

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On 19. December 2008 I received a really sad message: The IOC Executive Board *decided not to grant recognition to the IPF (see below)*.

The Executive Board informed us that the most of the criteria were in line with the IOC requirements. That means, our way, which we begun to go under the presidency of Norbert Wallauch was in the appropriate direction. To develop a strategy plan, to engage a Sport Consulting Agency, to introduce a new homepage under consideration of a corporate design, to introduce and develop a corporate identity and all the other items, which we must achieve according our strategy plan help us to transform our federation on new and higher levels.

Our main problem is the high amount of doping positive athletes on international, regional and national level. This is the main reason for the IOC Executive Board not to grant us the recognition.

So we must strengthen our efforts on all levels in the fight against doping. In the next IPF EC meeting we will discuss drastic actions, how we can solve and eradicate this problem. In the meantime the EC will be in dialogue to discuss and decide these actions. Furthermore the IPF has also re-opened dialogue with the IOC for achieving recognition and an Executive summit will be held to accelerate our war on doping.

But not only the IPF is in demand; all member federations must increase their efforts. I will use also in this connection a modified expression of John F. Kennedy: Please do not ask, what the IPF can do for you, please ask what you can do for the IPF! We are the main powerlifting sport community of the world and we must be able to accept this challenge.

Despite this bad news I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy and Successful New Year!!

Kind regards
Detlev Albrings
IPF President

IOC-letter

**Dear Mr Albrings,
We would like to inform you that, at its last meeting held in Lausanne, 10-12 December 2008, the IOC Executive Board decided not to grant recognition to the International Powerlifting Federation.**

The Executive Board recognised that most of the criteria were in line with requirements, but it was also noted that the IOC has a policy of zero tolerance in respect to the fight against doping.