Welcome to New York

New York is an internationally renowned city and I am delighted that it will be hosting the 2016 IFAF Congress.

The Americas is currently providing a tremendous showcase for our sport.

Aside from the success of the United States in the 2015 World Championship and the recent Canadian victory in China, we have seen Panama play host to a wonderful continental flag football championship and tremendous growth and development in leagues across our member nations.

I look forward to welcoming nations from around the world to the Americas in September.

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The 2016 Congress

Welcome

The IFAF Executive Board warmly welcomes IFAF member nations to gather together in New York on September 17th 2016 for the annual IFAF Congress.

This document contains the Agenda for the 2016 Congress.

The Agenda is accompanied by a series of documents relating to discussions which are anticipated at the Congress.

We look forward to discussing the future of our sport.
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Agenda Items

Registration
Opening Speech from Scott Hallenbeck, Executive Director of USA Football.
Opening Speech of the President of IFAF President.
Address from the Congress Guest Speaker.
1. Appointment of scrutineers
2. Appointment of three delegates to whom the Minutes must be submitted to for checking before dispatch to the Members
3. Approval of the minutes from the preceding congress.
4. Report of the Executive Board covering the period of the last financial year.
5. Vote on the approval of the Executive Board’s report covering the last financial year.
6. Presentation of the Annual Report by the Treasurer.
7. Auditors’ report
8. Vote on the approval of the Annual Report and the Auditor’s report
9. Submission of the Budget and the Plan of Action for the upcoming financial year proposed by the Executive Board
10. Vote on the approval of the Budget and the Plan of Action.
11. Admission and/or resignation of Members
12. Vote on any proposal sent according to the Statutes and proposals by the Executive Board
13. Election of the IFAF President (in accordance with the Statutes)
14. Election of the members of the IFAF Presidium (in accordance with the Statutes)
15. Election of the Athletes Committee representatives at the Executive Board (in accordance with the Statutes)
16. Election of one auditor (in accordance with the Statutes)
17. Amendments to the Statutes (if any).
18. Closure of Congress.
Motions

Motion 1: Submitted by Great Britain
Motion 2: Submitted by Austria

**Motion One:**
This Motion recognises that according to the Statutes, the Congress is the supreme authority and legislative body of the International Federation.

This Motion proposes that the Congress accept that the initial notification deadline for Congress as detailed in the Statutes has been missed but that the Congress consents to the short notice in calling the Congress and notwithstanding the same, confirm and ratify the calling notice and all Agenda items.

**Motion Two:**
This is attached in a document entitled ‘Motion AFBOE Separate Legal Entities’

Prior to the consideration of each Motion by the Congress, the Executive Board will provide a position statement.
Motion
Submitted by the IFAF Presidium

2015 was a sobering year for football governance. Aside from the well-publicised issues which cast a pall over the sport, the outcome of an internal review, presented at the Congress in Canton, Ohio, recommended that the systems, structures, policies and procedures of IFAF required change.

Over the latter half of 2015 and through 2016 various models of governance have been reviewed and considered for submission to the Congress. However, the consensus is that simply submitting a revised set of Statutes for voting upon would lack credibility and would smack of a process of political expediency, especially if this was done without reference to the full range of policies and procedures that IFAF should have for all committees, sub-committees and other operating units.

It is therefore recommended that a small Task Force be established which contracts an external and independent legal firm with expertise in sports governance to undertake a full review of IFAF’s governance and make recommendations on its legal structure and operations.

- Establish a Governance Task Force
- Ensure independent legal and governance expertise.
- Review not just IFAF’s Statutes but its operations in order to make fully informed recommendations.
- Propose new Statutes and wider policies and procedures.
- Identify a process of change management
The outcome of this should not only include recommendations on the documentation which IFAF has to guide its work but also a clear and effective set of recommendations for change management to ensure that the sport can transition appropriately.
# New York City

## The 2016 IFAF Congress Venue

The Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel  
1000 Spring Street  
Elizabeth  
New Jersey  
United States of America.

## Timings

The Congress will commence at 10:00 hours.  
The Congress is scheduled to close at 16:00 hours.

## Lunch

Lunch will be provided. Any dietary requirements should be notified in advance to info@ifaf.org