

Acceptance Speech

Dear Mr Falcinelli, Colleagues in EC and All friends from National Federations,

First of all, it is my great privilege to accept the opportunity confirmed by the AIBA EC to succeed Mr Falcinelli as the AIBA Interim President, and it is my great privilege to accept all duties and responsibilities of this important position.

From bottom of my heart, I would like to thank to entire AIBA EC for its trust and recognition of my dedication and love for our beloved sport.

Dear my dearest friend, Franco,

I must say AIBA has been saved by your great devotion and sacrifice for the troubled period when we needed the most. I greatly appreciate for your warmest compliments on me which I will make sure your contribution will be continuously and highly recognized.

AIBA is a wonderful organization and I have been privileged to be Vice President for the past two decades. However, as we all are aware, we must work together to overcome all challenges by ensuring current reforms and restructuring will be successful.

Dear Friends from all National Federations,

Now is the time for us all to unite to defend the sport we love. We must work closely each other to restore confidence in AIBA's financial management and in its integrity.

This means greater transparency and improved corporate governance of AIBA. We must also restore our credibility with IOC.

From today, I will do whatever I can not to let our boxers lose their pride and trust on our sport and organization. All of you have my full commitment that I will be working side by side with all of you to make AIBA once more stand its glorious time above the world.

Once again, Franco, EC Colleagues, Friends from National Federations, I will never disappoint you. Thank you.