



UIAA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2005

Alan Blackshaw, October 2005

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

My first Report as President of the UIAA for the term 2005-08 is longer than usual in order to give the membership a full account of developments during the year as a matter of good communication and transparency.

- **Part One** discusses the forward work of the UIAA, as foreseen at the 2004 General Assembly, which is the basis of the mandate given to me as President.
- **Part Two** addresses some of the organizational and constitutional issues arising, including the emergence of an adverse majority group in the Board wishing to split the UIAA and abolish the Council.
- **Part Three** identifies the choice between allowing the UIAA to evolve as a strong and unified International Federation, broadly on present lines, or to take the uncertain alternatives proposed by the majority group in the Board.

I have put forward the following proposals in Section 20 of the Report:

- **A STRONG UIAA** There should be a small Council working group on future organisation to report in time for the May 2006 Council, on the basis that the UIAA will continue to expand and progress on the lines suggested in Part One.
- **SUPPORT FOR THE UIAA COMPETITION SPORTS** We need advice from experienced contacts in the Olympic Movement on how best to develop our relationship with the Olympic Movement; and develop an all-UIAA campaign to gain the two-thirds majority in the IOC for our competition sports to enter into the Olympic Games programme.
- **THE HARMONY AND BEST INTERESTS OF THE UIAA** Should we extend the existing criteria of acceptable conduct to internal UIAA bodies and post-holders with a system to resolve disputes?
- **UIAA STATUTES** There should be a report on changes to the UIAA statutes to the General Assembly 2006. And,
- **UIAA STAFF** The UIAA staff should be maintained at all times during the remainder of my term as two persons working part-time (a specialist and an administrative secretary), with temporary replacements of equivalent capability to fill any gap.

However, the scope for such initiatives will depend fundamentally on whether or not the General Assembly will wish to prevent the present majority on the Board from continuing to disrupt the work of the President, and from splitting-up the UIAA, in the ways noted in Part Two.

Note: This Report will be presented at the General Assembly on 15 October 2005, but there is no requirement in the Articles of Association for it to be voted on.