

Dr. Astrit HASANI
EWF President



Dr. Milan MIHAJLOVIC
EWF General Secretary

EWF ORDINARY CONGRESS MINUTES

Batumi, Georgia, April 17, 2026

The Congress commenced at 09:30 local time.

Item 1 - Roll Call

EWF EB Member Patrik Fassot conducted a roll call and concluded 42 out of 46 Member federations were present.

Item 2 - Welcome

EWF President Dr Hasani expressed gratitude for the turnout and thanked the host federation for the exceptional efforts in the organisation of EWC.

Item 3 - Welcome by Host NF

President of the Georgian Weightlifting Federation Talakhadze thanked for the confidence invested in him and his federation, as well as the support of the local authorities. He promised an excellent event and highlighted that financial prizes will be given to medalists for the first time in history.

Item 4 - Confirmation of the Selected Technical Officials

EWF TC Chairwoman Beiter confirmed the list of selected ITOs. She expressed gratitude to all national federations for such a high interest, as 60 officials were nominated to officiate at this event.

Item 5 - Approval of the Minutes of the previous EWF Congress

EWF General Secretary Mihajlovic stated the Minutes were submitted to NFs via email and invited comments.

Padure, Romanian Weightlifting Federation President, firstly congratulated the Host federation and asked about the implementation of the outcome of the Congress in Moldova.

ewf.sport

European Weightlifting Federation

c/o Dardikman Law Offices
Dreikönigstrasse 478002 Zürich, Switzerland
IDI CHE-336.709.758

Dr. Astrit HASANI
EWF President



Dr. Milan MIHAJLOVIC
EWF General Secretary

Dr Hasani pointed out that all details were provided in the Minutes.

Delegates voted on approving the Minutes of the previous EWF Congress

FOR 41
AGAINST 0
ABSTAINED 1

Item 6 - Annual report EWF President

EWF President Dr Hasani thanked the delegates for their support. He highlighted ongoing discussions about competitions on three platforms, plans to establish European Grand Prix tournaments with financial prizes, and stated that efforts are continuously being made to improve the organisation of weightlifting events.

Delegates voted to approve the President's report.

FOR 42
AGAINST 0
ABSTAINED 0

Item 7 - Annual report EWF General Secretary

EWF GS Dr Mihajlovic looked back on successfully organised competitions, seminars, camps, and other activities during the previous year.

He emphasised the importance of the establishment of the EWF Athletes' Commission.

He also noted that the European weightlifting results database is continuing to grow (at the moment since 1928), and that the media website is currently under construction but will be available for this competition. He requested support in finalizing the database with all European Championship results.

Delegates voted to approve GS's report.

FOR 42
AGAINST 0
ABSTAINED 0

Item 8 - Annual Financial report and Approval of the Auditor's report



All the reports were sent to NFs via email thirty days in advance. Delegates voted unanimously to approve the reports.

FOR 42
AGAINST 0
ABSTAINED 0

Item 9 - Annual report EWF TC

EWF TC Chairwoman Beiter announced that more seminars are being planned. She informed the delegates that the TC is open for cooperation and invited NFs to contact them should they be interested in organising seminars in conjunction with their competitions.

Delegates voted to approve the TC report.

FOR 42
AGAINST 0
ABSTAINED 0

Item 10 - Annual report EWF CRS Committee

EWF CRS Chairman Caruana informed the delegates about the CRS's involvement in the work related to the U15 weight categories.

He invited NFs to take part in the training camps planned for this year, and he thanked everyone for their great cooperation.

Delegates voted to approve the report.

FOR 42
AGAINST 0
ABSTAINED 0

Item 11 - Annual report EWF Medical Committee

EWF MC Chairman Duun mentioned that the MC had a challenging year, as it had only two members. He expressed hope for more doctors to join the committee.

Dr Hasani commented that expected amendments to the IWF Constitution, and later the EWF Constitution, should improve the situation.



Delegates voted to approve the report.

FOR 42
AGAINST 0
ABSTAINED 0

Item 12 - Annual report EWF Commissions

Antidoping Commission Chairman Masic commented on the good communication in his commission. He pointed out that all relevant information was regularly passed on to NFs and that the commission was active during all European competitions.

Delegates voted to approve the report.

FOR 42
AGAINST 0
ABSTAINED 0

EWF Vice President Grimseth and EWF TC member Offermann were appointed as coordinators to the European Olympic Committees EU Office. Offermann reported that this cooperation created new chances to obtain funds. Grimseth added that it was also a chance to increase the presence of weightlifting in Europe.

Item 13 - Information about 2026 EWC

Dr Hasani expressed his gratitude to the Deputy Minister of Sport of Adjara and Georgian WF President Talakhadze. He presented them both with the EWF Medal for Exceptional Contribution.

Deputy Minister stressed that the local government extends all necessary help to the LOC. He thanked Georgian WF for their efforts and wished the athletes much luck.

Item 14 - Information about the 2027 European Games and European Weightlifting Championships

Dr Akkus, EWF Technical Delegate to the 2027 European Games, informed the delegates that he attended several meetings so far, including one-to-one meetings with the Ministry of Sport in Turkiye as well as the LOC. He concluded the preparation was going well.



Item 15 - 2025 Best EWF Athletes

EWF General Secretary Mihajlovic said this was the 5th year in a row that this event was successfully organised. EWF CRS Chairman Caruana and EWF Athletes' Commission made the initial proposal for the nominations. The awards will be given during the Opening ceremony.

EWF CRS Chairman Caruana congratulated all athletes who qualified for the final selection, and especially the winners.

EWF General Secretary Mihajlovic informed the Congress that medal reallocation was underway for the 2014 EWC.

He invited Mr Gasparyan of the Armenian WF to receive a medal on behalf of the Armenian athlete in question.

Mr Gasparyan thanked the EWF for the initiative.

Medals and certificates were presented by EWF President Dr Hasani, EWF 1st Vice President Beiter, and EWF General Secretary Mihajlovic.

Item 16 - EWF Awards

EWF General Secretary Mihajlovic read the names of individuals who will receive awards – EWF Gold Star, during the Opening ceremony and Championships: Iakovos Filippousis, ICMG Secretary General; George Yerolimpos, SportsIn CEO; Stephan Fox, Secretary General IFMA; Tom Goegebuer, Belgian Weightlifting Federation President and Olympian.

During the EWF Congress, the EWF Gold Star was awarded to Frank Mantek, and it was presented to Mr Sperl of the German WF by EWF 1st Vice President Beiter.

Item 17 - Presentation by sponsors

Mr Mathieu Grateau from ELEIKO made a presentation of the history of ELEIKO and their training facility based in Halmstad.

He informed Congress that a new type of barbell was launched.

Item 18 - Other issues

EWF Vice President Grimseth informed the delegates of the establishment of a weightlifting school in Forde. It is meant for students aged 17 to 21 or 22, and it is managed by Grimseth.

Dr. Astrit HASANI
EWF President



Dr. Milan MIHAJLOVIC
EWF General Secretary

After Item 18, Dr Hasani suggested continuing with the Electoral Congress after a 30-minute coffee break, since some delegates need to travel back.

Delegates were invited to vote to approve such a proposal.

FOR 42
AGAINST 0
ABSTAINED 0

IWF EB member Mathew Curtain sincerely thanked the EWF for the very efficient Congress.

Congress concluded at 11:30 local time.

Minutes prepared by
Tamara Jovic, Assistant to the EWF Secretary General

Dr. Milan Mihajlovic
EWF General Secretary

ewf.sport

European Weightlifting Federation

c/o Dardikman Law Offices
Dreikönigstrasse 478002 Zürich, Switzerland
IDI CHE-336.709.758