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INADO Update #14

Dear Colleagues:

Membership

Since the last Update, the Kuwait Anti-Doping Commission and the Jordan Anti-Doping Organization have joined iNADO. Welcome to Nadiah, and to Dr. Hadidi, and to their teams. There are now 27 founding iNADO 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)

I encourage those of our community who are not members to join iNADO 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.

iNADO Website

Your Institute's website is now live: www.inado.org. Please visit it and let me know what you think.

The Member's Section is available only to iNADO members. It already contains extensive archival material (including previous Legal Notes, anti-doping PowerPoint presentations, template documents and other resources). This collection will build in the future. Access to this material is an advantage of becoming a member of iNADO.

Developments in Spain and in India

Last month, there were interesting reports of developments in Spain and in India on the basic authority and functions of the NADO. These reports have lessons for all.

In Spain, the authority of the National Sports Council over anti-doping matters will be ceded to the AEA (the Spanish NADO). This will facilitate a better organization of anti-doping efforts at the national level and make decision-making and information-sharing more efficient. It will permit improved sample collection practices and otherwise a higher quality of anti-doping operations. Practices such as deciding about test distribution by a multi-organisation committee, testing done “by appointment,” and doctors acting as DCOs for athletes who are also their medical patients, will end. It will permit AEA Director Ana Muñoz Merino and her team to control and lead the continuing improvement of Spain’s national anti-doping programme. See:

http://deportes.elpais.com/deportes/2012/12/17/actualidad/1355774120_346736.html

In India, and after a ten month delay, the report of the Mukul Mudgal Committee was released. Justice Mudgal, a retired judge, was appointed by the Government of India as a one-person committee to examine India’s national anti-doping program in the wake of a series of anti-doping rule violations in 2010 and 2011. He suggested that there should be an overhaul of the anti-doping programme in the country. Among the salient points reported in the media:

- The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) should be made independent from the Government, as laid down in the World Anti-Doping Code, and stakeholders needed to understand and implement their duties under the Code. “The Committee finds that due to the nature of the current set up of the NADA (control of Sports Authority of India and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports), the independence of NADA may be hampered.” The Committee also noted that the NADA may also be influenced by “strong National Sports Federations and their administrators”.
- The NADA should set up a dedicated phone line for providing consultation to the athletes and coaches on anti-doping programmes.
- It was suggested that a separate laboratory be identified to test the dietary supplements since the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) cannot undertake this task, according to its WADA certification.
- There should be an improved anti-doping education programme from the school-level to the elite level. Justice Mudgal castigated all stakeholders for failing in this regard “and only waking up to their tasks only when major doping violations occurred.” He stressed what information needed to be given to the athletes and others, when to provide such information, where anti-doping education should take place and how the education is to be imparted, among other points. He also stated that it was very important to provide anti-doping education to younger athletes before they fell within the elite category. Justice Mudgal noted that the athletes needed to stop relying blindly on the advice of the coaches and support personnel while taking supplements or medicines.
- Justice Mudgal noted that the athletes, coaches and support personnel were largely unaware of the ADAMS.

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- The NADA was advised to provide information through a variety of means and to co-ordinate efforts with the Sports Ministry and the Law Ministry to regulate manufacture and supply of supplements.
- It was also suggested that the NADA should develop systems to conduct joint investigation programmes with the federations, police and other government agencies.
- The number of sample collections should be increased with all medal winners being tested with those showing sudden spurt in improvement being targeted. Six sports disciplines, athletics, weightlifting, boxing, wrestling, bodybuilding and powerlifting, were listed as priorities for the NADA.

See: <http://www.thehindu.com/sport/athletics/nada-needs-to-be-independent/article4175405.ece>

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. Please reserve this date.

I am developing the programme for March 18th. The AGM itself will focus on elections for iNADO's first elected Board of Directors. The members of the current self-appointed Board will step down, although many may stand for election. There will be a CEO/COO Forum for senior management to discuss strategic issues of interest.

The bulk of the day will focus on the Armstrong case and the lessons that can be learned from it, such as:

- How NADOs should to analyse the Armstrong case to improve their national programmes
- How to conduct non-analytical cases
- Planning effective public communications strategies for major anti-doping prosecutions (and how to deal with an avalanche of media interest)
- What governments and other funders need to know and understand about the Armstrong case
- How to manage such a major case and still keep you regular NADO operations functioning smoothly
- Cooperation between NADOs and other ADOs for major anti-doping prosecutions

2013 WADA ADO Symposium, March 19-20

Many if not most of you will now have received an invitation from WADA to the ADO Symposium in Lausanne, Switzerland, March 19-20, 2013. The online registration platform can be accessed at lausanne-tourisme.ch/WADA2013. Please note that the deadline for hotel reservations is February 5, 2013 and registration for the Symposium will close on March 5, 2013. For further information, please

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contact Sibylle Villard, European Regional Office Coordinator, Sibylle.Villard@wada-ama.org, +41 21 343 43 40. iNADO hopes to see all of you there.

Armstrong

Below is a link to a recent interview with Travis Tygart. A number of Travis' statements about the Armstrong cases are good media lines for interviews on developments in anti-doping in 2012.

<http://www.insidethegames.biz/sports/summer/cycling/1012172-i-received-death-threats-following-armstrong-report-admits-usada-chief-tygart>

Cooperation with SportAccord

Yesterday I spent the day with SportAccord and met with four of its member IFs. I will report next time on these very interesting discussions, including the opportunities for concrete NADO-IF cooperation on issues such as TUE administration and recognition of quality sample collection programmes.

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.

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