

## NEWS FROM AIBA

### AIBA WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TECHNICAL DELEGATE

Mr Yue Yan, member of the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission has been appointed as the Technical Delegate for the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships Barbados 2010 which will be held from September 6th to 19th.

Following is an excerpt from AIBA President Ching-Kuo Wu's letter about TD Certification:

Until now, we appointed TDs without checking if they were sufficiently qualified in order to perform the appropriate work for the best interests of boxers and of AIBA. Furthermore, in the past, TDs did not even comprehend existing AIBA Technical & Competition Rules thus they faced difficulties in resolving technical issues.

In addition, there was not consistency on managing issues depending on TDs' qualifications and on the circumstances. As you know, we cannot afford taking different decisions because TDs do not understand our rules and do not know how to manage an unexpected situation without knowing about the past cases.

With this in mind, I would like you to be ready to change all pre-assigned TDs' appointments based on their results in the TD's Examination. This means that I would like you to inform them that they should take the TD's Examination in order to be certified before they perform their duties in various events. I really need to make sure that you and TDs will understand the basic principles on this matter – no TD certificate means no TD appointment.

### LATEST AIBA DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION DECISIONS ANNOUNCED

In the interests of transparency, for the sake of boxing and for the continuous betterment of our Federation, AIBA will continue its fight against any attempt of corruption, disparagement, violation of AIBA Ethics and Disciplinary Codes and non-respect of AIBA Technical & Competition Rules.

As such, AIBA Executive Director Ho Kim sent the following latest decisions made by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission to Executive Committee Members and National Member Federations in a letter on June 19th, 2010:

Disciplinary Procedure 2009/016 - Mr Mohamad Khalily (Lebanon)  
Has been sanctioned with a suspension from any activity at AIBA and Asian Confederation levels for a period of 15 months (starting October 26, 2009).

Disciplinary Procedure 2009/003 - Gen. Taweep Jantararoj (Thailand)  
Has been sanctioned with a suspension from any activity at AIBA, Asian Confederation and National (Amateur Boxing Association of Thailand) levels for a period of 12 months (starting May 3, 2010).

Disciplinary Procedure 2009/005 - Mr Manuel Lopez (Philippines)  
Has been sanctioned with a fine of CHF 2'000 and shall pay the costs of the procedure thus CHF 2'000.-- (Mr Lopez is already suspended for a period of 3 years thus until August 2011).

Disciplinary Procedure 2010/001 - Mr Lohial Nuau (Oceania)  
Is suspended from any activity at AIBA, Oceania Confederation and National (Papua New Guinea Amateur Boxing Union) levels, for a period of 24 months, starting on 18 December 2009. In addition, Mr Nuau shall pay the costs of the procedure thus CHF 2'000.--.

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

### FORMER AIBA PRESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Following the sudden death of former AIBA President Professor Anwar Chowdhry, current AIBA President Dr Ching-Kuo Wu sent out a letter to all National Member Federations and Executive Committee Members asking them to pay their respects to the family. Here is the excerpt:

I would like to ask all of you to join me in conveying our heartfelt condolence to the family of Mr Chowdhry, former President of AIBA, who died suddenly yesterday June 19, 2010 at the age of 88.

He had served AIBA for 20 years in different positions and contributed most of his life to the development of the sport of boxing. Although he could not continue his involvement in boxing from 2007 due to his ban, I would like to request you to remember his achievements toward our sport and wish him a peaceful rest.

AIBA will further hold a ceremony in recognition of his efforts toward AIBA and the sport of boxing during the upcoming Congress.

Once again, please join me in comforting his family to overcome the sorrow of losing a beloved one.  
Sincerely,

Dr Ching-Kuo Wu

### NEW APPOINTMENTS

AIBA President Dr Ching-Kuo Wu congratulates the following people on their presidencies:

Hong Kong Boxing Association President,  
**Mr Wai Ming Yip.**

Myanmar Boxing Federation President, **Mr Yan Win.**

## NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATIONS

### BRIAN CASTANO SECURES THE BRONZE IN QUITO

One of the best Argentinean boxers Brian Castano advanced to the semifinals at the AMBC Confederation Championships in Quito, Ecuador on the 17th, ensuring himself a bronze medal, come what may.

Welterweight class boxer Castano took part in the 2009 AIBA World Championships in Milan where he won two bouts but he was then eliminated by strong Torben Keller of Denmark and did not make it to the quarterfinals.

The young 21-year-old Castano started off the American Men's Continental Championships with success, and continued his winning streak defeating Junior Castillo of the Dominican Republic 8:2 in the quarterfinals, securing at least the bronze medal in the event.

Next, Castano will face Olympic Games silver medalist and American Continental Cuban Carlos Banteur who knocked out Gabriel Maestre of Venezuela after 50 seconds in the first round. The semifinal bout will be a huge challenge for the Argentinean.

Castano's compatriot 23-year-old Junior Zarate claimed a big success against Cuban teenager Pablo Vicente who is the youngest competitor at the championships. The bout finished at a close 5:4 to Zarate and he advanced to the semifinals where he will fight against Angel Acosta of Puerto Rico.

Panamerican Games winner and titleholder 24-year-old Braulio Avila of Mexico won over experienced Yorman Rodriguez of Cuba 8:7 in his quarterfinal contest. Rodriguez was the third Cuban athlete who failed to claim a medal in Quito, while the victorious Mexican boxer will face Beijing Olympian Jose Meza of Ecuador for the final bout.

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### RUSSIAN BOXERS STRIKE GOLD SEVEN TIMES ON HOME SOIL

The Russian boxing team dominated the final round of the EUBC Confederation Men's Elite Championships on the 12th of June, collecting seven gold medals to highlight a historic day. World Championships bronze medalist Misha Aloyan took home Russia's first title of the tournament, defeating Beijing Olympian and Aloyan's biggest rival, Khalid Saeed Yafai of England in the flyweight final.

Altogether 230 athletes from 41 European nations took part at the championships where Russia, the Ukraine, Belarus and Hungary competed with full 11-member teams, while Turkey, Germany and Azerbaijan entered 10 boxers each in the event. Surprisingly the Georgian squad did not travel to Moscow and nor did the following members of the European Confederation: Cyprus, Belgium, Malta, Andorra, Luxembourg, Monaco, San Marino and Iceland.

The opening finals bout featured the light flyweight event where Beijing Olympic Games bronze medalist Patrick Barnes of Ireland defeated reigning European Youth Champion Elvin Mamishzade of Azerbaijan, 4:1. This year, the nine-member Irish squad recorded 20 wins out of the 28 total contests in Moscow.

EUBC Confederation bronze medalist Denis Makarov of Germany won the biggest fight of his career in the quarterfinals where he eliminated former World Champion Sergey Vodopyanov of Russia in the home ring. To conclude his outstanding showing, Makarov upset Commonwealth Championships winner Iain Weaver of England by 7:2 in the featherweight final.

Former World Champion Albert Selimov celebrated Russia's third gold medal after beating Liverpool-based Thomas Stalker of England. Russia was equally successful in the 54kg division as bantamweight boxer Eduard Abzalimov knocked off Georgiy Chygayev of Ukraine, 5:0.

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



## UZBEKISTAN BOXING FEDERATION RECOGNIZED AS BEST IN ASIA

The Asian Boxing Confederation has recognized the Uzbekistan Boxing Federation as the best among its 44 member federations. The Uzbekistan Boxing Federation has received this high appreciation for its significant contribution to the development and promotion of boxing not only in Uzbekistan, but all over Asia.

The recognition came soon after success of the Sydney Jackson Memorial Tournament held in Uzbekistan's capital Tashkent in May, which confirmed the effectiveness of the endeavors and hard work executed by the Uzbekistan Boxing Federation. The Memorial Tournament was originally held for local boxers to pay tribute to Sydney Jackson who was the founder of boxing in Uzbekistan. This year, following the efforts of Uzbekistan Boxing Federation, the Sydney Jackson Memorial Tournament welcomed international participants. The possibility to take part in the world-famous Uzbek boxing event immediately attracted the attention of world elite boxers. Upon conclusion of the competition, the representatives of ASBC who attended the tournament highly appreciated the host Federation's level of organization at the tournament.

The Uzbekistan Boxing Federation aims to develop all aspects of boxing, and pays much attention to the training and upgrading of the local referees and judges. Thus, within the frameworks of the Sydney Jackson Memorial Tournament and the training seminar for referees and judges that was organized by the Federation, the ASBC awarded the Uzbekistan Boxing Federation title of Best ASBC Member Federation.



## JORDAN PLAYERS COMPETE IN ELITE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the first time in Jordan, the Jordan Amateur Boxing Association (JABA) organized a world-class amateur boxing event on the 29th of May, 2010. Amateur boxing fans had been waiting for a long time for the Elite Boxing Championships which was the third and last qualifier for Jordan's Boxing Team.

In a night of eleven bouts, boxers from the Jordan Olympic Team and Jordan's National Team competed against each other fiercely. The two teams were well-prepared for this night after continuous and consistent training over the last few months when they were supervised by Jordan's Head Coach Jorge Guzman and Coaches Omar Majali, Mohammad Eishesh.

In the 54kg bout, the AIBA-ranked boxer Mohammad Al Wadi defeated his opponent Omar Bani Hamad 28:0.

Spectators have enjoyed the 91kg bout when Ehab Al Matbouli knocked out his opponent in the first round.

Winners of each bout secured a place in the Jordan Boxing Team which will be competing in several international events throughout the year.

After the huge success of the championships, JABA is aiming to make this event a yearly one.

## KAZAKHSTAN CLAIMS THRONE IN ASBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight Kazak women boxers earned medals in their home country, including four gold medals, at the Asian Women's Championships in Astana, which were held from the 23rd to 31st of May. The athletes were followed by China who won the most medals in total - 10, and North Korea and India amassing eight medals each.

With a total of 84 boxers from 16 countries, and 15 referees and judges from 13 nations, the Championships were a success. The strong Chinese team brought with it a squad of 10 whereas Tajikistan and Turkmenistan each competed with just one boxer - the former even going on to earn itself first place in the 60kg category.

Movzuna Chorieva from Tajikistan won her final against Yong Sim Ryu from North Korea 10:7. However, Ryu's compatriots Myong Sim Kim and Kum Ju Yun took gold at 48kg and 57kg respectively. Both women won easily, Kim at 9:0 against Nazgul Boranbaeva from Kazakhstan and Yun at 6:1 against Yangzi Yang.

Indian boxer Mary Kom won the 46kg final against Ok Jong from North Korea after passing through the semi-finals with a walkover when her opponent did not show up. Her teammate Sarita Devi Laishram won her final featherweight contest 16:5 against Nandintsetse Miagmardulan from Mongolia.

Unfortunately, Mary Kom and Laishram's compatriot Aswathimol was not as lucky and lost against Yanrui Wang from China, 5:0. Wang's teammate Tingting Yang who competed at light heavyweight won her bout against North Korean Suk Yong Ri, 8:5.

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

## NEWS FROM WSB

### WORLD'S TOP BOXERS SIGNED TO NEW WSB FRANCHISES

Some of the world's top boxers were drafted into 12 World Series of Boxing (WSB) squads following an International Boxer Draft, held in London, England on June 28th. Following the boxer draft the Team Draw was held to determine the final competition schedule, revealing when the teams will compete against each other in their conference once the WSB Regular Season starts on November 19th this year.

Boxers from as far afield as Afghanistan, Sierra Leone, Iraq, Haiti and New Zealand were included in the draft, which saw the 12 franchises competing hard to sign the best talent available, to strengthen their existing squad of national boxers.

The International Boxer Draft allowed the 12 WSB teams to select from a pool of 175 boxers from 64 countries to complete their squads of national boxers. Under WSB rules, each team must comprise a minimum of three boxers who are not from the team country. The luck of the draw determined who got first pick of the talent as the boxers were drafted in turn in each of the WSB's five weight classes (54kg, 61kg, 73kg, 85kg, +91kg).

In total 87 boxers from around the world were chosen by the franchises to make up their quota of international boxers to start the first WSB season. Big names drafted on Monday included the Ukrainian National Champion Sergiy Derevyanchenko, chosen by the Milan franchise, the popular Irish Olympic silver medalist Kenny Egan who will be heading to the Miami squad and German National Champion Ronny Beplik, who will join WSB Boston.

In the Europe conference, the Milan franchise added to their strong national squad with the signing of six boxers across four weight divisions, including AIBA World Championships silver medalist Benjey Zimmerman from the Dutch Antilles and the promising Montenegrin heavyweight Bosko Draskovic, a quarterfinalist at this year's European Championships.

Further highlights from the draft included Istanbul's signing of the 2008 Olympic quarter finalist, Mohamad Arajaoui, who also reached the quarterfinals in last year's AIBA World Championships in Milan. Paris signed Irish national champion John Nevin, who rocketed to success in 2008 by qualifying for the Olympics at the tender age of 18. "Paris is good because it is only a couple of hours away from my home," Nevin said upon hearing of his signing by the Paris team. "One of my teammates will be going to Delhi and Kenny Egan will be going to Miami. I'm pretty happy and ready to go."

In the Asia conference, Delhi were the day's big movers, signing nine boxers across five different weight divisions, adding to their promising national squad which already includes some of India's finest competitors such as Vijender Singh. Olympic bronze medalist Bahodirjon Sultonov, Ukrainian Champion super heavyweight Roman Kapitonenko and Beijing Olympics semifinalist Abdelhafid Benchabla will all joining up with their new teammates in the Indian capital over the coming months.

Elsewhere in the Asia conference, Astana Arlans added Colombian fighter Jeysson Monroy Varela who recently won silver at the South American Games and Hungarian heavyweight Istvan Bernath. Baku boosted their already strong squad with Tugstsogt Nyambayar (Mongolia) and Kobar Pkhakadze (Georgia), silver and bronze medalists respectively from last year's AIBA World Championships in Milan. But the headline signing was Baku's drafting of Denis Poyatska, one of the brightest boxers that Ukraine has ever produced – the four-time national champion is expected to be a strong challenger for the Olympic title in London 2012.

In the US, Australian super heavyweight National Champion Trent Rawlins will join WSB Miami along with Irish boxing superstar Kenneth Egan, currently ranked fourth in the world by AIBA. Miami completed their signings to a strong squad with the signature of Beijing Olympian Jose Payares from Venezuela.

Three-time German national champion Ronny Beplik was snapped up by the WSB Boston team. "I can easily adapt to a new location," he said. "I'm sure I will be able to learn some new skills from my American teammates." Beplik will be joined in Boston by compatriot, Erkan Teper.

Los Angeles signed six international boxers, including highly fancied Brazilian, Everton Lopes, who at only 21 years of age has already caused a stir in the 61kg weight category. The final US conference franchise, Mexico City, also look a strong outfit, with the Ecuadorian Julio Cesar Castillo the standout signing.

Full details of the draft, including the complete team lists for all 12 franchise teams and the detailed competition schedule will be posted on the WSB website [www.worldseriesboxing.com](http://www.worldseriesboxing.com)

