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BIENNIAL REPORT 1994-1996



OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 3,1996

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MACCABI WORLD UNION WORLD EXECUTIVE HEADQUARTERS

Michel Grun, Chairman, The European Maccabi Confederation

> 6th October, 1996 Our Ref.: FETUN

Dear Michel,

It is with great pleasure that we, on behalf of the Executive of MWU send greetings to all participants in the European Maccabi Congress being held in Koln. We look forward to being with you and to spend time deliberating our Maccabi issues and those of general interest to all who treasure Maccabi and Jewish values.

To the Organisers of this Congress - Maccabi Koln, Maccabi Germany and the EMC, we commend your hard work and stalwart efforts in arranging such a large gathering from 30 countries. These representatives from Maccabi Clubs will be meeting to discuss Maccabi matters to better satisfying the needs of all their members.

We are on the eve of the 15th Maccabiah - our unique magnet which draws Jews together from all over the world. Much work has to be done for this great event but let us not forget our day-to-day programs, which are the heart and soul of the Movement.

Chazak Ve'Emetz in all your endeavors.

With best regards,

UZI NETANEL

Chairman, MWU

ROCKY MURAVITZ Chairman, E & ESD

PROGRAM OF CONGRESS COLOGNE

Thursday, October 31

12.00-15.00 Arrival, registration, information and payment at Hotel Flandrischer Hof

15.30 First session - Judaica Hall

18.45 - 20.15 Official opening of Congress- Trio EFA and Julia Weissenberg on the piano Greetings

20.15 Dinner

Friday, November 1

9.00 Second session
For non-participants, ladies - Special jewish-city tour

13.15 Light Lunch

16.15 Shabbat Service

18.00 Kiddush and Shabbat meal

Saturday, November 2

9.30 Shabbat Service - Synagogue

11.45 Kiddush

12.45 Lunch

18.45 Dinner - Israeli buffet

19.30 Jüdische Komodie Theater Tel-Aviv in : "A Meshughene Welt" with Sarale Feldman

Sunday, November 3

9.00 -Fourth session

11.00 Final session

13.15 Lunch

*All the meetings and social events will take place at the Jewish Community, Roonstr. 50

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Some reports mentioned here above will be only distributed during the

Congress in Cologne

This Report Book also includes following reports by T.O.'s:

- a) Great Britain
- b) Hungary
- c) Romania



EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Hon. President: KEN GRADON, Great Britain

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BENNY GUGGENHEIM, Switzerland RICHARD URBAN, Great Britain

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Sports Director: DANIEL JONAS, Sweden

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AGENDA EMC BIENNIAL CONGRESS COLOGNE OCTOBER 31- NOVEMBER 3, 1996

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

OPENING SESSION 15.30 p.m., Chairman Mr. Leo Dan Bensky

- 1. Roll call of delegates, Executive members, observers and special guests.
- 2. Apologies and correspondence.
- 3. Appointment of Steering Committee.
- 4. Adoption of Minute from Biennial Congress 1994.
- 5. Adoption of reports-
- (a) Chairman Michel Grun
- (b) Hon. Treasurer Richard Heuberger
- (c) Sports Director Daniel Jonas
- (d) Youth and Educ. B. Karpantschoff
- (e) EMC Sheliha Ronit Neeman

6. Election of

- (a) Executive
- (b) Court of Honor
- 7. Appointment of Auditors.

SESSION WILL END (APPROX.) 18.30 p.m.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1

SECOND SESSION 9.00 a.m., Chairman Mr. Daniel Jonas

- 1. European Maccabi Games 1999
- 2. Future Sports program (to be continued on Sunday).
- 3. 15th Maccabiah. Guest YORAM EYAL, Chairman O.C.
 - a) Entries
 - b) General informations
 - c) Sports

THIRD SESSION 11.00 a.m. Chairman Mr. Michel Grun

- 1. Chairman Maccabi World Union Mr. Uzi NETANEL
- 2. Reports by T.O.'s
- 3. General (Res.) Yossi Peled, former commander of the North
- 4. Future Educational program:
- a) New Shaliah?
- b) Bjarne Karpantschoff, Youth and

Education Director

- c)Ronit Neeman, Past Sheliha
- d)Rocky Muravitz, Chairman
- e) Eyal Tiberger, Executive Director MWU

SESSION WILL END AT 13.30 p.m. FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3

FOURTH SESSION 9.00 a.m. Chairman Mr. Ken Gradon

- 1. Maccabi Bulgaria Centennial Celebration: Yuri Alkalay
- 2. EMC's Involvement in the event : a) Financially

b) Organizationally

3. More T.O. reports

Debate:

4. "HOW SHOULD A MACCABI CLUB IN EUROPE FUNCTION IN THE YEAR 2000?"

amidst the crisis in most of the communities in Europe, educational, unity, institutional, financial etc... What should be the formula that keeps the Maccabi clubs function in a surrounding that is more and more influenced by external factors?

SESSION WILL END BY 11.00 a.m.

FINAL SESSION Chairman Mr. Michel Grun

- 1. European Sports Program 1996 onwards. Proposals
- 2.Candidates for next Congress
- 3. End of T.O. reports
- 4. Miscellaneous
- 5. Hatikvah

CONGRESS WILL END AT (APPROX) 13.00 p.m.

Order of Agenda may be subject to alteration

Tea/coffee breaks at the discretion of the Chairman

Congress will be conducted in English

BIENNIAL REPORT 1994-1996

MICHEL GRUN, CHAIRMAN E.M.C.

a'asé ve nischma. עשה ונשמע. We will act and we will listen. This may seem surprising, even dangerous. Surprising because it is always wise to think before taking any action. Dangerous because haste is a bad advisor and you risk to end up with dramatic consequences. I agree with you. Before undertaking a financial or commercial operation, it is better to wait and think. But when it is a matter of acting for the best of the Movement what should you do? Wait? Think it over and over? If the men and women that fought to create the State of Israel had stopped to think, we would still be dreaming of a mythical Israel while today Israel is celebrating its 48th anniversary. If men and women had analysed the situation before fighting for the rights of Soviet Jewry, refuzniks would still be in prison, more than a million soviet Jews would still be behind the Iron Curtain and the Berlin wall would be more insurmountable than ever.

Na'asé ve nichma. Abraham would still be Abram. Sarah would have stayed Saraï, Israel would not have replaced Jacob, Moses would have ended as prince of Egypt, maybe even Pharaoh, Ruth would have abandoned her mother-in-law and made a new life for herself, David would have fled in front of Goliath, Herzl would have stayed the dandy he was in Vienna, Ben Gourion would not have made his famous declaration in May 1948 and Rabin would still be alive probably...

Act first if you are persuaded you are working for the good and not by pure vile personal interest.

Na'asé ve nischma. It is the contrary, nichma ve naasé that would be surprising..

To my mind na'asé ve nischma is very typical for some people who have been so important to the Movement and to the Jewish people.

To say the least the 2 years that have passed have been dramatic as well as tragic.

The sudden death of our Vice-Chairman Lionel Davidson is has been the major shock since the last Congress. To everyone who knew him and could appreciate the tremendous amount of work he achieved in Great Britain, in the MWU-Maccabiah but foremost for the European Maccabi Confederation he was an exceptional man. Whatever he did in the Movement was na'asé. He never considered what he did as a personal achievement, he always said that the most important were the youngsters and the Movement. Therefore he was prepared to invest enormous amounts of time and efforts in order to guarantee the success of the planned events.

Day and night he was in contact with the organisers of those events and as long as he did not see satisfactory results he kept asking questions. He was the spiritual father of various events that are today considered as classics in the European Maccabi Confederation calendar. One of them is the now popular "E.M.C. Golf Tournament" that has been renamed to "Lionel Davidson European Maccabi Golf Tournament". Lionel was the kind of leader that every organisation dreams of. He will be missed by all those who truly believe that the work accomplished in our Movement is most important in the framework of the communities. And then came November, 4, 1995...

The Jewish People as well as the entire world was shocked to the core when a so-called "highly educated" youngster whom everybody in his surroundings considered as very smart and intelligent shot Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin but immediately after a mass demonstration in favor of peace in the Middle East. He made a mockery of the widely believed axiom that a Jew would never kill another Jew over politics. His act was the result of a certain education that seems to have prevailed in certain circles in Israel. Although I cannot accept the fact that youngsters are educated in ways that are prone to extremism I will certainly not comment on the ways some youngsters are educated in Israel. However it is our task as Jewish leaders in the Diaspora to look and to be vigilant so that the same educational system should not apply to youngsters outside of Israel. Whenever we are witnessing such a phenomenon we should be critical and denounce it openly in our communities. Yes, and we have seen it, there is surely a danger. The results of such danger can be avoided by denouncing it. Maccabi as a non-political organisation has definitely a mediating role to play in the communities when it comes to sensible subject such as politics in Israel or even politics in general.

Everyone agrees that the Jewish communities in Europe are in crisis. According to specialist the crisis is developing because of a number of reasons that are more or less the same for every community. Amongst them are:

The Educational Crisis: Modern Jews, expert in all other fields of human endeavor, are ignorant about Judaism. Some go to inadequate Jewish schools. Many receive no Jewish education whatsoever. It is surprising that this seems to be the case more in the larger communities than in the smaller where usually we can see that small organisations are centralising the Jewish activities, even the educational ones around them.

The Unity crisis: Jewish groups today are fighting each other. They do not show the same degree of group cohesion that they did in the past. What happened to Maccabi in the former Soviet Union where other Jewish organisations were following the evolution of our top-leaders, and when they were formed they offered them attractive conditions in their Movement(s) is a typical example of contention. There is to much conflict, too little common purpose.

The Institutional crisis: Jewish institutions are without the kind of visionary leadership that built them in the past. The efforts and energy of the best amongst our leaders no longer go into the Jewish Community. Jewish life has grown top heavy with bureaucracy. Our organisations lack business and management expertise, or on the contrary, they are so concerned with business and management expertise that they misunderstand the Jewish element. Make your choice!!

These are only few examples amongst so many. I could have mentioned financial, political, sociological, family, demographic reasons for the crisis, but agree that these we will surely not be able to solve. Let's concentrate on what we are able to solve or at least to contribute to a solution! Let us take upon ourselves a task that we know we are able to achieve and to accomplish. The European Maccabi T.O.'s are able through their programs to alter the present image which, I am sure you will agree, offers in most of the countries little optimistic future to our communities.

SUMMARY 1994-1996

Surely the most important item on the agenda of every T.O. is the coming Maccabiah in July 1997. But in the last two years we have had in Europe the occasion to take part in what was the biggest event organised in Europe by a single organisation: The European Maccabi Games in Amsterdam. Many things have been said and written about these Games. Some did not agree with the form of security, others did not like this or did like that but at the end it must be said that the Amsterdam Games will remain in the memories of the participants as an unforgettable experience. The atmosphere amongst the participants was excellent. The sports events were ideally well organised, the accommodation was A1. Altogether it was quite an achievement and we must thank the full Organising Committee for their tremendous efforts in what must be considered as the biggest Jewish event in Europe. Thanks to Chairman Joop de Jong and all those who worked for this enormous task.

As we now mentioned the 1995 Games I take the opportunity to raise the subject of the 1999 edition of the Games. As you can see in the Agenda one of the main points will be the discussion about the future Games. I therefore suggest that within your National Committees you discuss the possibility of having the Games in your country. We will be much further if during the Congress in Cologne T.O.'s will raise their hands when asked about candidates. Do not take it lightly, organising the Games is a huge task, and is only reserved for those communities that have the potential for it: big number of volunteers, suitable accommodation, possibilities of Kosher food and last but not least the support of the community and of the authorities. A commission within the E.M.C. Executive will be formed and they

will check the different candidates. That Committee will then return to the T.O.'s who will be consulted and only then will the Games be attributed.

In the previous Congress Book I wrote about the Maccabiah and my apprehension that it would become an event for rich countries only. Now that we are only 10 month away from the 15th Maccabiah we realize how right we were when we made that appeal. The T.O.'s are fighting in order to send a proper team to the Games in Israel. Budgets are raised painfully and fundraising's are organised. Europe will be well represented at the 15th Games, but the T.O.'s will have to work very hard in order to find the funds. It needs a lot of motivation from our leaders, but I trust them and I am sure that on July 14 at the Opening Ceremony in the Ramat Gan Stadium, Europe will be represented as it has been in the 14th Games with more than half of the participating countries.

Recently at the phone with one of our top leaders I realised that those leaders working on a voluntary basis today in a materialistic surrounding are kind of "hero's". Giving their time, even financing themselves what they are working for deserve much more appreciation from the public for which they make such efforts. Only recently I witnessed the case of leaders in the football section who for once could not manage to pick up the youngsters to bring them to a game and asked the parents to do so, and that seemed impossible... Consequently the team had to forfeit this game. And if I am praising the leaders working voluntarily I am complimenting all the leaders and not only the Maccabi ones. All of them deserve the respect by the members of the communities. Without these leaders the communities would not do the excellent but difficult work they are doing.

MEMBERSHIP

he last 2 years there were no major changes in the membership of the European Maccabi Confederation only that we had to make some adaptation in the former Soviet Union according to the general trend in the world politics. We are now dealing with the Ukraine as an independent T.O. and in the near future we will make other adaptations. We are facing some major problem of leadership in some T.O.'s. However as a general policy it is not the EMC's task to intervene and to mix into inner T.O. business but in some cases the crisis has been going on for so long that we have decided to intervene. This is the case for Greece where the situation has been deadlocked now for years. No participation in the EMG or in the Maccabiah, no answers to letters, no communication at all.

BELGIUM: Maccabi Antwerp celebrated its 75th anniversary in the presence of prominent politicians from all Belgian political parties. The European Maccabi Confederation took the opportunity to hold an Executive Meeting. As written before, the Antwerp Municipality

changed the name of the street where the Maccabi facilities are situated. From "Zaatlaan" it became the "Maccabilaan". No doubt a première in the world.

The Brussels Junior Football Tournament has become a classical event in the European calendar which takes place every year in May. Teams from France, Great Britain, Italy and others have participated in this tournament.

BULGARIA:

Maccabi Bulgaria is preparing important celebrations at the occasion of the centenary of its creation. These celebrations will be part of a huge programme where state officials will participate. An exhibition of the history of Maccabi in Bulgaria is prepared together with the M.W.U. Museum in Ramat Gan. Yuri Alkalay left the Chair for Salomon (Moni) Mashiah. During a recent visit to Sofia I witnessed the tremendous activities of Maccabi in the Jewish Community Center. The economical situation in Bulgaria has recently become very difficult due to heavy inflation. Therefore Bulgaria will only be able to send a minimal team to the Maccabiah.

<u>C.I.S.</u>: According to many roof organisations in the Jewish world, Maccabi in the C.I.S. is the most important and most active organisation in the country. Some 40 clubs are active and spread over the vastness of the state. Of course this also means technical difficulties. Some of them have been solved thanks to an excellent co-operation with the Lishkat Hakesher of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Maccabi is taking care of the sport activities in the 17 existing Israel Centres.

Many activities have been organised also in co-operation with MWU in the C.I.S. but also in Israel. Amongst the nicest and most emotional one was a bar/bat mitsvah celebration for 120 youngsters from C.I.S. joined by others from the Ukraine and Tsjechia.

This is the place to congratulate and to thank the President of Maccabi C.I.S. Mikha Mirelashvili for his enormous and constant contribution to the benefit of the Jewish youth in the C.I.S. and to the Maccabi Movement in general.

Recently a permanent place for summer-camps has been acquired with the help of the newly created Russian Jewish Congress.

<u>DENMARK:</u> A T.O. that has always been one of the most active one's in Europe has been almost silent recently. Bjarne Karpantschoff has finished his mandate. The new Chairman is Allan Melchior.

FINLAND:

Finland the oldest functioning T.O. in Europe will celebrate its nineties anniversary the week after Congress.

FRANCE: Maccabi in France is again very active after all disputes have been settled. René Fitoussi who is now gathering all tendencies around him has produced a spectacular educational and sport programme up to the year 2000. Our former European Maccabi Confederation Shaliah Rafi Matzliah who is now working in Paris for the Israel Tourist Office is also helping in developing programmes. His experience will surely be appreciated.

GERMANY: Makkabi Deutschland has celebrated its 30th year of the renewal of its post war activities. A very impressive ceremony took place in the Jewish Museum in Frankfurt in presence of many personalities. Fred Worms gave a conference on the "Pre-war Frankfurt Jewry" and added some very moving personal experiences as he himself was born in Frankfurt. Makkabi Deutschland organised their national Games in the "Sportschule" in Duisburg. Some 450 participants competed in 7 different sports. Brilliant event where also some foreign countries were invited to participate. Congratulations to Henri Majngarten and his outstanding Organising Committee.

GREAT BRITAIN: Still the forerunner in Maccabi activities. Under the new Chairman Henry Minkoff new educational and sports activities have been developed. Many European tournaments took place in GB s.a. Bridge in London, Golf (2x) in Bonnyton-Glasgow. While GB is not scared to organise and to host tournaments they also like to participate in other's tournaments. Therefore wherever there is a tournament somewhere in Europe one can rest assure that a British team participates. On the educational field it is clear that GB is unbeatable for its professionalism and seriousness. It must be said that it is also the only T.O. in Europe that has professional staff for this purpose. The magazine "The Challenge" is excellent.

GREECE: For years now we have not heard any proper news from this T.O.. Therefore the EMC together with MWU has decided to start contacts with Saloniki where a Jewish community is active and where we also know about a Maccabi Club. We never got involved in inter-Greek business knowing the disputes between the communities in Athens and Saloniki. But Greece has been an active T.O. for so many years and therefore it would be a pity to loose it just for reasons of disputes.

<u>ITALY:</u> The resignation of Massimo della Pergola as Chairman of this T.O. causes many problems. For so many years Massimo was the uncontested leader of Maccabi in Italy. He has decided to resign but now the younger leadership from Milano or from Rome look like scared to take up responsibilities. Therefore the T.O. is now in a deep crisis. The clubs

however are quite active and specially in Milano and Rome. There are different other smaller clubs like Firenze, Livorno, Trieste, etc...

<u>SWEDEN:</u> This T.O. under the Chairmanship of Abbe Adler has always been a very influential one in the framework of the EMC. Take for example the organisation of the "Pierre Gildesgame Day". For years now Sweden has been holding this event in co-operation with the other Scandinavian countries particularly with Denmark. Recently some other countries were invited.

TURKEY: The centenary of the creation of the first organised Jewish sportsclub was celebrated in Istanbul. A very impressive programme was organised by the locals. A dinner-evening was attended by the Governor of Istanbul, by other Turkish, Israeli and European Maccabi and political personalities. Yeroham Gaon, the famous Israeli singer was also present and performed at this occasion

Turkey had various activities organised s.a. seminars, participation in summer camps in Israel. Ronit was also very much involved in their programmes.

The leadership team is under the Chairmanship of Mordo Elnekave.

<u>POLAND:</u> Besides the trip to Poland in connection with the "March of the Living" we almost lost track with that country's T.O.. Graszyna Pawlak with whom we were in contact seems to be very busy with the setting up of a Jewish Museum in Warsaw.

<u>HUNGARY:</u> **Dr. Andras Bleyer** is the one who has the difficult task to keep the club in Budapest alive. The club consists of some 500 members in 5 different sports. Karate is practised at a top-level and Maccabi is reckoned as one of the best clubs in the country. Basket Ball is also going very strong.

<u>SPAIN:</u> For personal reasons Miguel Szpiniak has resigned from the Chair. However he is still very active in the Maccabi Barcelona club. The new Chairman is Jorge Daniel.

Maccabi Barcelona has been for the last few years an example of a Club that plays an important role in the Jewish Community but also in the national community. It was the initiative of Maccabi to offer to the City of Barcelona a monument remembering the Holocaust. The inauguration of the monument was attended by the Mayor of Barcelona and many personalities. The controversy with the local Jewish Community still persists and does not serve either of both parties. Maccabi Barcelona intends to organise a very big international tournament in December 1996.

"THE EUROPEAN MACCABI GAZETTE"

The "European Maccabi Gazette" was first published in 1995. Since then 5 issues came off press. It was (and still is) the intention to inform the T.O.'s about the news in the Maccabi and Jewish sports world in general, but also the idea was that the T.O.'s would introduce themselves to the others. The response was weak, and only G.B., Finland and Hungary sent some articles. I think that the Gazette can be a very good tool for information as well as for communication. I sincerely hope that we will be able to continue to publish the Gazette. It is only with the help of the T.O.'s that we will continue.

EUROPEAN MACCABI CONFEDERATION EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

As in the past the meetings were held in Antwerp. The attendance was exceptionally high. Some meetings were also held in connection with a MWU Plenum or Congress in Ramat Gan.

CO-OPERATION WITH W.Z.O.

After the Chairman of the W.Z.O., Mr. Avrum Burg published a booklet called "The Covenant of the People" the idea was raised to organise a seminar on the subject. Negotiations started with Mr. Burg personally as well as with some major staff people in Jerusalem but without results notwithstanding the promise of Mr. Burg to be present at the seminar.

Maccabi should have a dominant role in the W.Z.O. With the work that Maccabi is accomplishing and as the biggest Jewish organisation in the Jewish World it deserves a much better treatment than the one it has got now.

Nevertheless we are grateful to the Youth and Hechalutz department for continued support as well as to the Organisation Department for their support in certain projects.

KEREN DORON

The support that some countries in Europe received from Keren Doron is no more. Keren Doron has changed its priorities and therefore we must do without their very useful support. I wish to thank here some great friends of Maccabi who today are not anymore active with the Doron Foundation: Mrs. Myriam Kedar and Mr. A. Mevorah.

EUROPEAN AND ENGLISH SPEAKING DESK OF M.W.U.

For many years now the desk has been chaired very successfully by our dear friend Rocky Muravitz. He is the man behind most of the programs that are specially created in the framework of the M.W.U. for European summer-camps and he is also the patron of our shelihim. He really deserves a big hand. Of course he is not alone and his team should also be congratulated for their enormous contribution to the programs for Europe and for the Eastern part of this continent. Thanks also to the members of the desk and particularly to Avi, Mark, Estella.

WORDS OF THANKS

raditionally the end of the Chairman's Report also means the place where some people and some institutions must be thanked.

The Executive of the EMC is made up by volunteers who spend time and efforts on

their free time (but also on their work time). This means personal sacrifices, familial sacrifices and many others. It is not always obvious and natural. I therefore think that the first people that must be thanked are those who are part of the Executive.

And when I say Executive I also associate the Honorary positions without whoms advice we surely would not be able to function. The EMC is fortunate to have people like Ken, Benny, Massimo and Dick who are always prepared to give a helping hand.

Of course the members of the Executive are essential and I would surely want to thank them for all the efforts they are doing and for their great spirit.

This is the place to thank Leo-Dan, Richard and Dick for their tremendous help in organising the EMG 1995 on behalf of the EMC.

All the leaders of the T.O's in Europe for their immense help and co-operation in the Games and during the years.

Maccabi World Union, the Executive Committee, Rony Bakalarz ,our President, for his permanent concern as well as Uzi Netanel, the Chairman of MWU for his constant interest in the European Maccabi Confederation activities.

To Eyal Tieberger, my friend.

And last but surely not least to somebody who was part of the EMC and after 3 years of "hard labor" returned to Israel having left a tremendous mark wherever she passed and brought the right Maccabi spirit in her unique and lively style:

and to all of you, I would like to wish a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year,

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Treasurers Report 1994 - 1996 RICHARD HEUBERGER, HON, TREASURER

The first period on my duty as Hon. Treasurer of the EMC showed me the various works a treasurer has to do. It was not easy for me getting in this job and the person who helped me at least at the beginning and all over the period was Benny Guggenheim. Thanks to you.

In order to the financial situation of most of the TO's I have to quote that several countries have not paid their annual fees yet. I hope this will be settled by the time of Congress, enabling us to avoid reporting any country as debtor at that time.

You will find the statements of the SFR - account, the USD - account and the Pierre Gildesgame Fund on the following pages.

Richard Heuberger Hon. Treasurer



Receipts and payments in USD for the period 01.07.1994 - 30.06.1996

Receipts 01.07	7.1994 - 30.06.1996	01.07.1992 - 30.06.1994
Dividends received	9.062	7.862
Subsidies (EMG)	7.500	20.000
TO payments (EMG)	48.939	20.000
Annual fees (MWU)	6.517	182
		102
Total receipts	72.018	28.044
<u>Payments</u>		20.044
Executive expenses (first half period)	8.100	21.878
Executive expenses not yet paid	8.498	
Shalih expenses	2.000	
Payments (EMG)	40.965	
Bank charges	207	172
Accrued debts (MWU)	6.517	
Total payments	66.287	22.050
Surplus	5.731	5.994
BALANCE SHEET		
Receivables		
		200
Cash	-	320
Bank account	•	21.689
Total receivables	-	22.009
Liabilities		
Accrued debts	17.351	8.853
Debf MWU	7.650	1.133
Bank account	32	00.000
Transfer to securities	- 63.155	- 20.368
Surplus	5.731	5.994
Own capital	32.391	26.397
Total liabilities	<u> </u>	22.009

Receipts and payments in CHF for the period 01.07.1994 - 30.06.1996

Receipts	01.07.1994 - 30.06.1996	01.07.1992 - 30.06.1994
Annual fees	21.579	
Dividends received	2.258	26.763
Interest received		2.150
Transfer from USD	48	85
Transfer from 03D	account 744	
Total receipts	24.629	28.998
Area on the contract		
Payments		
Executive expense		13.694
Shaliah expenses	7.773	4.255
Rent	4.003	
Transfer PG Fund	200	
Bank charges	1.587	664
EMC Congress		3.086
MWU Congress		913
÷	40.222	22.612
Total payments	18.323	22.012
Surplus	6.306	6.386

Pierre Gildesgame Scholarship Fund

Assets as of 30.06.1994 (in CHF)

Bank account 14.484

Total assets 14.484

Transactions 01.07.1994 - 30.06.1996

Bank charges - 162 Subsidies - 648 Transfer securities - 10.800

Interest received + 23

Assets as of 30.06.1996

Bank account2.897Securities10.731Accrued interest772

Total assets 14.400





SPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DANIEL JONAS

The major sports event in 1995 was, of course, the European Maccabi Games in Amsterdam. Approximately 1 300 participants from all over Europe - east and west, north and south - were gathered in Amsterdam between 7th - 14th of July. The organizers had made a terrific job and the games were a fantastic experience to all participants. As far as I was concerned I had naturally to deal with sports during the Games. Therefore allow me to give a word of thanks to those people who organised the sports events so nicely. Specially I would like to mention here Marcel Koster and Egon Steuer who spared no time nor effort in order for the tournaments to come to a good end.

The annual events held in 1995 and 1996 were:

Football: Yom Ha-Voetbal in Amsterdam although not a direct EMC activitiy many Maccabi Clubs participate in this great event, the Pierre Gildesgame Junior Tournament in football in Scandinavia (Gothenburg and Stockholm) and the Junior football tournament in Brussels.

Golf: As in 1994, Maccabi Glasgow and Bonnyton Golf Club hosted the European Maccabi Confederation Golf Tournament in June 1995 and 1996. For the Golf Tournament in 1997 we hope to get applicants from other clubs in Europe to host this tournament. We already received a candidacy from Austria for the 1998 edition.

The 4th Maccabi Bridge Championship for clubs was held in London June 27 - 30 1996, with 14 teams participating from Budapest, Glasgow, The Hague, London, Malmö, Vienna and Kfar Maccabiah from Israel. On behalf of the EMC Executive I would like to thank the organisers of this tournament for a perfectly well arranged event. To Peter Cohen who is our expert in the Bridge field I would like to say how much we appreciate his work: Thank you, Peter!!

The major sports challenge for the coming year will of course be the 15th Maccabiah, but nevertheless I would like the TO's and the clubs to increase their efforts to arrange various inter - Maccabi arrangements in different sports and please keep me informed and updated during these activities.

The initiative of Lionel Davidson to appoint a Sports Advisory Board prooved to be very wise and to my mind all the events organised by the EMC including the EMG 1995 have benefited from the expertise of the members of the Board. We are very grateful to Peter Cohen -Bridge, Naty Wien- Football and Mini-Football, Jojo Sissa-Basket Ball, Jacques Springer- Table Tennis, Serge Chouraqui- Karate, Daniel Fischer-Chess, Jacqui Felsenstein-Ten Pin Bowling, Leo Friedman-Tennis.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all good luck in your sports programmes and especially in your preparations for the 15th Maccabiah.



The "LIONEL DAVIDSON ANNUAL GOLF CHALLENGE"

Report of shlicha to Europe - Ronit Neaman

Overview

This document summarizes my work during the past two years in the European Maccabi Confederation, and three years of flourishing and intensive Shlichut activities.

This document will cover three main subjects:

- 1. A report on educational activities in Europe from 1994-1996
- 2. Shlichut: Patterns of work and tools
- 3. Summary and thanks

Visits to clubs and educational activities Oct' 94 - Aug' 96

Date	Place	Activity	
October 1994	Czech Republic	Educational seminar	see page.
November 1994	Hungary	European Congress	
	Holland		
December 1994	Germany	Beginning of work on the European Maccabi games First torch relay in Cologne	
Germany		Beginning of educational work in Germany	
	Czech Republic	Winter seminar	
January 1995	France	Meeting with French confederation in Paris	
		Conference of Shlihim from Europe.	-
	Germany	Presidium meeting in Hamburg	
February 1995	Israel	Diverse	
March 1995	France	Visit to Maccabi club and football tournament in Boardue	
	Germany	Meetings in Cologne	
April-May 1995	Spain	Mini Maccabia in Barcelona	
	Holland	Work on the European Maccabi games	
June 1995	Holland	Preparation for European Maccabi games	
July 1996	Holland	European Maccabi games	
July-August 1995 Israel	Israel experience- a group from Czech Republic		
		Israel experience- a group from Hungary	
November 1995	Germany	30 years of Maccabi Germany in Frankfurt	
December 1995	Germany	Chanukah celebration in Cologne Jewish community	
January 1996	Belgium	Conference of Shlihim from Europe.	
February 1996	Finland	Winter camp in Helsinki	
	Germany	Meetings in Cologne	
March 1996	Czech Republic	Celebration of "3000 years of Jerusalem" - special event	
March-April 1996	Germany	Meetings and work on Maccabi Germany championship	
May 1996	Poland	Maccabi march of the living	
	Israel	International educational conference + planum	
June 1996	Germany	Maccabi Germany championship in Duisburg	

1. A report on educational activities in Europe from 1994-1996

A. European Maccabi Games

The year 1994 was characterized by intensive work on the European Maccabi Games. Beginning in November, I joined the Games Organizing Committee which, and met with them on a monthly basis in Amsterdam, as I summarized in my report to the E.M.C.

I was involved in a number of areas:

** Opening and Closing Ceremonies

There is a long list of ceremonial and technical details for the opening ceremony that we took care of, including the writing of the outline of the cermony's text. There is also a long "history" of searching for a narrator and performing group. (The original youth performance group that was to perform cancelled its trip about a month before the opening ceremony. Only with the help of Eyal Tiberger, Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel and the communication unit of the Jewish Agency did we manage to bring the Sochnut Performing Troupe.)

The opening and closing ceremonies committee were a great team to work with, full of enthusiasm and dedication.

** Shabbat Evening

The unique atmosphere of having all the participants -- Jewish athletes from all over Europe -- seated in one hall, created a great family feeling. And, what is more Maccabean than that?

With the help of Rivka Rabinowitz and Ricky Katz from Maccabi World Union and Markus Bar-El form the Youth and Chalutz Department of the Jewish Agency, booklets and brachot and Shabbat songs were prepared and distributed to all participants. The shaliach of B'nei Akiva contributed to the great Shabbat atmosphere by leading Shabbat songs. For some participants it was their first Shabbat experience, and I think that it was also a very special one.

** Israel Center

The center of the cultural activities wa situated at the heart of the Games -- in the reception hall in the Novotel. Since it was impossible to set any time table of activities (who knows who will win, and when people will hve time for activities other than sports), we designed a place that would be available throughout the whole day. We chose very attrative activities so people would want to spend their free time participating. We made sure that the center would be located close to the entrance of the dining room so that no one would miss it. Happily, I must state that it seems that not only did no one miss it, but there were many times you could find people waiting anxiously for the place to be open and running.

The Israeli "Happening" Hall was decorated with exhibitions and information desks. Maccabi World Union, and the Maccabi Sports Museum produced and displayed exhibitions about the history of Maccabi and Jewish sports. They also prepared creative activities and distributed many souvenirs. Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel department of education presented the Gan Yaldei Yisrael new project; they offered games, quizzes, and prizes. The Israeli Embassy in Holland distributed alot of information about Israel, and the peace process; the Aliyah Department from the Jewish Agency handed out information concerning studies in Israel and Aliyah; the Israeli Tourism Office in Benelux offered a great range of booklets and brochures about Israel, and several Israeli manufacturers contributed from their products to the lovely "Land of Milk and Honey" display. Estella and Talya: thank you for your help in preparing this stand.

A daily slide show of events from the previous day was shown on one of the Center's walls, and a special "Treasure Hunt" on the map of Israel was presented on another wall. The participants were invited to find places on the map of Israel according to specific clues. I am glad to say that most of the participants recognized the sights and won prizes.

The Center's activities were advertised in the last Newsletter, and in a very attractive and colorful borhcure that was produced under the sponsorship of Reuben Naamat from the Jewish Agency in Paris and the Israeli Tourism Office in Benelux.

The whole complex was designed and very professionally built by Ricky Katz. And, a special multi media room with Internet communication with Israel, videos and films, computerized information center and computer games was open for long hours. The six computers sponsored by the Aliyah Department from the Jewish Agency, operated throughout the whole week and was packed with athletes from different countries all of the time. A special demonstration of how to use the Internet in order to learn more about Israel was operated by the Israeli Embassy representative.

I would like to send a big thank you to our two "shlichonim" from Maccabi World Union -- Ricky Katz and Estella Mostizer for their great work and contribution to this project, to the three "arevim" Sarit Levi, Galit Ofenberger, and Ayana Segal who volunteered to help with the Israel Center; to Denis Cohen from the St. Tarbut, and to Dani Schilo and Roni from the Aliyah Department who were the professionals who operated the multi-media room. All of them played a key role in preparing and operating the Israel Center.

** "Shalom al Israel" Drawing Project

Two large frames were located in front of the Novotel. All participants were invited to add their mark to the frame, and to create a European "shalom al Israel" picture. After a joyful "opening" with Maccabi leaders, the frames were filled with marvelous remarks, symbols and graffiti by people from all over Europe. It was a lively, colorful, and enjoyable project.

** Lecture by the Israeli Ambassador to Holland, Mr. Bavly

The lecture took place in the Holiday Inn on Shabbat afternoon. It was designated for heads of delegations, supporters and guests. Rocky Muravitz, the head of the European Desk in Maccabi World Union, and J. de Jun, the Head of the O.C. welcomed the Ambassador and led the meeting.

Israeli wines were sponsored by "Habaron" vineyards from Israel.

** Israeli-Jewish Artists Exhibition

Nine Jewish artists from Amsterdam participated in a four-day exhibition that was on display at the Holiday Inn gallery.

I believe that through these different activities that we offered, we opened the hearts of the participants to the message that we wanted to deliver, enabled people to learn more about Israel, the land, the State, its history and people.

** Miscellaneous

Extra accommodation for the Israeli and Russian delegations. Besides the cultural program, last minute tasks were added: I was asked to solve the problems of accommodations for the extra week for the Israeli delegation, and of the surprise early arrival of the Russian delegation.

B. Seminars and Educational Programs in the Different Countries

The cooperation of the Doron Foundation, and the Youth and Chalutz Department of the Jewish Agency was essential for promoting the European Maccabi Confederation's Educational programs, and, as such, Seminars on Jewish Identity, the Relationship with Israel, and Youth Leadership were successfully operated.

Other educational programs, including: cultural activities, Hebrew lessons, lessons and discussions on various topics, and games based on Maccabean values were integrated into existing sporting events, and were a cultural bonus.

It is important to continue to promote these activities and help them flourish.

C. The Israel Experience Program

The youth groups who come to Israel and participate in the Israel Experience program undergo a deep and unique experience.

During the two to three week period, the groups travel from the north to the south, and experience the full diversity of the country and the land. This excursion is not only a tourist experience, but also one of crystallization and maturation. No doubt this kind of program has the impact and ability to connect the participating youth to the organization, and to the idea of the centrality of Israel.

In spite of the Movement's character in Europe -- that it is an organization rather than a youth movement -- we promoted the Israel Experience programs and were happy to successfully bring a number of groups to Israel.

For this success we are grateful to: the European Desk of Maccabi World Union, The Friends of Maccabi World Union, the Youth and Chalutz Department of the Jewish Agency and Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel.

D. Winter Camp in Finland

One of the long traditions in Helsinki is to hold a winter camp. I met with 45 youngsters, 4 Madrichim and 2 supervisors.

The daily programs started with the Shacharit prayers. After breakfast, a variety of indoor sports activities were offered to the children: table tennis, soccer, tae-kwon-do, skating, etc. When it warmed up outside everybody poured out for a few hours of cross country and slalom ski.

Afternoon and evening programs included games, quizzes and a taste of Israeli folkdancing. The Maccabi programs were a real highlight, and the "treasure hunt" won a good deal of attention.

E. 3000 Year Celebration of Jerusalem in the Czech Republic

A series of seminars that were held during the course of the year in the Czech Republic culminated in a most distinguished event held to commemorate 3000 years of Jerusalem.

In an extraordinary cooperative effort with the Evangelist community in Brno (The Czech Republic) an auditorium was donated in which we held our event.

At the entrance to the auditorium was an exhibit of posters and photographs of Jerusalem. Two youth orchestras were specially invited from Israel. They performed a most impressive repertoire of Israeli songs, Jewish music and songs of Jerusalem. Beween the musical selections community youth read passages about Jerusalem.

This event was praised by all, as were the wonderful three days that the Israeli youth enjoyed at their hosts homes in Brno.

We want to thank all those who contributed to make this occasion so memorable:

Tanya, Susanna, Community Leaders of the Brno community, Brno Maccabi members -- thank you for your wonderful organizational efforts and your warm hospitality.

To the Mayor of Nes Ziona, the Director of the Music Conservatory, Teachers, and Members of the Orchestra -- thank you for your cooperation and your extraordinary contribution.

And, to all the others who took a hand in this wonderful enterprise.

F. International Movement Seminars

The highlight of the movement's educational programs and the springboard for future such activities were the international educational activities that were produced by Maccabi World Union.

The rich and impressive program, careful planning and above all the participants -- Maccabi members, community educational activists, and Madrichim from the field -- resulted in an extraordinarily high-quality seminar. From my point of view, these seminars served as high level tools -- the people I met, the motivation that was created opened new channels, dialogue and interaction that were translated into real action in the field.

'Kol Hakavod' to the Maccabi World Union Educational Desk: Estella, Avinoam, Talia, Dror, Rami Kornblum, David Korenfeld, Rocky Muravitz, and Eyal Tiberger.



G. German Maccabi Games in Dussberg

Some 400 athletes from all over Germany gathered in Dussberg; the Presidium invested their best efforts in the planning, organizing and facilitation of this most impressive event.

I was involved in a number of areas: planning of the opening ceremony, organizing Kabbalat Shabbat, bringing a group of performers from Israel, mounting an exhibition which was at the entrance of the building, and preparing press materials and information which was widely available.

The troupe of Israeli performers specially assembled and rehearsed a program for this event. They were very warmly received by the audience. Also, the exhibits that were brought from Israel, and the material that was distributed gathered a lot of attention.

This is the place to thank all of those people who helped organize and take part in this event: Ella Reider who was the primary force behind the cultural activities, the Presidium who supported and helped us. To Anat Geva who voluntarily put together the troupe and helped with the staging, to the members of the troupe: Noah, Shiri, Galia, Reni and Sharon -- who invested so much of their time and talent, to Ricki Katz, who administered the troupe and helped in mounting the exhibit, to Estella and Rivka for sending exhibitions, and to Yarden Kasay for her help in the travel arrangements.

2. Shlichut: Work Patterns and Tools

Shlichut in general, and particularly in Europe presents a challenge as well as a very special experience. The large diverse cultures and the different problems within the various countries offer numerous possibilities for creativity and activities.

At the very beginning of my visit to the different Jewish communities, I discovered that the meaning of Zionism, Judaism and Maccabi vary among them. I learned that Jewish mentality differs from those communities who were recently liberated from the communist regimes, versus those developing or living under democratic regimes, and those communities who are more involved in local life versus those who maintain a more traditional character.

From my 'discovery' I quickly realized that I could not prepare a single program of activities that would be applicable and effective for all the communities, but rather that I would have to tailor specific programs to specific countries and communities. I also realized that I would not be able to have a full picture of the target audience before my arrival, and consequently I would have to create a modular program which would offer maximum flexibility and would be possible to revise as circumstances changed.

The shaliach, I learned, also has to be able to handle PR concerns quickly and easily, be flexible, and have the ability to analyze changes within the individual communities.

While there are different languages, mentality, and national characteristics on the European continent, there are common problems which concern all the communities, and which are the main focus of the Shaliach's work:

- ** Jewish identity as we approach the next century
- ** Worsening anti-semitism
- ** The relationship between Israel and the Diaspora

The Main Focus of the Maccabi European Shaliach

- 1. <u>Educational Work</u>: Planning, writing, and implementation of social and educational programs in which the main emphasis is on Jewish identity, the centrality of the State of Israel, and Maccabean values.
- 1.1. To initiate educational work: Seminars, educational programming, summer camps, organizing Israel Experience delegations, etc.
- 1.2. Complementary educational work: Integrating educational and cultural programming in sports events and activities.

2. Organizational work

- 2.1. Encouraging and cultivating youth leadership
- 2.2. Assistance in various organizational aspects in Maccabi clubs
- 2.3. Promoting contacts with foundations and supporting institutions
- 2.4. Assisting in the organization of the European Maccabi Games

3. Public Relations and Cultivating Contacts

- 3.1. Cultivating contacts with Maccabi leaders and activists on the continent
- 3.2. Cultivating contacts and fostering cooperation with Jewish-Zionist institutions active throughout the Jewish communities.
- 4. <u>Contact with Israel</u>: The shallach is the manifestation of the Israel connection and the Zionist ideal.

The ability to effectively operate depends very much on the Shaliach's interpersonal relationships with leaders and activists, as well as budgeting. I would like to thank all of those who contributed funds and made these programs possible:

- * The Youth and Chalutz Department of the Jewish Agency, especially to Shlomi Gravitz who worked so closely with us; Esther Yehezkieli, Moshe Cohen, and Marcus Barel.
 - * Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel
 - * Keren Doron

3. Summary and Thanks

As I look at the past three years, I see a period filled with rich and intense activities, and one that brought with it fulfilling experiences. I interacted on several levels: personally, community and national. This experience was personally enriching and gave me a feeling of accomplishment. I would not have been able to accomplish what I did without the help of so many people throughout the years:

To the Grun Family, who accepted me with such warmth, and treated me as a member of their family from the very first day I arrived.

To Michel, who was supporter, partner and friend every step of the way. Michel: people like you, who act from a feeling and sense of community responsibility -- this is the foundation of our movement's ideals. It was a privilege and pleasure to work with you during the three wonderful years.

To the European Maccabi Confederation Executive: thank you for the support, assistance and encouragement that I received from all of you.

To all the Friends throughout Europe, heads of T.O.'s and friends of Maccabi Clubs in the different countries who hosted me, and helped me enormously in my work.

A special thanks to Eyal Tiberger, who was always there for me, listened to me, encouraged me, and supported me. It was wonderful to work with a man who gives his fullest cooperation, faith and partnership in all the many creative activities.

To Uzi Netanel and the Board of Maccabi World Union: thank you for believing in me. And, especially to Rocky Muravitz who was interested and helpful.

Thanks to Estella for her cooperation and excellent professional input.

To Ricky Katz and Rivka Rabinowitz on their impressive contributions to the Maccabi Europe enterprises.

And, to all the Staff at Maccabi World Union -- especially to Shamit and Ilana for their warmth and friendship.

The best things

And the prettiest things in the world

Are impossible to see

And touch

You must feel them in your heart

(by Helen Keller)



MACCABI UNION



REPORT FROM MACCABI UNION GREAT BRITAIN

Since the last EMC Congress in Budapest, Maccabi Union GB has continued in its role of providing sport and informal education within the Jewish community.

At the conclusion of Stuart Lustigman's term as Chairman in June 1995 I was honoured to be elected the new Chairman and together with a most exciting team of elected officers I look forward to leading the Union towards the next millennium. In recognition of Stuart's outstanding work for Maccabi we were proud to make him a Vice President.

Sadly, one week into my term as Chairman, Lionel Davidson passed away very suddenly. As President of one of our leading clubs, Glasgow Maccabi, and as an active member as Vice Chairman of the EMC his input in discussions and deliberations will be missed by his many friends.

Michel Grun and I have met and talk regularly to ensure that there is co-operation and understanding between us. With a membership in Great Britain of over 10,000 and an enormous amount of experience and Maccabi 'Ruach' that is available from our Presidents and Vice Presidents we want to be and intend to be more active in Europe than maybe we have been in the past. We were proud to host the European Golf Tournament for the third time in Bonnyton Scotland with Glasgow Maccabi organising the event and the European Bridge Tournament at the Stanley House Country Club, Home of the Maccabi Sports Association, in Radlett Hertfordshire. This beautiful venue was also used for the visit of the Maccabi USA team prior to the games in Amsterdam in 1995and I am sure the participants in all events had a true Maccabi experience.

As happy as we are to host events we are also happy to participate. A team of over 200 athletes from England, Scotland and Wales represented Great Britain in the European Games in Amsterdam. It was an outstanding games well organised with a high standard of competition. The EMC and the Organising Committee in Amsterdam can be justifiably proud of the games success. Our athletes had a truly wonderful experience and I as the GB Team Manager was proud to have participated in this event. We were also proud to accept the EMC's invitation to host the Maccabi USA Junior team in London for one week prior to the games. They came from a long way away and I am sure this extra week added to their experience greatly.

We send a Great Britain Junior team every year to the JCC North American Maccabi Youth Games. It enables our junior athletes in golf, track & field, tenpin bowling and swimming to compete in sports that are not catered for in either the European Maccabi Games or the Maccabiah.

Our planning and preparation for the 1997 Maccabiah is already well under way and we anticipate sending a team of over 350 to Israel for this event. Our large participation in the European Games and the Maccabiah is the result of our very successful sports programme in the UK.

We continue to provide support for our clubs with a highly competent professional team and our Leadership Training Courses are recognised as being of the very highest standard. Our commitment to the Maccabi Street Project continues as we identify its valuable outreach work. Maccabi was honoured and proud that Asher Eisen, our former National Director and now our Development Director, was the recipient of the Outstanding Youth Worker Award at the second Chief Rabbinate's Awards of Excellence Ceremony in 1995. This event is the most important in recognising excellence within the Jewish community and is attended by over 900 people from all the communal organisations both large and small throughout Great Britain. Nominations are received and thoroughly checked and the competition is of the highest order. For Asher to win an award of this standing within the Jewish community in Great Britain shows quite clearly that' Maccabi is not just sport' and that we are recognised for the work we are doing in informal education for our youth.

We have recently welcomed Arieh Tsilik as our new National Shaliach and he together with Guy Geltner, our shlichon in Glasgow, and Shira Zeitek, our new shlichonit in Catford, will ensure the continuing importance of the centrality of Israel to Maccabi in Great Britain. Last but by no means least Marc Herman was appointed our National Director in May 1995 and Micah Gold was appointed Education Officer in October 1995. All our professional staff are on full time appointment and therefore a substantial financial investment is being made to ensure that we fulfil successfully our role within the Jewish community.

With Maccabi Greetings

Henry Minkoff Chairman - Maccabi Union Great Britain

CLUBUL SPORTIV MACCABI ROMÂNIA

REPORT to the EMC Congress Cologne 1996



The most important achievement of Maccabi Romania in the last two years was the participation in the European Maccabi Games which took place in Amsterdam in July 1995. As you already know Maccabi Romania is not one of the "Great Powers" of the European Maccabi Movement. With a Jewish population in Romania of about 15,000, many of them old people, Maccabi Romania can not compare with western or Russian clubs. However there is still a Maccabi spirit among our youngsters.

During these two years we managed to have almost regular trainings of table-tennis and chess. Two months before the Amsterdam Games we organized these trainings more often and we had two qualification tournaments in Table-Tennis and one in Chess, observing all the regulations in force for these two sports. For instance the Chess final tournament had 8 participants who played one against each other and in the end the first four made up the team which represented us honourably in Amsterdam (7th place of ten teams). Three of the participants came from other cities of Romania.

The competition had an official Referee who happens to be also a very good player and Jewish. We are still very sorry that we didn't include him in the team which represented us at the Games. Probably we would have been placed higher in the final top. In the two Table Tennis competitions participated about 30 players in two parallel male and female events. Finally a girl and a boy qualified for the Games. For the future we should find a trainer taking into acount that table-tennis remains the main sport of Maccabi Romania. We also had trainings and one local competition of Tennis. During the Winter 1995-1996 we organized with the Jewish Agency support several Basketball indoor trainings for our boys and girls. In the months May-June 1996 two Maccabi teams (one of Basketball and the other of Minifootball participated in a very interesting competition called Confidence Cup, organized by the Student Association of Struggle Against Racism (A.S.L.I.R. in Romanian). Our adversaries were three teams: a Romanian team, one representing the Hungarian minority and one made up of African students who study in Romania. Here we made a very good impression and we have plans to participate in Chess and Bridge editions of the Confidence Cup. Due to the conflictual situation created by the former President we had to relegalize Maccabi Romania. All these activities were accomplished with great efforts and against incredible obstacles, financial and not only.

Last but not least we must mention the support of Sochnut which provides a location for many of our activities and even spends money for the Club, the financial backing of the former Israeli Manager of Pepsi Cola - Romania who supported a large amount of our travel expenses to Amsterdam and of course EMC that ensured the accommodation and paid for all the other expenses. In spite of the difficulties we were confronted with, we still believe that Maccabi Romania has a future and have great plans for the 15th Maccabiah.

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The Maccabi VAC Hungary

VAC (fencing and athletic club) is the only Jewish sport club in Budapest, however participation is not limited to the Jewish children.

The Maccabi VAC is a non profit traditionalist club, has been established for sport and cultural activities of Jewish youngsters. In 1989 it was re-established as an official registered foundation and sport club, and became a member of the Maccabi World Union.

To emphasise the recent success both in terms of organisation and sport activities we would like to mention some recent results of our activities. In 1992 the Maccabi Vac organised the first Eastern European event, the II. Maccabi Bridge Tournament. There were almost 100 foreign participants here in Budapest. The Hungarian team won the gold medal. The last European Congress was held also in Budapest. In Amsterdam at the III. Maccabi Bridge Tournament the Hungarian team won again the European championship in 1994. During the 14th Maccabiah the 67 Hungarian athletes spent a wonderful fortnight in Israel. We came home with 2 gold, 4 silver and 8 bronze medals. This is a brilliant result, given that we are competing with those countries whose financial possibilities do not compare with ours. We have limited ressources and facilities including no sport hall, and no state or corporate support, in one word we have nothing. In the European Maccabi Games, 1995 Amsterdam we took part with 50 athletes and won the basketball tournament, we were the champions in bridge, we won gold, silver and bronze medals in karate.

Having described our international events some words can be said regarding the daily activities of our club. These activities are currently focused on the following sports: basketball, karate, judo, gymnastics, bridge, table tennis. Ages included are from 5 to unlimited. In the basketball section there are 85-90 kids in several age groups. The karate section with roughly 100 kids is a very successful one. They won third time the Hungarian championship last year. Our bridge club can use the club of MAZSIKE (the Cultural Association of the Hungarian Jews). The section for gymnastic began its work two years ago and now one of our girls was the captain of Hungarian Olympic

gymnastic ladies team. Our man basketball team will start in this year in the second leagueof the Hungarian National Championship. Two first class jewish player joind to our club recently.

Some words about our cultural activities. During the Chanukah of last two years we organised together with JOINT a children art exhibition. We received more than 160 works for the exhibition, mainly from the Lauder Javne Jewish Community School. According to the opinion of the jury, consist of experts, there were several excellent works. On the basis of big success we organise the Chanukah exhibition this year again. We organised together with other Jewish Youth organisations a Hacmaut day. Over 500 persons took place. Since 1991 we organise the Chanukah torch relay every year, where several boys and girls took part. In 1994 we establish a memorial monument for the VAC members who has died during the World War II.

A few words how we can survive in such circumstances. A couple of fanatic members of VAC have had established the Maccabi Sport Endowment which is devoted to help and support of the sport and cultural activity of the Hungarian Jewish youngsters. The Hungarian society is not ready at this time to support such kind of activities, there is no tradition and no wide range of people who can help, support.

Today we have to face to the problem how to send delegation to the 15th Macdabiah in Israel at 1997. We have prepared a team including 80 athlets!

Their participation and results could show to the jewish youngsters the way how they could learn being proud to be members of Maccabi.



E.M.C. CONGRESS BUDAPEST, NOVEMBER 10-13, 1994 MINUTE

Opening Session, Chairman Michel Grun

1. Roll call of delegates, executive members, observers and special guests.

It was decided after some discussion to have the Congress every second year instead as proposed by the Executive to have a Congress every fourth year and a Chairman's meeting every fourth year.

2. Apologies and correspondence.

Ken Gradon has sent a message of greetings to everybody at this Congress. We wished Ken Mazel Tov on behalf of his granddaughter's Bat-mitzvah. Eyal read the message from the president of MWU, who wished us a very successful and fruitful Congress and was sorry he could not be in Budapest with us. Dick Urban and Sidney Greenberg also sent apologies wishing us success.

3. Appointment of Steering Committee.

Benny Guggenheim, Sam Bulka and Peter Guttman were appointed as steering committee.

4. Adoption of Minute from the Biennial Congress 1992.

The minutes from the Biennial Congress 1992 were adopted.

5. Adoption of reports:

a) Michel Grun's report was adopted with great satisfaction and he was thanked very much for all his work and for all he is doing for EMC.

- b)Thomas Grünwald read his report and was also thanked very much for his work for EMC.
- c)Leo Dan Bensky's report was fully adopted.
- d) EMC Shaliah Arie Shimron's and Ronit Neeman's reports were read and fully adopted. We also thanked Arie and Ronit for a very good and hard job.

6. Election of

a) Executive

Elected were the following:

Michel Grun, Chairman
Lionel Davidson, Vice Chairman
Jane Rosenberg, Honorary Secretary
Richard Heuberger, Honorary Treasurer
Leo-Dan Bensky, Honorary Sports Director
Bjarne Karpantschoff, Honorary Educational and Youth Director

b) Court of Honour

Elected were the following:

David Gluck

Marcel Engelmayer

Massimo della Pergola

Peter Guttman

Ari Kantor.

7. Appointment of Auditors.

Bob Glatter of the firm Blick and Rothenberg, London sent a letter saying that he wants to resign as the Audit of E.M.C. We have two proposals and Michel asked the Congress to

postpone the decision regarding auditors. This was accepted and the decision will be made at the next executive meeting, after which the T.O.'s would be informed.

Vadim Poliansky, Russia said that he wants to have someone elected to the Executive since there are 40 clubs in Russia. Michel responded that a letter was sent July 3rd asking for proposals for election and Vadim had not answered. Thomas said that nobody represents their specific country that the executive represents Europe and is elected due to personal qualifications.

Second session, Chairman Leo Dan Bensky.

1. European Maccabi Sports Directory.

a) Proposed format.

We have already been working on a new formula for some years and the sports director has tried many times to have all TO's answer questions sent out. Unfortunately not all countries answered, Russia and France being amongst those countries not having answered. EMC can now produce a diskette or a booklet to those interested and we would like to have an answer from everybody during this Congress. Also we ask those countries who have not yet filled in the necessary forms to do this during the Congress and hand them in to the sports director.

b) Additional.

We can read about this in the booklet given out to everybody. Page 21. Two years ago in London we decided on a sports advisory board. Still open are chess, basketball and volley-ball. We will try to find people for these sports during this Congress. The first meeting will take place in January 1995 in Amsterdam. The new Chairman of Switzerland, Daniel Fischer was appointed as chess representative on the Sports Advisory Board. Regarding expenses for the people on this board EMC hopes that they will not have to pay more than travelling costs

Mr. Jojo Sissa (Istanbul) was appointed as basketball representative on the SAB. Lionel pointed out that entry form 2 is not sufficient and needs to be changed.

3. Future sports programme.

We could all read about the sports programme in the booklet, page 20. A junior football tournament will take place in Brussels. Gothenburg, Sweden is arranging a Pierre Gildesgame tournament in football in May 1995. A Masters tennis tournament will take place in Antwerp in May 1995, when Maccabi Antwerp celebrates its 75th anniversary. A golf tournament will take place in Bonnyton in 1995. This year there was a golf tournament in Bonnyton as well and it was a great success. London and France are also interested in arranging golf tournaments in the future. There is a ten pin bowling tournament between Finland and Sweden every year. Glasgow has had some squash tournaments and bridge tournaments and might be interested in arranging these again as well as table-tennis tournaments.

Stuart Lustigman objected to the golf tournament taking place in Bonnyton. The protest has been noted and will be discussed in the next EMC meeting.

4. Reports by TO'S.

<u>Austria</u>. Vienna is a small community and Hakoah Vienna has 150 paying members. Main sports are swimming, table-tennis and basketball. Vienna has recently changed the board and has mostly younger people in the board now.

Croatia. Mr. Ferber told us that they have 2000 members in the Community, mostly living in Zagreb. The financial situation is very bad. They however participated in the last Maccabiah and hope to go to Amsterdam next year. He also hopes to be able to arrange Mala Makkabiada again. Maccabi and the Jewish Community in Zagreb are together planning the 50 years anniversary of the end of World War II.

Czechia. They have a small Jewish Community, consisting of 3000 members. Maccabi has 100 members in Brno. Prague has after some problems opened up a new club not long ago. The sport activities are not very good but the people have been given a stronger Jewish identity.

<u>Denmark</u>. Bjarne told us that Denmark has only one club. Rather big football section. Denmark has started with handball again and the table-tennis section is very active. Denmark is preparing for Amsterdam and Bjarne also told us a little about the Pierre Gildesgame tour-

nament in football, which was held in Copenhagen May 1994. Apart from the Nordic countries St. Petersburg and the Baltic states were invited.

<u>Bulgaria</u>. There are between 3000 - 5000 Jews in Bulgaria. Maccabi has more than 100 members. .Many members went on Alijah last year. Bulgaria is working hard getting teams together for Amsterdam next year.

<u>Finland</u>. There are 1000 Jews in Finland. Maccabi Finland celebrates its 90th anniversary next year.

<u>France</u>. Michel expressed his hopes that France will solve its problems soon. The problems are mainly financial. Since the election of the new French federation France has started many new programs. Meetings were always held in Paris, now they have meetings all over the country. The first tournament took place in Sarcelles, where 40 football players participated. We also have had a big tennis tournament. Maccabi Toulouse has joined the Maccabi movement. Maccabi Bordeaux is back as well.

Germany. Added to their report in the booklet that they now have 10 clubs as members and plan to open up in two more cities. They are also preparing for Amsterdam.

Great Britain . Read the booklet.

<u>Holland</u>. Maccabi Holland has clubs in The Hague and in Amsterdam. Amsterdam has one of the biggest tennis section in Europe.

<u>Turkey</u>. Turkey will participate with 60-65 athletes in Amsterdam. Mordo Elnekave told us that Turkey is arranging a Chanukka Torch Relay in relation to the 100 years anniversary of the first Jewish SportsClub, December 3rd 1994. Turkey is still prohibited by their law to join the EMC or MWU.

Romania. Maccabi was re-established in 1992 thanks to the EMC and has very enthusiastic children. They took part in the 14th Maccabiah.

Italy. Read the booklet.

Norway. Norway has only about 1000 Jews and Maccabi has great difficulties but they will try to survive.

<u>Sweden</u>. All three clubs in Sweden are about 60 years old. Major sports are, Daniel said, football, swimming, table-tennis, ten pin bowling and volleyball. The Pierre Gildesgame tournament in football will take place in Gothenburg next year and apart from the Nordic countries, the Baltic States, St. Petersburg and Great Britain will be invited.

Russia. Michel expressed his great dismay that Russia uses the name of Maccabi in connection with other committees than Maccabi. This is absolutely forbidden. The whole Congress expressed its disapproval with Russia regarding this point. Maccabi started in Russia 6 years ago. The first club opened up in Lithuania and after that in St. Petersburg. They have apart from sports also cultural events, Vadim said and we have big Chanucka parties. They have winter and summer seminars and Maccabi has its own office in St. Petersburg. Theye have clubs in 40 cities. They work very closely with Michel, who has often visited them. They tried this year to solve their financial problems and they have had fund-raising and they found some sponsors. There exists a major financial support but where it goes they do not know. They need our support and respect and ask for help from us..

After Vadims report we had a long discussion about Russia using the name of Maccabi in connection with Progressive Judaism. Congress was not prepared to accept this situation and the following resolution was proposed and passed:

- 1. The EMC Congress reiterates that no TO or Maccabi Club may use the Maccabi name or logo for any purpose not connected with Maccabi and in particular not for the use of any Political Parties or Religious Organisations.
- 2. In particular the use of the name of Maccabi and its logo in connection with the Religious Congregation for Progressive Judaism in St. Petersburg or in any part of Russia is to be terminated with immediate effect. Compliance with this is to be reviewed by January 31 by the EMC. In case of non-compliance, participation rights in the MWU Plenum and in the 1995 European Games will be reconsidered.
- 3. Any Maccabi affiliated TO or club who participates in any International or Continental Jewish Games other than Macabre will not be eligible for any support for participation in Maccabi organised international events.



Third session, Michel Grun

1. Chairman Maccabi World Union - Mr. Uzi Netanel.

Michel introduced Uzi Netanel and expressed his happiness at having Uzi here with us. Uzi told us how happy he was being able to join us here in Budapest. Anyone of you visiting Israel come and see us, he said. Everything changes in Israel daily nowadays. Uzi took part in the talks in Casablanca and found it really interesting. There were 60 participants. The peace talks will take time, he said, we do not want to rush. Many countries are interested in joint venture with Israel. Uzi gave a full and detailed report. He also told us how satisfied he was having been invited to the meeting in Antwerp and was able to sit and talk with the executive. Fantastic to see new faces together with old, that is good, he said, we need new ones to carry on the task and we need old ones to teach the new. Uzi spoke about France and he hopes all their problems will be solved soon. France is, after Israel, USA and CIS, the largest Jewish community in numbers. He told us how Israel started to work with Turkey according to the Turkish law. Turkey has been out of the movement. Israel is planning a big Turkish event on its 100 years anniversary of the first Jewish sportsclub, December 3rd. We have the acknowledgement of the Turkish Government. Uzi also told us about the meeting in USA and that he now thinks Maccabi will start up in USA. He went on to say that a decision has been taken at the ongress to have fund-raising between Maccabiahs and thinks that with our help it can also be successful in Europe...

Lionel expressed his fear that the participation fees to the 15th Maccabiah will increase very much and told Uzi how concerned we are about this in Europe.

2. Guest speaker: Dr. Yossi Olmert, Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Professor Olmert has participated in the peace talks and is a specialist in Middle-East Affairs and a well-known expert.

Yossi Olmert told us that the peace talks are very serious and in the near future there will be a new political climate in the Middle-East. He said that Israel does not trust Arafat but the Israelis wanted out of Gaza and he talked a little bit about PLO. He said that Hussein of Jordan had visited Israel secretly many times but has now done it openly. He also said that

if we manage in our peace talks with PLO we can continue with other Arab countries and if we can achieve a peace with Syria no other Arab country will dare to attack us. In having peace with Syria, Yossi said, I am sure we have to give up the Golan Heights.

Soon Jerusalem will be brought up on the agenda. What will we do? This is a very emotional question in Israel. When can we expect an end of terrorism? This was part of the deal with PLO. The leadership of PLO and Israel will continue their peace talks. Yossi also told us that President Clinton is the best American president ever for Israel. His advisors are Jews and speak both Hebrew and Yiddish with Rabin. Mr. Olmert also expressed his disgust of Arafat receiving the Nobel Prize. We all thanked Yossi Olmert for a wonderful and very interesting speech.

3. Future educational programme:

Rocky Muravitz, Chairman of the European and English Speaking Desk of MWU, talked about future educational programme and about Maccabi being one family. He said we all around the table here have the same goal. When Michel opened up the Soviet Union, we sponsored CIS both financially and socially. We had 600 kids in summer camps last summer in Soviet Union. 23 kids chose to go to Israel. In France we are sure we will be able to do something. We are very satisfied with our slichim, they are good in their work. Amsterdam will have many participants as possible from Israel to give an Israeli flavour. We in Israel see the summer programme as our major programme. Rocky thanked Michel for inviting him and thanked Andras Bleyer for a wonderful organisation.

Lionel pointed out that the slichim time is too short.

Eyal Tiberger, Secretary General of MWU, thanked Andras very much for everything and said we have madeprogress in our movement, we have good educators of slichim and he also said that they just have produced new kits for Chanucka. We in Israel, Eyal said, welcome groups coming to Israel.

Ronit Neeman gave a full and detailed report again and you can also read her report in the booklet. Ronit informed us where we can use her in our clubs. Ronit is also much involved in the programme in Amsterdam. She wants to prepare a video film about Europe, she is arranging seminars and both she and Rocky pleaded to everybody to answer Ronits letters.

Bjame distributed his written report to everybody present.

Mr.Asher Eisen asked us to invest in our resources and invest in education. It is a war, he said, to survive as Jews. Michel has been asked by the Americans to remember the good Jewish athletes who died in the Holocaust. He asked us to research and find names. Michel is preparing a questionnaire, which he will give out to everybody.

On Saturday November 12th, Michael Kevehazi gave a very interesting speech on how the Hungarian Jews lived during the war. He also talked about the history of Hungarian Jews and told a little about himself, when he lived in Hungary during the war. We all thank Michael Kevehazi very much for sharing his lifestory with us.

Fourth session, Chairman Lionel Davidson

1. European Maccabi Games 1995, Amsterdam.

The major event of EMC is EMG. Last Congress decided that a committee should check both candidates, Vienna and Amsterdam and found Amsterdam to be the best candidate. Michel is more or less daily in touch with the Organising Committee, he said, and he receives all the minutes and they really work professionally. Congratulations to Joop de Jong and his team.

2. Joop de Jong, Chairman O.C. .

Joop started by thanking Michel for his co-operation and understanding. We are perfectionists in the organising committee. We had difficulties in the beginning in finding financial supporters but finally we succeeded. We need your support, many countries sent in Entry form 1 mentioning what sport they will participate in without saying how many participants in each sport. Entry form 2 was sent out recently, please return it as soon as possible, correctly answered. We have bankguarantees regarding many things, for example kosher, hotels, catering and so on. It is always easier to extend the number of participants than reducing the numbers. We will have about 30 countries participating until now only 5 have paid their fees. The budget is 1 1/2 million US dollar. Everybody has to pay their first instalment now, the second instalment latest in January 1995. No payment - no participating. Thomas suggested that all countries not paying in time should pay a penalty. Benny sug-

gested that penalty should start from the second instalment 31st of January. If a country does not pay he is out of the games. Massimo asked what will a country do if there is no money?

Instalments for taking part in the games:

May 31st 1994	DFL 200 per participant
Jan 31st 1995	DFL 400 per participant
May 31st 1995	DFL 500 per participant

One street will be closed by the police near Novotel Hotel. Opposite Novotel will be a big hall specially for this week where all participants can have their meals. Bridge and chess players will live separately because they need silence. Every hotel will have meeting rooms, bank and post. Maximum 3 participants in each room.

Catering. We have a company who is used to cater 10-15.000 people. Doctors have checked all the menus in order to make sure that there is enough of everything needed in the food for the sportsmen Strictly kosher food. If people are on locations in order to play or is playing he will have lunch at the location. Supporters can also have food at the location. Sandwich shops close by. Kosher food during Shabbat for the supporters. We will find a solution with the catering firm when we know how many people there will be.

Security. Police and 40 security guards day and night. 400 are being trained in security. 11 buses and cars will have direct line to police. Identity cards to everybody. Each team should have a contact person on security.

Transport. We will pick all teams up at the airport or central station if we know exactly when they will arrive. Renault has sponsored us with 40 blue-white painted cars and 3-4 buses. Great Britain wants to know the price for parking a car for a week.

Sports and locations. All the locations are close to the hotels and they are all reserved.

Opening ceremony will take place in a football stadium. We need already now the information on how many officials the countries will bring and if you bring a doctor etc.

Referees from the federations. Karate, shooting and volleyball ladies might not take place. Michel read out how many countries and participants applied until now in each sport. One team in each sport from each country is allowed.

It was decided that you may bring participants in each sport according to the following list:

Basketball 12 players juniors and senior

bridge 6 players

chess information later

football 18 players juniors and seniors

karate

minifootball 11 players

shooting information later

squash 5 players

table-tennis 6 plus 6 juniors and seniors

tennis 6 plus 6 juniors and seniors

ten pin bowling 6 plus 6

volleyball 10 plus 10

Short circular about numbers to all countries. You must have permission from your own federations. Birth certificate regarding juniors must be brought along. Juniors are persons born on 1.8.1979 and later. Juniors must be checked properly regarding age. NO EXCEPTION!. Israel will be asked to come in those sports, where we need them. We had applications from outside Europe. Australia has been declined but USA is a massive country and Maccabi is trying to work very hard to establish Maccabi there so we agreed to let them come with juniors. Max. 25 juniors included leaders. Eyal asked Holland to send information to Israel as soon as possible.

Definite deadline is entry form 2. No footballplayer can take part in minifootball. Each player can only participate in one sport.

USA will be asked to come one week before the games to be given the Maccabi spirit. Great Britain will go back and see if London can host them and maybe other TO's can go back and ask their countries as well.

Allowed to have sponsors names on the tracksuits.

Opening ceremony. The football stadium can take 5000 people. We have committees in charge of opening and closing ceremonies as well as the Shabbat dinner. All teams must be trained to stand in line. Opening Ceremony will take place on Sunday between 14.00 - 16.00 hours. Ronit has been to Amsterdam, has met the people and is involved in both opening and closing ceremonies.

VIP-Supporters. Special supporterprogram will be handed out. Special committee in cooperation with Ronit. Amsterdam will try to have all VIPs in one hotel.

Medical back-up. Physiotherapists will be available round the clock. We have doctors and good contact with the hospital. All countries must come with evidence that they are properly insured.

Educational program is taken care of by Ronit as well as the social program in co-operation with Amsterdam.

Publicity. We have lots of information about what will go on during the Maccabiweek. We make programs for VIPs and supporters to the Jewish Quarter. We are sponsored by ITT every day during the whole week. If any country is going to visit its Embassy we need the time-table for that as soon as possible.

Shabbat. Dinner, service in 3 hotels together. One Rabbi in each hotel. We have 5 synagogues in the same area. Court of appeal and so on must be set up quite soon.

No telephone, no television in the hotel rooms.

Lionel thanked Joop de Jong for his very extensive and detailed report.

We went on with reports from the missing countries.

Ukraine gave a written report and told us about the difficulties they had in Ukraine. We also think we have something to give to EMC and MWU and very positive for us is if we could become members of both EMC and MWU. They want to be separated from CIS and have a separate T.O..

Michel answered that we have to discuss this with MWU, we have the will but we cannot take any decision before Amsterdam. After some discussion and on Michael Kevehasi's proposal we accepted the following:

The EMC Congress empowers the Executive or its honorary officers to make any decision necessary with regard to the acceptance of Makkabi Ukraine or any other former Soviet republic who may appear to become a TO. This decision to be taken before the next plenum so that we can take the necessary steps.

Latvia. Thanked EMC very much for having been invited to this Congress. Latvia has clubs in 3 cities and has 400 members. They participated in the 14th Maccabiah and were successful. They play basketball, tennis, handball, tennis and also have shooting. They plan some tournaments in Riga.

Switzerland. They are the oldest existing club. They have more than 10 % of all the Jewish population in Switzerland as members. The pampers club is new. Last week at Their annual assembly we had a new chairman Mr. Daniel Fischer. They will arrange soccer, bridge and chess tournaments.

Spain. They succeeded with most their projects in Barcelona. They still have problems with the Jewish Community and have no support from them. They were very successful with the musical Fiddler on the roof and also showed it in Madrid.

European Sports Programme 1995, onwards. Proposals.

England, Scotland, France, Holland and Spain are interested in arranging football tournaments. Bulgaria wants to arrange some winter tournaments.

Resolution. See the booklet, page 30.

Affiliations: See the booklet, page 30.

Candidates for next Congress. Candidates for the Congress 1996 are: Barcelona, Cologne, Paris and St. Petersburg.

MWU. EMC has nine seats on the board of MWU. Elected were the following:

Bjarne Karpantschoff, René Fitoussi, Sam Bulka, Jane Rosenberg, Lionel Davidson, Juri Alkalaj, Andras Bleyer, Russia??? and Peter Guttman. The names regarding the IMC seats are not yet elected.

Miscellaneous. Henry Majngarten thanked on behalf of Germany. Michel thanked on behalf of everybody, Maccabi Budapest, Mr Andras Bleyer and his staff very much for a very well organised Congress. We ended this Congress by all together singing Hatikvah.



CONSTITUTION

OF THE EUROPEAN MACCABI CONFEDERATION OF THE MACCABI WORLD UNION

- 1. The European Maccabi Confederation, (hereinafter referred to as E.M.C.) consists of :
 - (a) The Congress (which is the highest authority of the EMC) and

(b) The Executive

- 2. The Headquarters of the EMC shall, for the time being, be at the address of the Chairman or such address as is convenient to the sitting Chairman.
- 3. The EMC is the parent body of Maccabi Territorial Organisations (hereinafter referred to as T.O.'s) on the Continent of Europe; its main aims and objects are to initiate, co-ordinate, assist and advise on activities within the geographical area, with particular emphasis on Sport, Culture, Leadership and Jewish Education.
- 4. The Policy pursued by the EMC shall be consistent with the general aims and objects of the Maccabi World Union

5. TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.

- (a) One Maccabi Club in any country in Europe may set up a T.O. subject to the approval of a 2/3 m majority of (EMC) Congress. Suspension or disaffiliation of a T.O. shall also be subject to a 2/3 m majority of (EMC) Congress. In each case 2/3 m of accredited Delegates and Executive present at Congress must vote.
- (b) Each T.O. shall pay to the E.M.C. the annual affiliation fee in such an amount as determined and approved by (EMC) Congress based on advice provided by the Hon. Treasurer.

6. CONGRESS OF THE E.M.C..

- (a) Congress shall be held every two years. Every T.O. shall be entitled to be represented by two delegates, each having one vote. No proxy voting allowed. Only T.O.'s which have paid affiliation fees in full are entitled to vote.
- (b) Non-voting observers from the T.O.'s may also attend Congress by invitation.
- (c) The Hon. President of the E.M.C. shall, whenever possible preside over Congress.
- (d) To convene Congress, 3 month notice in writing shall be given by the EMC requesting each member of the Executive and each T.O. to submit resolutions, nominations and points for inclusion in the Agenda. Such information to reach the EMC within one month of the date of the notice. The notice convening Congress shall specify the place, date and time. Six weeks prior to Congress, the Agenda, resolutions and nominations shall be circulated to members of the Executive and the T.O.'s. Non-receipt of such notices shall not invalidate Congress proceedings.
- (e) The EMC Executive may convene an Extraordinary Congress/Meeting if it thinks fit, or if it is requested by at least eight T.O.'s affiliated to the EMC, subject to the foregoing terms and conditions.
- (f) A Congress can only be held if a minimum of one half of the Executive, together with one half of the affiliated T.O.'s are represented.

- (g) A quorum is constituted providing one half of the Executive, together with one half of the accredited delegates attending Congress are present.
- (h) For ordinary decisions of Congress a numerical majority will suffice. The presiding Chairman in the event of a tie will have an additional /casting vote.

7. POWER OF CONGRESS OF THE E.M.C.

- (a) To elect: an Executive consisting of the following Hon. Officers-Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Hon Sports Director, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Educational and years. At the end of this period he/she may offer himself/herself for re-election for a consecutively i.e. eight years but no Chairman should serve more than two terms by Congress for a period of two years or till the next Congress whichever is the election of the Executive 2/3d of the Executive and accredited delegates must cast their vote. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes is duly elected.
- (b) To grant affiliation to T.O.'s where a Maccabi Club or Clubs operate or withdraw such affiliation in the event of the T.O.'s not pursuing activities consistent with the Council's accepted policy.
- (c) To promote and to decide upon inter-territorial activities of a sports, cultural, educational and social nature.
- (d) To appoint an Hon. President and Hon. Vice- Presidents all of whom shall have full voting rights and automatically be members of the EMC Executive. Only Congress can remove an Hon. President or Hon. Vice- President(s) from office.
- (e) To elect a Court of Honour consisting of no more than five persons of which a minimum of two should be Executive members.
- (f) To amend or to alter the Constitution. A minimum of 2/3 ™ of the Executive and accredited delegates present must cast their vote in approval of any such amendments or alterations.

8. POWERS OF EXECUTIVE.

- (a) To co-opt a further number of Executive members according to the Executive's needs and at their sole discretion. Co-opted members shall remain on the Executive until the next (E.M.C.) Congress when they automatically stand down. Co-opted members can only be appointed or re-appointed by the (incoming) Executive at their first or subsequent meeting(s).
- (b) To co-opt at the sole discretion of the (incoming) Executive the immediate past Chairman. If co-opted he/she shall remain on the Executive until the term of Office of his/her successor terminates.
- (c) All the members of the Executive i.e. the Hon. Officers and the co-opted members shall at all times have full voting rights. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have an additional/ casting vote.
- (d) All the members of the Executive as in 8(c) shall have the power to submit resolutions, nominations, etc. as per 6(d).

- (e) Other than the European Maccabi Games which is subject to approval by Congress the Executive has the sole power to appoint willing and suitable organisers to plan all at least three teams participate and all such competitions including the organisation must be approved by the Executive.
- (f) The Executive can, at their sole discretion appoint a member(s) from the Executive to serve on the <u>local</u> Organising Committee for any European Competition or activity in order to monitor, supervise and assist with all the arrangements for the event(s) in question. The local Committee will accept full responsibility for all financial matters and absolve the EMC and its Executive members of any liability howsoever caused.

9. DUTIES AND TASKS OF EXECUTIVE.

- (a) By virtue of his office the Chairman of the Executive shall on his election and with immediate effect become Vice-Chairman of Maccabi World Union and as such maintain the Regional Confederations in other parts of the world. The Chairman shall keep the T.O.'s regularly informed.
- (b) The Vice Chairman will assist the Chairman in such capacity as the Chairman at his/her discretion shall decide.
- (c) The Hon. Secretary shall act as liaison officer between the Executive and the T.O.'s. He/she shall deal specifically with such assignment as are entrusted to him/her by the Chairman.
- (d) The Hon. Treasurer shall -
 - (1) deal with all matters pertaining to the collection of affiliation fees due by the T.O.'s to the E.M.C.
 - (2) use his/her best endeavours to give advice to the T.O.'s on matters relating to fund-raising and other financial matters.
 - (3) be responsible for maintaining full records, cash management and administration of funds etc.
 - (4) provide advice to the EMC prior to its taking on any financial commitments or obligations.
 - (5) automatically be part of any sub-committee which may be formed by the EMC relating to any financial matters including fund-raising.
- (e) The Hon. Sports Director shall -
 - (1) use his/her best endeavours to ensure that the European Maccabi Games are held every four years.
 - (2) plan European competitions between T.O.'s and/or Club teams in as many events as possible particularly in the years when there are neither Maccabiot nor European Maccabi Games.
- (f) In carrying out the aims and objects of the EMC the Executive shall co-operate with the T.O.'s in an endeavour to implement suitable programmes. Each member of the Executive whether elected or co-opted shall undertake any task which may be allocated to him/her from time to time by the Executive.

10. AUDIT.

The accounts of the EMC shall be audited by a competent auditor(s) elected at each biennial (EMC) Congress for the financial period ending 30st June each year.

11. WINDING UP.

The final decision to wind up the EMC shall be subject to a 2/3½ majority decision of the Executive and accredited delegates attending (EMC) Congress. In the case of an inadequate attendance, a further meeting shall be convened within 30 days at which one half of the Executive, together with one half of the potential delegates representing the T.O.'s shall constitute a quorum. The final decision shall be subject to a 2/3½ majority vote.

12. VALIDITY.

The Constitution will be valid from the Opening of (EMC) Congress in the year 1996 and shall be in English.

APPENDIX A.

As at the date of this Constitution, the following T.O.'s in Europe are fully affiliated to the E.M.C..: AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECHIA and SLOVAKIA, DENMARK, C.I.S., EIRE, ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GIBRALTAR, GREAT BRITAIN, GREECE, HOLLAND, HUNGARY, ITALY, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, NORWAY., POLAND, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND.



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