

Breakout Session 3 IAAF Governance

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How should IAAF decision and consultative institutional forums evolve?

Even though it sounds outdated and obvious, my opinion is that IAAF must go back to the basics, namely, stressing values, principles and good habits, this is, the Fundamental Principles of Olympism



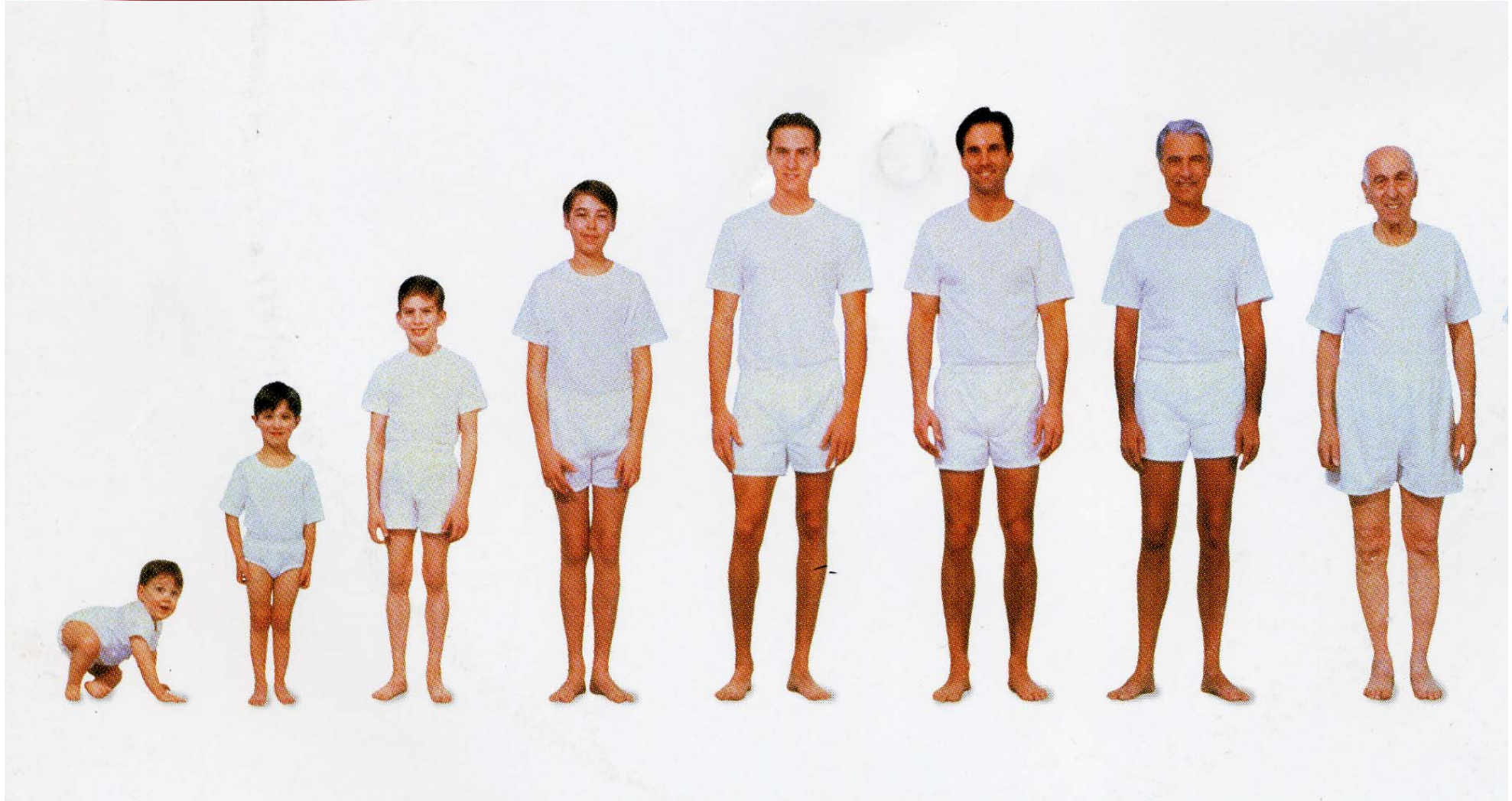
How can we ensure that the composition of our councils equally represents geographic, gender and athletic diversity, and is able to work efficiently?

The South American Federations

- Facing a new challenge to find harmony between traditions, modernization and development of Athletics within a globalized world
- Giving more time to listen to the grass root organisations at the municipal level, particularly in schools to include young opinion leaders in the council
- Reducing the number of members of the Council and eliminating inefficient commissions and/or committees



What are some ideas for structuring and managing current committees and commissions, in order to be as efficient as possible and interact with each other?



To face and transparent once and for all the taboo discussion on professional officials

- Athletes get paid, coaches get paid, doctors, kinesiologists and journalists get paid. However, officials do not. In modern Athletics, passion is not enough.
- Our federations cannot motivate new and well educated leaders because of the lack of any monetary compensation. High family, professional and economic prices are paid by decreasing idealists who want to take the challenge of being the only Pro Bono actors in this Sports-industry.



To defend the credibility of IAAF with a tougher stand on doping

The boys and girls out there, in the rural areas and shanty towns, to whom as a hope of social mobility we are offering a hard and complex road named “Athletics”, do not believe us when they realize that there is the possibility of a “cheater” at the next lane of the start.



To create a sound Programme of Young Leaders

- The generational relay at IAAF is not working in an efficient way. Young leaders have to be prepared to deal with the innovations in order to propose new public policies in the Sport.
- Likewise, to expect that medal winners make good leaders and efficient officials is not having good results. By enlarge, former top athletes are self-centred, selfish, do not have an interdisciplinary background and lack a generous vision of the sport.



The Generational Relay and Creative Dialogue

- *“It is fundamental that we fully understand that Athletics is no longer just about high performance, gold medals and records, but also about “sport for all” . (L. Diack, 2013)*
- Good Athletes and Good People with equal opportunities and efficient administrative procedures, along with stronger federations, will ensure IAAF a better Governance for the next years to come.



THANK YOU!