

## NEWS FROM AIBA

### SUCCESSFUL AIBA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS CONCLUDED

After a challenging start due to one of nature's powerful surprises, the AIBA Youth World Championships took place in Baku, Azerbaijan from April 25th to May 3rd. With 22 athletes from 15 different countries competing in the finals, Cuba's youth boxing team excelled as three of their athletes took gold medals.

In total, 466 boxers competed in the preliminaries, of which 42 took part in the "Road to Baku" training program. The title of Best Referee and Judge in this edition of the AIBA Youth World Championships, the only qualifying event for the Youth Olympic Games, was Raymond Morley from the Amateur Boxing Association of England.

Azerbaijan's Salman Alizada, who won the title of Best Boxer, overcame Ryan Burnett from Ireland in the light flyweight final 9:4 to take the first gold for the host nation in the opening bout of today's finals.



AIBA President C.K. Wu presents Shahpalangov with the Best Boxer award (AIBA)

Teammate Shaban Shahpalangov continued his high-scoring run through the championship with a 14:6 victory over Puerto Rico's Emmanuel Rodriguez in the flyweight category to take the host nation's second gold medal.

In the bantamweight final, Robeisy Ramirez Carrazana took Cuba's first gold of the day after easily beating India's Shiva Thapa.

Germany's Artur Bril triumphed in the featherweight division, beating Cuba's Norlan Yera Diaz with an easy 10:3.

The pressure was on for India's Krishan Vikas in the lightweight final as he faced Lithuania's Evaldas Petrauskas. In a close match the Indian used his height and reach advantage to full effect to counteract Petrauskas' body blows, finishing one point ahead to clinch the title.

In the light welterweight contest, Junior World Champion Oleg Nekliudov of the Ukraine beat Argentina's Fabian Maidana 6:2 to secure the double.

Brazil's David Lourenco da Costa overcame the Asian Youth Champion Ahmad Mamadjanov of Uzbekistan to take the gold medal at welterweight with a 4:2 score line.









Panamerican Youth Champion Irosvani Duverger Aviles from Cuba took his country's second gold medal after he shut out Uzbekistan's Sardorbek Begaliev 7:0.

Teammate Lenier Pero Justiz took the third and final gold for his country with an equally impressive 11:0 victory over Russia's Alexander Ivanov.

Croatia's Filip Hrgovic entered the ring for the super heavyweight final nursing a cut above the eye but this did not stop him easing ahead of France's Tony Yoka to clinch the title for Croatia.

To read the full article, visit the [AIBA Website](#).

### AIBA YOUTH WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALISTS

| AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships 2010 |            |                                |   |
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| Weight cat.                                | Medallists | Name                           | Nationality   |
| + 91 kg                                    | Gold       | Filip HRGOVIC                  |  |
| 48 kg                                      | Gold       | Salman ALIZADA                 |  |
| 49 - 51 kg                                 | Gold       | Shaban SHAHPALANGOV            |  |
| 52 - 54 kg                                 | Gold       | Robeisy Eloy RAMIREZ CARRAZANA |  |
| 55 - 57 kg                                 | Gold       | Artur BRIL                     |  |
| 58 - 60 kg                                 | Gold       | Krishan VIKAS                  |  |
| 61 - 64 kg                                 | Gold       | Oleg NEKLIUDOV                 |  |
| 65 - 69 kg                                 | Gold       | David LOURENCO DA COSTA        |  |
| 70 - 75 kg                                 | Gold       | Joseph WARD                    |  |
| 76 - 81 kg                                 | Gold       | Irosvani DUVERGER AVILES       |  |
| 82 - 91 kg                                 | Gold       | Lenier Eunice PERO JUSTIZ      |  |

To view full results for each category, visit the [AIBA Database](#).

## FIRST AIBA TECHNICAL DELEGATE EXAMINATION TAKES PLACE IN BAKU

Twenty AIBA Executive Committee Members, Members of AIBA and Confederation R&I Commissions and Members of other AIBA Commissions took the oral and written exam at the First AIBA Technical Examination conducted in Baku, Azerbaijan's Serhedchi Olympic Sports Complex on May 1st, 2010.

The exam was given in AIBA's official languages, English, French, Spanish and Russian, and consisted of 30 open questions plus an oral component based on the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules.

The persons who passed the exam will obtain official Technical Delegate certification and AIBA looks forward to having as many qualified AIBA members as possible to manage its events with the most enhanced skills possible.

This was the first of three examinations which are to be held this year, with the next one scheduled in Moscow during the European Championships in June and the last one for 2010 in Barbados during the Women's World Championships in September.

## OLYMPIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The guidelines for the Olympic Scholarships for Athletes "London 2012" program have been sent out to the 205 National Olympic Committees, informing them that individual athletes may receive comprehensive assistance through their respective Committees for training leading up to the next Olympics.

Although each Federation must contact its National Olympic Committee directly, AIBA Executive Director Ho Kim said AIBA will help them by working "closely with Olympic Solidarity in order to determine if athletes submitted in the candidatures have the technical ability for an Olympic qualification."



AIBA President Dr. Ching-Kuo Wu addresses the Technical Delegate examinees in Baku. (AIBA)

## AIBA SIGNS PARTNERS TRADING COMPANY AS RING LICENSEE

AIBA signed a Ring Licensing Agreement with the Partners Trading Company, based in Seoul, Korea on Tuesday the 6th of April.

Partners Trading Company was founded in 1971 as a manufacturer of leather sports goods and has become a specialist supplier of boxing equipment, including rings. They have previously supplied competition rings for the 1986 Seoul Asian Games and the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games.

The agreement is the fourth AIBA Ring Licensing Agreement to be signed after similar ones were concluded with adidas, Fujian Wesing and Top Ten. These suppliers are thus the only official suppliers of AIBA competition rings, authorized to use the AIBA logo. AIBA uses only rings from these approved suppliers for its competitions.

You can also access all of AIBA's licensee information on the [AIBA Web site](#).



## AIBA THANKS LICENSING MANAGER AND WELCOMES NEW ONE

Ms Juliana Correa, former AIBA Licensing Manager, left for another challenge at FIBA, the International Basketball Federation. AIBA wishes her all the best for her new endeavor because she has greatly contributed to the development of the boxing equipment and licensing programs during her time in the sport of boxing.



Aurélie Ballageas (AIBA)

AIBA's new Licensing Manager, Ms Aurélie Ballageas, is following her passion for sport marketing, which she has been involved in for the past 10 years.

"I would like to develop partnerships related to AIBA's strategy," Ms Ballageas said. "I want to include new licensing products, develop the brand and build strong relationships with all of our suppliers and build on the work Juliana has done so far."

Previously, Ms Ballageas worked as Product Manager for the French National Basketball Association, where she was in charge of events and marketing, including Tony Parker's one-year promotion tour during his rookie year at the NBA.

## STATUS OF GRANT PROGRAMS FOR 2010

The Foundation for Better Boxing Board decided at its first meeting that applications for the AIBA Grant Program will be accepted on a rolling basis, however, no decisions will be made until the Board meets again: Applications will be reviewed every six months.

Fifty-eight AIBA Grant Program applications, to develop programs benefiting boxers, coaches and R&Js, were received at the time of the previous deadline of February 26th, 2010, after which the Foundation had its first meeting and reviewed the documents from National Federations.

The Board kept 26 applications, some of which were approved, some of which are still pending due to lack of information, and 32 applications were rejected either because they did not comply with the principles of the Foundation or the amount requested by the National Federation was not reasonable.

## NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATIONS

### OCEANIA BOXING CONFEDERATION HOLDS EXECUTIVE MEETING IN AUCKLAND

Acting Director of the Oceania Boxing Confederation Mr Keith Walker was joined by Vice President Faafouina Milford and Executive Committee Members Mr Seru Whippy and Mr Tauhiti Nena at its first Executive Meeting in a number of years in Auckland, New Zealand on March 30th, 2010.

Mr Milford from Samoa was appointed as the Technical Delegate for the 2010 Oceania Championships and Boxing Australia sent a letter of intent to AIBA to host the 2012 Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Darwin, Australia.

The AIBA Bylaws were discussed and the OCBC ones in draft form were presented for discussion and ratification and were finally adopted. The same was done for the new OCBC Constitution.

Read more on the [AIBA website](http://www.aiba.org).



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### AIBA CONGRATULATIONS

AIBA would like to congratulate the following new Federation Presidents:

**Mr Sándor Csötönyi**, President of the Hungarian Boxing Federation, was elected for another five years when the Federation held its general assembly in Budapest, Hungary.

**Mr Urbanc Robert**, President of the Slovenian Boxing Federation, was elected on the 17th of March, Mr Robert received confirmation of the decision to elect him from the Administrative Unit which was taken at the Federation's Congress.

**Mr Rohan Abeywardena**, President of the Amateur Boxing Association of Sri Lanka, will be in charge of developing the Association's boxing programs in the future.

**Mr Roman Nader**, newly-elected President of the Austrian Boxing Association.

## NEWS FROM WSB

### WSB SIGNS HOSTING AGREEMENT FOR FINALS IN MACAU

On the eve of the finals of the AIBA Youth World Championships in Baku Azerbaijan on May 2nd, AIBA President C. K. Wu and Haris James, President of China Television & Property Holdings Ltd (CTP), signed a landmark agreement for the hosting of the team and individual championship finals of the WSB in Macau.

CTP, an affiliated company of the owners of the Beijing WSB franchise, have signed an agreement with World Series of Boxing SA, headquartered in Switzerland, to acquire the rights to host the finals in Macau. In a separate agreement, CTP will acquire the Media Broadcast Rights in relation to the World Series of Boxing for broadcast and distribution within the Peoples' Republic of China, Macau and Hong Kong for the next five years.

The WSB finals will showcase the city of Macau as a world-leading sports and tourist destination and allow the organizer to generate income from ticket sales, merchandising concessions, catering, hospitality and sponsorship packages in relation to the finals. Furthermore, they will bring world-class athletes to Macau and allow it to be associated with a new global sporting brand.

"This is a significant agreement which secures the long-term future of the World Series of Boxing. It comes just over a week after our first WSB test event here in Baku, which was a great success," AIBA President Ching-Kuo Wu said. "I am delighted to see things at the WSB moving forward quickly and look forward to watching the teams take shape over the next two months ahead of the draft stage."



AIBA President C.K. Wu (left) signs the agreement with CTP President Haris James (WSB)

CTP Managing Director – International, Mark H. Newham said: "China Television & Property Holdings Ltd. (CTP) are very honored to have been awarded the rights to host the 'World Series of Boxing' Team & Individual Championships in Macau."

"We will endeavor to bring to the world from the cosmopolitan City of Macau a Championships Final Series that is synonymous with the high standard of Boxing and Integrity that is associated with the new World Series of Boxing competition. "

For more information, read the full press release on the [WSB Web site](#).

### EUROPE TRIUMPHS AT WSB TEST EVENT

The first test event of the World Series of Boxing (WSB) was held at the Sagan Olympic Complex in Baku, Azerbaijan on April 22nd where the Blue team, featuring the top European boxers, triumphed over the Reds.



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In a realistic test of the future WSB competition format, the boxers had been divided into two teams and trained for 10 days before the first simulation of the two-hour matches between the 12 WSB franchises teams that will be a regular feature of the boxing calendar from November this year.

The Blue team won four of the evening's five bouts, meaning victories for the Ukrainian duo Vitaliy Volkov and Sergiy Derevyanchenko, France's Ludovic Grogue and Hungary's Istvan Bernath. Brazil's Everton Lopes was the only non-European to win a bout with the Red team's single victory of the evening.

For more information, read the full article on the [WSB Web site](#).

Video highlights can be viewed on the WSB [homepage](#).

France's Ludovic Grogue (left) on his way to victory against Sijuola Shabazz of the USA in the light heavyweight bout.