

Status Report to the 2018 ISU Congress on the Four Year Plan 2014/15-2017/18

Committee/Commission: Ice Dance Technical Committee (IDTC)

Project/Function/Area of activity: Officials Education and Assessment

During the period of time since the last ISU Congress 2016 in Dubrownik, the IDTC has performed the activities as planned in order to achieve the specific results & benefits stated in the 2014-2018 Four-Year Plan. At the same time the following areas required and will require specific attention:

1. Improvement and expansion of the Officials education programs.

1.1. Ice Dance Referees and Judges Seminars for re-appointment

In accordance with the Officials education program, Ice Dance Referees and Judges took part in the following ISU Sponsored and Recognized Seminars, which were held or are still planned in the two seasons 2016-2017 and 2017-2018

1. Seoul, KOR - Jun 24th – 26nd, 2016 (20 participants from 3 ISU Members)
2. Dortmund, GER - July 1st – 3rd, 2016 (23 Judges from 9 ISU Members)
3. Melbourne, AUS - November 30th-December 2nd, 2016 (11 participants from 4 ISU Members)
4. Las Vegas, USA - April 27th -29th, 2017 (12 participants from 3 ISU Members)
5. Beijing, CHN - June 7th-9th, 2017 (46 participants from 3 ISU Members)

To be held in 2018

6. Milan, Italy - May 25th – 27th, 2018 (21 participants from 5 ISU Members?)
7. Frankfurt, Germany - July 1st – 4th and 4th – 7th, 2018 (participants ?)

These ISU Seminars included a Judges' section and a separate Referees' section.

The screen judging was used as a practical part at all Seminars.

1.2. ISU Ice Dance Seminar and ISU Examination for first appointment of International Judges and International and ISU Referees

On July 12th till July 16, 2017, the Judges nominated by the Members for the first appointment of the International Judges or Referees, as well as the first appointment of ISU Referees attended a special ISU Seminar and ISU Examinations.

Seminar and Examination for first appointment of the International Judges:

- 15 – Ice Dance Judges from 11 Members – 13 passed – 2 failure

Seminar and Examination for first appointment of the International and ISU Referees:

- 7 – Ice Dance from 7 members - 6 Passed for the International Referee – 1 failure
- 2 - Ice Dance from 2 Members – 1 Passed for the ISU Referee – 1 failure

1.3. Seminar for Ice Dance International Technical Controllers and/or Technical Specialists for re-certification

The Global Seminars for the Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers for re-certification were held in Frankfurt in July of 2016, 2017 and are planned on July 1st to 3rd, 2018.

In total, 9 Technical Controllers and 14 Technical Specialists participated in the re-certification Seminars in 2016 and 2017

1.4. Seminar and Examination for new Ice Dance International Technical Controllers and/or Technical Specialists and for promotion to ISU Ice Dance Technical Controllers and/or Technical Specialists

The Global Seminars for new Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers and for promotion to the ISU status were held in Frankfurt in July of 2016 and are planned on July 1st to 7th, 2018. All the Officials Seminars were moderated by Technical Committee Members together with other experts and Officials.

In total, 8 Technical Controllers and 18 Technical Specialists participated in this Seminar

2. Continuation and improvement by the IDTC of the Judges Examination for status of International and ISU Judges and Referees

The annual Ice Dance Judges Examinations for promotion to ISU Judge were held in September 2016 and 2017 in Oberstdorf (Germany) on the occasion of the Nebelhorn Trophy International Competition. The content of examinations was revised each year so that both Exams (written and practical) reflected changes and updates within the ISU Judging System and Ice Dance rules and technical requirements. More emphasis has been placed on the ability of the candidates to communicate effectively in English. Based on the results of the Examinations, 3 Judges in 2016 (CAN, ISR, KOR) and 5 Judges in 2017 (from BUL-1, CAN-1, GBR-1, ITA-1, ESP-1) were promoted to the class of ISU Judges. 2 Judges (GBR, TUR) in 2016 and 3 Judges (BLR-1, CHN-1, ITA-1) in 2017 did not pass the Examination.

The ISU Seminar and ISU Examinations for first appointment of International Judges are included in the Frankfurt Seminar every second year since 2013. The third Seminar and Examination was held in July 2017 and 13 Judges passed the Examination (AUS – 1, BLR-1, CAN - 2, CHN -1, DEN-1 , GBR – 1, GER-1 , POL-1, RUS-2, SRB-1). 2 Judges did not pass the examination (CHN, EST)

A separate Seminar and ISU Examination for first appointment of International and ISU Referees was organized during the same Frankfurt Seminar. 6 judge passed the Examination for International Referee (CAN- 1, FRA– 1, GER-1, POL-1, SVK -1, USA-1) and 1 (JPN) did not pass the examination.

1 Referee (CAN) passed the Examination and was promoted to the class of ISU Referees and 1 Referee (RUS) did not pass the examination.

At all ISU Championships, as well as the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in the seasons 2016/17 and 2017/18, the officiating Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists received on-site 2.5 hours seminar that is considered as an equivalent of an ISU recognized seminar for those functions. The Seminar was organized by the Sports Directorate and the Technical Committee and helped in preparation for the evaluation of elements. At the end of each event at Championships and the Grand Prix Final, the Technical Panel reviewed the decisions made during the competition and prepared proposals for the ID Technical Committee.

Initial Judges Meetings and Round Table Discussions were held at all competitions. The IDTC prepared the Power Point Presentation for the Referees to obtain the same quality of the Initial Judges Meeting and to prevent different interpretation of the Rules and Requirements.

At 2017 and 2018 ISU Figure Skating Championships (ISU European Figure Skating Championships, ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championship, ISU World Junior Figure

Skating Championships, ISU World Figure Skating Championships) & 2018 Winter Olympic Games, the Initial Judges Meetings were conducted prior to the event by a member of the Ice Dance Technical Committee and a Referee of the Event. Each of those Initial Judges Meetings and the respective Round Table Discussions formed together an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges.

3. Improvement of the level of knowledge and experience of ISU, International and National Referees and Judges through improved training.

There has been an increased effort in the Seasons 2016/17 and 2017/18 to improve and raise the quality of the Ice Dance Officials' Seminars. The Seminars have been modularized and learning objectives developed for each module. Many examples and interactive activities are included in the training, in addition to the standardized Power Point presentations that are used at all Seminars including the Initial and Pre-event Judges Meetings conducted at the major ISU Events. The Technical part was conducted by two Technical moderators (at least one was a Member of the IDTC).

The Component section of the Seminar was conducted by a "Component expert" to add depth of experience and variety.

Three Handbooks for use by Officials have been published on the ISU Website and are updated when necessary for each season;

1. for Technical Panel
2. for Referees and Judges
3. for Pattern Dances
 - Each section of a Handbook includes:
 - Information from Rules and Communications
 - Clarifications in the form of Q&A
 - For each Handbook, subsequent Q&A are:
 - Published as a separate document,
 - Updated in the respective Handbook.

The educational DVDs with explanation of Key Points for Junior and Senior Patter Dance Elements were prepared by the IDTC to help the Technical Panels in evaluation of levels (in 2017, 2018).

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