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Rejection of the IMSSG Proposals about Masters' Rules by the ISU Council,
Letter of the ISU Director General of 6 Feb 2008;
Proposal to the ISU Council about Masters' World Championships

Dear Mr. Zimmermann,

The IMSSG and the IMSSC discussed the rejection of the IMSSG proposal about the incorporation of Masters' Rules into the ISU Rules at their sessions in conjunction with the Masters' Allround Games in February 2008 in Erfurt/GER intensively.

Both, the IMSSG and the IMSSC, are concerned about the total rejection of the IMSSG proposals by the Council of the ISU. It was not understandable that it is not possible to have some important Masters' Rules incorporated in the ISU Rules, because in other international sport organizations there don't exist such problems.

The IMSSG discussed how to go on in this matter and decided to make a much smaller proposal to the ISU Council as before. This proposal is as follows:

The IMSSG asks for the use of the words "World Championships" instead of "Games" in their two largest competitions, the "Masters' International Allround Games" and the "Masters' International Sprint Games", according to ISU Rule 107, § 13.

The label ISU would not be used, national hymns at victory ceremonies would not be played, titles "Masters' World Champion" would not be given to the 1st ranked competitors in age groups, and there would not be any additional financial expenditures for the ISU. In the most international sport organizations Masters' World Championships are accepted since many years.

By separate mail I will send you additionally the result of an action of the Masters at the 1st Masters' International Games in Erfurt/GER of 2 Mar 2008, which expresses the wish of nearly all participants, to change the name "Masters' Games" into the name "Masters' World Championships". This action was initiated by the Thuringian Ice Federation, which organized the "Masters' Games" really like "Masters' World Games" in a admirable manner.

Additionally you find again our Proposal 22.11.2006 about a new IMSSG Member for America to the Council in the attachment. It was forgotten last year by the Council to confirm Andrew Love in being Member of the IMSSG.

With best regards

ISU MASTERS' SPEED SKATING WORKING GROUP, Coordinator

Volker Serini

(Dr. Volker Serini)

Attachment: Lists of signatures action "Masters' World Championships"
(will be sent separately by mail)

Proposal New IMSSG Member

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