

NEWS FROM AIBA

AIBA PROVISIONALLY EXCLUDES AMATEUR BOXING ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND

Since the Amateur Boxing Association of Thailand (ABAT) has not held a new election for the presidency of the organization by June 30, 2011, as requested by the International Boxing Association (AIBA), the AIBA Executive Committee Bureau today decided to provisionally exclude ABAT from AIBA membership with immediate effect. This decision will subsequently be submitted to the AIBA Congress for ratification. In addition, the Ministry of Sports of Thailand also removed their recognition of current ABAT two weeks ago.

The decision means that boxers and coaches from Thailand will not be allowed to participate in any AIBA approved or controlled events.

Furthermore, AIBA is actively seeking to replace the ABAT with a new National Federation as soon as possible and as such is willing to receive applications from any other organization to replace ABAT. Such applications will be reviewed by the AIBA Executive Committee in regard to their suitability in accordance with the IOC Charter. The most suitable organization could then be accepted as a provisional member by the AIBA Executive Committee until the AIBA Congress ratifies such provisional membership.

The next AIBA Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 31 - August 1, 2011 in Astana Kazakhstan and an AIBA Extraordinary Congress is scheduled for September 24, 2011 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

AIBA LAUNCHES LIVE BOXING CHANNEL

AIBA launched a new live boxing channel on YouTube - www.aibaboxingtv.com - to coincide with the semi-finals and finals of the European Boxing Championships.

The channel offers live streaming of international broadcast quality and free-to-view archive footage. The first broadcast of the European Championships attracted over 10,000 viewers and over 2500 comments during the broadcast.

AIBA President Dr Ching Kuo Wu welcomed the move into broadcasting on a web-based platform, "As the world governing body for boxing, AIBA's mission is to govern the sport of boxing in all its forms and to make its events available to the widest possible audience. The possibility for boxing fans to watch our major events live on the Internet is a major step forward for our organization and will offer much better visibility of our sport and our star athletes."



AIBA CALLS FOR 2011 EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

The AIBA Executive Committee has decided to convene an AIBA Extraordinary Congress on September 24, 2011 in Baku, Azerbaijan to coincide with the AIBA World Championships taking place at the same time.

All AIBA Member Federations who are up to date with the payment of their membership fee with effect from June 30, 2011 will be eligible to attend this Extraordinary Congress. Relevant documents will only be sent to such eligible Federations.

NEW AND RE-ELECTED PRESIDENTS

Over the past month, AIBA President Dr Ching-Kuo Wu has congratulated Mr Osvaldo Rafael Bisbal on his re-election as President of the Federación Argentina de Box, Mr Pat Fiacco on his election as the new President of the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association and Mr Stephen Jones on his election as the new President of the Jamaican Boxing Board.

WORLD SERIES OF BOXING NEWS

ONE MONTH ON, THE WSB INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS

A few weeks have passed since the Individual Championships closed the inaugural WSB season. Having had time to reflect on their victories, the WSB individual champions have taken the time to give us some candid responses to questions about their bouts, the first season and the World Series of Boxing as a whole.

Kanat Abutalipov of the Astana Arlans sees his win as compensation for Astana Arlans losing to Paris United in the team finals but admits that he would have liked to throw some better punches during the match.

Zhimin Wang of the Beijing Dragons admits that the home crowd was a big help and that his key to success was controlling the fight. "Stand firmly, fight steadily, avoid faults and control the tempo," he says.

Given the choice of any WSB boxer as a team-mate for next season, Wang interestingly chose his opponent from the Individual Championships, Yerzhan Mussafirov.

Middleweight Sergey Derevyanchenko is enjoying time with his family back home in Ukraine. Looking back at the fierce battle that gripped

the spectators on the second night of the Individual Championships in Guiyang he thinks he was close to knocking out Migitinov.

Although the fight left both boxers visibly scarred at the end, Sergiy assures us that he did not pick up any serious injuries, "only a deep wound to my left eyebrow and some bruising."

Abdelhafid Benchabla returned to Algeria to a hero's welcome after winning the light heavyweight title. The Pohang Poseidons light heavyweight describes the Individual Championships as "simply awesome" and according to him his preparatory work on reaction speed and execution speed with the Algerian national team was what made the difference against Ludovic Grogue on the night.

Heavyweight Clemente Russo of Dolce & Gabbana Milano Thunder is resting at home in Assisi, Italy. But he still has plenty to do looking after the promotion of his film "Tatanka", a new restaurant he is opening and, most importantly, his pregnant wife who is due to give birth in August.

Read the interviews on the [WSB website](#).



ONE GOLD, TWO SILVERS AND A BRONZE FOR THE WSB BOXERS IN THE AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Abdelkader Chadi from Algeria compensated for his loss against Yerzhan Mussafirov at last month's WSB Team Finals with a gold medal at the African Boxing Championships last week. The Paris United lightweight beat Cameroon's Abdon Mewol 16:9 to take the African title at 60kg. Mewoli had eliminated the other WSB contender at 60kg, Benin's Shafiq Chitou who boxes for the Istanbul, 14:7 in the semi-finals.

Heavyweight Chouaib Bouloudinat (Pohang Poseidons) picked up a second medal for Algeria after beating Kevin Kuadjev of Togo inside the distance in the semi-final but then losing by a single point (17:16) against Romaric Ngoula Tangou of Cameroon in the final.

The Istanbul's second representative in the African Championships, Morocco's Mohammed Arjaoui, also secured a silver medal in the super heavyweight division. He beat Aymen Trabelsi of Tunisia 10:7 in the semis but was subsequently unable to withstand the onslaught from Blaise Yepmon Medouo of Cameroon in the final, which he lost 17:4.

Algeria, Cameroon and Mauritius each took three gold medals at the championships, with Tunisia winning the remaining gold by a surprising walk-over.



WSB BOXERS SECURE SIX MEDALS AT EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six World Series of Boxing athletes qualified for the semi-finals at the 2011 European Boxing Championships in Ankara, Turkey last month and thus secured medals.

Dolce & Gabbana Milano Thunder's Vincenzo Picardi booked his place in the semi-finals after a 26:20 win against Ireland's Michael Conlon in the flyweight division. Picardi lost to the eventual silver medalist Georgy Balakshin of Russia and secured a bronze.

All three WSB contenders at bantamweight were eliminated in the quarter-finals, including Picardi's team-mate Jahyn Vittorio Parrinello and Bulgaria's Detelin Dalakiev of Memphis Force. Paris United's John Joe Nevin, representing Ireland, missed out on a place in the semi-finals by one point after losing 13:12 to Russia's Dmitry Polyanski.

World Champion Domenico Valentino took silver in the lightweight division. After beating the Istanbul's Redouane Kaya of Sweden 21:13 to make the semi-finals, he dismissed the Ukraine's Volodymyr Matviichuk to set up a final encounter against home boxer Fatih Keles, who took the gold on the judges' decision after the scores finished 17:17.

Mahamed Nurudzinou of Belarus was the sole WSB contender at welterweight and scooped a silver medal. The Baku Fires boxer defeated France's surprise package Adriani Vastine (brother of WSB boxer Alexis Vastine of Paris United) in the semi-final but lost to Wales's Fred Evans in the final.

The Istanbul's Adem Kilicci also took silver, to the delight of the home crowd. He lost to Russia's

Maxim Koptiyakov in the middleweight final.

Ireland's young talent Joe Ward denied Memphis Force boxer Imre Szello of Hungary in the light heavyweight semi-finals and Paris United's Hrvoje Sep of Croatia lost against Russia's Nikita Ivanov, leaving the WSB boxers with a bronze medal each. Ward went on to dominate Ivanov in the final and win the gold medal with a comfortable 20:12 margin.

Hungary's Istvan Bernath of the Astana Arlans missed out on a medal in the super heavyweight division after losing to the eventual silver medalist, World Champion Roberto Cammarelle of Italy, in the quarter-finals.



NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATIONS

CUBAN HEGEMONY AT THE GIRALDO CORDOVA CARDIN TOURNAMENT

Local boxers won each of the weight classes at the Giraldo Cordova Cardin Tournament, which was held in the Cuban capital city Havana from June 1 until June 6.

A total of 92 boxers competed in the tournament from 13 nations: Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, Cuba, Dominican Republic, India, Kazakhstan, Mozambique, Peru, Sierra Leone, Sweden and Venezuela.

It is a great success for the organizers that each of the AIBA Confederations was represented at the traditional tournament. For the first time a team from Mozambique competed in the tournament as preparation for the forthcoming All Africa Games, which will be held in Maputo.

AIBA Youth World Championships bronze medalist 19-year-old Yosvany Veitia eliminated his biggest local rival Daniel Matellon in the light flyweight semi-final and followed that with a victory against Kazakh teenager Anvar Muzaparov.

Youth Olympic Champion 17-year-old Robeisy Ramirez had a hard fight against India's National Games winner Santosh Harijan in the semi-final. The young Cuban won out and then beat Panamerican Champion Juliao Neto of Brazil by 26:10 in the flyweight final.

Former AIBA Cadet World Champion 20-year-old Lazaro Alvarez showed his excellent skills in Havana and won the gold medal with an easy 19:10 victory in front of the home crowd against Brazil's Beijing Olympian Robinelson De Jesus Vieira in the bantamweight final.

Cuba's Panamerican Champion 22-year-old Yasnier Toledo also beat a Brazilian opponent, Beijing Olympian Robson Conceicao, to the lightweight title.

Defending AIBA World Champion Roniel Iglesias and AIBA World Championships quarter-finalist Everton Lopes advanced to the light welterweight final, which resulted in the third Cuban-Brazilian match-up. The final verdict was the same, with the Cuban athlete winning the contest by 23:6.

Read the full article on the [AIBA website](#).



CHADI HAPPY IN YAOUNDÉ

The 17th African Boxing Confederation's Men's Elite Championships finished with great successes for Algeria, Mauritius and Cameroon. The competition was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from June 3 - 10.

At the African Championships 71 boxers from 13 countries competed for the medals: Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Egypt, Gabon, Mauritius, Morocco, Seychelles, South Africa and Tunisia.

The first gold medal of the championships was secured by Cameroon's Beijing Olympian and AIBA President's Cup silver medalist Willy Thomas Essomba, who defeated Bocskai Memorial Tournament bronze medalist Abdelali Deraa of Morocco by 13:8 in the light flyweight division.

Mauritius' best flyweight boxer 22-year-old Ludovic Bactora won the small island's first gold medal in Yaoundé after beating Morocco's strong Abdelfatah Nafil in the final. Nafil had eliminated Algeria's top favorite Samir Brahimi in the semi-final.

Algeria's top favorite Mohamed Amine Oudahi took the bantamweight gold in one of the best bouts of the championships against Olympic Games bronze medalist 33-year-old Bruno Julie.

Algeria continued its winning series in the lightweight class, where Beijing Olympic Games quarter-finalist Abdelkader Chadi triumphed over Cameroon's National Champion Abdon Mewoli. Shafiq Chitou of Benin secured the bronze medal, putting two of the lightweight medals in the hands of WSB boxers.

Commonwealth Games bronze medalist Richarno Colin of Mauritius had an incredible start to the year when he won the Bocskai Memorial Tournament in Debrecen. The 24-year-old light welterweight boxer knocked out his first rival, Tunisia's Abderrazak Haouia, quickly and followed that great by dominating the final fight against Algeria's Barag Sid Ali to win the second Mauritian gold in Yaoundé.

Read the full article on the [AIBA website](#).



BATDIYEV WINS THE BATTLE IN KESZTHELY



The EUBC European Junior Championships for 15-16 year-old boxers finished with the finals in Keszthely, Hungary on Saturday July 2 and as expected Russia dominated the gold medal contests.

Russia's Junior National Champion 15-year-old Temirlan Batdiyev showed his excellent skills in Keszthely during the preliminaries and dominated the final against Heydar Aliyev Junior Cup silver medalist Jemal Shalamberidze of Georgia in the light welterweight class. Batdiyev was awarded the best boxer trophy at the tournament as the youngest competitor of the Russian squad.

The tournament saw 234 young athletes from 33 nations compete for the medals: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine.

Hungary's former AIBA World Champion and two-time European Champion star boxer Zolt Erdei was the special guest of the event and presented the medals in the welterweight class medal ceremony on the final day of the championships.

Azerbaijan's European Schoolboy Champion Araz Gulmammadov and 15-year-old Timur Pirdamov of Russia had a huge battle in the pinweight final in Keszthely with Pirdamov winning thanks to a great final round. Both talented boxers still have the chance to compete at next year's edition as well.

England's talented Luke McCormack also had a hectic final against European Schoolboy Champion virtuoso Viktor Petrov of Ukraine, which resulted in a narrow victory for Petrov, while powerful Reece McFadden of Scotland collected a valuable bronze medal in the 48kg weight class in Keszthely.

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

SLOWIK TOO FAST IN KATOWICE



Titleholder Anna Slowik and three other Polish women boxers won gold medals at the 7th European Union Women's Championships in Katowice, where the local boxers put in a superb performance with all of their boxers reaching the finals.

The first Polish victory was achieved by 22-year-old Sandra Kruk who beat former EU Champion Svetlana Kamenova Staneva of Bulgaria in the 57kg weight class.

Poland's National Champion Katarzyna Furmaniak caused a huge surprise in the welterweight final when she beat powerful Marichelle De Jong of the Netherlands, who had eliminated titleholder Bianka Nagy of Hungary in the quarter-final.

Former European Youth Champion Lidia Fidura of Poland also had a Dutch opponent in the middleweight final and defeated Nouchka Fontijn. Fontijn had beaten two-time AIBA World Champion Maria Kovacs of Hungary in the semi-final. The sound performance by the Dutch women boxers in Katowice bodes well for the country's team ahead of the European Women's Championships, which will be held in Rotterdam.

The host nation's super heavyweight boxer Anna Slowik took the gold in Keszthely at last year's edition and as expected defended her throne in Katowice in front of the home crowd after beating Turkey's newcomer Sennur Demir by 12:8.

A total of 84 female athletes competed in the competition from 19 nations: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey.

Turkey's newcomer flyweight Meltem Akar won her two contests in Katowice and celebrated the biggest result in her career.

Two-time AIBA World Championships silver medalist Nicola Adams of England eliminated Italy's titleholder Valeria Calabrese and then beat Poland's legend Karolina Michalczuk in the flyweight final.

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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

GB YOUTH AMATEUR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS PROVIDE A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

The UK's top Youth boxing talent from Scotland, England and Wales descended on Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility in Motherwell on Friday and Saturday for the GB Youth Championships 2011. The young boxers who took to the ring at Ravenscraig, will likely be competing for places in their respective Commonwealth Games squads for Glasgow 2014. Much was expected of the young athletes ... and they did not disappoint. The Championships produced two days of top class boxing and a host of new GB Champions.

Over 50 youth boxers aged 17 and 18 years competed over the two days, with Friday featuring the semi finals followed by the finals on Saturday. All three countries were well represented with a host of national champions on display, all hoping to go one better and take the GB Crown in their weight category.

England led the way on Friday with 10 of their 12 boxers represented in the semi finals progressing; an impressive display. England are arguably a few years ahead in terms of development, however it is clear both Scotland and Wales are making great strides, with the Scots taking 7 boxers through to Saturday's finals and Wales a further 4 over the two age categories.

And so to the Championship finals. After a fantastic day's boxing on Friday, anticipation was building ahead of the contests. England again dominated the card with 14 boxers, followed closely by 11

from Scotland and 7 from Wales. England and Wales locked horns in the first 1994 age category bout of the day, with Jack Bateson of England taking on Wales' leuan Regan. Young Bateson signalled England's statement of intent with a comprehensive 5-0 points victory over the Welshman. The English challenge gained further momentum in the shape of fly-weight Jack Daniel who again put Wales to the sword, overcoming Joshua John.

Read the full article on the [AIBA website](#).



CROATIAN NATIONALS IN KOPRIVNICA

Croatia's AIBA Youth World Champion and World Series of Boxing Champion Filip Hrgovic of Leonardo BK shocked his local rivals at the Croatian National Championships in Koprivnica on May 22.

The 19-year-old Croatian giant super heavyweight secured his first national title among the elite boxers in Koprivnica after a one-sided contests against young Sime Filipi in the quarter-final, Ivan Andrasic in the semi-final and national team member Stipan Radic in the gold medal bout.

Hrgovic's main target is a qualification place for the 30th Summer Olympic Games and he is training with full speed for the upcoming AIBA World Championships, which will be the first qualification event for London 2012.

In the flyweight final newcomer Denis Muharemovic triumphed over Ivan Klaric of Rijeka by 17:7 and secured his first national title in Koprivnica. In the European Championships bronze medalist Mirsad Ahmeti's absence National Championships silver medalist Ilir Merdja also achieved his first national gold medal after beating Mateo Komadina by a narrow 9:8 at bantamweight.

AIBA Youth World Championships competitor 19-year-old Josip Grbavac's main territory is the bantamweight but he tried to fight at the lightweight in Koprivnica. Grbavac made a good decision with the change and claimed the gold medal after defeating Radovan Bisic Memorial Tournament winner teenager Ivan Njegac by a close 14:12.

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