

Combat Games Committee Plenary Session in Lausanne



The Plenary Session participants - © Richard Juilliant

The last plenary session of the year for the SportAccord Combat Games was held on November 15th in Lausanne (SUI) at the *Maison du Sport International* (MSI). Headed by the members of the Combat Games Committee, the meeting was attended by representatives of the participating sports and the Beijing Organizing Committee.

Almost 8 months after the Denver meeting and the signing of the host city contract for the 2010 SportAccord Combat Games, all the concerned parties were reconvened to discuss the progress of the event's preparations.

The Beijing Organizing Committee presented the International Federations (IF) with an update on venues, event services, and the ongoing marketing & promotion plan. Following the presentations, various aspects of the event's sports programme and services were reviewed with the IF, including the format of the participating disciplines, competition & training schedules, qualification systems, and registration procedures. The meeting was concluded after a round table discussion addressing the questions, remarks and concerns of the IF.

In addition to summing up the achievements of the past months, the meeting also set the ground for the upcoming months until the opening of the event. All the participants are firmly committed to one common goal – the success of the 2010 SportAccord Combat Games.

Event Emblem and Official Website Unveiled in Beijing

The emblem of the 2010 SportAccord Combat Games was unveiled during a ceremony held on November 24 at the Qinle Palace in Beijing (CHN). Inspired from the tangram game, the emblem is composed of the pictogrammes of the 13 participating sports. The event's official website www.beijing2010.org was also launched on this occasion.

SportAccord was represented by Mr. Ching-Kuo WU, President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) and IOC member. In his opening speech, Mr. WU thanked the Preparatory Committee members for their work and dedication and underlined that the event's preparation was progressing smoothly and on schedule.



December Coordination Visit

The SportAccord Combat Games Committee and the event management staff will conduct the second coordination visit to Beijing in December. Together with the Beijing Organizing Committee, both sides will tackle the remaining tasks of the 8 last months of preparation.

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