

# BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM 4.4

**COUNCIL ELECTIONS** 



### **BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION**

### NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO COUNCIL

Please find attached the nominations for the positions of Council, which were received in accordance with Clause 18. The names are accompanied by those of their proposer and seconder(s), together with the nominator's brief review of the candidate's qualifications for election to Council.

There are thirty nominations for seventeen vacancies. Voting at the AGM will take place under Item 4.4 of the Order Paper.

The number of votes per candidate will be published, as required by Clause 18.8.

The candidates (in alphabetical order according to the first name) are:

- 1. Akhilesh Das Gupta
- 2. Anne Smillie
- 3. Chipo **Zumburani**
- 4. Corina Dan
- 5. David Cabello
- 6. Etienne Thobois
- 7. Greg Hong-Ki, Kim
- 8. Jassem Kanso
- 9. Joseph Mervyn Gordon
- 10. Junichiro Yamada
- 11. Jun Yan, Wu
- 12. Lawrence Chew
- 13. Ling Wei, Li
- 14. Maria do Carmo R.M. Carvalho
- 15. Mehdi Karbasian
- 16. Murat Ozmekik



- 17. Nigel Dean Skelt
- 18. Nora Perry
- 19. Peter M. Gacheru
- 20. Peter Tarcala
- 21. Puzant Kassabian
- 22. Raj **Gaya**
- 23. Ranjit **DeSilva**
- 24. Sergey **Shakhray**
- 25. Surasak **Songvarakulpan**
- 26. T. Michel Bau
- 27. Teong Kiat, **Lim**
- 28. Wai Lun, Tong
- 29. Wayne Edward **Somers**
- 30. Yoke Weng, Ng

Thomas Lund Secretary General 20 March 2013



### 1. Akhilesh Das Gupta India

**Proposer:** Badminton Association of India

### Seconder (s):

1. Bangladesh Badminton Federation

- 2. Chinese Badminton Association
- 3. Indonesian Badminton Association
- 4. Mauritius Badminton Association
- 5. USA Badminton

**Born:** 31 March 1961

Languages: English, Hindi

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

### **Educational Qualification**

M.B.A., LL.B., D.P.A. (Diploma in Public Administration), Ph.D. on 'Human Resources Management in Public Sector Undertakings' Educated at Colvin Taluqdars' College, Allahabad University, Lucknow University and Agra University

#### **Profession**

Educationist, Professor, Business, Industrialist, Publisher and Builder.

May 1993 - Nov.1995 Mayor of Lucknow, U.	Ρ.
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Nov. 1996 Elected to **INDIAN PARLIAMENT** (First Term)

1997-98 Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Finance

Member, Committee on Communications

1998-99 Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Urban Affairs

and Employment; Member, Committee on Transport and

Tourism

1998 - Feb. 2004 Member, Committee on H.R.D.

1999-2000 and 2002-03 Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Commerce

and Industry

1999-2002 and Member, All India Council for Technical Education (A.I.C.T.E.)

Dec. 2002 - Jan. 2006

1999-2002 Member, Sub-Committee on Medical Education of the Committee



2001-02 and Jan. 2004	on Human Resource Dev.; Member, Sub-Committee on Technical Education of the Committee on H.R.D.; Member, Sub-Committee on University and Higher Education of the Committee on H.R.D.; Member, National A.I.D.S. Committee; Member, Hindi Advisory Committee;
Nov. 2002	Re-elected to <b>INDIAN PARLIAMENT</b> (Second Term) (resigned w.e.f. 8 May 2008)
Aug. 2004 - Jan. 2006	Member, Committee on Information Technology; Member, Governing Body, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);
Oct. 2004 -Jan. 2006	Member, Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Urban Development;
Feb. 2005-Jan 2006	Member, Committee on Food Management in Parliament House Complex;
Feb. 2005 -May 2008	Member, Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas;
July 2005-May 2008	Member, Hindi Salahakar Samiti of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat;
29 Jan. 2006-5 April 2008	Minister of State, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India;
May 2008 onwards	General Secretary, Bahujan Samaj Party.
Nov. 2008	Re- elected to INDIAN PARLIAMENT (Third Term)
Jan. 2009 -May 2009	Member, Committee on Commerce;
Aug. 2009 -Aug. 2010	Chairman, Committee on Industry;
Aug. 2010 onwards	Member, Committee on Petroleum & Natural Gas
Sept. 2010 onwards	Member, Committee of Privileges

### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

International Badminton Player, 1977-83; National level Badminton player;

Represented U.P. State in the various National Badminton Championships for eight years out of which he was captain of the team for four years;

Was selected to participate in the International Badminton matches with China, Japan and Thailand;

Was selected to represent Indian Juniors Badminton Team to England, 1979;

President: Badminton Association of India.



Chairman: (i) U.P. Badminton Association,

(ii) Cricket Association of Lucknow,

(iii) Babu Banarasi Das U.P. Badminton Academy.

He has been instrumental in organizing and facilitating many International and National level tournaments such as India Superseries, Syed Modi Memorial Grand Prix Gold. He has taken such initiative in other sports as well. Presently He is the President of the Badminton Association of India and the Chairman of U.P. Olympic Association.

Has conceived the idea of establishing a world class badminton academy in the city of Lucknow (U.P.). He has ensured that a full-fledged badminton academy and indoor sports complex are established for the promotion and development of badminton not only for the State of Uttar Pradesh but for the entire country. Uttar Pradesh is the biggest State of India which has produced many notable badminton players like Meena Shah, T. N. Seth, Syed Modi, Suresh Goel, Damyanti Tambe, Abhinn Shyam Gupta, etc.

### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

Member, (i) Delhi Golf Club, (ii) Delhi Flying Club, (iii) Constitutional Club, (iv) Chelmsford Club, (v) National Sports Club, (vi) Siri Fort Sports Complex, (vii) India Tennis Centre, (viii) India Habitat Centre, (ix) India International Centre, (x) India Islamic Centre, (xi) Noida Golf Club Society, (xii) Nainital Boat Club, (xiii) Oudh Gymkhana Club, Lucknow, (xiv) Lucknow Golf Club and (xv) Fifty London Club; had been all round sportsman in swimming, Lawn - tennis, chess and cricket.

Founder Chairman, (i) Babu Banarasi Das National Institute of Technology & Management, Lucknow, (ii) Northern India Engineering College, Lucknow, (iii) Uttar Pradesh Dental College & Research Centre, Lucknow, (iv) Northern India Engineering College, New Delhi, (v) BBD Institute of Mass Communications, Lucknow, (vi) Babu Banarasi Das International Institute of Technology & Management, Lucknow; (vii) Babu Banarasi Das College of Higher Education, Lucknow, (viii) Babu Banarasi Das Medical College, Lucknow (under process), (ix) BBD Northern India Institute of Technology, New Delhi and (x) BBD Northen India College of Pharmacy, New Delhi; Chancellor, Babu Banarasi Das University (a University created under an Act of the State Legislature);

International Events attended, (i) World Mayors' Conference sponsored by the U.N.O., as Mayor of Lucknow at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, 1993, (ii) International Children's Games sponsored by the International Olympic Association, as Mayor of Lucknow, at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 1994; (iii) UNCTAD XI Conference as a part of the Indian Delegation at Sao Paulo, Brazil,



June, 2004 and (iv) Athens Olympics in the capacity of Chief-de-Mission of Indian Badminton Team, 11-22 August 2004;

Had been *Publisher and Chief Editor*, (i) Jansatta Express – Hindi daily brought out from Lucknow in collaboration with Indian Express and (ii) Quami Khabrein - an Urdu daily, brought out from Lucknow, as a Chief Editor has contributed articles on various topics; (iii) Publisher, Voice of Lucknow – a Daily newspaper published from Lucknow.

### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta's leadership while serving the Badminton Association of India as President has taken Badminton in India multiple leaps forward. The overall enhanced performance of India Players is the evidence of his futuristic vision in development of Badminton in India. The administrative reforms and commercial success of Badminton in India has helped the sport to be amongst top five popular and most played sports in the country. The successful implementation of Indian model has been transformed into a regional cooperation in South Asia. This has resulted in overall up-gradation of Badminton in all regional countries.

Considering the population of India, India could emerge as the fastest growing market for Badminton. Considering the educational, professional, commercial and political background, Dr Akhilesh can play pivotal role in taking Badminton to a new height in terms of popularity and commercial aspects of the sport.



### 2. Anne Smillie Scotland

**Proposer:** Badminton Scotland

### Seconder (s):

- 1. Badminton Association of Thailand
- 2. Bulgaria Badminton Federation
- 3. Indonesia Badminton Association

**Born:** 17 August 1956

**Languages:** English

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Anne Smillie has over 30 years of extensive and widespread experience within badminton, having worked as the Executive Administrator and since 1990, Chief Executive, of **BADMINTONscotland**.

### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

Championship Director of the following events:

- Scottish International Championships 1990 to date
- European Senior Championships 1992 & 2000
- European Zone, Thomas & Uber Cups, 1994
- Sudirman Cup & World Individual Championships, 1997
- European Junior Championships, 1999
- Sudirman Cup World Mixed Team Championships, 2007

#### Other roles:

- Chief Executive, **BADMINTONscotland**, 1990 to date
- UK Sports Major Events Steering Group 2000-2003
- BWF Council Member, 2003 2009



### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

Anne Smillie has worked for *BADMINTONscotland* for over 30 years. During her time as Chief Executive of *BADMINTONscotland* she has brought 4 European and 2 world major badminton events to Scotland, as well as staging on an annual basis the increasingly popular Scottish Badminton Championships. Through her role as Chief Executive, Anne has elevated the status of badminton significantly within Scotland.

She directed the 2007 Sudirman Cup to great acclaim and through the staging of this event, helped to secure the 2014 Commonwealth Games for Scotland.

Anne's management experience is significant, leading and managing a full time team of 14 staff members at *BADMINTONscotland*, which extends to overseeing a team of 300 people during the annual Scottish Badminton Championships and 500 people during major events.

Anne has great experience in liaising and working with multiple funding partners, large scale sponsors, major non-government sporting organisations, and national government agencies and organisations.

Anne's commercial experience is excellent and has been demonstrated through securing of continued sponsorship with leading institutions.

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how she can assist world badminton.

I have comprehensive and widespread experience with regards to the promotion, development and marketing of badminton on a national, European and global level. Such extensive experience will be extremely valuable to a role on the BWF Council.

My detailed experience and knowledge in hosting, staging and running national, European and World major events is second to none and this experience can be well utilised within the BWF. This experience involves everything from the logistics and practicalities of staging major events, through to the negotiation and development of sponsorship for our sport.

I have always offered a valued voice for the smaller badminton playing nations, and through my campaigning managed to retain the status of the Sudirman Cup in order for all member associations to be eligible to take part.



I am a woman who understands the needs of the players as well as the needs of the administration and I am always prepared to stand up and argue for what I believe is best for the sport of badminton, never bowing to pressure, but at the same time being prepared to change my mind on the basis of solid and well founded argument.

My 30 years of hard work, dedication, honesty and integrity in my badminton professional life, place me as an ideal candidate to be a Council member of our world governing body. I bring to the sport the perspective of a professional who has a high standard of ethics.

I have been and continue to be at the forefront of campaigns to develop the sport of badminton throughout Scotland, Europe and the rest of the world and I have a clear perspective on the direction and future of our sport, particularly coming from Scotland as we approach the 2014 Commonwealth Games.



### 3. Chipo Zumburani Zimbabwe

**Proposer:** Badminton Association of Zimbabwe

Seconder (s):

Lesotho Badminton Association

Born: 13 November 1984

Languages: English, Shona

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

- Diploma in Advanced Sports Management (Olympic Solidarity)
- Diploma in Credit Management (University of Zimbabwe)
- BCOM Financial Management (University of South Africa Current)

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

Chipo has been involved in Badminton for about 15 years now. She is the sitting president of the Badminton Association of Zimbabwe (BAZ). She is also a council member of the Badminton Association of Africa (BCA). She chairs the continental body's Women in Badminton Commission and sits on a number of committees including Events and Marketing Committees.

Chipo is credited with the revival of and subsequent development of Badminton in Zimbabwe.

c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

Chipo is a banker by profession with over 8 years' experience at management level. She is also a mother.



### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Chipo brings with her a wealth of experience in working with young people from disadvantaged societies and has over the years presented the opportunity for recreation and play to children to children in a number of Zimbabwean schools through introduction of Badminton.

She has encouraged a group of young school leavers with the same spirit who have become young coaches of the sport in various communities. This is a remarkable achievement in a society where sport administrators, coaches etc. are not paid and purely volunteers.

Through her involvement at the continental level, Chipo is working with a number of women and developing ideas for more women participation in not only Badminton but sport in general (breaking the barriers – she calls it)

We believe that if she is incorporated into the BWF, she will be able to do her good work only at a greater scale and have no doubt that this will in turn benefit all continents.

Annexure E – Council Elections



### 4. Corina Dan Romania

**Proposer:** Romanian Badminton Federation

### Seconder(s):

Slovak Badminton Federation

2. Swiss Badminton

Born: 10 December 1967

Languages: Romanian, German, English, Serbian, French, Hungarian

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

- Administration Manager in the Timisoara based Badminton Club (since 1992)
- Member of Organising Committees of Romanian Internationals (since 1993)
- Development Manager of the Romanian Badminton Federation (since 1996)
- National junior coach (since 2004)
- b. Badminton experience and involvement.
  - Secretary of the Balkan Badminton Committee (since foundation in 1992 1996)
  - Council Member of Badminton Europe since April 2008 (Director for Public Relations 2008-2009; Director for Communication since 2009)
  - Member of Badminton Europe's Development Working Group (since 2009)
  - Member of Badminton Europe's Women in Badminton Working Group (since 2010)
- c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.
  - Bachelor of Science in Organic Chemistry "Institutul Politehnic Timisoara" (1995)



#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee of how he can assist world badminton.

With a passion for badminton and a goal to achieve success not only on individual level but also in "teams", I'm willing to give it all – my professional and my life time experience – to strengthen the Badminton World Federation's team and enhance its potential.

With a keen eye for details and practical approach to any management of activities and tasks to perform, with a sense of enthusiasm and a vision of unity across the entire badminton community, I can only wish to be part of the organisation and bring in my own contribution.



### 5. David Cabello Spain

**Proposer:** Badminton Spain

### Seconder (s):

- 1. Belgian Badminton Federation
- 2. Slovak Badminton Federation
- 3. Italian Badminton Federation
- 4. Peruvian Badminton Federation
- 5. Iran Badminton Federation
- 6. Badminton Jamaica
- 7. Costa Rica Badminton Association

Born: 2 January 1947

**Languages:** English, Spanish, French

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

David has an excellent track record of successfully developing and managing Spanish Badminton Federation. He has actively participated in the creation of the new FESBA structures and setting-up the Federation office structures from its initial phase. He has successfully organised and coordinated several events, tournaments and meetings.

Since 2009 he is serving the BWF as the Executive Board member and the Chairman for Development working on the programmes and projects fostering sustainable development of our sport worldwide. He has represented the BWF on several pertinent international events such as the Olympic Games and built relationships with International University Sports Federation (FISU) and sport organizations of the countries in the Latin America and Caribbean Region.

David's passion for sport and development led him to a brilliant University career in this field. He is Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Sport Science at the University of Granada. David is a holder of a PhD in Physical Education, Exercise and Sports Science from the University of Granada. He is also a holder of several other titles such as: MEMOS (Executive Masters in Sports Organisation Management) Degree (Olympic Solidarity – IOC); Master's Degree in High Performance Sport (Spanish Olympic Committee & University of Madrid); Master's Degree in Sport Direction, Management and Administration (Spanish Olympic Committee & University of Madrid);



University Expert in Development Programmes for Culture, Education and Science (Organization of Ibero-American States & National Distance University); Postgraduate in Sport Protocol (International School of Protocol & University of Madrid).

David is the author of several books and articles in international scientific journals about Sport Management, Badminton and other racket sports.

### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

- Badminton World Federation (BWF) Executive Board Member (2009-date)
- BWF Chairman of Development Committee (2009-date)
- Badminton Europe Council Member. Director for Development (2005–2007)
- President of the Ibero-American Badminton Federation (2004–date)
- President of the Spanish Badminton Federation (2004–date)
- General Coordinator of the World Championships Madrid 2006
- Chief Executive of the Spanish Badminton Federation (2001 2004)
- Deputy General Coordinator of the Sudirman Cup & World Badminton Championships Seville (1999 – 2001)
- High Performance Director of the Spanish Badminton Federation (1999 2001)
- IBF Technician in different IBF Development Activities (7<sup>th</sup> IBF World Academy 2001 and several courses in Pan-American Area)
- General Coordinator of Badminton Event during the Pan-American Games Santo Domingo 2003
- General Coordinator of the six editions of the Spanish International Tournaments (IBF International Challenge)
- Olympic in Athens 2004 as Team Manager of Spanish Team.
- Badminton Coach in several Spanish Clubs (1990 1998)
- International Badminton player representing Spain (1985 1990)

### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

David's professional and academic experience, together with his project and team management skills made him gain recognition on the international arena. Currently, he is a member of several organizations including:



- Member of the FISU Executive Committee, FISU Assessor (2011-present)
- Member of the Executive Board of the Spanish Olympic Committee (2010-date)
- President of the Organizing Committee of the IV Congress of Science and Racket Sports –
   Madrid 2006
- Senior Evaluator in ANEP (National Agency of Evaluation and Prospecting) since 2006
- Main researcher of the investigation group "Science and Sport" (Ministry of Science and Education) since 2007
- Secretary General of Winter Universidee Granada 2015 (2011 present)
- Director of the I Badminton Scientific World Congress Sevilla 2001
- Member of the Winter Universiade Bid Commission Granada 2015
- Member of the Racket Sport Commission of the Sport Science Commission UNESCO (2006date)
- Member of the Andalusia Olympic Foundation (2004 date)
- Member of the Spanish Olympic Committee (2004 date)
- Chief Executive of the Provincial Sport Council of Granada (1995 1998)

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee of how he can assist world badminton.

During the Meeting in Wuhan in 2012 together with the development team we shared the progress made in past years.

As I look into the future, I am truly confident that the progression of badminton depends on the continued support of badminton's sustainable development on every level starting with schools, as optimally trained coaches and widespread accessibility of our sport in schools is where badminton's potential as a globally popular sport is.

Therefore, I would be honored to continue serving the BWF as its Council Member working towards the sustainable development of our sport. I strongly feel that my professional and academic experience up until now, alongside my international network, leadership and linguistic skills, will allow me to continue working towards the change and development.



### 6. Etienne Thobois France

**Proposer:** France Badminton

### Seconder(s):

1. Mauritius Badminton Association

- 2. Belgian Badminton Federation
- Iran Badminton Federation

Born: 20 September 1967

**Languages:** English, French

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Etienne has been very actively involved around badminton for the last 25 years. As a player (he played in the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996), but also in a lot of other areas of the games. Professionally, he runs a company involved in the sports industry that specialized in major event management. As the head of the BWF Marketing and Communications Committee from 2009 to 2013, he had the opportunity to use his network and connections as well as his technical skills for the benefit of the BWF. The revamping of the new logo, the launch of Badminton World TV as well as the latest very successful marketing agreements with BWF TV and commercial rights have been achieved under his watch.

### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

Etienne has been in the French national Team for almost 10 years. He was 3 times national champion, played 4 European and World Championships, participated in the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996. He was elected in the board of the FFBAD in 1989 and has always been since then involved in the FFBAD under different capacity (deputy Treasurer, head of communications in charge of international relations etc.)

He holds a national umpire degree, a second level Coach degree and was involved in the administration of his club, the racing Club de France in Paris.

Etienne received the BWF Meritorious Service Award in 2004 and has numerous French distinctions (from the French Ministry of Sports, the National Olympic Committee etc.)



Etienne has been very involved in the organization of the BWF 2010 World Championships in Paris and in the BWF SupersSeries French Open in 2007.

At the international level, Etienne has been a BWF Council member Executive Committee member since 2009. He actually chairs the Marketing and Communications Committee where significant achievements were conducted over the last few years, the latest being multi million dollars deals concluded for BWF TV and commercial rights.

### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

Etienne is an alumnus of the Paris Graduate School of Management (degrees in Finance and Marketing). He also holds a 3 years degree in Physical Education and Sports Management.

### Professionally he was involved in;

- The athletics IAAF World Championships in 2003 (Director of Finance and Public Services)
- The Paris 2008 and 2012 Olympic bid (Director of Sports and Planning)
- The IRB Rugby World Cup 2007 (Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director)

He now works as a Consultant. His actual main assignments are with;

- The Tokyo 2020 bid committee for the Olympic Games and the Medellin 2018 bid committee for the Youth Olympic Games
- The French NOC (International relations and Olympic affairs advisor)
- The Organizing Committee of the 2014 FEI World Equestrian championships
- The Organizing Committee of the 2017 IHF World Handball championships

### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Badminton is a wonderful sport and it should – always more – develop to become one of the leading sports on the planet. I deeply believe the potential is there.

On the other hand, in a more and more competitive world, Badminton faces numerous challenges like securing its place in the Olympic Games programme (the process endured in 2013 will be reconducted in 2017), attract more and bigger sponsors (global brands) and media attention, secure and develop players in badminton-strong territories and also develop some in new ones. I believe players (and entourage) education will also be a key element in our sport's ability to create "stars" and even more excitement around the world.



With my technical skill on sport events, my knowledge of other sports, my connections and networks built over the years, I would feel honoured to be entrusted to continue the great work made with my colleagues in the marketing and communications committee with a fantastic support from the office.

I have the great privilege of being elected as a Council Member, I'm committed to serving in any way and with any party that would help Badminton in a spirit of collaboration, independence and friendship.



### 7. Greg Hong-Ki, Kim Korea

**Proposer:** Badminton Korea Association

### Seconder(s):

1. Badminton Association of Malaysia

2. Indonesian Badminton Association

Born: 5 January 1982

**Languages:** Korean, English

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Greg received his Bachelors in Physical Education and English with a minor in Sports Marketing at Kyung Hee University in 2005. He then went on to the Korea National Sports University (KNSU) to earn his Masters in Physical Education and Sports Science in 2007. Furthermore, he earned his PhD in Sports Psychology at KNSU in 2011. His dissertation discussed "The ebbs and flows of psychological phenomena from preparing to finalize badminton tournament". He is a researcher at Sports Content Institute at Andong National University and an assistant researcher at the Korea Institute of Sports Science. The majority of his research involves collaboration between badminton and sport science such as sport psychology, match analysis and others. Not only has Greg been a superb researcher here in Korea but he also gained renown as a great administrator in badminton on and off the court to maintain the reputation and advancement of Korea Badminton.

### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

Greg had been part of our association since 2003 Korea Open as our tournament interpreter and helping the international relations department along with the technical officials. Several years later, he became the main person to contact when discussing the Korea Open in general so, in turn, he became our co-director for international tournaments hosted by the Badminton Korea Association. Furthermore, he is now working as an assistant director for the international relations department in our association and he was just recently appointed as our head of sport science department.

While he was working with Korea Institute of Sport Science, our association recognized his talent/potential and we asked him to join our national team as the assistant team manager /



match analyzer. Thus, collaboration and communication between Badminton Korea Association and Korea Institute of Sport Science became more affirmative. Ever since Greg has been working with the national team, we were getting very positive results in numerous tournaments and he was becoming a more recognizable individual in our organization.

Due to all those positive outcomes, we appointed him as council member of Korean University Badminton Federation where he really wanted to get involved. He took the team manager's role in 2008 and 2010 World University Badminton Championship representing Korea. His experience has recently propelled him into an organizational role for a successfully run 2012 World University Badminton Championships.

His enthusiasm and experiences in badminton attracted BWF and BAC attention. He is a member of the BWF Sports Science Commission along with six other scholars. Consequently, Greg's research on badminton is invaluable to world of badminton. In BAC, he was appointed to one of the working groups of the events sub-committee.

### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

Greg, having studied Sports Marketing, started up his very own company to help our association and our players in promotions and sponsorships. He was present and helped us during our contract negotiations with prominent conglomerates such as Samsung, LG, P&G, Hyundai, and Amway, and other domestic companies. Aside from the Korea National Badminton Team, his success and workability has attracted interest from badminton players of different nations and Korean Olympic athletes from other sports for managerial and sponsorship purposes. Greg's passion and expertise in marketing and promotion has even helped propel Lee Yong Dae to perpetual stardom outside of the badminton community to become a worldwide sensation, especially in areas of South-East Asia. He pioneered a new paradigm of communication between the players and their fans through exclusive "badminton talk concerts" in which the fans get to interact with the players in an engaging and open setting.

### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Greg grew up in a badminton family, and as such, he's been immersed in the game since a very young age. His father, KIM Hak-Suk, the current vice-president of the Korea Badminton Association and former council member of BWF, committed a majority of his life to this sport and its rise to prominence in the international sporting community. This unwavering commitment and passion has clearly rubbed off on Greg, as he displays the same work ethic, passion, and loyalty as



his father has. Having been a resident of Canada during his formative years, Greg has competed in American football, ice hockey, and basketball at the provincial levels, which has allowed him to respect the many disciplines of athletics and sport as well as having an open mind and understanding of the international community. He proved his commitment early on, as he represented the Badminton Korea Association at numerous AGMs and EXCOs beginning as early as 2005. Greg is an invaluable member of the badminton community bridging the gap between traditional and modern viewpoints and breaking down cultural barriers to establish relationships with colleagues and players outside of the typical business and tournament settings. There are many enthusiasts of badminton, but Greg is much more than that. The council will find that fresh individuals like Greg, with a diverse cultural and athletic background and a genuine passion for the sport and its growth, are what the international badminton community needs as the sport evolves along with modern technology, social trends, and an ever-expanding global market.



### 8. Jassem Kanso Lebanon

**Proposer:** Lebanese Badminton Federation

### Seconder(s):

1. Syrian Badminton Federation

2. Nippon Badminton Association

**Born:** 24 June 1969

**Languages:** Arabic, French, English

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

#### **Educational Qualification**

BSc, Bachelor of Science Economics – Lebanese American University

#### **Current Positions**

- Vice President of the Badminton Asia Confederation
- President of the Lebanese Badminton Federation
- President of the Hoops Club, Lebanon
- GM of Hoops Holding
- Vice President of the Badminton Arab Federation

### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

### • 2009 – 2011 – President of the Lebanese Badminton Federation

#### Main accomplishments;

- Introducing and promoting the game to the Lebanese society
- Creating official badminton courts in the country
- Helping official and private schools to introduce the game into their curriculum
- Clinics for coaches and referees
- Organizing Tournaments and Championships (Arab, COMEBA, others....)
- Hosting national and international badminton tournaments
- Hosting the COMEBA tournament in Lebanon



- Member in the Development Committee in BAC (2009 2011)
- Member in the Strategic Planning Committee of the BAC
- Helped in successful hosting of the first ever university badminton championships
   West Asia

### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

### Past positions held

- 2008 2009 : General Secretary of the Lebanese Badminton Federation
- 2004 2007 : Council Member of the Lebanese Basketball Federation (national team manager)
- 2006 2007 : National team manager for the men & young men basketball teams that were qualified for world championships

#### Social and cultural activities

- Professor basketball player
- Member of child protection group UNICEF
- Association with NGO's (DIA, MERCY COPR, FAIR PLAY and others)
- Board member of the Lebanese Water-ski committee
- d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

### Dear all,

The nominee comes from West Asia where the game is not that popular but has shown very strong potential since the BWF and the continental confederations started to organizes programs for the region. He firmly believes that his experience in promoting badminton and other sports I the region can be shared through the BWF in its efforts to promote badminton to other parts of the world with similar conditions as in West Asia. Mr. Jassem's unique experience in pushing for the inclusion of the sport in mainstream school sports programs as well as to private clubs and international humanitarian organisations in the region will be a valuable asset in the BWF's push to promote the sport all over the world. His vast involvement and experience in other sports such as basketball where he was a professional player for 12 years and where he went on to manage the national teams in the basketball federation would certainly be valuable experience that will help him in his efforts for the BWF. Jassem's involvement in his club HOOPS, which he established in very trying times in Beirut and now serves many members and the general population from different parts of Lebanon, brought him the experience that will also enable him to help the BWF in promoting and developing badminton as a major sport in the world.



Jassem has over the years managed to introduce badminton, a game that was relatively unknown in Lebanon, to many levels of Lebanese society with the same vision and energy that he has shown in his other sports projects in Lebanon and the region in general. Jassem's leadership qualities will be a great asset in the BWF's efforts to transform badminton into a truly global sport.



### 9. Joseph Mervyn Gordon Barbados

**Proposer:** Barbados Badminton Association

### Seconder(s):

USA Badminton

2. Trinidad & Tobago Badminton Association

3. Guyana Badminton Association

**Born:** 13 April 1951

**Languages:** English

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

- MSc Degree Mining Geology, University of Leicester 1977
- BS Degree Geology University of Massachusetts 1975
- Technical Manager Barbados National Oil Company
- Director Barbados Olympic Association 1992 1996
- Assistant Secretary General Barbados Olympic Association 1996 2004

### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

- Founding member of Linden Badminton Club Guyana 1977
- Founding member of Pioneers Badminton Club in 1982 (first badminton club in Barbados); served on the Executive Committee in a number of positions, currently President of the Club.
- The Barbados Badminton Association was formed in 1983, served as Secretary from 1983
   2003 and 2008 Present
- Coached both junior and senior national teams at various periods.
- National Badminton Umpire.
- Secretary/Treasurer Caribbean Regional Badminton Confederation (CAREBACO) 1993 Present.
- Vice President PANAM region 1996 2003
- President PANAM 2003 2005



### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

- Director of the Barbados Olympic Association 1992 -1996.
- Assistant Secretary General Barbados Olympic Association 1996 -2004.
- Assistant Chef de Mission PANAM Games 1995
- Chef de Mission PANAM Games 1999
- Chef de Mission Commonwealth Games 2002
- Chef de Mission Olympic Games 2004
- Chief Geologist Government of Barbados 1996
- Technical Manager Barbados National Oil Company Limited 2000
- Organising Committee of CAREBACO Championships in Barbados 1997, 2000, 2011
- Organising Committee of TUC Preliminary rounds in Barbados 2004
- Organising Committee of PanAm Senior Team Championships in Barbados 2005

### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Joseph has a wealth of experience in the management and development of the sport on badminton at the local and regional level. His involvement with the Barbados Olympic Association has helped to broaden his sports management capabilities and this will serve in good stead as a Council Member of the Badminton World Federation. Badminton is still a fledgling sport in Barbados but has been played at a competitive level in the Caribbean region since 1972 and Barbados is an active member of the Caribbean Regional Badminton Confederation (CAREBACO) and in the PANAM region. The enthusiasm and experience which Joseph will bring as a Council Member for the BWF will certainly be beneficial to the development of badminton at the world and confederation levels.

The BWF has recently amended its constitution to increase the transparency and governance of the organisation, the Barbados Badminton Association supports this initiative and believes that all Continental Confederations should follow this path. Joseph as a Council Member will be advocating that good governance continues at the Council and prevails throughout the levels of the Continental Federations.

As a member of the governing council of CAREBACO Joseph is actively working to increase the level of awareness of the sport in the Caribbean and to attract corporate sponsorship at the regional level. This would make the regional competitions more attractive to international players thereby supporting the goal of the BWF to positively increase the growth of badminton worldwide.



### 10. Junichiro Yamada Japan

**Proposer:** Nippon Badminton Association

### Seconder(s):

Lebanese Badminton Federation

- 2. Badminton Association of Thailand
- 3. Iran Badminton Federation
- 4. Chinese Taipei Badminton Association

Born: 1 October 1969

**Languages:** Japanese, English

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

#### Education

•Junichiro Yamada graduated from Okayama University (Okayama Japan) in 1974. His major was mineralogy and geology.

#### **Work Experience**

He is running his company which was established in 1981.
 He has been president of his company from 1983 to date.
 His company deals in Buddhist monk's goods

### **Other Experience**

•He had contributed his article regarding Laws of Badminton and Technical Officials to "The Japanese Badminton Magazine" from 1998 to 2007 and thereafter he have been supervising the writing of the article by another person to date.

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

Junichiro Yamada has been an active member of the Nippon (Japan) Badminton Association since 1964, when he started playing Badminton.



### **Nippon BA**

- Member of the Open Japan Badminton Championships Organizing Committees (1992 to date).
- •Chair of Nippon BA Technical Officials Committee (1993 1996).
- Nippon BA Council member (1999 to date).
- •Chair of Nippon BA International Department (1999 to date).

### **Badminton Asia Confederation**

- ■EXCO member (2005 to date).
- •Chair of Awards Committee (2005 2007).
- •Chair of Rule & Laws Committee (2007 2009).
- Chair of Technical Official Committee (2009 to date).

### **Badminton World Federation**

- Council member (2005 to date).
- ■Deputy Chair of Event Committee (2008 2009, 2011 to date).
- Accredited Umpire (1992 1994).
- ■Certificated Umpire (1994 2004).
- Accredited Referee (2004 to date)

#### **Badminton Officiating at BWF Events**

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1991 – 1999	Japan Open, Tokyo
1992	Asia Badminton Championships, Singapore
1993	Korea Open, Korea
1994	World Grand Prix Finals, Thailand
1995	Thomas/Uber Cup Preliminary, Singapore
1996	Korea Open, Korea
1997	World Grand Prix Finals, Indonesia
1998	Asia Badminton Championships, Korea
1999	Sudirman Cup/World Championship, Scotland
2000	Asia Cup, Vietnam
1999	Sudirman Cup/World Championship, Denmark
2000	World University Championships, Turkey
2000	Sydney Olympic Games 2000, Sydney
2001	Asia Cup, Singapore
2002	Thomas/Uber Cup Finals, China

#### •Referee :

2003 Asia Championships, Indonesia



2005	Thailand Open, Thailand
2005	Asia Junior Championships, Indonesia
2007	Osaka International Challenge, Japan
2009	Osaka International Challenge, Japan
2009	Chinese Taipei Open, Taiwan
2010	Chinese Taipei Open, Taiwan
2012	US Open, USA
■Deputy Re	feree :
1994	Asian Games, Japan
2000 – 201	1 Japan Open, Japan
2004	Asian Championships, Malaysia
2007	Singapore Open, Singapore
2007	China Masters, China
2008	Thomas/Uber Cup Asia Zone, Vietnam
2008	Osaka International Challenge, Japan
2008	Macau Open, Macau
2010	Osaka International Challenge, Japan
2011	Russian Open, Russia
2011	World Championships, England
2011	Hong Kong Open, Hong Kong
2012	China Masters, China

### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

- •Chief director of Aichi Prefecture Badminton Association
- Vice president of Nagoya City Badminton Association
- •President, Baikin Shouten Inc.
- President, Katabami Corporation
- ■Member, Nagoya Naka Rotary Club

### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Junichro Yamada officiated as a BWF Umpire for 13 years from 1992 to 2004. He has actively participated in BWF tournaments as a BWF referee. He is also a current BWF Council Member, holding the position of Deputy Chair of Event Committee.



His experience as a BWF technical official will enable him to make a large contribution to the development of the BWF event committee.

It was entirely due to his efforts in his role as the head of the Nippon BA International Department that the 2006 Thomas/Uber Cup Finals and the 2012 World Junior Championships were held in Japan.

He will do his best to ensure the success of all BWF events.

Using his wealth of knowledge and experience, he will work toward the development of the BWF and of badminton in general.



### 11. Jun Yan, Wu Chinese Taipei

**Proposer:** Chinese Taipei Badminton Association

### Seconder(s):

USA Badminton

2. Indonesian Badminton Association

3. Nippon Badminton Association

Born: 2 November 1953

**Languages:** Chinese, English, Japanese

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Mr. Jun-Yan Wu was born in a badminton family. His parents were engaged in badminton when he was a child. Not only just followed their steps, he spent countless personal resources, time and money on badminton, sponsoring Taiwan domestic badminton competitions, encourage and train professional young athletes, promote the sport in every corner of Taiwan up to now which has been 35 years. He was VP of Chinese Taipei Badminton Association, Chairman of Taipei badminton Committee, now he is the President of Taiwan Senior Badminton Association so as World Chinese Badminton Federation.

His endeavour in badminton brought World Senior Championships, World Junior Championships, Super series finals being held in Taiwan successfully. To honour his family who established the Morning Cup Championships over consecutive 40 years, the great event was sanctioned by BWF in 2010, attracting more than two thousand participants from all over the world every year.

### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

1973~1976 Captain for Taipei Ren-Ai Junior Badminton Team.

1978~1985 Executive Committee member of Taipei Badminton Committee.

1978~ Organize "Morning Cup Badminton Championships, Taiwan" – CEO for 35

years, have more than 2,500 local and foreign players to participate

annually.

1985~1986 Chairman of Taipei Badminton Committee.



1986~1990 Executive Director of Chinese Taipei Badminton Association. 1990~2005 Chairman of Taipei Badminton Committee. 1993~1997 Vice President of Chinese Taipei Badminton Association. Organize "World Chinese Badminton Championships" for 20 years, have 1993~ more than 3,000 local and overseas Chinese players to participate annually. 1998~2000 Found Taiwan Senior Badminton Association, till now has members over 1998~ Organize "Taiwan Senior Cup Badminton Championships" - CEO for 15 years, have more than 1,200 local and foreign players to participate annually. 2001~2009 Vice President of Chinese Taipei Badminton Association. 2001-2007 Organize "Yonex Chinese Taipei Gold Grand Prix" – CEO for 7 years. 2005~ Found World Chinese Badminton Federation, elected as President of the Organize "3<sup>rd</sup> World Senior Badminton Championships" – CEO, have 500

#### Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant c. qualifications.

top local and foreign players to participate.

Council member of BWF

1988~1990 President, Taipei Chang-Chun Elementary School Parents Council. 1990~1994 President, Taipei Cheng-Yuan Junior High School Parents Council. 1994~1996 Chairman, China Youth Corp. Chung-San Division. 1996~ Chairman, Horng-Chen Steel Pipe Co., LTD. 2007~ Chairman, New Sheng-Kung Investment Co., LTD.

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Mr. Jun-Yan Wu knows how to promote Badminton in many aspects, also knows what to do for the better future of Badminton, he's well known in Chinese badminton society and is also well connected worldwide. Furthermore, he is a successful businessman who has full skill in solving problems, crises, dealing with different kind of people, and well organized and most important, he's enthusiastic about badminton, about Human, about Life. With his help, we trust Badminton will be more human, we could attract more sponsors to popularize and commercialize badminton to all over the World.

2007~

2009~



### 12. Lawrence Chew Switzerland

**Proposer:** Swiss Badminton

### Seconder(s):

1. Austrian Badminton Association

- 2. Belgian Badminton Federation
- 3. Badminton Spain

Born: 19 February 1969

Languages: English, French, German, Malay, Chinese (Cantonese/ Hokkien)

### a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience

- Swiss Badminton National Junior Trainer 198 2006
- Swiss Badminton International Coordinator 2006 2007
- Swiss Badminton Director 2007 to present
- Swiss Badminton Technical Director 2010 to present
- Badminton Europe Director for Administration 2012 to present
- Badminton World Federation Council member 2009 to present
- Badminton Lausanne Director 2002 2008
- Badminton Lausanne Consultant 2008 2011
- Badminton Europe Online Magazine Editor 2009 2012
- Certified Swiss Olympic Sports Trainer 2005

### b. Badminton experience and involvement

- Badminton Europe Events Working Group 2006
- Badminton World Federation Events Working Group 2009
- Swiss Open organization consultant and representative 2006 2008

### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications



- Owner of web based sport reservation system
- Photographer (Swiss Open official photographer 1998 and 1999)
- Cook ( Movenpick Luzern and Lausanne)

#### Statement on behalf of nominee on how he can assist world badminton

He has the experience as a council member in both the World Federation and also in the Continental Confederation for the past few years. With his youth and experience, the sport of badminton could benefit from his integrity and motivation towards a better game.

Due to his Asian roots and Swiss procedural system, he has the understanding and communication ability between all continents. As a player, trainer, event organizer and administrator, he has gone through all the phases of the sport.

Living only 15 minutes away from the capital city of IOC, he could be an asset to the World Federation. His network revolves around the State of Vaud and it's capital, Lausanne.



### 13. Ling-Wei, Li China

**Proposer:** Badminton Association of the PR of China

### Seconder(s):

1. Badminton Federation of Macau

2. Indonesian Badminton Association

3. Badminton Association of India

Born: 7 January 1964

**Languages:** Chinese, English

### a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

2012-to date	Member of the International Olympic Committee
2006.12-to date	Member of IOC Olympic Programme Commission
2005-to date	Council member of Badminton World Federation
	Deputy Chair of IOC/UN Committee of Badminton World Federation
2004- to date	Member of Executive Committee of Chinese Olympic Committee
2001 –to date	Vice President of Badminton Association of the People's Republic of China
2003-2008	Deputy Director General of BOCOG's International Relations Department and
	Sports Department
2002 - 2005	Council member of International Badminton Federation

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

LI Lingwei is a famous badminton player in China. She won 13 titles as world champion in 1980s, and had won a total of 48 grand prix and international events titles. After giving up active competition, she became the coach of China's badminton women's national team in 1991 and has trained many elite players such as Ye Zhaoying, Gong Zhichao, Dai Yun and Han Jingna etc, who won world and Asian titles on many occasions. She went to the United States of America in 2000 for one year to study and improve her English. She has been selected as a Council member of the IBF/BWF since 2002.



### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

- She obtained a Doctor of Humane and Sociological Science of Sport of Beijing Sport University in June 2008.
- She was honoured by IOC as the winner of 2008 Women and Sport Awards in March 2008.
- She was honoured by becoming a member of the IBF "Hall of Fame" in 1999.
- She was selected as a national "Top 10 Coaches of the Year" in 1997 and 1998.
- She was honoured with the "Distinguished Service Award" by the International Badminton Federation in 1994.
- She was selected as a national "Top 10 Athletes of the Year" in 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987.

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee of how he can assist world badminton.

LI Lingwei has been working with the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games Organizing Committee since 2003. As member of IOC Programme Commission, she knows badminton very well as many other sports, especially after becoming an IOC Member in 2012, she can contribute more to the presentation, development of badminton at the Olympic Movement.



### 14. Maria do Carmo R.M. Carvalho Macau

**Proposer:** Badminton Federation of Macau

Seconder(s):

Badminton Association of Thailand

**Born:** 11 April 1966

**Languages:** Chinese, English, Portuguese

- a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.
- Bachelor Degree in Business Administration
- Certificate in 2006 Sports Management Training Course (organized by Macau Sport Development Board and Beijing Sport University)
- Certificate in 2010 Sports Management Training Course (organized by Macau Sport Development Board and Beijing Sport University)

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

- Assembly Secretary of Badminton Federation of Macau (2001 2002)
- Vice Chairwoman of Badminton Federation of Macau (2003 2004)
- Chairwoman of Badminton Federation of Macau (2005 Present)
- Chairwoman of Publicity Committee of Badminton Asia Confederation (2004 2007)
- Appointed Member of Badminton Asia Confederation (2007 2011)
- Chair of Events Committee of Badminton Asia Confederation (2011 2014)
- Chief Secretary of Organizing Committee of Macau Satellite (2002)
- Vice President of Organizing Committee of World Chinese Badminton Invitation Cup (2002)
- Deputy President of Organizing Committee of Macau Open Badminton Championships (2006)
- Vice President of Organizing Committee of Macau Open Badminton Grand Prix Gold (2007 2013)
- c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.



- Deputy Secretary General of Federation of Macau-China Sports General Associations (2009 Present)
- Honorary President of The Women Sports General Association of Macau (2008 Present)
- Honorary President of Hou Kong Sport Club (2006 Present)
- Honorary President of Yoga and Sports General Association of Macau, China (2009 Present)
- Honorary President of Association of Martial Art of Chan Hak Fu (2011 Present)
- Member of Sports Council of Macau Special Administrative Region (2012 2014)

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

- Maria has been involved in badminton for over 12 years. Under her leadership, badminton has become the most popular sport in Macau, according to a research conducted by the Macau Sports Development Board and Beijing Sport University in 2009. With her considerable experience, Maria believes she can contribute to the development of badminton in the world.
- Taking advantage of the fantastic facilities in Macau nowadays, and her own good relationships with the Macau Government and high-class hotels, Maria can assist BWF to organize international events in Macau with the cooperation and/or funding of government departments and private companies.
- Being the Member of Sport Council of Macau SAR and Honorary President of The Women Sports General Association of Macau, Maria has a particular duty to promote women through sports in Macau. If elected, she will have the privilege to extend her duty to other countries and contribute with her feminine sensibility to the improvement of the BWF.



### 15. Mehdi Karbasian Iran

**Proposer:** Iran Badminton Federation

#### Seconder(s):

- 1. Iraq Badminton Federation
- 2. Badminton Association of Thailand
- 3. Nippon Badminton Association
- 4. Mauritius Badminton Association
- 5. Badminton Spain
- 6. France Badminton

Born: 22 March 1951

**Languages:** Farsi, English

- a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.
  - 1. MBA Oklahoma City University, U.S.A.
  - 2. PhD in management, Paisley University, Scotland.
  - 3. Board Member of OPEC Fund (Vienna-Austria)
  - 4. Board Member of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) (Jeddah)
  - 5. Deputy Oil Minister in the commercial affairs
  - 6. Board Member and Commercial Manager of National Iran Oil Co.
  - 7. Governor of Iran Customs Affairs
  - 8. Deputy General, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- b. Badminton experience and involvement.
  - 1. President of Islamic Republic of Iran Badminton Federation (1989-2010)
  - 2. Vice president, Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC) (1997-2010)
  - 3. Board Member of Badminton World Federation (BWF) (2000-2004) (2009-....)
- c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.



- 1. Council member and Treasure of Iran National Olympic Committee (IRNOC) (1996-2000) (2008-...)
- 2. Member of the Finance Committee of OCA ( 2011- ...)
- 3. Alame Tabbatabaie University, Management (2011-...)
- 4. Member of Trustees, Alborz University of Medical Sciences (2010 -...)
- d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

He received MBA from OCU (USA), PhD in Management Paisley (Scotland), his knowledge and more than 30 years' experience on management and parallel with sport especially in Badminton, 21 years president of IRAN Badminton.

He help and support to expand and promote badminton on west Asia and East Europe ( Azerbaijan , Armenia , ... ) , and as VP of BAC, for 14 years trying to Develop this sport in Asia , 8 years as BWF council member , he could help develop and promote badminton in the world .



### 16. Murat Ozmekik Turkey

**Proposer:** Turkish Badminton Federation

#### Seconder(s):

USA Badminton

2. Bulgarian Badminton Federation

3. Indonesian Badminton Association

Born: 20 April 1967

**Languages:** Turkish, English, Arabic

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

#### **Educational Status:**

University: Ankara University Faculty of Religious Studies graduate (1993)

Post Graduate: Progressing in Bulgarian Sofia Sports Academy. Functioning thesis period.

Foreign Language: English/Arabic (Intermediate)

#### **Job Experience:**

- 2004-2013 ( 8 Years ) Functioning as Head of Badminton Federation for 4 Terms
- His cadre is in Ministry of Youth and Sports Ankara Youth Services and Sports Provincial Directorate. Holder of NLP Trainer (Personal Development Specialist)-NLP Master Practitioner-NLP Practitioner documents
- Holder of more than 10 Certificate of Achievement and Appreciation from Ministry of National Education.

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

### **Sports Background:**

1992-2004 (12 Years): Functioned as Badminton National Team Coach.

1996-2004 : Functioned as Badminton Coach of Ankara Metropolitan Municipality

Ego Sports Club. Made Ego Sport Club champion more than 10 years in

Turkey during this period.



Provided more than 60 National Sportsman for National Badminton Team. Developed many successful National Sportsmen in International field. Functioned as founding member and President of Badminton Coaches Association.

Holder of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Badminton Coaching Certif. (Highest grade in Turkey)

2004-2013 (8 Years): Continues as Head of Badminton Federation.

Badminton champion of Turkey for ages +40 and +45, Balkan Badminton Champion for ages over 45.

Currently performs Balkan Badminton Association Vice Chairman duty.

### Achievements of Turkish Badminton Federation during his Presidency and Actualised Projects:

- Made Turkish Badminton Federation the Federation with the most signed endorsement deals.
- Made Turkish Badminton Federation the Federation with the most actualised Social Responsibility projects.
- Made Turkish Badminton Federation amongst 5 federations which gained the most medals.
- Succeeded to send the first Badminton player (Neslihan Yiğit) from Turkey to Olympic Games in history of Turkish Badminton.
- Actualised Badminton Training Project in penitentiaries. (2006-2013): Provided more than 200 Correction Officers with Badminton Coaching Certificates and Badminton training for 5.000 sentenced and under arrests and project still continues. Badminton Training Project in Children Homes (Homeless Children): 1.000 Children taking Badminton training. More than 1.000 homeless children from 35 Children Homes still continue to take Badminton training.
- Badminton Training Projects in Regional Boarding and Lodge Schools: more than 1.000 students in more than 15 boarding schools continue to take Badminton training.
- "Throw shuttlecock instead of Stone" project and Police Coaching project in Eastern Provinces: providing Badminton training more than 2.000 children in Terror Regions to keep them away from the terror.
- Badminton Training Project in Summer Quran Courses (Badminton Training Project for Religious Officials): Badminton training has been provided every summer for 2.000 children chosen from Quran Courses in mosques of 81 Provinces.
- Badminton Training Project in Villages (That Village is Our Village Project): Badminton introduced to children studying in village schools.
- Interfaith (İmam-clerk-priest) Badminton Training Project: A Badminton tournament has been organised among Islamic, Christian, Jewish and other religious functionaries.

#### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.



#### Other Certificates and achievements:

- 1. Production of more than 20 types various Badminton materials and more than 100,000 Badminton rackets have been ordered from China and distributed to schools and students in Turkey.
- 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Athleticism Coaching Certificate
- 3. 1st Grade Squash Coaching Certificate
- 4. Leadership Certificate for Sports for Everyone
- 5. Sports Masseur Certificate
- 6. Parachuting Certificate

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

- 1. I shall familiarize and popularize Badminton in World countries where Badminton not known by developing Projects and providing Sponsors.
- 2. I shall have Badminton materials support made to underdeveloped countries by finding sponsors.
- 3. I shall produce projects to take the sportsman and coaches of remained behind Badminton countries to necessary training camps for their improvements and if necessary I shall go to those countries by myself for Badminton trainings free of charge.
- 4. I shall produce Social Responsibility projects in order to provide Badminton playing in all communities.
- 5. As a Badminton player for 21 years and still playing Badminton at age of +46 years old, I am a candidate to spare all my time for World Badminton Federation.

#### Our justification to be a candidate for the Management:

As a country Turkey is at the middle of Asia and Europe. We are at the point to join both continents. We functioned as a bridge between Muslims and Christians.

Our government supports financially your federation where we don't have a financial bottleneck. We wish to organize 2020 Olympic Games in our country.

2013 European Badminton Youth Championship and World Badminton Veterans Championship and 2014 European Stars Badminton Championship shall be organized in our country.

In those days of 2013 we are in first 8 of European Youth and first 3 of Stars classification. As a Young and Dynamic Federation President I want to spend all my energy for World Badminton Federation Management.

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### 17. Nigel Dean Skelt New Zealand

**Proposer:** Badminton New Zealand

Seconder(s):

1. Badminton Australia

Born: 4 February 1957

**Languages:** English

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Nigel is currently Deputy Chairman of the BWF Development and Sport for all committee (2010-2013) being very involved in the shuttle time and coach education programmes.

He is also on the BWF marketing committee, and a founding member of the Women in Badminton Committee.

Nigel also served on the BWF appeals panel at the London Olympics (2012) and on the Super Series panel, and is currently the Chairperson of the Development of the indoor and outdoor shuttlecock committee.

b. Badminton experience and involvement.

Nigel was a former New Zealand senior representative player, and was manager of the New Zealand Thomas Cup team. He has been a New Zealand Senior Selector, President of Badminton New Zealand and is a Life Member of Badminton New Zealand. Nigel has been President of Oceania Badminton, and BWF VP for Oceania, and is currently Vice President of Oceania.

 Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

Nigel is currently the General Manager of New Zealand's largest multi-purpose indoor sports and



entertainment facility. Hosting eleven netball and basketball courts, twenty four badminton courts and an entertainment centre seating 4020 people, along with four squash courts.

Nigel has staff of up to forty and has been General Manager since 2000

### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

After having four years' experience on the BWF. I believe I have gained a very sound knowledge of the organisation, and have formed very strong working relationships with all BWF management and staff and BWF council members.

My role in the Development and Sport committee has emphasised to me how important it is for the BWF to recognise all of the five Olympic rings.

The BWF must continue to support the game globally and The grass root development of our sport along with high performance.

It is imperative that we become truly global and that our playing strengths are represented across all five continents. It is also very important for the "long term" sustainability of the game that we continue to strive to produce shuttlecocks for indoor and outdoor use that are affordable and practical for all areas of play.

I am extremely passionate about the marketing of the game and that BWF adopts every technical tool to ensure that all age groups needs are met and that we strive to grow our sport to become one of the top sports in the world and that we continue to remain a potent force on the Olympic stage.



### 18. Nora Perry England

**Proposer:** Badminton England

#### Seconder(s):

- Badminton Ireland
- 2. Belgian Badminton Federation
- Slovak Badminton Federation
- 4. Peruvian Badminton Federation
- Badminton New Zealand
- 6. Badminton Jamaica
- 7. Mauritius Badminton Association

**Born:** 15 June 1954

Languages: English

#### a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Nora dedicates her time to badminton, both in England and in later years to the Badminton World Federation. She currently teaches badminton at Davenant Foundation School in Essex, she is a member of BADMINTON England's Performance Group and a member of the International Committee.

In 2009, Nora was elected onto the Council of the BWF where she is an active member and currently Chairs the Women in Badminton Working Group.

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

Nora is a highly respected figure in the world of badminton. She won numerous major titles, including six All-England mixed doubles and two All-England women's doubles championships. She won both the 1980 IBF World Championships and the 1980 European Championships in women's doubles. Three years later, Nora won the 1983 IBF World Championships title in mixed doubles title and is widely regarded as one of the greatest female mixed doubles players in the game's history.



Nora was coach to the England Uber Cup team in 1990 and an England selector from 1989 -1991.

In 1999 she was inducted into the World Badminton Hall of Fame and was honored by the Queen in 1981 when she was awarded the MBE for services to badminton.

c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

n/a

d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Since being elected a Council member in 2009, I have been actively involved in the creation of the Women in Badminton Commission and it is my aspiration to continue to develop this critical area of our sport.

The IOC are keen for all Ifs to have a clear policy for the promotion of women in all areas of their sport and with the creation of the WIB Forum, along with the on-going work of the commission, we are making significant progress.

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### 19. Peter M. Gacheru Kenya

**Proposer:** Kenya Badminton Association

#### Seconder(s):

- Badminton Zambia
- 2. Sudan Badminton Federation
- 3. Badminton Association of Ghana
- 4. Botswana Badminton Association
- 5. Seychelles Badminton Association
- 6. Indonesian Badminton Association
- 7. Mauritius Badminton Association
- 8. Badminton South Africa
- 9. Badminton Association of Thailand

**Born:** 16 October 1969

**Languages:** English

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Certified Public Accountant Strategic marketing Graduate

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

National Junior team player from 11 years. Represented Kenya at the Senior level including the Africa Senior Championships and Commonwealth Games among numerous international events

Joined badminton administration in 1990 as press secretary. Elected Vice President of Kenya Badminton Association in 1994 and President in 1997. Elected council member of the Africa Confederation in 1997. Is currently the Secretary General of the Badminton Kenya Federation

Elected treasurer of BCA in 1999, a position held to date.

Elected BWF council member in 2004 and appointed in the BWF executive as Chair of Administration Committee in 2008



### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

Peter is an accountant by profession and has worked in the Finance industry for 15 years before venturing into marketing. He has held senior management positions in the motoring and communication industries.

He is currently the Chief Executive officer of Inter Management Group - Kenya a communication agency

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Peter's ability to network widely and effectively across a profile of disparate backgrounds would doubtless be an asset to the sport. His experience in marketing, administration and finance does him credit as a sports administrator and leader



### 20. Peter Tarcala Slovakia

**Proposer:** Slovak Badminton Federation

#### Seconder(s):

1. Belgian Badminton Federation

2. National Badminton Federation of Russia

3. Czech Badminton Federation

**Born:** 13 June 1976

Languages: English, Russian, Polish, Czech, Slovak

#### a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

- He is a hardworking and dedicated badminton administrator
- Since 2003 involved as the director for events in Badminton Europe
- Since 2009 involved as Council member in Badminton World Federation
- Especially in the area of events the candidate has an outstanding knowledge that will be a big asset for BWF
- Slovak Badminton has improved tremendously under his skilful leaderships and the same values and organisational skills will he bring to BWF

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

- BWF Council Member (2009 May present)
- BWF Deputy Chair for Events (2009 May 2011 May)
- BEC Council Member, Director for Events (2003 April present)
- BEC Circuit Working Group Member (2005 September 2007 May)
- BWF Accredited Referee (2005 December 2012 May)
- BEC Certificated Referee (2001 2012 May)
- BWF Accredited Umpire (2001 June 2008 May)
- BEC Certificated Umpire (1998 September 2008 May)
- President of the Slovak Badminton Federation (2004 May 2006 April)
- General Secretary of the Slovak Badminton Federation (2006 May present)
- Slovak Badminton Federation Council Member (1996 May present)



- Head of Court Officials for Slovak Badminton Federation (1996 May 2008 May)
- Chair of Commission for international affairs and cooperation with European Union of Slovak Olympic Committee (2013 January present)
- Tournament Director for Slovak Open 2000 2004, 2007 2012, tournament part of Badminton Europe Circuit
- Tournament Director for European Men's & Women's Team Championships 2004 (Thomas/Uber Cup European stage)
- Tournament Director for European B Junior Team Championships 2006
- Member of Committee of Management for 50 different European Championships
- Member of Badminton Commission of International School's Sport Federation
- c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.
- Master's Degree in Personal Management (University of Presov)
- Sales Manager in private company for 7 years
- d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Using experiences from more than 150 European tournaments in which he participated as organiser, Member of Committee of Management, Referee or umpire to permanently increase level and quality of the World Event's programme.



### 21. Puzant Kassabian Bulgaria

**Proposer:** Bulgaria Badminton Federation

Seconder(s):

1. Indonesian Badminton Association

Born: 12 January 1941

**Languages:** Bulgarian, English, Russian, Armenian, German

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

#### Qualification and experience:

Prof. Dr. Kassabian has two university degrees. In 1970 he graduated from the National University of Medicine in city of Plovdiv medicine with major medical doctor. In 1977 he completed the program of the National Sports Academy with major tennis. Afterwards he attended examinations in the sports table tennis and badminton. For 60 years he has participated in the lifecycle of many different sports.

As a competitor he takes part in 56 championships of the elite divisions of Bulgaria- 8 years in table tennis, 6 years in basketball, 11 years in tennis and 21 years in badminton. Multiple champion of Bulgaria in badminton from a sequence of individual and team championships with more than 30 gold medals, medalist form different competitions in table tennis, tennis and basketball. He is the only Bulgarian athlete who has taken part in the finals of the seven national spartakiads (including 28 different sports, similar to the Olympic games) with accomplishment of 2 gold, 2 silver medals and 4 fifth places. He receives the merit award of the sports journalists in 1991 for his participation in the stated above finals, 30 years among the best is its slogan.

From 1997 till their 12<sup>th</sup> edition in year 2001 in Seville he participates in All World Badminton Championships and in the last 4 till 2007 in Kuala Lumpur and Olympic Games and Paris 2010. For 20 consecutive years from 1969 till 1989 he is a head coach of the national men and women badminton team. The official state and national sporting institutions respect Prof.Dr.Puzant Kassabian for his overall sports development contributions and on various occasions show this respect by honoring him with merit awards.

In year 2001 the President of Republic of Bulgaria himself awarded Prof. Dr. Puzant Kassabian



with the Highest State medal "Stara planina" for his long-timed contribution for development of sports in Bulgaria. The very same year he also received the President medal of the European Badminton Union from EBU – President, Torsten Berg.

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

Prof. Dr. Puzant Kassabian participated in the badminton world since 1965 and is one of its founders in Bulgaria and the Balkan region. He was a head coach of the national badminton team for men and women from 1969 – 1989. From 1989 till1992 he is a Secretary General of Bulgarian Badminton Federation and in 1992 he is unanimously elected for its President, function that he performs till current day. In 1992 takes place its election as President of the Balkan Badminton Association which currently comprises of 9 countries affiliated members. In Norway in 1988 he is elected as a member of the development committee of the European Badminton Union and until 1993 he executes his duties in the committee.

In year 2000 he is elected for Council member of the International Badminton Federation (current BWF) and His term continues even today. During his terms as Council member of BWF he has taken part in various committees. Development and marketing committee, IOC committee, Events committee and etc. he has been the senior organizer of many tournaments from the European and IBF/ BWF competitive calendar- 1991 Helvetia Cup, 1992 European Club Champions Cup, 1993 European Juniors Championships, 1998 European Men and Women Championships and in 2001 European Veterans Championships, 5 IBF tournament from the Grand Prix circuit, 1<sup>st</sup> World Veterans Championships 2003, assisted for the organization of the first World Deaf Badminton Championships, World championships and qualifications for Thomas & Uber Cup in 2000.

In May 2010 he will conduct the World School Team championships. Since year 2005 for 4 consecutive years he is Chairman of the SOFIA World Badminton Training Centre.

### Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

He is founder of many sports other than badminton in Bulgaria- 1980 squash, for about 10 years he manages the game in Bulgaria. For 10 years already he is occupied with the development of new racket sport Racketlon and in 2004, 2005 and 2006 organizes many International Racketlon tournaments, also World Teams and Doubles Racketlon Championships 2012, in month of July 12 – 15, 2012 in city of Sofia (Bulgaria)



He is founder of the Balkan Badminton Association and his major ambition is the expansion of its boundaries with reaching some Asian countries and countries form the former Soviet union-Russia, Belarus, Ukraine etc.

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Of tremendous importance is widening and support of the international events for the youth-World Juniors Badminton Championships, World Schools Championships which is organized by the World Schools' Sports Association.

With the objective of popularizing the game of badminton, an open air competitions should be introduced to the audience- from the autumn of 2010 these events will be categorized as World tournaments and later on when the desired popularity is reached will be transformed into World Championships. Just for comparison, variety of other sports already have realized that- beach volley, beach football, street ball and wrestling.

Special attention and efforts need to be dedicated for the attraction and integration of players characterized with being in unequal physical condition. Apart from the tournaments that are organized for them I would like to assure that they will have the chance to equally participate in the programs of the world training centres in Guangzhou and Sofia with the rest of the regular athletes.

Another topic that I would like to address and promise efforts on is the currently limited and small TV coverage that our sport is granted with. This must be changed with all efforts and means, because relatively younger sports are enjoying higher TV coverage thus getting part of the popularity of badminton worldwide.



### 22. Raj Gaya Mauritius

**Proposer:** Mauritius Badminton Association

#### Seconder(s):

1. Algerian Badminton Association

2. Iran Badminton Federation

3. France Badminton

Born: 14 February 1960

**Languages:** English, French

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Raj GAYA has been actively involved in Mauritius Badminton for more than 30 years. Be it as a player at National club level, as administrator at National level where he has been treasurer for 10 years, Secretary General. Part of the organisation of all the major Badminton events held in Mauritius for the past 20 years. Member of the organising committee of the 2003 Indian Ocean Islands Games (Multi sports event). Chairman of the National Sports Council of Mauritius 2000-2005. Chairman of the City Municipal Council Sports Commission 1991-1996. For the past 16 years has been highly involved in the development of Badminton in Africa as Treasurer and Secretary General of Africa Confederation.

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

#### **BADMINTON** in Mauritius:

- 1. 1980 to date Badminton player at club level.
- 2. 1987 to 2001 President West Region Badminton Committee.
- 3. 1988 to date President Xenon Badminton Club, playing in 1<sup>st</sup> division.
- 4. 1989 to 2000 National Grade one Umpire.
- 5. 1988 to 2000 Executive member Mauritius Badminton Association.
- 6. 1991 to 1999 Treasurer Mauritius Badminton Association.
- 7. 1999 to 2000 Secretary General Mauritius Badminton Association
- 8. 2008 to date President Mauritius Badminton Association.



#### **BADMINTON** in AFRICA:

- 9. 1997 to 1999 Treasurer Badminton Confederation Africa.
- 10. 1999 to date Secretary General Badminton Confederation Africa.

#### IBF/BWF:

- 11. 1999 to date Council Member.
- 12. 1999 to 2001 Member of rules and law committee.
- 13. 1999 to date Member of Finance committee.
- 14. 1999 to 2001 Member of Open committee.
- 15. 1999 to 2001 Member of Ranking committee.
- 16. 2001 to 2008 Member of Administration committee.
- 17. 2001 to 2003 Member of Events committee.
- 18. 2002 to 2004 Member of the Executive Board.
- 19. 2008 to date Member of Development committee.
- 20. 2011 to date Member of the Executive Board.

### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

#### PROFESSION:

- 1. Chairman Board of Directors of Best Dairy Co Ltd (company operating in the milk sector in Mauritius since 1964).
- 2. 1987 to 2011 Managing Director of Best Dairy Co Ltd.
- 3. 2008 to date Consul of the Republic of Benin in Mauritius.
- 4. 2012 to date elected member City Council of Quatre Bornes.

#### **GENERAL SPORTS:**

- 1. 1991 to 1996 Municipal Councilor & Chairman City Council Sport Commission. Body responsible for the development of sports in the town.
- 2. 2000 to 2005 Chairman National Sport Council of Mauritius. Body having an overall responsibility of 37 sports practiced in Mauritius, among others Badminton, together with all the other National Sport Federations.
- 3. 2001 to 2003 Member of Organizing Committee of the 2003 Indian Ocean Games (6<sup>th</sup> edition, multisport games for all the islands in the Indian Ocean.



### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

- 1. For the past 25 years has contributed tremendously to the development of Badminton in Mauritius.
- 2. For the past 15 years as an Executive member of Badminton Confederation Africa (since 1997); has contributed a lot in the revival of Badminton in Africa. Since 1999 has been responsible for the day to day running of Badminton in Africa, including organization of all the events, technical courses and training camps.
- 3. For the past 14 years (since 1999) has been Council Member of IBF/BWF and contributed lot in the development of the sport around the world.

Has very long experience in business and general sport management, will continue to contribute lot in the development of Badminton in Africa and around the world.

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### 23. Ranjit De Silva Sri Lanka

**Proposer:** Zambia Badminton Association

Seconder(s):

1. Afghanistan National Badminton Federation

**Born:** 11 May 1942

Languages: English

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

BSc Engineering from University of Ceylon with First Class Honours Commonwealth Scholar to Cambridge University, UK PhD in the field of Materials Engineering from Cambridge University, UK Fellow of the Institute of Mining, Minerals and Materials, UK Member of the American Society of Metals, USA Chartered Engineer, UK and Sri Lanka

Founder Professor – established degree courses in mining & mineral processing, metallurgy & ceramics and chemical engineering & fuel science at the University of Sri Lanka.

Chairman, Ceylon Steel Corporation.

Technical Adviser to the Minister of Finance and Planning.

Head of Engineering, Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines Ltd, Zambia.

General Manager, Boart Longyear (Zambia) of Anglo American Corporation.

Senior Fellow, Faculty of Engineering, National University of Singapore.

Consultant to the University of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Industrial Development in Sri Lanka.

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

At present: Council Member, Badminton World Federation (2009 – 2013)

Formerly:



National champion in Sri Lanka.

Captain of the Sri Lankan national team.

Captain of Cambridge University, UK

Open Champion in Zambia.

World Masters Games in Brisbane, Australia 1994: one gold and one silver in the Over-50 Years event.

World Masters Games, Melbourne, Australia 2002: two golds and one silver in the Over-60 Year event.

President, Sri Lanka Badminton Association

Council Member of the Badminton World Federation 1996-98 (nominated from Africa).

President, Zambia Badminton Association.

Member of the Zambia Olympic Committee.

Organised the first ever All-Africa Junior Championships in 1993 (in Zambia).

Coaching and administering from 1979-1996, took Zambia from relative obscurity to become one of the top badminton nations on the Continent.

Vice-President, All-Africa Badminton Federation and President of Zone 6 which covered South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania.

Member of the National University of Singapore team in the Singapore League 1997-2002.

### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

Formerly as the Chairman of the Athletes Committee of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka and earlier as a member of the Zambia Olympic Committee, problems from a range of sports have been dealt with.

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Professor Ranjit de Silva has combined professional and badminton excellence in an unparalleled manner becoming the first university academic professor to win the national badminton singles title of his country. Badminton has been his passion and he has used his combination of administrative ability and knowledge of the game to develop badminton as an administrator, player and honorary coach throughout his life producing unique results wherever he has been.



He has lived and worked for years in Asia, Africa and Europe dealing with a very wide variety of cultures and backgrounds. In Asia and Africa he has initiated and carried out large projects to spread badminton in his country of residence which has given him grass-roots knowledge of the problems involved. As an administrator he has served at all levels right up to the Council of the Badminton World Federation.

Professor Ranjit de Silva is thus an ideal person to represent the needs and problems of the large number of developing and emerging countries in badminton and to effect solutions which will practically work in these countries. He has an excellent command of English, is very articulate in the language and can present and analyse badminton problems very rapidly and with first-hand knowledge. He also has the professional knowledge and background to contribute with authority on problems related to technical matters of the game, rules and laws, development and administration.

If elected he will be available on a full-time honorary basis to work on badminton matters for the Badminton World Federation.



### 24. Sergey Shakhray Russia

**Proposer:** National Badminton Federation of Russia

#### Seconder(s):

- 1. Swiss Badminton
- 2. Belgian Badminton Federation
- 3. Belarusian Badminton Federation
- 4. USA Badminton
- 5. Badminton Federation of Ukraine
- 6. Indonesian Badminton Association
- 7. Badminton Finland

**Born:** 30 April 1956

**Languages:** Russian, English

#### a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

- Doctor of Law, Master of Economy, Professor, visiting Professor of the of Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affaires
- Merited Lawyer of the Russian Federation
- Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Association of Lawyers of Russia, an expert in the field of sport legislation development in Russia
- President of National Badminton Federation of Russia (2005 present time)
- General Secretary of Accounts Chamber of Russian Federation (2000 present time)
- Arbitrator of Russian Court of Arbitration for Sport (2005 present time)
- Scientific Director of State Research Institute of System Analysis (2003 present time)
- Vice Prime Minister of the Russian Government (1991-1996)
- Member of Parliament of Russia (1990-1998)

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

- 34 years' experience of badminton playing as an amateur
- Member of Moscow State University Law Faculty Combined Team of badminton players (1980-1989)



- Member of Combined Team in the Administration of the President of Russia (1995-1998)
- Prize winner of the Russian Badminton Amateur Championship (awarded a Bronze Medal)
   (2006)
- President of Moscow Badminton Federation (2004 2007)
- President of National Badminton Federation of Russia (2005 present time)
- Umpire Sports Arbitration Court of Russia (2005 present time)
- BWF, Council Member (2009 2013)
- Chairman of the Legal Committee of Russian Olympic Committee (2011 present time)
- Experience in administration and organization of various sporting events in the period from 2004 till the present time - all-Russian, regional and club badminton championships and tournaments including Russian Open Grand Prix (2007-2012), Europe Cup (2008), 2013 European Mixed Team Championships
- Experience in organization of national television broadcasting of All-Russian Badminton Championships (2006-2012), Russian Open Grand Prix (2007-2012), Europe Cup (in 2008), 2013 European Mixed Team Championships.
- c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

Highly qualified in seeking cooperation with government and local authorities and private funds aimed to carry out various social, cultural and sporting programs, including his own experience of being a former Member of Parliament of Russia(1990-1998); Vice Prime Minister of the Russian Government (1991-1996)

Much experience in providing independent financial audit of national programs of sport development in Russia as a General Secretary of Accounts Chamber of Russian Federation (2000 – present time)

Experience in providing public audit of government agencies efficiency of activity in ensuring sport development programs as part of his activity as the President of Russian Union of Taxpayers (public non-governmental and non-profit organization of Russia) in the period from 2003 till the present time

Many years of administration experience and high qualification in running various PR- and GR-programmes.



### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

Can make a great contribution into the development of World badminton owing to his professional experience and knowledge as well as to his personal contacts with prominent public figures and politicians of most of countries of the world

Could be able to use his experience and contacts for seeking a reliable financial support for world badminton development as well as for providing greater support to the most talented and promising players

He has concrete proposals and programme of activities for developing the world badminton especially in the Post-Soviet countries. This programme proposes a strategy considered appropriate for achieving main objective - ensuring that badminton is perceived as the best racquet sport in the world, that badminton is gradually changing into the most fascinating and popular national type of sport, open to everyone in every country.



### 25. Songvarakulpan Surasak Thailand

**Proposer:** Badminton Association of Thailand

Seconder(s):

1. Iran Badminton Federation

- 2. USA Badminton
- 3. Nippon Badminton Association

Born: 28 April 1965 Languages: English, Thai

- a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.
  - 1. Bachelor of Science Prince of Songkhla University.
- 2. Vice President Operations Department PTG Energy PLC.
- b. Badminton experience and involvement.
- 1. BWF Umpire (1994-2005)
- 2. BWF Referee since 2005
- 3. BAC EXCO Member event Chair (2007-2011)
- 4. BAC Hon. Secretary General (2011-present)
- 5. BWF Council Member (2009-present)
- 6. The Badminton Association of Thailand Hon. Secretary General (2007 -present)
- 7. Asian Games Technical Delegates 2010 and 2014
- c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.
- 1. Board of Trustee Oil Industry Environmental Safety Group Association.
- Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

My knowledge and experience of more than 20 years in many areas of badminton such as events, technical, development and management level will be of great assistance to the BWF team to drive Badminton to a high standard to be the most popular sport in the world.

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## 26. T. Michel, Bau Seychelles

**Proposer:** Seychelles Badminton Association

### Seconder(s):

1. Kenya Badminton Association

2. Indonesian Badminton Association

**Born:** 14 July 1961

Languages: English, French, Chinese

- a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.
  - Certificate in Marketing
  - Diploma in General Management
  - Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering
- b. Badminton experience and involvement.

#### **Seychelles**

- 1993- Chairman of Badminton Technical Committee during the Indian Ocean Islands Games Held in Seychelles.
- 2011- Chairman of Badminton Technical Committee during the Indian Ocean Islands Games Held in Seychelles.
- 1994 to date President of the Seychelles Badminton Association

#### Africa

- 2002 to date- BCA Council member
- c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

#### **Profession:**

• 1991-1998: Instructor at the Seychelles Polytechnic



- 1999- 2008: Assistant Director Sports Federation Management at the Seychelles National Sports Council
- 2009- 2011: Director Sports Facilities Management at the Seychelles National Sports Council
- 2011-to date: Senior Project Officer at the Ministry of Tourism & Culture

### General Sport's involvement.

- 1995 to date Member of Seychelles Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association Executive Committee.
- 2000: Chef de Mission of Seychelles delegation at Sydney Olympic Games
- 2006: Team Manager of Seychelles delegation at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.
- 2008: Chef de Mission of Seychelles delegation at Beijing Olympic Games
- Represented the Seychelles Olympic & Commonwealth Games Association in various Meetings & forums.
- 2010: Team Manager of Seychelles delegation at the Delhi Commonwealth Games

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee of how he can assist world badminton.

I strongly believe that my working experience and experience acquired throughout my involvement in the sports for the past 19 years could contribute to the development of our lovely Sports in the World.



## 27. Teong Kiat, Lim Malaysia

**Proposer:** Badminton Association Malaysia

Seconder(s):

USA Badminton

2. Indonesian Badminton Association

Born: 16 October 1947 Languages: English, Malay

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales since 1979

- b. Badminton experience and involvement.
  - 1. President of Kedah Badminton Association;
  - Vice President of Badminton Association of Malaysia from 1982 2008;
  - 3. Honorary Treasurer of Badminton Association of Malaysia since 2006;
  - 4. BWF Council Member since 2009;
  - 5. BWF Finance Chairman since 2009
- c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.
  - 1. Member of Coaching and Training Committee since 2006;
  - 2. Appointed by Badminton Association of Malaysia as Team Manager for many badminton tournaments;
- d. Statement on behalf of nominee of how he can assist world badminton.

His contribution to the development of the sport has produced many talented badminton players over the years to represent Malaysia. In his capacity as the Honorary Treasurer of Badminton Association of Malaysia, he has been instrumental in assisting BAM to weather many challenges. His in-depth experience in managing the sport in various capacities is invaluable to any sporting organization. I am confident that his participation in the international scene would further enhance the image of BWF.



## 28. Wai Lun, Tong Hong Kong

**Proposer:** Hong Kong Badminton Association

### Seconder (s):

1. Badminton Association of Thailand

2. Chinese Badminton Association

3. Badminton Association of Malaysia

Born: 22 February 1959

**Languages:** Mandarin, English, Cantonese

### a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

- BSc Degree in Business Administration from University of California, Berkeley.
- Post Graduate Certificate in Accountancy from City University of Hong Kong.
- Managing Director of a group of companies which engage in property development, chemicals trading and equities investment.

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

1990 – 1997	Honorary President, Hong Kong Badminton Association	
1997 – 2004	Vice-President, Hong Kong Badminton Association	
2004 to date	Chairman, Hong Kong Badminton Association	
1996 & 1998	Chair of Management Committee, Thomas & Uber Cup 1996 & 1998	
	Chair of Management Committee, Hong Kong Open and Superseries	
1999, 2000, 2003-	BWF Technical Delegate, 2008 Beijing Olympic Games	
2013	Co-Chairman, 2009 East Asia Game Badminton Event Organising	
2008	Committee	
2009		

### **Badminton Asia Confederation**

1995 – 2005	Executive Committee Member	
1996 – 2005	Finance Chairman	
1997 – 2005	Continental Representative for Asia	
2001 – 2005	Vice-President	
2011 to date	Honorary Treasurer	



### **Badminton World Federation**

1997 – 2009 Council Member 1998 – 2008 Chair of Finance

1999 – 2009 Vice President & Executive Board Member

### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

- Appointed Chairman of the Community Sports Committee of Hong Kong Government to promote sports through the community and in schools.
- Appointed member of the Sports Commission of Hong Kong Government.
- Decorated Medal of Honour by the Hong Kong Government for "contribution of promotion of badminton in Hong Kong".
- Appointed Justices of the Peace of Hong Kong Government
- Received Meritorious Service Award from BWF in 2010.

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee of how he can assist world badminton.

- Mr Tong has been instrumental in safe guarding the BWF and BAC's financial well-being since becoming Chair of Finance.
- Mr Tong hopes to be given the opportunity to serve the member associations and BWF.
- It is Mr Tong's belief that badminton deserves a more prominent position in the world of sports.

Let us work towards this goal by strengthening our five Continent Confederations and working more closely together.



### 29. Wayne Somers Canada

**Proposer:** Badminton Canada

#### Seconder(s):

Badminton New Zealand

2. Badminton Jamaica Association

Born: 18 February 1959

Languages: English

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Financial advisor since 1983. A qualified accountant since 1982. Served on Council since 2005 on various committees – Finance, Administration, Development and Marketing. Served as Treasurer of Badminton Pan Am since 2007. Served as VP Finance for Badminton Canada from 2000 to 2010.

### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

- Served as President of Badminton Newfoundland from 1992 1997
- Served as VP Finance and Administration of Badminton Canada from 2000 2010
- Served as Treasurer of Badminton Pan America from 2007 to present
- Served as a Council Member of BWF from 2005 to present
- c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.
  - Served as Treasurer of Mount Pearl Soccer Association 2006 2012
  - Served on the Audit Committee of Badminton Canada from 2007 2010



### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

He has been involved in the Badminton community since 1986 in various positions including being a current member of Council. I think his financial and administrative background can be of great value serving on the BWF Committees. He has always had a great interest in promoting Badminton at the highest level. The last four years has seen our sport make great strides and he would like to be a part of continuing for the next four years.



## 30. Yoke Weng, Ng Singapore

**Proposer:** Singapore Badminton Association

Seconder(s):

Badminton Australia

**Born:** 12 August 1955

**Languages:** English

a. Brief statement of nominee's qualifications / experience.

Ng Yoke Weng has been involved in the IT business for more than 30 years. After graduating from University of Canterbury, NZ with an engineering degree, he worked for 17 years in the Ministry of Defence to help in the computerisation efforts.

He joined Singapore Telecoms, the largest company in Singapore, in 1997. He was the Group Chief Information Officer, taking charge for all the computerisation efforts in the company. His responsibilities all took him to SingTel's operations in Australia as well. He also covered the role of Group Chief Technical Officer for a couple of years in SingTel. He retired in 2012.

He is a Fellow of the Singapore Computer Society.

#### b. Badminton experience and involvement.

Served in the management committee of the Singapore Badminton Association for the maximum term of 8 years from 2004 to 2012 in various capabilities including assistant Secretary General, Chairman of the tournament committee and finally as Vice President.

For 6 years, he headed the organising committee of the Singapore Open, part of the BWF Super series. The tournament has been very successful and popular with the fans in Singapore. We managed to have a small surplus every year,



### c. Other sporting, commercial, management or professional experience or relevant qualifications.

Yoke Weng have served on the Boards of various companies and is very familiar with corporate governance and risk management.

He is currently a Board member of the People Association, Singapore and also a member of the Audit committee.

During his term as organising Chairman of the Singapore Open, he dealt with the various stakeholders including sponsors, advertisers, and tournament officials etc. to ensure that all parties are satisfied. The Singapore Open has always attracted a good crowd. In addition to the Singapore Open, he also help organised other badminton tournaments in Singapore such as International series and club tournaments.

#### d. Statement on behalf of nominee on how he / she can assist world badminton.

He has extensive commercial and managerial experience which will be useful in pushing for further development of the sport in the world. In addition, he can provide views on how technology can play a role to boost participation in the sport whether as players or spectators.

He can play the role of a goodwill ambassador as he has travelled extensively in the Asia Pacific region.