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INADO Update #18

Dear Colleagues:

Membership

Our membership remains at 29 founding members, covering all five Olympic Regions:

- Dopingautoriteit (Netherlands)
- UKAD (United Kingdom)
- ASADA (Australia)
- JADA (Japan)
- USADA (United States)
- DFSNZ (New Zealand)
- SAIDS (South Africa)
- CCES (Canada)
- ADN (Norway)
- ADD (Denmark)
- NADA Germany
- Antidoping Switzerland
- Singapore AD
- AFLD (France)
- NADA Austria
- NADA Romania
- NADC Barbados
- FINADA (Finland)
- Irish Sports Council
- PRADO (Puerto Rico)
- QADC (Qatar)
- BSADA (Bermuda)
- AEA (Spain)
- NOC of Slovenia
- San Marino CPA
- KADC (Kuwait)
- JADO (Jordan)
- BADC (Bahamas)
- Indian NADA

We will have several more Members by the time of the AGM on March 18. I encourage you to join that group and become an iNADO Member as early in 2013 as possible. This will increase iNADO's influence and broaden efforts to share best practices and to raise standards.

A membership application is the second attachment to the distributing e-mail. It typically takes 1 -2 business days for the iNADO Board to consider and approval membership applications. Once a membership application is approved, iNADO will issue an invoice for the membership subscription fees. The list of those fees is the third attachment.

2013 iNADO AGM and Work Sessions, March 18

Our first AGM and Work Sessions will take place Monday March 18, 2013, in Lausanne, Switzerland, the day before the WADA ADO Symposium. The day will be open to existing iNADO members, and to non-member NADOs and to RADOs as observers. **The day will include Work Sessions free of charge to iNADO Members, and at a fee to non-members. Non-members will be charged €100 for the first participant, and €50 for each additional participant.** Already, there are nearly sixty participants from 31 NADOs or RADOs registered to attend.

The venue is the Hotel Alpha-Palmiers, Rue Du Petit Chene 34 , 1003 Lausanne, T. +41 21 55 55 999, F. +41 21 55 55 998, E-Mail: alpha@fassbindhotels.com. It is just north of the Central Station, convenient to the Lausanne Metro.

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- The day will begin in the morning (at approximately 09h30) with Work Sessions focussing on iNADO, on demonstrations of important anti-doping resources, and on a review of outstanding Code and International Standards issues after the closing of the current Comment Phase.
- There will be a strategic lunch session open **only** to iNADO Member CEOs/COOs/Board members.
- The afternoon for all will begin with lessons learned from the Lance Armstrong case (the case that keeps on giving).
- We will also have a demonstration by Antidoping Switzerland, DFSNZ and USADA of the “paperless” doping control system they have begun to use.
- The AGM itself will complete that day. It will focus on minor changes to iNADO’s Articles of Association (including increasing the number of seats on the Board from 6 to 8), and elections for iNADO’s first elected Board of Directors. The members of the current start-up Board will step down, although many may stand for election. Observers will be welcome for the first half of the meeting, including the presentation of iNADO’s positive financial situation. It will be Members-only for the consideration of changes to the Articles of Association and elections for the Board of Directors.
- I am trying to finalise a booking at a restaurant convenient to the venue to which we can all go to dinner together (at our own expense).

To help with planning for the day, could you please give me a preliminary indication whether you are planning to attend, and how many from your organisation: jcdep@me.com.

Doping, Criminal Organisations and the Role of Law Enforcement

WADA releases study on anti-doping law enforcement in Italy: http://playtrue.wada-ama.org/news/intelligence-experts-emphasize-the-importance-of-legislation-and-information-sharing/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=intelligence-experts-emphasize-the-importance-of-legislation-and-information-sharing

Here is a link to the executive summary of the Italian study: http://www.wada-ama.org/Documents/News_Center/News/2013-Paoli-Donati-Report-Executive-Summary-EN.pdf

A review of match-fixing in football: <http://www.cbc.ca/sports/soccer/story/2013/02/12/sp-soccer-match-fixing-dirty-game.html>

Timely to remind us all of the existing WADA Guidelines on intelligence and investigation practices: <http://www.wada-ama.org/en/Anti-Doping-Community/Governments/Investigation--Trafficking/Investigation/Guidelines/>

Doping, Match Fixing and Organised Crime in Australia

Here is the most recent statement from ASADA about its ongoing investigations into the sportspeople of the commercial sport code (so-called “professional league”) clubs involved in illegality described in the recently-released report of the Australian Crime Commission: http://www.asada.gov.au/media/organised_crime_and_drugs_in_sport.html

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Here is a media story with alleged detail of the sort of contamination of commercial league sport by prohibited substances and crime: <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/crooked-bounce-into-arms-of-crims-20130208-2e3ju.html>

And here is an opinion piece by an Australian academic that urges deliberation in the government response to the Australian Crime Commission report (“Tackling the culture that produces drug abusers is the answer”): <http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/society-and-culture/high-on-moral-panic-20130211-2e8rn.html>

Finally, relating to sport scientists: <http://theconversation.edu.au/doping-shock-pointing-the-finger-at-sports-scientists-12129>

Sochi Countdown: NADOs Need to Prepare their Olympic and Paralympic Teams

It is now less than one year to the opening of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games, and less than 13 months to the opening of the Sochi Winter Paralympic Games. What steps is your NADO taking to prepare your nation’s teams (both athletes and Team staff) for these Games?

A few excerpts from ANADO Legal Note #6 (October 7, 2008), *A Critical Task NADOS: Preparing Athletes and Teams for a Major Games*, for reflection:

“National Anti-Doping Organizations are making increasing efforts to prepare their international-level athletes (and athlete support personnel) for major games such as the Olympics, Paralympics, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Pan-American Games, and Jeux de la Francophonie. Pre-games education and testing is becoming more comprehensive and sophisticated. This is a good thing. There is nothing like an impending major competition to focus attention and drive home the importance of clean sport.

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“It was particularly puzzling to observe support personnel who had participated in doping control early in the games but who had failed to brief all their athletes on games-time anti-doping practices [different from national programmes], leading to needless repetition of charged encounters in doping control stations later in the same games.

“Eliminating all unnecessary distractions to athlete preparation and peak performance is increasingly a central goal of national teams. Needless discomfort with or apprehension about doping control is unproductive and even counterproductive. And it can be avoided with a bit of care and common sense.

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“I have also observed athletes and support personnel from countries with developing national anti-doping programs being, apparently, surprised by adverse analytical findings at a major games. Upon some investigation (unfortunately in the course of disciplinary hearings that determine an anti-doping rule violation to have been committed) it quickly becomes clear that NOC, NPC or NADO education and information was quite inadequate for international-level athletes and their coaches, and / or that pre-games testing was not being conducted in

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accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards (for example, pre-games testing that is not no-notice or with samples analyzed by non-accredited laboratories without full analytical capacity).

“Such national anti-doping programs give athletes and their support personnel a false sense of security about training and competing cleanly (and may appear to be a form of organized “controlled doping”). If a national program does not have the funds for proper, WADA-compliant pre-games testing, far better to do none at all and focus all available money and effort on educating and informing athletes and support personnel about the importance of clean sport, the list of prohibited substances and methods, the rules against and consequences of doping, the dangers of supplement use, and so on. This will be a better way to support clean competitors and avoid nasty and embarrassing surprises at the games.”

The full note is available exclusively to iNADO members in the Members Section of our website: www.inado.org.

News from other ADOs

The CCES recently conducted a “town hall” with elite athletes to discuss how best to respond to the Armstrong case and other recent developments: http://www.sirc.ca/news_view.cfm?id=50802

The UAE Camel Racing Association institutes anti-doping measures: http://www.daijiworld.com/news/news_disp.asp?n_id=163783

Concluding Words

Never hesitate to contact me if you need assistance. Let me know what is happening in your country and in your organisation. Tell me how INADO can help you do a better job. See you March 18th.

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iNADO is the Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations. It promotes best practices by NADOs and RADOs, and is their collective voice.