</b> (former INTERNATIONAL HOMOLOGATORS - HI)				
ALCOCK Richard Charles	RSA			ok for 2018
AMADE Alain	FRA			ok for 2018
BROWAEYS Pierre Andre	FRA			ok for 2018
DEL BARRIO Patricia	SUI			ok for 2018
HOLOPAINEN Tommy	FIN			ok for 2018
NIEUWSTAD Brett	RSA			ok for 2018
OFNER Johanness	AUT			ok for 2018
ROSEN David	SWE			ok for 2018
<b>Int. Homologators - H2</b> (former SENIOR HOMOLOGATORS - HS)				
BUTTGIEG Marc	FRA			ok for 2018
JEISTAD Runar	NOR			ok for 2018
LANGROCK Ulf	GER			ok for 2018

## NEW JUDGES AFTER 2017 EXAMINATIONS

N	Surname	Name	Country	TC Decision
<b>Int. Judges J1 (former E&amp;A JUDGES JE)</b>				
1	SCHERER	Amanda	GER	NEW J1
2	GALLI	Elisabetta	ITA	NEW J1
3	BERAZOUSKAYA	Aliaksandra	BLR	NEW J1
4	SOURTY	Virginie	FRA	NEW J1
5	LUCINE	Clementine	FRA	NEW J1
<b>Int. Judges - J1 re exam</b>				
1	BUZZOTTA	Ilaria	ITA	OK
2	GATTONE	Barbara	ITA	OK
3	MARTIN	Patrice	FRA	OK
4	BALAIS	Aristotelis	GRE	OK
<b>Int. Judges - J2 (former SENIOR JUDGES - JS)</b>				
1	CASERIO	Giovanna	ITA	NEW J2
2	TANCREDI CAVALLI	Ricardo	ITA	NEW J2
3	KOSTANTAKATOU	Caroline	GRE	NEW J2
4	CHALORIS	Alexandros	GRE	NEW J2
5	LAGAE	Pieter-Jan	BEL	NEW J2
6	TURKIN	Siarhei	BLR	NEW J2
<b>Int. Judges J2 TEST</b>				
1	BALAIS	Vassilis	GRE	OK
2	PALOME	Louis	RSA	OK
3	MILIAS	Ion	GRE	OK
<b>Int. Judges - J2* (former SENIOR JUDGES 2 DISCIPLINES – SJ2D)</b>				
1	PRESZ	Jan	POL	NEW J2*
2	ELEFThERIADOU	Aliki Maria	GRE	NEW J2*
3	PAPADIMITRIOU	Aggeliki	GRE	NEW J2*
<b>Int. Judges J2* TEST</b>				
1	NATHANAIL	Georgezz	GRE	OK
2	BURRIDGE	Mark	GBR	OK
3	GREY	David	GBR	OK
4	HORKY	Lukas	CZE	OK
<b>Int. Drivers - D1 (former INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS -DI)</b>				
1	FREI	Arthur	SUI	NEW DI
2	FROGET	Maxim	FRA	NEW DI
3	STAMATIS	Stelios	GRE	NEW DI
4	VLISSIDIS	Ioannis	GRE	NEW DI
5	KONANAU	Vasil	BLR	NEW DI
<b>Int. Homologators H1 (former INTERNATIONAL HOMOLOGATORS HI)</b>				
1	GANDOLA	Davide	ITA	NEW HI
<b>Int. Homologators - H2 (former SENIOR HOMOLOGATORS - HS)</b>				
1	ASHER	Ady	GBR	NEW H2
2	BURRIDGE	Mark	GBR	NEW H2
3	JEISTAD	Runar	NOR	NEW H2