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AIBA SETTLES DEBTS, ACHIEVES FINANCIAL STABILITY & PLANS REFORMS

Lausanne, May 26th, 2021; The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has paid in full its outstanding \$10 million USD debt to Azerbaijanian company Benkons LLC, which was the main loan for the organization and which had been at the heart of a financial instability period, as well as other previous debts. The biggest loan had been part of the World Series of Boxing, unsuccessful venture.

The settlement of the loan marks the fulfillment of an election promise by AIBA President Umar Kremlev, to return the International Federation to financial stability. It is accompanied by a \$7 million round of development funding which will see grants issued to National Federations (NFs) and Continental Confederations.

“Financial issues have hung over the leadership of the sport that I love for too many years. They have even threatened our future in the Olympics” said President Kremlev. “Closing the debt is a core achievement for our financial health and future Olympic prospects. I am very happy that we have been able to resolve this and ensure stability for AIBA. Boxing is a sport with a rich history, a strong present, and an ambitious future. It deserves effective leadership.”

During the tenure of former President Ching-Kuo Wu, AIBA became a guarantee to the loan of \$10 million USD provided by Benkons. The resulting debt was identified by the IOC as a key reason for suspending payments to AIBA in 2017 and later the complete suspension of AIBA. AIBA hopes its settlement and the resulting stability will now prove to be a significant step towards resolving the IOC’s concerns.



Meanwhile, the AIBA Financial Support Program has been launched to provide development and equipment resources for the work of its NF's and Confederations. AIBA will distribute \$2 million USD for NFs annually. Additionally, boxing equipment will be provided to countries for \$2.5 million USD total. Each of the five AIBA Confederations will receive \$500,000 USD per year. The funds to make these developments possible have a clear source and do not involve themselves any new debts. As part of its work to ensure financial stability, AIBA recently secured significant sponsorship from Gazprom.

AIBA is also using its new-found financial stability as a platform for achieving progress in governance reform and sporting integrity. An independent investigation has been commissioned into allegations of past judging corruption, notably around the Rio 2016 Olympic boxing tournament. In addition, new systems and processes are being introduced to combat corrupt judging, match-fixing, and other forms of manipulation.



International Boxing Association

AFRICAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (AFBC)

KENYAN TEAM PARTICIPATION IN 12TH KONSTANTIN KOROTKOV INTERNATIONAL BOXING TOURNAMENT IN KHABAROVSK, RUSSIA

The Kenya national boxing team sent its four boxers that qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Games to take part in the Konstantin Korotkov International Boxing tournament in Russia. The tournament was held at the Regional Sports Complex in Khabarovsk. The key objective of Team Kenya was to gauge the level of preparation of the boxers for the forthcoming Tokyo Olympic Games. The four boxers that were in Russia included female flyweight Christine Ongare, female welterweight Elizabeth Akinyi, featherweight (Team Captain) "Commander" Nick Okoth, and heavyweight Elly Ajowi.

The performance of the boxers was commendable, considering the short period they had to prepare for the tournament and the travelling logistics. All Kenyan boxers weren't fighting on day one. Christine Ongare was the first to take to the ring on day 2 in the flyweight category against Diana Gorishnaya of Estonia, and she lost after the unanimous decision. Welterweight Elizabeth Akinyi was second to get into the ring against Maria Hernandez of Dominican Republic. The match was stopped in the second round when Kenya's

head coach Benjamin Musa, threw the towel for his boxer to forfeit the fight. The coach's decision seemed to have frustrated Akinyi who believed she had more to offer had she not been stopped prematurely. The coach said, "I noted Akinyi was bleeding in the mouth and when she was hit with a hard punch to the head, I decided to stop the fight so as not to aggravate the injury". On her behalf Akinyi said the bleeding was caused by a new mouth guard which scratched her gum but she was happy to have gotten experience by participating in the tournament, and she concluded by saying, 'I live to fight another day'.

Team Captain "Commander " Nick Okoth owing to a bye, started the tournament at the quarter final stage, he demonstrated early in the match that he was not taking any prisoners when he stylishly dominated all the three rounds, defeating Ukrainian Sergey Kushko on a unanimous decision. He however settled for the bronze medal after losing at the semi-final match to Ovik Oganisyan,, from Russia who went on to win gold in the featherweight category on a unanimous decision. Heavyweight Elly Ajowi closed the Kenyan tour when he was defeated at the semi-final stage by Madiyar Saidrahimiov from Uzbekistan settling for another bronze medal for team Kenya.

The level of competition was noticeably higher considering that participating countries from Russia, Uzbekistan, Japan, and Ukraine have dominated boxing for a while in world championships. This was a worthy circuit for Kenyan team Olympic bound boxers to gauge themselves and test their rating amongst other



Team Kenya medalists Elly Ajowi (Left) and "Commander" Nick Okoth"

teams from Azerbaijan, Poland, Dominican Republic, and Morocco which will also have a show at the Tokyo Olympic Games. The performance of each individual boxer gave the technical bench team an opportunity to identify the areas for improvements in which weaknesses were apparent and strengthen the boxers by adopting new techniques, making them unbeatable in future undertakings.

The winners were awarded medals, trophies, and cash for silver and gold medalists. Before the tournament began all the boxers and participating officials were subjected to Covid-19 tests which were done at the team's residential hotel. Furthermore, wearing masks was mandatory at all times and when possible they observed social distancing.

Kenyan referee and Judge Mr. Nelson Otieno, was recognized for exemplary performance and was awarded a trophy, and certificate for being one of the best referees and judges in the tournament.

The tournament was held to honor Russian hero Kostantin Korotkov, several former Russian Olympic and World Champions were in attendance on the day of the finals and were involved in awarding the medalists during medal ceremonies.

The organization of the tournament was without doubt world class and team Kenya is honored to have participated, we look forward to participating in future editions of the tournament.



Boxing Association of Kenya



TEAM KENYA: Members of Kenyan contingent to Konstatin-Korotkov International Boxing tournament in Khabarosk Russia

SOUTH SUDAN BOXING FEDERATION (SSBF) PREPARES FOR THE OLYMPIC WEEK BETWEEN SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN BEFORE THE TOKYO OLYMPICS

With the cooperation of the South Sudan Boxing Federation (SSBF), boxers in South Sudan of various weights have entered serious training in order to participate in the Olympic week between Sudan and South Sudan, prior to the launch of the Tokyo Olympics.

The head coach of boxing at the youth center, coach Gaddafi, explained that they are training from Saturday to Monday as preparation for this Sudanese tournament, which is very important to them despite the obstacles that may be caused by the developments of Covid 19, and he added that as a South Sudan Boxing Federation, they will give an equal opportunity for two women to participate in this game to show equality.



The South Sudan National Olympic Committee (SSNOC) President, Juma Stephen Lugga Lemi, had confirmed at a press conference in Juba at the beginning of this month that the agreement on the Olympic week between the two countries had been concluded in Addis Ababa during the General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), where ANOCA confirmed his financial support for this idea, where the first week will be held in Sudan, while the second week will be in South Sudan.

The Secretary-General of the South Sudan National Olympic Committee (SSNOC), Tong Chor Malek Deran, said that entities such as the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and in addition the airlines in the two countries will contribute to the success of this Olympic week which will be probably in June, before the start of the Japanese Olympics.



AMERICAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (AMBC)

BOXING CANADA RENEWS ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH STING AS THE OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT AND APPAREL SUPPLIER

Boxing Canada is thrilled to announce the renewal of its partnership with Sting as the official equipment and apparel supplier for the next quadrennial. With shared values and a common vision to support the growth of boxing from our grassroots level all the way to Elite, it comes as no surprise that this partnership between Boxing Canada and Sting is flourishing.

“Boxing Canada is truly happy that Sting has accepted to partner with us for another Olympic cycle as an Official Supplier. Their novel branding strategy and engaged sponsorship principles fall well in-line with our brand, products and services. We certainly look forward to continuous mutual growth and positive impact on Canada’s boxing community,” states Roy Halpin, Boxing Canada’s Executive Director.

Over the next Olympic cycle, Sting will continue to be the exclusive supplier of equipment for Boxing Canada’s events and National High Performance Centre located within INS Québec in Montreal. Additionally, personalized National Team uniforms will continue to be provided for the Canadian delegation.

“We are very happy with the quality of the boxing equipment that has been provided for our high performance program, and we look forward to ongoing training and competitions with Sting apparel and equipment for the upcoming quadrennial,” mentions Daniel Trépanier, Boxing Canada’s High Performance Director.

“Sting is thrilled to be the exclusive supplier of boxing equipment and competition apparel to Boxing Canada. Our goal is to not just equip Canadian boxers with our amazing range of products, but to actively play a role in growing the sport of boxing,” said Vice President Sales – North America, Josh Watson.



EUROPEAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (EUBC)

NEW OFFICIALS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR REFEREES AND JUDGES

A new Officials National Development Program is being launched by England Boxing which aims to ensure a greater countrywide consistency and provide a high-level of training and support at all levels.

Officials remain absolutely essential to boxing over the past 18 months. The work has been underway to design a structure that suits clubs, current officials, and those keen to start a career as a referee or judge.

A partnership approach with all of England Boxing regions has aided the process for the design, development, and delivery of the program.

Fundamentally, regions will continue to have the operational and delivery accountability for Grade C and B for both referees and judges.

However, to ensure a consistent approach, the same range of resources will be universally used to assist consistency in development and learning.

Several significant developments that will be brought forward by the Officials National Development Program are detailed below.

Regions have identified and nominated R&J Developers. Their role will be essential for the development of officials and they will lead the delivery of the regional learning centers.

R&J Developers have, in turn, been asked to select mentors who will provide face-to-face support for officials who are progressing with their education and learning.



R&J Developers will have the opportunity to engage with online seminars which have been provided by England Boxing.

In consultation with regions, England Boxing have designed and produce a complete Official National Development Program syllabus, which includes online exams, a core model which outlines 'what it takes to be an official', a consistent course tutor guide and supporting slides.

Marketing and promotion of official courses will be supported by England Boxing and Certification will be via England Boxing.

Officials who wish to progress to Grade A (which is delivered via England Boxing) must be nominated via their region.

All regions will be required to follow this nationally-aligned program to ensure consistent and quality education across the country.

"Our intent has been to create a consistent and high-quality official's pathway which will inspire and encourage more people to step into the world of officiating," said England Boxing's Coaching Consultant, Chris Porter.

"Working in partnership with regions provides scope for significant delivery and supports the regional activity that is already in place and working well.

"England Boxing will be there to support the trainers in the delivery of these programs, which will help make sure that the sport is judged and officiated in a consistent and most essentially safe manner across the country. I would like to thank all regions for their much-valued input into the program so far."

The majority of the resources used on the Officials National Development Program will be available via the England Boxing website and from Regional R&J Developers.

A significant number of R&J Developers are ready for delivery. If you wish to know more about becoming an official, or advancing your learning further, please contact your region for course venues and dates.



England Boxing

SUCCESS AT THE SOCIKAS TOURNAMENT AS EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE GB BOXING SQUAD WIN A MEDAL WITH FIVE TAKING GOLD

Men and women from the GB Boxing squad enjoyed a memorable final at the Socikas Tournament in Lithuania as eight boxers secured a medal including five golds for Rosie Eccles, Kieran MacDonald, Calum French, Conner Tudsbury and Scott Forrest

The final haul was made-up of five golds, one silver and two bronze as eight of the 10 boxers selected by GB Boxing to take part in the tournament secured a medal.

The final day of action started in style as Rosie Eccles put in an excellent performance to comfortably beat the host nation's Augustina Markelionytevia a stoppage in round two to win her third medal of 2021 and follow her recent success in Belgrade when she also finished top of the podium.

On her way to the final the Welsh welterweight avenged her defeat from last year's Olympic qualifier as with a split decision (4:1) victory over Saadat Dalgatova of Russia.

Kieran MacDonald was swift to match Rosie's achievement as he defeated France's Ibrahim Boukedim via unanimous decision to win gold.

It was the flyweight's third bout in as many days having previously beaten Lithuania's Marius Vysniauskas and Scotland's Lennon Mulligan in the earlier stages.

After well over 18 months out of the ring, Calum French marked his return with gold. The lightweight also won three bouts in three days and concluded with victory over Holland's Enrico La Cruz via split decision (4:1).



It was the first time the 25-year-old has competed since the Golden Glove tournament in November 2019 hosted in Serbia.

Light-heavyweight Conner Tudsbury also defeated an opponent from Holland in the form of Rick De Noojer to claim his gold medal after a unanimous victory.

It followed wins against France's Raphael Monny and Hungary's Pal Kovacs in the earlier rounds and earned Conner his first medal since 2018 when he claimed bronze at the Youth World Championships.

The final gold of the day was claimed by Scottish heavyweight Scott Forrest who defeated Ukraine's Oleksandr Pylypchuk.

Scott made short work of both his opponents leading up to the final having won via KO against Hungary's Krisztian Kovacs in his opening bout before stopping the host nation's Simonas Urbonavicius in the second round of his semi-final.

The only slight disappointment on the final day of action came in the featherweight final where Niall Farrell, making his return to the ring after three years, had to settle for silver after narrowly losing out to the Wales' Billy Unsworth in a close fought encounter.

The eight medal haul was completed by bronze medals for Ramtin Musah and Kerry Davis.

Outside of the GB Boxing squad, a number of home nation boxers from Scotland and Wales took part in the tournament winning a total of 9 medals.

Reese Lynch earned gold for Scotland whilst there was also four bronzes finishes for Ryan Carlin, Charlie Doig, Stephen Newns and Tyler Jolly.

Whilst Wales' Billy Unsworth and Taylor Bevan claimed gold with Ioan Croft and Garan Croft also securing silver.



GREAT BOXING DAYS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LOVELY SEA-TOWN OF ROSETO DEGLI ABRUZZI

The “abruzzese” town is going to hold two very important Tournaments: the Italian Schoolgirl-Junior-Youth Boxing Championships and the Euro U 22 Boxing Championships.

The first one, scheduled in the upcoming weekend (28-30 May), will take place inside the sport venues of Lido degli Abruzzi tourist resort.

140 boxers are going to take part in this tournament, which will be live streamed on the FPI Official Channel (Official YouTube Channel of the FPI).

The Euro U22 championships, organized by the FPI in cooperation with the EUBC and AIBA, will be held in Roseto from upcoming 17th to 24th of June.

It will be an outstanding event in which more than forty nations are going to compete for the medals.

The tournament mascot is a Shark, which is the sport Symbol of Roseto degli Abruzzi.

Gazprom is the Event General Partner.



Italian Boxing Federation

ASIAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (ASBC)

KAZAKHSTAN DOMINATED THE WOMEN'S FINALS OF THE ASBC ASIAN ELITE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The exciting women's finals were held in the sixth competition day at the ASBC Asian Men's & Women's Elite Boxing Championships in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates. Kazakhstan dominated the women's finals, their boxers achieved eight gold medals out of the ten. Uzbekistan and India also achieved one title in Dubai, where Kazakhstan's Nazym Kyzaibay defeated the legend of the world, Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte.

Altogether 150 boxers including 47 ladies are competing for the medals and money prizes at the ASBC Asian Men's & Women's Elite Boxing Championships. The money prizes of the competition for the gold, silver and bronze medallists were presented by AIBA Secretary General Mr. Istvan Kovacs of Hungary in Dubai.

AIBA allocates 400'000 USD prize money for Asian Boxing Championships. For the boxers who take first place, both men and women, the award is 10'000 USD. For the second, the prize money is 5'000 USD and for both bronze medalists it's 2'500 USD each.

The following 17 nations are attending in the ASBC Asian Men's & Women's Elite Boxing Championships in Dubai: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Indonesia, India, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Laos, Mongolia, Philippines, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, United Arab Emirates, and Uzbekistan

Kazakhstan's Alua Balkybekova has done a revenge in the final

Uzbekistan's Gulasal Sultonalieva was one of the heroes of the fourth competition day when she bowed out the reigning champion, Philippines' Josie Gabuco in the semi-finals of the light flyweight (48kg). The 22-year-old Uzbek had nice memories about her final opponent, Kazakhstan's Alua Balkybekova following Sultonalieva defeated her neighbouring rival at the Ulan-Ude 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships. The younger Uzbek jumped in into the best fighting range and surprised Balkybekova with her quick attacks during the

opening exchanges. The Kazakh boxer had more than 130 bouts during her career and tried to adopt the level of the contest using her longer reach in the first round. Ballybekova used the best fighting distance in their excellent final and she has done a revenge after their first meeting in Ulan-Ude.

Kazakhstan's Nazym Kyzaibay stopped the Indian legend

India's national boxing icon Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte arrived to Dubai to take her 6th Asian title. The six-time AIBA Women's World Champion won almost all of her titles at the light flyweight (48kg) therefore she was going to win the gold medal of the flyweight (51kg) in Dubai. Mary Kom caught Kazakhstan's two-time AIBA Women's World Champion Nazym Kyzaibay with a tough punch during the opening of their final. The Indian star was smarter than in the semi-finals and she concentrated to her combinations better in the first round. Kyzaibay tried to follow her rhythm and came back to the contest with excellent jabs following she received the right advices in the first break. The Kazakh produced her best round in the third, when she controlled the fighting range and the exchanges therefore Kyzaibay stopped the Indian legend in Dubai.

Kazakhstan's Rimma Volosenko knocked out her Indonesian rival

Kazakhstan's Rimma Volosenko won several international tournaments in the recent six years but she was unlucky with the major championships until today. The 29-year-old Kazakh controlled all of her contests at the women's lightweight (60kg) in the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships. Volosenko had amazing fighting spirit in the final against Indonesia's Asian Games bronze medallist Huswatun Hasanah and she decided their contest very quickly. The experienced Kazakh landed lethal punches and the Croatian referee confirmed her KO triumph in the first round.

"I prepared a lot to achieve the gold medal in the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships. The event is exciting and our team arrived in good shape to the event. We worked hard this year, that is the reason of our successes in Dubai. I am ready to compete in the next AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships to reach my next goal," claimed Kazakhstan's Rimma Volosenko.

Valentina Khalzova returned with a gold medal

Kazakhstan's Valentina Khalzova claimed gold medal at the Astana 2016 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships and silver at the Ho Chi Minh City 2017 ASBC Asian Women's Elite Boxing Championships. The 25-year-old Kazakh returned to the national team in 2020 after a break and proved strong performance in the preparation tournaments this year. Khalzova overcame Uzbekistan's promising Navbakhor Khamidova in the first round and she controlled also the second. Khamidova tried to surprise her Kazakh opponent in the third round with quicker jabs but Khalzova had the skills to win the welterweight (69kg).



Kazakhstan Boxing Federation

MACAO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CHINA NATIONAL GAME AT XION IN SEPTEMBER

The China national game is the largest comprehensive game in China every 4 years.

Leong Kin Fong (63 KG)

Chan Man Man (W57KG)

Having participated in the last international tournament in 2019-Indonesia president cup. Leong Kin Fong won a silver medal and Chan Man Man gain brown medal.



Macau Boxing Association

2021 NATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC GAMES IN YUNLIN

2021 National Middle School Athletic Games are highly anticipated ones in Yunlin County, located in the middle of Taiwan. Altogether 404 boxers and 362 contests will conclude five days of boxing, among the entered athletes Youth Men Division (36 teams), Youth Women Division (24 teams), Junior Boys Division (46 teams), Junior Girls Division (24 teams).

Yunlin county warmly invites athletes, coaches, and team officials from all over the nation to visit Yunlin, a place with beautiful mountains, seas, and coffee that you wouldn't like to miss.

The National Middle School Athletic Games is not only a stage for young students to compete in sports, but also a national sport for nurturing potential. The cradle of the grass-root boxers. "Breakthrough & Surpass" is the motto of all participating teams. At the same moment we are handling the National Games for Middle School. Nearly 10,000 players and officials are competing in the event.

After a long and anticipated tough training, we hope that the young athletes will compete with each other in the arena and create great results. In the pursuit of the best performance on the boxing ring of individual sports.

This prestigious event brought accompanying teachers, coaches, team officials, relatives, friends, guests, and boxing fans to come to Yunlin to cheer for boxers.

Attached in the association 2021 National Middle School Athletic Games in Yunlin's results and boxing technical book for your reference as for the following:

2021 National Middle School Athletic Games in Yunlin - Youth Women Division

Position

Weight First, Second, Third , Fourth

48 KG LIN, TZU-EN CHIU, CHING-YU LIN, PIN-CHUN WU, MEI-LI

2021 National Middle School Athletic Games in Yun-Lin - Youth Men Division

Position

Weight First, Second, Third, Fourth

49 KG HSU, PO-HAO CHANG, CHI-EN CHEN, WEI-HAN LIN, KUAN-YI

52 KG YU, CHING-WEI LIN, YUNG-FENG CHANG, TZU-CHEN HSU, YEN-HSIN

56 KG LI, CHEN-HSUEH WANG, CHIEN-YU SHIH, CHENG-YU HUANG, YU-HAO

60 KG LIN, PING-YI CHANG, JEN-YI LIN, CHUN-YU LAI, WEI-LUN

64 KG LO, YI LU, TSUNG-WEI LIU, TZU-HAO LIN, CHUN-YU

69 KG LIN, CHIA-HSING CHEN, MENG-YANG WANG, WEI-LIN CHU, JUI-EN

75 KG HUNG, KUAN-TENG LIN, CHE-WEI HUANG, KUAN-CHUN CHEN,
HSIN-HUNG

81 KG YANG, YUNG-CHUN LIU, CHENG-'EN TSAI, CHIEH-YU LIN, CHIH-YANG

91 KG HUNG, YU-CHUN CHUNG, YU-HSIANG CHEN, WEI-TING CHEN, YU-MIN

91+ KG HSU, YU-CHEN CHAN, KAI-HAO TSAI, HSIUNG-CHOU PAN, CHEN-WEI

51 KG LIU, YU-SHAN YU, CHEN-YU LIN, JOU-HSUAN HUANG, YU-CHING

54 KG TSAI, SHAO-YU CHIU, CHIH-LIN HUANG, PEI-CHI HSIEH, AI-LING

57 KG TSAI, HSIN-HUI HUNG, PEI-CHI LU, TZU-YING CHEN, JUI-HSUAN

60 KG WU, YU-CHIEH LO, FANG-YU HUNG, HSIU-CHI LI, YI-CHUN

64 KG LI, MIN CHANG, YI-HSUAN



Chinese Taipei Boxing Association

OCEANIA BOXING CONFEDERATION (OCBC)

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SPORTS AND CULTURE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SAMOA BOXING FEDERATION WILL BE CONDUCTING ITS INTER COLLEGE BOXING COMPETITION

The Ministry of Education Sports and Culture in collaboration with The Samoa Boxing Federation will be conducting its Inter College Boxing competition on May 24th, 26th, 28th and 31st at the Upolu Savaii Ring Vaitele-tai commencing at 8.30am.

In addition to Inter College Weightlifting, Inter College Boxing is one of the Sports Division's planned activities with the aim to identify young talented athletes

who have the potential and interest in this particular sport. This will also give students who are not participating in other sports like netball and rugby, the opportunity to participate to achieve maximum health and wellbeing.

Six (6) Colleges within Upolu namely Avele College, Aana # 2 College, Vaimauga College, Anoamaa College, Saint Joseph's College and Sagaga College will be competing in a four day competition under 44 weight categories.

This competition was initially held in 2017 and 2018 but for various reasons, it has been deferred to recommence this year.

MESC would like to acknowledge the greatest support from the Samoa Boxing Federation by providing coaches to train the students since the program started on April 12th. They will also provide technical support during the 4 days of competition. We would also like to acknowledge the support from the Principals and coaches from the above schools and would like to wish all the boxers the best in the competition.

