



**To the  
Presidents of the European Member Federations**

Dear President,

With this personal letter I inform you about the reasons of my decision to candidate once again at the next UEG General Assembly, to be held in November 2009 in Tel Aviv, for the UEG Presidency.

After having assumed this office in 2003 and managed the UEG in this function for the last six years, I have decided already some time ago that I would run again for office as UEG President.

I have informed the members of the President's Board and of the Executive Committee about my intention.

However, I had to find out that some federations are uncertain if my candidacy, expected by the UEG Member Federations, would be submitted by the federation with the required nomination.

I have to assume that the reasons, which cause such an uncertainty with regard to statutory questions - as for example the application of the new FIG statutes by the UEG - are that wrong interpretations of the UEG Statutes were intentionally circulated in order to cast doubt on my nomination and my candidacy for the UEG Presidency.

You all are aware that I assume no longer a function within my former federation E.G.O.

Therefore, it is absolutely excluded that I will allow to be nominated by the member federation E.G.O., even if the Hellenic Gymnastics Federation would propose me for the UEG Presidency.

Hence, other UEG Member Federations, from which I have already received the honorary membership, have immediately declared to nominate me via their Federation.

In order to obtain a fundamental clarity about the correct application of our valid UEG Statutes, which were approved by the delegates of the UEG Member Federations at the 2007 General Assembly in Prague, the President of the UEG Statutes Commission and 1<sup>st</sup> UEG Vice-president, Mr. Paul Garber, felt compelled to order a legal expertise of the UEG Statutes.

According to Article 1 of our Statutes, which declares the UEG as a non profit association according to Swiss Law, a legal examination of the existing UEG Statutes has been carried out by a recognized Swiss lawyer for law on societies and by-laws.



I have made my decision to be nominated from a Federation I am member of, dependant on the results of these legal examinations according to our statutes.

With regard to one of the crucial questions, i.e. the application of the FIG Statutes by the UEG, the legal expertise determined unequivocally that the UEG is fully autonomous with its Statutes. Both organisations, the FIG as well as the UEG, can have different election conditions. They decide in an autonomous way who can be elected under what conditions within the authorities of their organisation.

With regard to the eligibility, Article 30.1 of the UEG Statutes indicates that a candidate is proposed by a member federation he/she belongs to. Article 30.1 proves that not the nationality of the candidate is essential, but the membership to the Federation. With regard to Article 33.1, the expertise states that only the affiliation to the Member Federation concerned is essential with regard to the proposal of a candidate; he/she does not need the nationality. Therefore, the term "same country" has to be interpreted in the way that with country only the national Federation can be meant, as the national federation presents a candidate, not a "country".

By the legal clarification that for the coming General Assembly solely the UEG Statutes are applicable, all possibility of doubts are excluded and I will be nominated by another Federation I am a member of.

I hope that now I have put an end to all possible speculations.

Knowing that I will be a candidate for the UEG Presidency for another legislative period, I will present my future programme when my nomination is submitted. My report about the work accomplished in the last legislative period will be published in the Congress brochure.

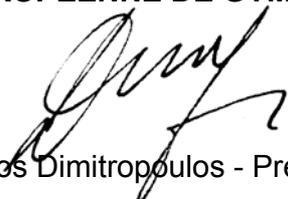
All member federations are of course entitled to nominate a candidate for the UEG Presidency, if this shall express that the work of the UEG Authorities and of the Executive Committee was unsuccessful during my Presidency and that a change is necessary.

I will meet such a challenge, being convinced that the delegates of the General Assembly will give their vote to the candidate who will lead the UEG in the next legislative period with a clear programme and based on an already assured financial basis.

In amicable fellowship

Yours

**UNION EUROPEENNE DE GYMNASTIQUE**



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