

ASOIF President joins in governance and ethics debate at Crans Montana Forum



ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti participated in the panel discussion on sport, governance and ethics at the Crans Montana Forum on Central to Far-Eastern Europe. The event took place from 29 June to 1 July 2016 in Vienna, Austria, under the High Patronage of the Federal President of the Republic of Austria, Heinz Fischer. The debate, which focused on the integrity of sport organisations and the fight against doping, included representatives from sport organisations, anti-doping bodies, sport arbitration, governments, UNESCO, the pharmaceutical industry and NGOs.

The ASOIF President took the opportunity to present his strong stance on sport's integrity and a new governance assessment tool agreed on by the ASOIF membership in April. The new tool, recently developed by the ASOIF Governance Taskforce, comprises a comprehensive set of five key principles and 50 indicators that are tailored to the specific characteristics and needs of sport organisations. It aims to support International Federations (IFs) to ensure good governance within their own structures. Over the course of 2016, all ASOIF members will evaluate their current status against these principles and indicators. The assessment will consider the specificity of each IF in terms of size, resources and existing governance processes. Learn more details [here](#).

During the discussions about the fight against doping, Ricci Bitti explained details about the anti-doping study commissioned by ASOIF earlier this year. The research explores the current anti-doping activities and processes of the ASOIF members; the related expenditure; and the current IF practices surrounding athletes' health and safety. First results will be available shortly and are expected to deliver valuable input to the ongoing discussions about the potential creation of an independent body for testing.

Other speakers at the debate included Jean-Paul Carteron, Honorary Chairman and Founder of the Crans Montana Forum; Angela Melo, Director of Ethics, Youth and Sport at UNESCO; Mr. Gerard Figueras, Secretary General of Sports of the government of Catalonia; Matthieu Reeb, Secretary General at the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Jiri Dvořák, FIFA Chief Medical Officer; Zanita Csaderova, President of the Slovak Anti-Doping Agency; and Isabelle Adenot, Chair of the National Board of the Pharmaceutical Association in France.

The Crans Montana Forum is a Swiss Non-Governmental International Organisation established in 1986. It intends to help build a more "Humane and Impartial World" and encourages international cooperation and overall growth. It also works to promote best practices and to ensure a permanent dialogue between all those who handle high-level responsibilities.