

ISCA General Assembly 2021 Minutes

The 24rd ISCA General Assembly was held in Brussels, Belgium on 20 November 2021.

Number of participating ISCA member organisations: 14 + 3 newly adopted members

Attendees in total: 47

Countries represented: 22

ISCA General Assembly Agenda:

1. Opening and welcome by the President of ISCA, Mogens Kirkeby
2. Election of two chairpersons for the General Assembly
3. Round of presentation of delegates and guests
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Besides the statutorily defined agenda of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee has suggested a session of thematic debates. The debates took their starting points in the reality of our sector in the current global and national situation.

1. Opening and welcome by the President of ISCA, Mogens Kirkeby

Mogens Kirkeby welcomed new and old delegates and referred them to the official [2021 Delegate File](#), which features most of the subjects of the assembly. A special greeting was sent to Executive Committee members Siu Yin Cheung from Hong Kong, Liliana Ortiz De La Cruz from Colombia, Michael Tiemann from Germany, Arnaud Jean from France and Ashraf Mahmood from Egypt, who couldn't attend the General Assembly primarily due to the covid restrictions and regulations.

2. Election of two chairpersons for the General Assembly (hereafter GA)

The Executive Committee (hereafter ExCo) nominated two chairpersons for the GA: Elena Garcia Morales from the ISCA secretariat and Philippe De Witte, expert in Business Administration and Sport Management. The chairpersons were appointed with a round of applause.

The chairpersons welcomed all the participants that were present. They concluded that the ISCA Membership had been duly informed about the General Assembly via email 3 months in advance, and that the General Assembly therefore was legally convened. The chairpersons explained the voting rules and proposed the agenda for the General Assembly. They underlined that all the materials (including for elections) are uploaded online, and all participants have access through the [Delegate File](#). Fourteen member organisations were represented with extra observers in the room, and the total amount of eligible votes was 14 (each represented member had one vote).

In addition, the chairpersons introduced four additional ISCA secretariat members:

- Kristina Pekach, who will take notes
- Irina Coreachina and Shub Mane, who will count the votes
- Paulina Godlewska, who will manage microphones.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The chairpersons suggested adding one point to the agenda. The appointment of ISCA auditor to be decided upon after point 6.e – it will be new point 6.f. There were no disagreements by participants and point 6.f was added to the agenda.

The General Assembly agenda was put to vote and was adopted by almost all member organisations present.

13 votes “for”, 0 “against”, 1 “not voting” – accepted.

3. Round of presentation of delegates and guests

Chairperson Philippe De Witte asked all participants to introduce themselves. The list of 2021 GA participants is the following:

1. Almina Germanavičiūtė, ISCA, Denmark
2. Andreau Raya Demidoff, Deporte para la Educacion y la Salud, Spain
3. Balázs Rádics, Hungarian School Sport Federation, Hungary
4. Branko Vujovic, Association Sport for all Serbia, Serbia
5. Carlo Balestri, ISCA, Italy
6. Daniela Conti, UISP – Unione Italiana Sport Per tutti, Italy
7. Dejan Marsenić, Association Sport for all Serbia, Serbia
8. Elena Garcia Morales, ISCA, Spain
9. Eva Řibřidová, Czech Sokol Organisation (COS), Czech Republic
10. Fernando Alves Da Silva, Servico Social Comercio – ARRJ, Brazil
11. Filip Vesovic, Association Sport for all Serbia, Serbia
12. Georgi Staykov, ISCA, Bulgaria (online)
13. Hilal Erkoca, ISCA, Turkey
14. Irina Coreachina, ISCA, Moldova
15. Jacob Schouenborg, ISCA, Denmark
16. Jakub Kalinowski, Fundacja V4SPORT, Poland
17. Jana Milošević, ISCA, Croatia
18. Janez Ovsenik, Sports Union of Slovenia, Slovenia
19. Jayne Greenberg, ISCA EC, United States
20. Jitka Vele, International Tchoukball Federation (FITB), Czech Republic

21. Johann Steinar Ingimundarson, UMFI, Iceland
22. Kai Troll, ISCA, Belgium
23. Kristina Pekach, ISCA, Denmark
24. Kristine Onarheim, ISCA, Norway
25. Laska Nenova, ISCA, Bulgaria
26. Laura-Maria Tiidla, ISCA, Estonia
27. Liina Sepp, ISCA, Denmark
28. Maria Luiza De Souza Dias, Sesc São Paulo, Brazil
29. Maria Malyshkina, ISCA, Denmark
30. Marie Oleinik, ISCA, Russian Federation
31. Marina Vukotić, Association Sport for all Serbia, Serbia
32. Mihai Androhovici, Association Sport for all Suceava, Romania
33. Mogens Kirkeby, DGI, Denmark
34. Ómar Bragi Stefansson, UMFI, Iceland
35. Paolo Menescardi, L'ORMA, Italy
36. Patrice Roder, UFOLEP, France
37. Paulina Godlewska, ISCA, Denmark
38. Philippe De Witte, external guest, Belgium
39. Philippe Machu, UFOLEP, France
40. Priit Karjane, Estonian Sports Association Joud, Estonia
41. Rachel Payne, ISCA, Denmark
42. Saska Benedicic Tomat, ISCA, Slovenia
43. Shub Mane, ISCA, Denmark
44. Tarmo Volt, Estonian Sports Association Joud, Estonia
45. Tiziano Pesce, UISP – Unione Italiana Sport Per tutti, Italy
46. Toni Llop Padilla, UBAE, Spain
47. Xheni Dimraj, Federata Shqiptare e Sportit Shkollor, Albania

4. Adoption of new members

ISCA GA 2021 [Delegate File](#) (page 54) lists the member organisations that are proposed for membership for the GA. Since 2019, 27 organisations have applied. The Executive Committee has previously reviewed and approved the applications. Below are the organisations proposed for ratification for ISCA membership:

1. ENALMH – European Network for Active Living and Mental Health – Belgium
2. IFPE – International Fitness Pro Education Academy – Germany
3. Sports and Cultural Youth Association SKUMS – Croatia
4. International Jomasar Council – India
5. Nepal School Sports Federation – Nepal
6. World Ninja Federation – International
7. Idealverein für Sportkommunikation und Bildung – Germany
8. ACG – Asociace Cesky Gymnathlon z.s. – Czech Republic
9. Health Life Academy for adoption – Croatia
10. IFBT – Assoc. Intenacional Foment del Beach Tennis – Spain
11. SSF – Sacred Sports Foundation Inc. – St. Lucia
12. Instituto 17 – Brazil
13. Observatory for Sport in Scotland – OSS – Scotland
14. ASED – Action for Social Economic Development – Uganda

15. CADSZ – Ajial Daraa Club Association Sports – Morocco
16. CFFA – Cameroon Freestyle Football Association – Cameroon
17. AICS – International Cardio Sports Association – Iran
18. IFKF – International Fight Kickboxing Federation – Iran
19. YSR – Yoga and Sport For Refugees – France
20. i-sport – World immigrant sports organisation – Turkey
21. KONAK BEL – Konak Municipality – Turkey
22. Federata Shqiptare E Sportit Shkollor – Albania
23. Sish – Social Innovation Sportshub – Associação – Portugal
24. Associaiton Footura Sofia – Bulgaria
25. L'orma ssd arl – Italy
26. Società sportiva dilettantistica Around Sport srl – Italy
27. ASOCIATIA JUDETEANA SPORTUL PENTRU TOTI SUCEAVA – Romania

Three of the new member organisations were in the room: Asociatia Judeteană Sportul Pentru Toti Suceava (Romania), Federata Shqiptare E Sportit Shkollor (Albania) and L'orma ssd arl (Italy).

The chairpersons proposed to adopt all organisations as a full package if there were no comments. All who voted were in favour of adopting the full list of proposed members.

The new ISCA members were welcomed by applause. The new members that were presented in the room received an envelope with voting cards and became full members with voting rights at the GA. From this point, the total number of voting members was 17.

5. Presentation of reports from

a. Report by president Mogens Kirkeby

ISCA President Mogens Kirkeby presented his report of the year, consisting of the following points:

- Pointing out ISCA 25th anniversary last year
- Descriptions of the projects, in particular, MOVE transfer EU-China, European Mile, Physical Literacy for Life, Move For Fun MOVE Week (Europe & Latin America), learn.isca.org platform, 10th MOVE Congress
- COVID-19 consequences and solutions
- Special mentioning of work that was done despite COVID-19 and special thanks to all who have continued connecting via screens
- Overview of future action plans (external and internal) and strategy
- Thank you to the ISCA members, the ExCo and partners

Everyone can also view the President's video report covering two years periods until now, including different organisational details through [this online video](#), and key points are as well located in the Delegate File (p.6)

b. Committee and Network Reports

In addition, by special request, ISCA Vice President Maria Luiza Souza Dias presented her report of ISCA Latin America activities, consisting of the following points:

- Importance of the campaigns in the partnership

- “European Digital Mile” (From Europe to Brazil)
- Gathering people as an expertise
- Mission strategy, advocacy, actions
- Online engagement MOVE WEEK 2021 warm up!! 9 videos (6 countries), 347 posts and more than 2k interactions
- MOVE WEEK 2021 campaign engaged 9 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela)
- Participation in external events
- Preparation for 10th international forum of gymnastics for all, October 06–09, 2022

A written Latin America report was also available in the Delegate File.

Souza Dias’ report was followed by an energiser organised by Shub Mane, ISCA.

6. Report from the Secretary General, including decisions.

a. ISCA Draft strategy 2022-2025. For adoption.

Jacob Schouenborg, ISCA General Secretary gave report to the General Assembly about ISCA activities in 2019-2021, as well future strategy for 2022-2025. ISCA Draft strategy is available at the [Delegate File](#) (p.10).

He felt confident about the current status and elaborated on the following points.:

- Role of ISCA, mission and vision
- Grassroots Sport Diplomacy as a new element
- Succeeding as a membership-based organisation
- Digital development, convening power, partnership as strategic enablers
- Thematic projects, NowWeMove Campaign, MOVE Congress, Advocacy (operational pillars)
- Target groups: membership is the core
- The main goal to see more citizens’ physical active.

After a few questions from the audience, the strategy 2022-2025 was put up for adoption with **17 votes “for”, 0 “against” and 0 not voting.**

The strategy has been adopted.

b. ISCA Renewed membership offer. For adoption.

Jacob Schouenborg introduced a short overview, and the renewed membership offer was presented by Laska Nenova, underlining the following points:

- Importance of evolving the offer (more members – more impact (and revenue))
- Better quality and relevance; more transparency and easier access)
- New fee structure (free, 49€, 250€/500€, 1500€)
- New membership types: Mover, Move Agent, Full Member, Premium Member divided by target groups
- More accessible, fair, attractive for target groups
- Updated ISCA database (WildApricot platform)
- Network between ISCA members
- Understanding needs of ISCA members, who part of the ISCA learn platform

- Thank you to all working with membership offer

The memberships proposal for put up for adoption with **17 votes “for”, 0 “against” and 0 not voting.**

The membership offer and fee structure has been adopted.

c. ISCA.org online ecosystem

Georgi Staykov, ISCA digital specialist, showed the ISCA.org online ecosystem with the following details:

- Digital development, software improving year by year
- Succeed in the campaign NowWeMove and MOVE Week
- The customised platform for members’ activity with possibility for registration, maps, video,
- Providing all the tools, catalogue of the digital tools to the ISCA members at the platform demo.ISCA.org
- Learn.ISCA.org
- Membership management software (WildApricot)
- Better engagement and membership support

On the occasion of the General Assembly 2021, Georgi announced the **official launch** of the new ISCA home page ISCA.org

d. ISCA Accounts

Next, the Secretary General gave an overview of ISCA accounts. In 2019, the turnover was the same as in 2018 (1.5 million EUR) with a higher surplus of 90 826 EUR twice as much as the previous year. 2020 saw a drop in turnover of 15% with 59.842 surplus, but 2021 is budgeted to more than rebound, with the highest turnover ever in ISCA.

The Secretary General pointed out that the last three years ISCA managed to start building equity and today organisation have close to 200 000 EUR in equity. It has been politically decided by the ExCo to aim for 20% of the equity of turnover, which means that ISCA is halfway there.

64% of turnover is generated through EU-funded projects with 90% of the EU project turnover coming from the projects that ISCA is leading.

The Secretary General marked the importance of the cofounding obligation and referred to the importance of the partnership with Danish Ministry of Culture and DGI in that regard, with other financial partners including EU funding, Foundations (Nordplus, Cisu), Corporate funding and MOVE Congress support (Visit Brussels, Hungarian Ministry for Human Capacities).

e. ISCA budget 2022-2023. For adoption.

Next, the Secretary General gave an overview of ISCA budget 2022-2023:

- 2021 projected to have largest turnover ever (2,2 M€)
- 2022 1,1 M€ budgeted at the moment, many funding requests still pending
- 2023 896.000€ budgeted

The Secretary General explained that the budget forecast was quite usual for ISCA in terms of the projected budgets, which are expected to grow. After presenting the budget for the next two years, as adopted by the Executive Committee, the chairpersons proposed to put the ISCA budget for adoption.

Budget for adoption: **17 votes “for”, 0 votes “against. Adopted.**

Next, the Secretary General gave a special thanks to all ISCA staff and Executive Committee.

f. ISCA auditor (Buus Jensen is proposed)

ISCA’s auditor was proposed to remain Buus Jensen. ISCA has been using their services for a few years and are satisfied with the service and prices.

Auditor for adoption **17 votes “for”, 0 votes “against”. Adopted.**

7. Proposals

The Executive Committee proposed to set up a working group to review and suggest updates of ISCA in advance of the next General Assembly.

17 votes “for”, 0 “against”. Proposal adopted.

8. Elections

Presentations of the nominated candidates are found at [Delegate File](#) (p.4)

In accordance with Articles 5.3 and 7.16 of the statutes, the General Assembly shall elect representatives to the posts of President (1), Vice Presidents (2) and members of the Executive Committee (5). Chairpersons referred to Article 7.9 of the statutes which stipulates that nominations were to be received by 9th October 2021.

For the ISCA president position only one nomination was submitted – Mogens Kirkeby. For the two Vice President positions, Maria Luiza Souza Dias and Helen Vost were nominated. For the ExCo, by the 9th of October, five nominations were submitted, namely Liliana Ortiz De La Cruz, Daniela Conti, Michael Tiemann, Patrice Roder and Jakub Kalinowski. Helen Vost’s nomination had been received after the six-week deadline before the General Assembly, and the chairpersons thus asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. This was not the case.

The nominees had the opportunity to make a short presentation/speech before the voting. Helen Vost, who could not be present, had made a video presentation, which was shown.

The chairpersons suggested that all voting could take place in 1 round, using the voting sheets that had been shared with delegates.

Results of elections:

Mogens Kirkeby for the position of ISCA President: **17 votes “for”, 0 “against”**

Maria Luiza Souza Dias for the position of ISCA **Vice President: 15 votes “for”, 0 “against”**

Helen Vost for the position of ISCA **Vice President: 15 votes “for”, 0 “against”**

For the 5 available positions of ISCA **Executive Committee** Members:

Liliana Ortiz De La Cruz – 15 votes

Daniela Conti – 17 votes

Michael Tiemann – 16 votes

Patrice Roder – 16 votes

Jakub Kalinowski – 14 votes

ISCA Executive Committee 2022-2023 has therefore been elected as follows:

President:

Mogens Kirkeby, DGI, Denmark

Vice Presidents:

Maria Luiza Souza Dias, Serviço Social do Comércio, Brazil (ISCA Latin America Chair)

Helen Vost, Youth Sport Trust International

Members:

Liliana Ortiz de La Cruz, Fundacion pro Deporte y Recreation para todos, Colombia

Daniela Conti, UISP – Unione Italiana Sport Per tutti, Italy

Michael Tiemann, Deutscher Turner-Bund (DTB), Germany

Patrice Roder, UFOLEP, France

Jakub Kalinowski, Fundacja V4Sport, Poland

Continental Chairpersons remain to be:

Siu Yin Cheung, Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China (ISCA Asia Chair)

Dr Jayne Greenberg, US Department of Health and Human Services, USA (ISCA North America Chair)

Ashraf Mahmood, Egyptian Sports Culture Association, Egypt (ISCA Africa Chair)

Maria Luiza Souza Dias, Serviço Social do Comércio, Brazil (ISCA Vice President, ISCA Latin America Chair)

9. Miscellaneous

The ExCo received an invitation from the floor for building a new and transparent networking between the executive committee and the members, enabling members to work together and support, with clear communication channels. The President thanked for the positive suggestion.

The President suggested that Branko Vujovic could continue as Executive Committee substitute for another 2 years.

The President thanked the former members of the ExCo, namely Arnaud Jean, Carlo Balestri and Toni Llop.

10. Closure of the General Assembly 2021

Mogens Kirkeby thanked the members for their trust and contributions.

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Minutes signed by the two chairpersons

Elena Garcia Morales

Philippe De Witte