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INADO Update #13

Dear Colleagues:

Membership

Since the last Update, the NOC of Slovenia, and the San Marino CPA, have joined iNADO. Welcome to Janko and his team, and to Claudio and Eric and their team. They join the other 23 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)

I encourage those of our community who are not members to join iNADO for 2013. 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.

NADO to NADO Cooperation

Last time I reported on meetings between the UK and Polish NADOs. More recently, the NADOs of Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovina met in Bonn. See the media release of the NADA Germany:

http://www.nada-bonn.de/nada/aktuelles/newsdetail/?tx_news_pi1%5Bcontroller%5D=News&tx_news_pi1%5Baction%5D=detail&tx_news_pi1%5Bnews%5D=494&cHash=24dc0c0fc7

This sort of cooperation can be tremendously beneficial for both parties. As well as sharing best practices, it builds mutual trust and confidence.

Expert Networks

iNADO has begun to build its Expert Networks. Let me bring you up-to-date.

The general objectives for all iNADO Expert Networks are to:

- Contribute to iNADO's Mission of promoting best practices by NADOs, and NADOs speaking with one voice
- Build relationships and trust between experts and their NADOs
- Share information and best practices
- Discuss systemic issues raised by members and suggest options or positions (example: on the Code or IS's)
- Troubleshoot for members on particular issues (for example: a recent NADA Austria query on showering and sample collection, and a recent Irish Sport Council query about abuse of veterinary products)
- Increase confidence in iNADO, and encourage new members to join

The Networks are not representative, in the sense that each member of iNADO has a right to one seat at the table. Rather, they include those true experts among our community with the experience, insight and willingness to share in a way that will raise standards and promote best practices. While most participants in the Expert Networks will come from iNADO members, experts from other NADOs/RADOs ought to be welcome. This involvement should accelerate their organisations' membership in iNADO.

I foresee a number of expert networks. Here is the initial list, and the current status of each:

- Code/IS Review (in place)
- Science (in process)
- Legal/Results Management (in process)
- Intelligence & Investigations (in place)
- Education (in process)
- TUEs (in process)
- Testing (in process)
- Major Games (in process)
- Communications (to come)
- Administration/Management (to come)

The products of any Expert Network should generally be taken as opinion and never direction or "decision." Our experts will be contributing their views based on experience. Those opinions will inform the decision-making of others; they should not be taken as those decisions themselves.

As for documents, templates, model practices, etc. related to each of these areas of our business that might be shared by a Network: I see this material being collected on the iNADO website, and sometimes made available in the Members Section – subject to the conditions placed on it by the source NADO.

Some things, such as public documents and doping tribunal decisions, should go to the Dutch AD Knowledge Center (www.doping.nl) for public access.

So look for further information about iNADO Expert Networks. If you have an issue that would benefit from expert consideration, sent it to me. Dealing with such issues will help the development of our Expert Networks. If you have special expertise that you would like to contribute to the NADO/RADO community through an Expert Network, please contact me.

Financial Sanctions

The Hong Kong Anti-Doping Committee (of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China) recently announced a policy for financial sanctions for anti-doping rule violations: http://www.antidoping.hk/news.php?target=news_detail&id=312. The policy itself is linked to the announcement.

If your NADO or RADO is considering such an approach, another model policy is that of the International Paralympic Committee: http://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/120208111403504_2012_01_01-IPC_AppendixFinancialSanctionsFINAL.pdf

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 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.

Draft 2015 World Anti-Doping Code: Version 2.0 Released for Comment

As you know, WADA has released for comment version 2.0 of the Draft 2015 World Anti-Doping Code. This third and final stakeholder consultation phase runs through to March 1, 2013. As part of the Code Review Process, WADA is also launching the second and final consultation phase for the International Standards for review and comment. See: http://playtrue.wada-ama.org/news/publication-of-second-draft-of-2015-code/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=publication-of-second-draft-of-2015-code

iNADO will begin reviewing these documents and provide in early January summaries of significant changes (or not), and issues of interest to the NADO/RADO community.

Revised WADA Technical Document

A new technical document TD2013EPO has been approved and released by WADA. The revised *Technical Document on Harmonization of Analysis and Reporting of recombinant Erythropoietins (i.e. Epoetins) and Analogues (e.g. Darbepoetin, Pegserpoetin, Peginesatide, EPO-Fc) by Electrophoretic Techniques (TD EPO)* has been approved by WADA's Executive Committee and will come into force on March 1, 2013.

Matt Fedoruk of USADA kindly summarises it:

“Without getting into the weeds on the technical nature of the document, I think it has important implications for testing programs for NADOs. Particularly, NADOs should pay attention to page 4 Table 1. Testing for rEPOs and analogues in urine and blood (serum/plasma) as it outlines the different types of analysis for rEPO and analogues, thus may have implications on the types of analysis ordered and the costs, as well as being able to combine tests such as hGH and blood EPO into a single collection and order follow-ups to dig deeper into particular results. For example, if a urine result comes back as no EPO bands detectable because of a dilute sample, then an additional option would be to test for EPO in a serum/plasma sample.”

Armstrong and Media Reporting

An interesting commentary on media coverage of the Armstrong case:

<http://andrewgelman.com/2012/12/the-case-for-more-false-positives-in-anti-doping-testing/>

Andrew Gelman argues:

“The media has gotten the statistics totally backwards.

“On the one hand, they faithfully report the colorful stories of athletes who fail drug tests pleading their innocence. (I have written about the Spanish cyclist Alberto Contador here.) On the other hand, they unquestioningly report athletes who claim “hundreds of negative tests” prove their honesty. Putting these two together implies that the media believes that negative test results are highly reliable while positive test results are unreliable.”

If correct, a communications challenge for ADOs?

Anti-Doping Job

The fourth attachment to the covering e-mail is a job posting from the International Paralympic Committee for an Anti-Doping Coordinator. The application period closes January 14, 2013. The posting can be found on the IPC website: <http://www.paralympic.org/Jobs>.

Concluding Words

Finally, best wishes to all of you and your families who are enjoying a holiday season.

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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