

## NEWS FROM AIBA

### AIBA PRESIDENT RECEIVES HIGHEST DECORATION FROM KING OF MOROCCO

On the occasion of the AIBA Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting, which was held from July 9-11, AIBA President Dr. C.K. Wu was decorated with the Royal Order of Al Aloui, the highest distinction awarded by King Mohammed VI of Morocco.



The decoration is awarded by the king to people who have contributed meritorious service to the Moroccan state. Known also as the Order of Ouissam Alaouite, it is awarded in five different grades. Dr Wu received the order of Commander by Morocco's Minister for Youth and Sport Mr. Moncef Bellkhayat in the presence of the President of the Moroccan Boxing Federation Mr Abdel Jaouad Belhaj and Moroccan IOC Member Nawal El Moutawakel.

### RWANDA AMATEUR BOXING ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT PASSES AWAY

AIBA President Ching-Kuo Wu has expressed his deepest regrets on behalf of the AIBA family to the Secretary General of the Rwanda Amateur Boxing Association for the passing away of the Association's President, Mr Antoine Semukanya.

Dr Wu noted that Mr Semukanya will not only be remembered for his involvement in boxing but also for the time he spent helping various Rwandan communities.

### AIBA EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - MARRAKECH, MOROCCO, JULY 9-11

Here is a summary of the major decisions taken by the AIBA EC at its Extraordinary Meeting:

- 1) Approval of proposed amendments to AIBA Statutes and Bylaws 2011-2014
- 2) Approval of one amendment of current AIBA Bylaws and all Confederation Bylaws
- 3) Award of the hosting rights for the 2012 Women's World Championships to the city of Chongqing, China
- 4) Award of the hosting rights for the 2012 Olympic Qualifying Events to the following cities:  
Africa: Casablanca, Morocco  
Americas: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Asia: Astana, Kazakhstan  
Europe: Istanbul, Turkey
- 5) Approval of AIBA Election Procedure
- 6) Approval of amendments to the AIBA Technical and Competition Rules
- 7) Approval of the WSB Technical and Competition Rules
- 8) Approval in principle of the new AIBA scoring system
- 9) Approval of guidelines for new women's boxing uniforms
- 10) Approval of 2010 first semester finance audit
- 11) Approval of 2010-2011 fiscal year budget
- 12) Approval of new AIBA guidelines on honorary membership and merit awards
- 13) Approval of Olympic qualification process for England, Scotland and Wales to compete as Great Britain starting from the 2014 Youth Olympic Games
- 14) Ratification of EC Bureau decisions
- 15) Cancellation of the AIBA Congress from Busan, Korea
- 16) Cancellation of the 2011 AIBA World Championships from Busan, Korea
- 17) Rejected the appeal from General Taweeep for his suspension

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA BOXING UNION FULLY SUSPENDED

The AIBA EC Bureau announced its decision to suspend the Papua New Guinea Boxing Union (PNGBU) on July 26, 2010 after it received proof that Mr Lohial Nuau continued to be involved in their work even after the Disciplinary Commission's decision to suspend him for 24 months from all boxing activities at AIBA, continental and national levels.

Because of this violation, and because the PNGBU let Mr Nuau continue without reacting, the EC Bureau will not allow the participation of any EC Members, any team officials, any boxers and coaches, etc., to any AIBA approved or sanctioned events nor to any AIBA official events at AIBA and continental levels by the PNGBU.

This suspension is effective immediately and this case will be put for review by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission.

## NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATIONS

### YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES PREVIEW

The Youth Olympic Games will bring together the world's most talented athletes between the ages of 14 and 18. Based on the current Summer Olympic model of 26 sports, the Youth Olympic Games are about high-level sporting competition in an environment where young athletes are encouraged to learn, share and build friendships through a supporting Culture and Education Programme.

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG) offer young athletes not only a broad understanding of international competition but also exposure to many different sports and cultures.

In Singapore, 66 Youth boxers who qualified for the YOG at the AIBA Youth World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan will compete in the IOC's first edition of the Youth Olympic Games which will take place from August 14 to 26.

The Youth boxing will be divided into 11 Weight Categories: 48kg, 51kg, 54kg, 57kg, 60kg, 64kg, 69kg, 75kg, 81kg, 91kg, 91+kg. The bouts consisted of three rounds of three minutes each with one minute to rest between rounds.

For further information, visit [AIBA's web page on the YOG](#).



### EUROPEAN SCHOOLBOYS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN YAMBOL

The European Boxing Confederation's youngest athletes competed for the medals at the European Schoolboys Championships in Yambol, Bulgaria from July 20 until July 24. Thirteen and fourteen year-old boxers born in 1996 and 1997 were eligible to compete at the annual championships in eighteen weight classes: 38.5, 40, 41.5, 43, 44.5, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 59, 62, 65, 68, 72, 76 and over 76kg.

A record number of 182 boxers competed at the championships from twenty nations: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, England, Georgia, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine and host Bulgaria.

Joining host Bulgaria only Russia, Ukraine and Turkey competed with full 18-member teams at the championships in Yambol, which was also the venue of this year's Strandja Men's Elite Tournament in February.



Russia won most of the final victories, as Europe's top boxing nation claimed half of the eighteen available gold medals. Ivan Kozlovskiy, Zelimkhan Khamkhoyev, Murat Pliyev and Georgiy Popov are huge talents for the Russian Boxing Federation.

Host nation Bulgaria acquired two gold medals with a hint that Bulgarian boxing may be on track to become as powerful as it was in the 90s. Newcomers Mastan Marinov and Gospodin Minchev were able to celebrate their gold medals in the home ring.

Azerbaijan won the lowest and the highest weight classes in Yambol, super heavyweight Muhamedali Tairov collected a bronze at the 2009 European Schoolboys Championships but has now bettered this performance with the gold in Yambol. His teammate Araz Gulmammadov defeated Denis Chmykhin of Russia by 2:0 in the final of the 38.5kg weight category.

Read the full article on the [AIBA Web site](#).

## WOMEN'S BOXING TO FEATURE AT ASIAN GAMES IN GUANGZHOU

Still developing at top speed, women's boxing will be included in the 16th Asian Games which will be held in Guangzhou, China in November this year.

The Asian Games is the second largest sports event in the world after the Summer Olympic Games and it is also held every four years. The Asian Games' last edition was held in Doha, Qatar and this year it will be returning to China for the first time in 20 years.

This year's 16th Asian Games, governed by the Olympic Council of Asia, will include 476 sporting events where more than 14,000 athletes, coaches and trainers from 45 Asian nations and regions will participate.

According to Mr Li Xiaofeng, the Executive Deputy Director of the Sports Department of the Guangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee, more women's events will debut in the 16th Asian Games and the most anticipated sport is women's boxing.

The women athletes will enter in flyweight, lightweight and middleweight, the three categories that will feature at the 2012 London Summer Games after women's boxing was added to the Olympic program last year in August.

China, India, North Korea, Philippines, Thailand and Kazakhstan are the Asian Confederation's top countries in women's boxing but Mongolia, Japan, Vietnam, South Korea, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Tajikistan have been steadily improving.

Turkmenistan, Jordan and Kyrgyzstan made their international debut in women's boxing competitions this year at the Turkish Prime Ministry Tournament and at the Asian Women's Championships. Afghanistan competed for the first time at the 2009 Asian Indoor Games and Laos and Myanmar at the 2009 Southeast Asian Games. Uzbekistan, one of the world's top boxing nations, also started training and preparing their women athletes for future events.



Angel Acosta started the host nation's long and successful series during the final bouts. The 20-year-old light flyweight boxer defeated surprise teenager Alvaro Vargas of Guatemala by 19:5.

Puerto Rico dominates the flyweight territory with reigning World Champion McWilliams Arroyo, 2008 Youth World Champion Jonathan Gonzalez and 2010 AIBA Youth World Championships silver medallist Emmanuel Rodriguez. 19-year-old Gonzalez added another title to his record in Mayaguez after an easy victory over Oscar Negrete of Colombia.

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## PUERTO RICO DOMINATES IN MAYAGUEZ

Host Puerto Rico's strong boxing team dominated at the 21st Central American and Caribbean Games, which finished in Mayaguez on 31st July.

Altogether 120 boxers from 23 nations competed at the Games: Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Dominica, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Virgin Islands, and host Puerto Rico.

There was a record number of nations on the medals table as sixteen countries claimed at least a bronze medal. Besides the strong showing by the area's top boxing nations, other nations such as Guatemala, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and Bahamas also showed improvements.

The local spectators celebrated seven titles, while Colombia claimed two gold medals and Mexico and the Bahamas one each. It was the first time in the tournament's history that the Bahamas has acquired a gold medal in the Games' boxing event.

## NEWS FROM WSB

### ASTANA ARLANS PRESENTS NATIONAL SQUAD TO MEDIA

At a press conference held in Astana last week, the Astana Arlans WSB team presented its staff and national boxing squad to the media for the first time, as the Kazakhstan boxers signed their contracts with the team.

Olympic welterweight champion Bakhyt Sarsekbayev will be joined by ten other national boxers in the Astana squad, which is completed by four international boxers drafted by the team at the WSB International Boxer Draft in London last month: Colombia's Jeysson Varela and Ghana's Maxwell Amponsah at 85kg and Hungary's Istvan Bernath and Serbia's Milutin Stankovich at +91kg. The team will be coached by head coach Beibut Yeszhanov.

Astana Arlans General Director Mr Bolat Mankenov presented the Astana Arlans team identity and cited the importance of this national project in increasing Kazakhstan's chances for gold medals at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Mankenov also gave a hint at the future television coverage of the tournament, which is expected to total 176 hours and include live broadcasts of all team and championship matches as well as edited highlights packages from the competition.



### MILAN THUNDER WSB SQUAD TAKES SHAPE

An informal but very important gathering brought to life the Milano Thunder Boxing Team last week, when the majority of the squad arrived in Milan for the first rendez-vous of the new-born Italian team.

The busy schedule included contract signings for the team's international boxers, a visit to the gym that will be Milano Thunder's home and a presentation to the franchise owners, partners and staff.

The boxing squad present comprised national bantamweights (54kg) Vincenzo Picardi and Vittorio Parrinello, lightweights (61kg) Domenico Valentino and Enkhzorig Zorigtbaatar (Mongolia), Italian middleweights (73kg) Luca Podda and Diego Di Luisa, light heavyweights (85kg) Nikolajs Grisunins (Latvia), Bosko Draskovic (Montenegro) and Entoni Juric (Croatia), as well as Bosnian heavyweight (+91kg) Damir Beljo. Head coach Francesco Damiani and some members of the medical staff also joined the gathering.

Five boxers were unable to make the meeting due to prior commitments: Benjey Zimmerman from Netherlands Antilles, Sergiy Derevyanchenko and Vitalyi Volkov from Ukraine, Madadi Nagzibekov from Tajikistan, and Italy's own Clemente Russo.

During the two-day meeting Milano Thunder had the privilege to add another important member to its team, signing the highly regarded Ukrainian coach Sergiy Korchinskyy, who will coach the two Ukrainian boxers Derevyanchenko and Volkov in their first WSB season in Milan.

The meeting marked an important milestone on the Milan team's road to the first match of the first-ever WSB season, when the team will face Paris at home on the weekend of 19/20th November.