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REPORT OF TECHNICAL COMMISSION

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During the year 2011 I was appointed by the presidium to develop the new WDSF Competition Rules and to supervise the project further development of the WDSF RLS (Registration and Licensing System) and the project WDSF ID Cards.

1. The biggest challenge was the development of the new WDSF Competition Rules which were demanded by the last AGM and will be proposed to the 2012 AGM as a presidium motion. In this project Marco Sietas and Wolfgang Eliasch were also involved. Many thanks to Jim Fraser, who did a great Job in helping to bring the rules into correct English and gave legal advice.

2. The second project was the further development of the RLS System. An interface (API) was developed by Petr Odstrcil, Richard Botik and John Caprez to make RLS more easy for the national federation´s RLS administrators. With the new RLS API the federations can now directly access the RLS using their own license management system. Organizers wishing to validate couples during on-line registration can use the WDSF API to access all required information. John Caprez and Olav Groehn improved the competition result system. Scrutineers can now send the results live from the venue.

3. The third project to supervise was the development of a WDSF ID Card for our athletes. The WDSF ID Card will simplify the whole competition registration and check-in process. This ID Card can be used online by any of our athletes and must be accepted by an administrator of the national member federations. The WDSF ID Card contains all necessary information for a registration or check-in such as name, citizenship, date of birth and member country. The card also contains a picture of the athlete allowing direct verification of the identity. The most important information on the card is the MIN (Member Identification Number). This number is unique for every WDSF athlete. The MIN allows the Scrutineer to add a couple to the system without having to guess the right names of the athletes due to spelling mistakes or cultural differences.

The holder of a WDSF ID Card must sign the WDSF Anti-Doping agreement to receive the card. As a result it will not be necessary anymore to ask all couples to sign the WDSF Anti-Doping agreement before they compete. John Caprez prepared all relevant information for our WDSF Member bodies.



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Olav Gröhn has developed a free check-in tool for the computer competition systems that validates a couple using either ID Cards or the MIN of the athletes.

My sincere thanks to all people involved in these projects.

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