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# Who's who Candidates for election 2019

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#### WELCOME MESSAGE

**On behalf of** European Athletics, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all Member Federations and their Delegates attending the 26<sup>th</sup> European Athletics Congress in Prague/CZE.

The Congress takes place on Saturday 13 April and its focal point, and arguably the most important piece of business, will be the elections, where the President, Vice Presidents and Council Members of European Athletics will be elected for a four-year term until 2023.

One new feature that will certainly make the difference in these elections is the implementation of the gender balance principle as part of the constitutional changes approved in the 2017 Congress. We will therefore have among our elected officials at least four Council members of each gender elected, one of them for a Vice-President position.

Once again, like at the last elective Congress in 2015, I have been greatly heartened to see that 27 of our Member Federations have put forward their candidates for election, and that there was a response to the call for gender balance.

European Athletics compiled in this booklet the Curriculum Vitae of each of the candidates presented for election for the different positions. I trust this publication assists in the transparency of the election, provides equal treatment to all candidates and provides very useful information for the Member Federations to elect the Council that will be responsible for directing and overseeing the European Athletics activities in the next four years.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Prague and I wish the candidates good luck for the elections!

#### **Christian Milz**

**European Athletics Chief Executive Officer** 

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Number of seats: 1 Number of candidates: 1

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# **CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION**

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# **CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION**

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Surname: **ALEXANDER** 

First Name: **Cherry** 

Country: **Great Britain & NI** 

Date of birth: 25 Dec 1960

Languages: English (native), German

(beginner)

Profession: Director at National Sports

**Governing Body** 

Position: Major Events Director

Position sought: Vice President



## **Professional positions within athletics**

Major Events Director

Lead on UKA Rules, Fixtures and Competition Advisory Group, Birmingham (1995-2015)

Member of LOC for LOCOG – London 2012, London (2010-2012) Member of European Athletics Competition Committee, Lausanne (2015-2019)

#### Other professional experience

Nike International – Athlete Promotions Manager, Newcastle (1981-1991) Member of UK Sport International Leadership Programme, London (2010-2012) IAAF & WPA World Championships 2017 – Managing Director, London (2015-2017)

#### Education

Secondary Education (1971-1976) Business Management Course (1976-1979)

## Other relevant experience

Leading roles across 12 successful Major Championship bids, Birmingham (1991-2018)

Founder of Women in World Athletics Project – now global, Birmingham (2013-2019) Meeting Director of UK Diamond League meetings, London/Birmingham (2013-2019)

#### Candidate's merits

Cherry has been working in Athletics for 40 years and is highly respected by colleagues across the globe. She operates with integrity and her style is to listen, engage and deliver quality outcomes.

Surname: **BOS** First Name: **John** 

Country: The Netherlands
Date of birth: 04 Aug 1961

Languages: Dutch (native), English (fluent),

German (intermediate)

Profession: **CEO Healthcare Organisation** 

Position: Chairman of the Board

Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

Vice President Royal Dutch Athletics Federation, The Netherlands (2010-2019) Vice President LOC EC Athletics 2016, Amsterdam (2012-2017) Member of Member Federation Development Commission EAA, Lausanne (2016-2019)

## Other professional experience

Chairman of the Board CEO Heerenveen Sports City, Heerenveen (2010-2012) Vice Governor Province of Flevoland, The Netherlands (2003-2010) Managing Director Internal Revenue Services, Amsterdam (1991-2003)

#### **Education**

Masters of Organizational Behaviour (1993-1997) Masterclass Post-Msc Director In Healthcare at Erasmus (2016-2017)

## Other relevant experience

Secretary General Royal Dutch Athletics Federation a.i., Arnhem (2012-2013) Member of Dutch Olympic (pre)Bidding Team 2028, The Netherlands (2008-2012) Member of the National Paralympic Committee, The Netherlands (2010-2019)

#### Candidate's merits

Connecting abilities, networking, innovative, enthusiasm, committed, entrepreneurial, Para-athletics, communicative, organizational power, strategic, team player.



Surname: BRANKOVIĆ
First Name: Slobodan
Country: Serbia
Date of birth: 01 Oct 1967

Languages: Croatian (native), English

(beginner), Bulgarian (fluent)

Profession: Manager in Sport - Master

Degree

Position: Chief Executive Officer

Position sought: Council Member



#### **Professional positions within athletics**

Chief Executive Officer, Athletic Federation of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia (2017-) General Secretary, Athletic Federation of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia (2008-2017) Vice President, Association of Balkan Athletic Federations (2015-)

## Other professional experience

Executive Director of International Meeting "Memorial Artur Takac", Belgrade (2005-2008)

LOC Director of many European Championships held in Serbia, Novi Sad and Belgrade (2009-2017)

LOC President of European Indoor Championships, Belgrade (2017)

#### **Education**

High School (1981-1984) Bachelor's Degree (2004-2007) Master's Degree (2013-2014)

## Other relevant experience

SRB team member, national champion & record holder 100,400,4x400m, Serbia (1984-1998)

Gold medal 400m European Indoor Championships, Genoa (1992) Member of Team Europe on World Cup, Havana (1992)

#### Candidate's merits

The best national sportsman in all sport surveys 1992; best Director of National Sport Federations in Serbia 2017; Award from the Ministry of Sport RS for extraordinary contribution to Serbian Sport.

Surname: **BUT-HUSAIM** 

First Name: Nadya
Country: Belarus
Date of birth: 30 Aug 1988

Languages: Russian (native), English

(intermediate), Spanish

(beginner)

Profession: Belarus Athletic Federation

Position: **General Secretary**Position sought: **Council Member** 



#### **Professional positions within athletics**

General Secretary, Belarus Athletic Federation, Minsk, Belarus (2018-) Sports Director, Belarus Athletic Federation, Minsk, Belarus (2015-2018) NTO`s Chairman, Minsk, Belarus (2015-2019) Athletics Sport School Deputy of Director, Brest, Belarus (2013-2015)

#### Other professional experience

European Athletics, CEO Conference – Project Coordinator from BAF, Minsk, Belarus (2016-2018)

II European Games – Meeting Manager (Athletics), Minsk, Belarus (2017-2019) European 10 000m Cup – Meeting Manager, Minsk, Belarus (2016-2017)

#### **Education**

Lecturer, coach (athletics), sports manager (2005-2010) Master of Pedagogical Sciences (2010-2011) Lawyer (2008-2010)

## Other relevant experience

IAAF WRWCH 2020 – Competition Director, Minsk, Belarus (2017-2019) Europe vs USA Match – Competition Director, Minsk, Belarus (2018-2019) TOECS Level 1 Course – Lecturer, Samokov, Bulgaria (2017-2017)

#### Candidate's merits

European Athletics Women's Leadership Awards (2015)



Surname: CARRERAS
First Name: Frank
Country: Gibraltar
Date of birth: 27 Jul 1957

Languages: English (native), Spanish (native)

Profession: Retired Senior Civil Servant/Tax

and Admin. consultant

Position: Commissioner of Income Tax/

**Assistant Chief Secretary** 

Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

President of the Gibraltar Amateur Athletic Association, Gibraltar (2010-) President of Athletic Association of Small States of Europe, Europe (2016-)

## Other professional experience

Chairman of the Gibraltar Police Complaints Board, Gibraltar (2018-) Board Member of the Gibraltar Police Authority, Gibraltar (2018-) Board Member of the Public Service Commission, Gibraltar (2017-)

#### **Education**

Secondary School (O & A Level Certificates) (1968-1974) Accounting and Finance (1974-1978)

## Other relevant experience

Vice-President Gibraltar Pistol Association, Gibraltar (2016-2019) Member of the Board of Governors of the Gibraltar University, Gibraltar (2016-) Board Member of the Healthcare Service Commission, Gibraltar (2018-)

#### Candidate's merits

For 30 years I have been involved in developing athletics in Gibraltar, a great success story. I pledge to work hard to develop athletics within the Small States and all other developing federations.

Surname: CHAPADO SERRANO

First Name: Raúl Country: Spain

Date of birth: **04 May 1970** 

Languages: Spanish (native), English

(intermediate)

Profession: Major Sports Events, Sports

**Facilities & Athletes Consultant** 

Position: Freelance
Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

Freelance – Global Sports Management & Strategy President – Royal Spanish Athletics Federation (RFEA), Madrid, Spain (2016-2019)

Member of the RFEA Executive Board, Madrid, Spain (2014-2016)

Professional Athlete – Triple Jump, National Athletics Team, Spain (1990-2004)

#### Other professional experience

Madrid 2020 Olympic Bid-General Director: Sports & Operations, Madrid, Spain (2011-2013)

MoviSports Solutions – Director of Project Development & Operations, Madrid, Spain (2009-2012)

Madrid 2016 Olympic Bid-General Director: Sports & Operations, Madrid, Spain (2007-2009)

#### **Education**

MBA of Sports Companies (1999-2000) Master of Sports High Performance (1996-1998) Graduate Politics & Sociology Sciences (1990-1995)

## Other relevant experience

NOC High Performance Commission – President, National Olympic Committee (2017-2019)

NOC General Assembly – Member, National Olympic Committee (2017-2019) ADESP Executive Committee – Member, Spanish Sport Association (2017-2019)

#### Candidate's merits

I have more than 20 years of experience in sports, particularly in the areas of sports events and athlete management. Event management, sports marketing, leadership, project planning and venue development.



Surname: ÇINTIMAR
First Name: Fatih
Country: Turkey
Date of birth: 21 Dec 1969

Languages: Turkish (native), English

(beginner)

Profession: Sports Management Specialist

Position: **President** 

Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

President of Turkish Athletic Federation, Ankara (2013-2019) Head of Sports and Youth in City of Erzurum, Erzurum (2003-2013) Coordinator of Mediterranean Games, Mersin (2012-2013)

## Other professional experience

Winter Universiade LOC Coordinator, Erzurum (2004-2011) Lecturer in Erzurum Atatürk University (1996-2003)

#### **Education**

Sports Management Expert (1992-1996)

#### Candidate's merits

Honest person, in love with athletics, has zero tolerance to Doping, he is a great fighter against doping. Great father, has ideas to improve athletics in every level. dedicated to his job and duties.

Surname: COHEN
First Name: Jack
Country: Israel

Date of birth: 16 Dec 1959

Languages: English (intermediate)
Profession: Business Management

Position: **CEO** 

Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

**Business Management** 

## Other professional experience

Athletics Coach, Tel-Aviv, Israel (1981-1996) Publisher and editor of Running World Magazine, Petach-Tikva, Israel (1982-1997) Organiser of International Athletics Competitions, Israel (1996-2018)

#### **Education**

Graduated Athletics Coach (1981-1981) MBA Business Management (1999-2003)

## Other relevant experience

Managing Commercial firm organisation – Kazan, Israel (1983-1995) Marketing and Public Relationships of sport events, Israel (1983-2015) Member of European Athletics Reflection Commission, Europe (2011-2015)

#### Candidate's merits

Married with three children.



Surname: DIMAKOS
First Name: Panagiotis
Country: Greece
Date of birth: 03 Oct 1960

Languages: Greek (native), English (fluent)
Profession: Prof. Dr. Physical Education
Ph. Ed. Teacher in High schools

and Coach Major Athletics Cl

Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

Ph. Ed. Teacher in High schools and Coach Major Athletics Cl Founder & President Filathlitikos Athletics Club, Athens (1990-2019) Counsellor to the Minister of Education, Athens (1990-2004) Head Centre of Creative recreation positive reinforcement, Athens (1990-2004)

#### Other professional experience

Senior Vice President Hellenic Federation, Athens (2012-2019) Chairman O.C Athens Marathon The Authentic, Athens (2017-2019) Deputy Mayor of Kallithea, Athens (1994-2014)

#### **Education**

Degree in Physical Education University of Athens (1978-1983) PhD in Athletics Socialization (2006-2013)

## Other relevant experience

National Champion and Record Holder Middle Distance Races, Athens (1976-1978) Participation in international Competitions National team member (1977-1983) Head of Commission for Athletics Schools, Athens (1994-2014)

#### Candidate's merits

Very pleasant and outgoing personality capable of relating to others to achieve common goals. Passionate for athletics proposing and developing new solutions. Dedicated to our sport.

Surname: DRUMM
First Name: Georgina
Country: Ireland
Date of birth: 04 Sep 1953

Languages: English (native), Irish

(intermediate)

Profession: Registered Nurse

Position: Registered Nurse Retired

Position sought: Council Member



#### **Professional positions within athletics**

President of Athletics Ireland, Dublin, Ireland (2016-2019) Deputy President of Athletics Ireland, Dublin, Ireland (2012-2016) Chair of Competition, Athletics Ireland, Dublin, Ireland (2012-2016)

## Other professional experience

National Secretary, Athletics Ireland, Dublin, Ireland (1997-2006) Member of Juvenile and Competition Committees, AI, Dublin, Ireland (1999-2012) Member of the Technical Committee, Athletics Ireland, Dublin, Ireland (2012-2019)

#### **Education**

Nursing (1972-1976)

## Other relevant experience

Member of Liaison Committee Athletics Northern Ireland & AI, Dublin, Ireland (2000-2019)

Member of Steering Committee Euro Cross Country 2020, Dublin, Ireland (2017-2019)

Council member of Olympic Federation of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland (2017-2019)

#### Candidate's merits

Georgina is a lady who has devoted her life to the sport of athletics. A person of the highest integrity she is the first female President of Athletics Ireland.



Surname: GIOMI
First Name: Alfio
Country: Italy

Date of birth: 29 Mar 1948

Languages: Italian (native), English

(intermediate)

Profession: Retired

Position: Former Physical Education

**Teacher** 

Position sought: Council Member



#### **Professional positions within athletics**

European Athletics Council Member, (2015-2019) FIDAL President, Rome (2012-2019) Member of the Board of CONI, Rome (2017-2019)

## Other professional experience

Physical Education Teacher, Grosseto (-2007)
President of the Italian athletics club "Banca Tema", Grosseto (2004-2012)
Director – Municipality Centre for Physical Activity & Sport, Grosseto (1983-2006)

#### **Education**

Graduated at ISEF (University of Physical Education) 110/110

## Other relevant experience

Project Manager – Olympic Campaign for Alessandra Sensini, Beijing & London (2008-2012)

Project Manager of YEEW (Young and Europe, Europe and World) (2004-2004) Organiser of national and international athletics events (1981-2019

#### Candidate's merits

Since 1966 he has been working with passion holding relevant positions within athletics including FIDAL President, sport clubs Manager, CONI Board Member, European Athletics and MAU Council Member, European Athletics and IAAF Commissions Member.

Surname: GRACIA
First Name: Jean
Country: France
Date of birth: 23 Sep 1955

Languages: French (native), English (fluent),

Spanish (intermediate)

Profession: Retired

Position sought: Vice President, Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

European Athletics Vice-President, Lausanne (2011-2019) European Athletics Commissions – Development, Clubs, Reflection, Lausanne (2003-2019)

IAAF Commissions – Development, Masters, Competition, Monaco (2007-2019)

#### Other professional experience

IAAF General Secretary, Monaco (2016-2016)
General Director, French Athletics Federation, Paris, France (1992-2015)
Engineer & Business Analyst at Texas Instruments France, Villeneuve-Loubet (1977-1992)

#### **Education**

I/T Bachelor's Degree (1977-1978) Technology University in Electronics Diploma (1975-1976) Mathematics High School Diploma (1971-1974)

## Other relevant experience

European Championships Paris 2020 – LOC President, Paris (2019-) General Secretary, Mediterranean Athletics Union (2011-2019) Director, Agency for the Development of Athletics in Europe, Paris (2019-)

#### Candidate's merits

46 year's experience in Athletics at Local, National, European and World level (1973-2019). General Director of 24 IAAF and European Athletics Championships organised in France from 1992 until 2014.



Surname: **GRUTE MOVIN** 

First Name: Karin
Country: Sweden
Date of birth: 12 Apr 1963

Languages: Swedish (native), English (fluent)

Profession: Value Driven Management

Position: Managing Director
Position sought: Council Member



#### **Professional positions within athletics**

Council Member of the Swedish Athletic Association, Stockholm (2017-2019) Chair of the Competition and Event Committee of the SAA, Stockholm (2018-2019)

## Other professional experience

CEO Validicity, a start-up in block-chain technology, Stockholm (2018-2019) Management Consultant, managing LEAN-projects, Stockholm (2008-2009) Managing Director Böckernas Klubb, Stockholm (2003-2008)

#### **Education**

Master's Degree in Marketing and PR (1992-1993) BA in Business Administration (1984-1988)

## Other relevant experience

President of the LOC for the EU23CH 2019, Gävle (2017-2019) General Secretary European Junior Championships 2015, Eskilstuna (2013-2015)

#### Candidate's merits

She is known for her dedication, for meeting deadlines, for striving to attain set objectives and for introducing new strategies within change & event management, business development & sustainability.

Surname: GYULAI
First Name: Márton
Country: Hungary
Date of birth: 12 Dec 1979

Languages: Hungarian (native) English

(fluent), German (intermediate),

French (intermediate)

Profession: Sports manager, media and

communications expert COO of Budapest 2023 IAAF

World Athletics Championships

Position sought: Vice President, Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

COO of Budapest 2023 IAAF World Athletics Championships General Secretary, Hungarian Athletics Association, Budapest, Hungary (2008-2018) Council Member, European Athletics, Lausanne, Switzerland (2015-2019) Meeting Director, Gyulai István Memorial – European Athletics Classic Permit, Székesfehérvár, Hungary (2011-2019)

#### Other professional experience

CEO European Athletics U18 Championships, Győr, Hungary (2016-2018) CEO SPAR European Athletics Cross Country Championships, Budapest, Hungary (2010-2012)

CEO World Masters Championships in Athletics indoors, Budapest, Hungary (2011-14)

#### **Education**

Position:

Bachelors Degree in International Government and Computer Applications (1997-01) Executive Masters in Sports Organisation Management (2017-2018) Sports Managerial and Executive Studies (2012-2013)

## Other relevant experience

IAAF Nationality Review Panel – Transfer of Allegiance, Monte-Carlo, Monaco (2017-19) Member of Hungarian Olympic Committee, Budapest, Hungary (2012-2019) Member of various European Athletics Commissions, Lausanne, Switzerland (2008-19)

#### Candidate's merits

Participated in 2002 and 2006 Winter Olympic Games, organised over 30 international sports events at regional, European and world championships level in various sports including athletics and tennis.



Surname: HANSEN
First Name: Svein Arne
Country: Norway
Date of birth: 06 May 1946

Languages: English (Fluent), German (Fluent),

Spanish (Intermediate)

Profession: Philatelist, stamp dealer with

own company since 1975

Position sought: **President** 



## **Professional positions within athletics**

President, European Athletics (2015-present) Vice-President, European Athletics (2007-2011) Chairman, European Athletics Development Committee (2007-2011) President, EuroMeetings (1998-2006) President, Norwegian Athletic Federation (2003-2015) Meeting Director, Bislett Games, Oslo (1985-2009)

## Other professional experience

Chairman Norwegian Stamp Dealer Association, Norway (2003–2015)

#### **Education**

High School (1960 – 1965) University studies in mathematics (1965 – 1972) Surname: HENSEL
First Name: Frank
Country: Germany
Date of birth: 03 Sep 1950

Languages: German (native), English (fluent),

French (intermediate)

Profession: Retired

Position sought: Vice President, Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

General Secretary & Director General, German Athletics Federation, Darmstadt, Germany (1998-2016)

High Performance Director & Head Coach, German Athletics Fed, Darmstadt, Germany (1994-1998)

CEO IAAF World Championships 2009, Berlin, Germany (2007-2009)

## Other professional experience

Lecturer, Johannes-Gutenberg-University, Mainz, Germany (1976-1978) Head Coach, Berlin Athletics Federation, Berlin, Germany (1979-1991) Chair of Adv. Board of Dir. of Sport, German Sports Confed., Frankfurt, Germany (1998-2001)

#### **Education**

Sport Science and Educational Science (1972-1976)

## Other relevant experience

Vice President, European Athletics, Lausanne, Switzerland (2015-2019) Board of Directors, European Championships 2018, Berlin, Germany (2015-2018) IAAF Lecturer (1988-1994)

#### Candidate's merits

Coach of medal winners at major events; responsible for enhancing the national teams of the DLV; responsible for the strategic orientation of the DLV; realization of international events in Germany.



Surname: HOTSUL
First Name: Ihor
Country: Ukraine
Date of birth: 14 Mar 1965

Languages: Russian (fluent), English

(intermediate)

Profession: Master of Social Development

Management

Position: First Deputy Minister of

**Youth and Sport** 

Position sought: Council Member



#### **Professional positions within athletics**

First Deputy Minister of Youth and Sport President of Ukrainian Athletic Federation, Ukraine (2012-) General Secretary of Ukrainian Athletic Federation, Ukraine (2003-2008) Area Technical Official (ATO), Europe (2001-2011)

#### Other professional experience

Deputy chairman of the LOC-World Youth Championship, Ukraine (2013-2013) Member of Development Committee Europe Athletics Association, Europe (2008-2011)

CEO, European Cup, Ukraine (2006-2007)

#### Education

Academy for Public Administration under President of Ukraine (2015-2018) Kharkiv State Academy of Physical Culture – manager of sport (2002-2005) National University of Odesa – international relationships (1995-2000)

## Other relevant experience

Member of Working Group for UNESCO Anti-doping Convention, France (2018-) Chairman of Supervisory Board – Ukrainian Anti-doping, Ukraine (2017-) Member of Commission of the European Olympic Committees, Europe (2016-)

#### Candidate's merits

One of the top managers of Ukrainian sport. Has a huge experience with international institutions on anti-doping and sport. Actively contribute innovative programs and projects in sport development.

Surname: KARAMARINOV

First Name: Dobromir
Country: Bulgaria
Date of birth: 26 Mar 1958

Languages: Bulgarian (native), English

(fluent), Russian (fluent)

Profession: Bulgarian Athletic Federation

Position: **President** 

Position sought: Vice President, Council Member



#### **Professional positions within athletics**

President, Bulgarian Athletic Federation
First Vice-President of European Athletics, Lausanne, Switzerland (2015-2019)
President of the Association of Balkan Athletic Federations, Sofia, Bulgaria (2010-19)
Chairman of European Athletics Strategic Communications Commission, Lausanne,
Switzerland (2015-2019)

#### Other professional experieance

European Athletics Council Member, Lausanne, Switzerland (2007-2015) European Athletics Competition Commission Member, Lausanne, Switzerland (2007-15) European Athletics Reflection Commission Member, Lausanne, Switzerland (2003-07)

#### Education

Sports Management (postgraduate qualification) (1998-1999) Coach in Athletics (1978-1982) Mathematics High-School graduate (1972-1976)

## Other relevant experience

IAAF Continental Cup Head of Delegation, Team Leader, Ostrava, Marakesh, Split (2010-2018)

Chairman of European Athletics Mountain Running Commission, Lausanne, Switzerland (2011-2015)

Member of IAAF Strategic Communications Advisory Group, Monaco (2016-2019)

#### Candidate's merits

I have been closely involved with European Athletics structures and activities for over 24 years. I have been through all stages of the governance hierarchy and have profound knowledge of the sport and the way it is managed.



Surname: KIRNOVÁ First Name: Anna

Country: Slovak Republic

Date of birth: 24 Jul 1959

Languages: Slovak (native), English

(intermediate), Italian (fluent),

Russian (fluent)

Profession: Slovak Athletic Federation

**International and Sport Affairs** 

Position: International and Sport Secretary

Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

International and Sport Secretary of Slovak Athletic Federation, Bratislava General Secretary of SAF, Bratislava (1999-2013) International Secretary of SAF, Bratislava (1991-1998) Youth National Coach and Educational Matters of SAF, Bratislava (1988-1990)

## Other professional experience

Youth Coach at Sport School, Bratislava (1985-1988)

Assistant at Faculty of PE and Sport Department, Comenius University, Bratislava (1983-1985)

Organiser of Olympic Solidarity seminar Race Walking, Dudince (1998-1988)

#### **Education**

Doctors Degree in Pedagogy (1983-1984) English Language and Physical Education, specials athletics (1978-1983) Secondary school (1974-1978)

## Other relevant experience

Board Member-Slovak Athletic Federation Executive Committee, Bratislava (1999-13) Administration, participation at European Athletics, IAAF Congresses, Team L, Bratislava (1993-2018)

Member of Bidding team, LOC – European Athletics and IAAF events in Slovakia, Bratislava, Banska Bystric (1994-2017)

#### Candidate's merits

Four decades dedicated to athletics in many positions, bidding/LOC member: IAAF Half marathon Champs 1997 Košice, EC RW Dudince 1998,2001,2013, 6xEC/ETeam CH in B.Bystrica 2000-2013, EXCCh 2017 Samorin.

Surname: MAJEWSKI
First Name: Tomasz
Country: Poland
Date of birth: 30 Aug 1981

Languages: Polish (native), English (fluent),

Russian (beginner)

Profession: Professional Athlete
Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

Athlete (1996-2016)

Vice President of Polish Athletic Association, Warsaw (2016-2019)
President of Warsaw-Masovia Local Athletic Association, Warsaw (2016-2019)

## Other professional experience

Member of Polish Olympic Committee Executive Board, Warsaw (2016-2019) Member of Polish Olympic Committee Athletes Commission, Warsaw (2009-2016)

#### **Education**

Political science (2001-2006)

#### Candidate's merits

An experienced athlete, striving for perfection, hard-working, communicative, open to new challenges.



Surname: PIHLAKOSKI

First Name: Antti
Country: Finland
Date of birth: 02 May 1961

Languages: Finnish (native), English (fluent),

Portuguese (intermediate)

Profession: **Board Professional** 

Position: Various Chairmanships, Board

**Member and Senior Adviser** 

positions

Position sought: Vice President, Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

Various Chairmanships, Board Member and Senior Adviser positions IAAF Council Member (2015-2019) European Athletics Council Member (2007-2019) Finnish Athletics, President (2006-2012)

## Other professional experience

FootBalance Systems, CEO, Helsinki (2006-2011) CEO, IAAF World Athletics Championships, Helsinki 2005, Helsinki (2002-2006) General Secretary, Finnish Athletics, Helsinki (1992-2002)

#### **Education**

Master of Science, Industrial Economics (1982-1985) MBA Studies (2000-2002)

## Other relevant experience

President, European Athletics Championships, Helsinki 2012, Helsinki (2010-2012) Doping Review Board Member, IAAF (2015-2019) Finnish Olympic Committee, Vice President and Board Member (2008-2016)

#### Candidate's merits

Antti is a visionary modern leader. Athletics is his passion. He knows the needs of stakeholders and is very motivated to develop athletics and European Athletics to make the life of Member Federations easier.

Surname: PREZELJ
First Name: Rožle
Country: Slovenia
Date of birth: 26 Sep 1979

Languages: English (fluent), German

(beginner), Croatian (fluent)

Profession: Lawyer

Position: Sport Ombudsman, Ministry for

education, science and sport

Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

Sport Ombudsman, Ministry for education, science and sport Head coach, Athletics club Kranj, Kranj (2010-2018)

## Other professional experience

Internship at Attorney office Jereb d.o.o., Kranj (2013-2014) Athletes Ombudsman, Slovenian Olympic Committee, Ljubljana (2014-2018) Advisory board member, Center for Sport and Human Rights, Genova (2018-)

#### **Education**

Law doctoral degree study (2015-) Law faculty (1998-2012) High school (1994-1998)

## Other relevant experience

Chairman, IAAF Athletes Commission, Monaco (2016-2018) IAAF Russian Task Force, Monaco (2017-) IOC Steering committee "Athletes' Declaration", Lausanne (2017-2018)

#### Candidate's merits

I am open minded, self starting and proactive. I make decisions based on assessment of facts with use of common sense. I am committed to work for the best interest of all in athletics.



Surname: SALCEDO
First Name: Jorge
Country: Portugal
Date of birth: 02 Mar 1953

Languages: Portuguese (native), English

(fluent), French (fluent)

Profession: High school teacher and Sports

Manager

Position: Retired as High School teacher

Position sought: Council Member



#### **Professional positions within athletics**

Member of the Board of the Portuguese Athletics Federation, Lisbon (1983-2019) General Secretary of the Portuguese Athletics Federation, Lisbon (1992-2014)

## Other professional experience

High school teacher, Lisbon (1975-1992)

#### **Education**

Degree in Biology – Educational branch (1970-1975) European Master in the Management of Sports Organization (2000-2001)

## Other relevant experience

European Athletics Council Member, Paris/Darmstad/Lausanne (1991-2019) Member and Chair of the IAAF Technical Committee, London/Monaco (1991-2019)

#### Candidate's merits

Jorge Salcedo's competence is well known as a Sports manager as well as an Athletics Official at different levels. It should be stressed his profile as a Human being, fully adequate in team work.

Surname: SPENDELHOFER

First Name: Sonja
Country: Austria
Date of birth: 10 May 1967

Languages: German (native), English (fluent),

French (beginner)

Profession: School Supervisor for PE
Position: Board of Education in Vienna

Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

President, Austrian Athletics Federation, Vienna, Austria (2016-2019) Vice President, Austrian Athletics Federation, Vienna, Austria (2011-2016) Member of the Board of the Austrian Olympic Committee, Vienna / Austria (2012-2019)

## Other professional experience

Teacher for Mathematics and Physical Education at High School, Vienna / Austria (1991-2006)

#### **Education**

Master of science / University of Vienna (1985-1991) Certified athletics trainer and judge (2002-2004)

## Other relevant experience

25 times Austrian champion in shotput / discus throw, Austria (1989-2013) Member of NADA Ethics Panel, Austria (2013-2019)

#### Candidate's merits

Athletics has been my life since I was 11 years old. Therefore, I know athletics from several different perspectives. I was athlete, coach, judge, member of the board and President



Surname: SZABO
First Name: Gabriela
Country: Romania
Date of birth: 14 Nov 1975

Languages: Romanian (native), English

(fluent), French (beginner)

Profession: Physical Education and Sport

**Teacher** 

Position: General Manager of Municipality

**Sports Club of Bucharest** 

Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

General Manager of Municipality Sports Club of Bucharest (ongoing)
Member of European Athletics Council, Bucharest (2011-)
Member of Athletes Commission of European Athletics, Bucharest (1998-2002)
Member of Executive Committee of the Romanian Olympics, Bucharest (2009-2016)

## Other professional experience

CSR and Public Affairs Manager, Adecco Romania (2016-) Minister of Youth and Sports, Romania (2013-2015) Vice-President of Romanian Athletics Federation, Romania (2005-2013)

#### **Education**

Physical Education and Sport University (1994-1999) Master Degree – Motric Anthropology (2004-2006) Ph.D Physical Education and Sport, ANEFS (2006-2009)

## Other relevant experience

Founder and President of Sport for Life Association, Romania (2006-2013) President of Marketing and Communication of FRA, Romania (2005-) Member of Women International Athletics Federation, Monaco (2007-2013)

#### Candidate's merits

I am a professional with a coherent career path who has always made real efforts to perform at all times, regardless of the environment in which I worked.

Surname: **TEIGAMÄGI** 

First Name: Erich
Country: Estonia
Date of birth: 06 Apr 1970

Languages: Estonian (native), English

(intermediate), Russian

(intermediate)

Profession: **Economic education** 

Position: Entrepreneur
Position sought: Council Member



## **Professional positions within athletics**

President, Estonian Athletic Association, Estonia (2006-2019) Council member of European Athletics (2015-2019) Member of Member Federation Development Commission of European Athletics (2011-2019)

#### Other professional experience

Entrepreneur – energy, real estate, postal services, Estonia/International (1993-2019)

#### **Education**

Master's degree, Economics (1993-1998) Bachelor studies, Economics, Infotechnology (1988-1993)

## Other relevant experience

Board member of Estonian Olympic Committee, Estonia (2008-2016) Member of Supervisory Board, Enterprise Estonia, Estonia (2010-2012) NPO Tallinn meeting, board member, Estonia (2003-2019)

#### Candidate's merits

Culture and sports award of the Republic of Estonia, 2012 – organising 2011 European U20 Championships in Tallinn.



Surname: **VARHANÍK** 

First Name: **Libor** 

Country: Czech Republic
Date of birth: 25 Jan 1966

Languages: Czech (native), English

(intermediate), Russian (fluent)

Profession: Manager in sport

Position: Chairman of the Board of

**Directors** 

Position sought: Vice President, Council Member



#### **Professional positions within athletics**

President of the Czech Athletic Federation, Prague (2015-2019) European Athletics Council and EXBO Member, Lausanne (2015-2019) IAAF Competition Committee Member, Monaco (2015-2019)

## Other professional experience

Vice President of the Czech Olympic Committee, Prague (2012-2019) Chairman of the Board of Directors Skiareál Špindlerův Mlýn, Špindlerův Mlýn (2011-2019)

Chairman of the Board of Directors Česká Olympijská, Prague (2013-2019)

#### **Education**

Doctoral Degree, (1989-1991) Faculty Physical Education and Sport (1984-1989) Faculty of Philosophy and Arts (1984-1989)

## Other relevant experience

LOC President of the IAAF Continental Cup, Ostrava (2015-2018) LOC President of the European Athletics Indoor Championships, Prague (2013-2015) LOC President of the European Athletics U23 Championships, Ostrava (2009-2011)

#### Candidate's merits

Active engagement in athletic leadership from 1990 at a national level and from 1995 at an international level. Member of European Athletics Marketing Committee 1995-2003 and European Athletics Competition Committee 2003-2015.



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