

Message from AIBA President



I am happy to welcome you all to the first edition of Inside Boxing, which will become an important part of AIBA's communication system. It has been a busy period for AIBA since the end of the World Championships, and much of that work is reflected in this newsletter. But above all Inside Boxing is an opportunity for the federations to tell us about their news and their initiatives, so that the whole AIBA family can learn from the experiences of others. As Inside Boxing develops over the coming months I hope to read more and more stories about the work of the federations, and together in this way AIBA can grow stronger and stronger.

Yours Boxing
Dr Ching-Kuo Wu
AIBA President

NEWS FROM AIBA



EC member Osman dies aged 68

Dr Ismail Osman, an AIBA Executive Committee member, former AIBA vice-president and Honorary President of the Egyptian Boxing Federation, has died at the age of 68 after a long battle with illness.

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Russian boxing mourns passing of cosmonaut Popovich

It was with tremendous sadness that the Boxing Federation of Russia informed AIBA of the death of Mr. Pavel Popovich, Honorary President of the Boxing Federation of Russia and a former Soviet cosmonaut who was the sixth human being to go into orbit. [For more information click here](#)



Change of dates for AIBA President's Cup

The dates for the 2009 President's Cup to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan have been changed to one week earlier. The new dates are:

- Dec. 6: Arrivals
- Dec. 7: General weigh-In and Draw
- Dec. 8-9: Round of 8
- Dec. 10: AIBA Forum and "Best of Year" Awards Ceremony
- Dec. 11: Semi-Finals
- Dec. 12: Finals
- Dec. 13: Departures

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Lomachenko leads AIBA World Rankings



Vasyl Lomachenko, the 21-year-old world and Olympic featherweight champion from Ukraine, kept the rest of the field at arm's length in the AIBA World Rankings, updated following the AIBA World Championships in Milan.

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Bidding process for 2011 Junior & Youth events open

The bidding process for the 2011 Junior World Championships and the 2011 Women's Youth and Junior World Championships was opened earlier this month. The deadline for bids is 30th October 2009.

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2010 AIBA Congress

The 2010 AIBA Congress will take place in Busan, Korea from 28 October to 5 November 2010. [For more information click here](#)

2009 AIBA Annual Forum

For the second AIBA Annual Forum, AIBA is inviting written contributions from all member federations on «How to Enhance the Development of Women's Boxing». Authors of the best submissions will be invited to speak at the forum, to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 17 December 2009. Deadline for written submissions is 16th November 2009.

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NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATIONS

Pacific nations show new-found strength in Rarotonga

Eight nations took part in the boxing competition at this year's South Pacific Mini Games in Rarotonga, Cook Islands in September. With 37 boxers in 10 weight categories the tournament was very competitive. Boxers from Nauru, Kiribati and New Caledonia, although lacking in experience, showed that development of boxing in these small countries has been very effective. Congratulations must go to all countries who attended the tournament despite the shortage of funding that all Pacific nations struggle with.

Tahiti with four gold medals, three silver and two bronze topped the medal list with Samoa winning a total of seven medals in second place. Of particular significance with next year's Oceania Confederation Championships in mind was the fact that all eight nations won a medal of some description.

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Road to Rio inspires Brazilian women



The 2009 Women's Continental Championships of America in Guayaquil, Ecuador ended in triumph for Brazil who took home four gold medals and a silver from the final day's action at the Abel Jimenez Parra Colisium.

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Ochigava steals European Women's show

Sofia Ochigava, the double world champion from Russia, made it a hat-trick of European titles and was voted Best Boxer of the tournament on finals day at the 7th European Women's Boxing Championships in Nikolaev in southern Ukraine today.

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NEWS FROM THE FEDERATIONS

China Open applies for AIBA 3-Star status

The first-ever application to AIBA to stage an approved 3-Star event has been filed by the Chinese Boxing Federation ahead of the inaugural China Open, to be staged jointly with the Guizhou Municipal Government in Guiyang city in April 2010. In order to develop more boxing events worldwide and to provide boxers with more opportunities to earn World Ranking points, AIBA has instigated a star-based system of approval for events seeking to benefit from AIBA's assistance.

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Lebanese boxer lights up Francophone Games

The boxing finals at the VI Francophone Games (Jeux de la Francophonie) took place at the Pierre Gemayel Complex, Cité Sportive in Beirut, Lebanon with France claiming six of the 11 gold medals on offer. There was a tremendous atmosphere throughout the finals due to the presence of the Lebanese featherweight Wael Chahine.

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They overcame poverty with their little fists



The Turkish Boxing Federation and the Fenerbahçe Sport Club have joined forces to launch a new social project aimed at helping children who work on the streets of Turkey or who are orphans. The Fenerbahçe Ankara Boxing School was founded four years ago by Mustafa Genc, the 75kg AIBA world youth champion in 1994. A total of 23 children between the ages of 8-12 joined the project when it launched.

Genc, as Technical Director, is now responsible for training the youngsters while Turkey's General Directorate for Youth and Sports is also supporting the project. "We want Turkey to win a gold medal in the field of boxing projects," said Genc. The Turkish Boxing Federation gave technical support and provided cooperation between the two institutions.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Kazakhstan Boxing Federation has announced the following changes:

Mr. Jambulat Sarsenov was appointed as Vice-President of the Kazakhstan Boxing Federation. Previously he worked as Executive Director of the Federation and now he will be responsible for all AIBA and WSB contact.

Mr. Daniyar Abulgazin was appointed as the new Executive Director of the Kazakhstan Boxing Federation. He is also the President of the Capital Federation



Algeria's Benchebla takes Tammer title

Former AIBA World No1 and current No2 Abdelhafid Benchebla of Algeria won gold at 81kg in the 30th Tammer Tournament in Tampere, Finland. Benchebla, the 23-year-old African champion and Olympic quarter-finalist, beat fellow Olympian Kennedy Katende of Sweden in the first round and Finland's Eemeli Katajisto in the semi-final before dispatching former European junior champion Denis Tsaryuk of Russia in the final.

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