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To all WTBA member federations

Bowling World Open

World Bowling Tour Major event "Bowling World Open" has just been finished in Tokyo. The event is an important part of the promotion of our sport to be included in 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Great efforts have been done by Japan Bowling Congress together with their partners.

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Players from all around the world were invited to the event. Winners were Osku Palermaa, Finland and Joey Yeo, Singapore.

Osku won the final against Japan's Isao Yamamoto 248 – 224 and Singapore's Joey won women's final against Birgit Pöppler, Germany 207 – 204. Both winners received a 10 million Yen prize check (approx. 80.000 USD).

You find all results on http://www.jbc-bowling.or.jp/worldopen/?lang=en

Vote for bowling

The Wall Street Journal-Asia has instituted a poll through its blog section, allowing one to vote for one of the 8 Tokyo shortlist sports. Of course this poll is not decisive about our sport to be included in 2020 Tokyo Olympics but the result indicates the great interest for our sport compared to the other sports on the short list.

We recommend you to have a short notice with a link to the poll on your website encouraging your members to vote for bowling. Any efforts on your part to get your customers and members to vote for bowling would be greatly appreciated.

Visit <u>http://www.wsj.com/articles/BL-JRTB-20215</u> and vote for bowling in 2020 Olympics.

REMINDER - 2015 World Senior Championships

We have extended the time period to register to participate in 2015 WSrC to be held at Sam's Town, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA 23 – 30 August 2015. You can find all information about the championships on WSrC website www.2015wsrc.worldbowling.org/

If you have questions about 2015 WSrC email 2015worldsenior@worldbowling.org





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2015 World Women Championships (WWC)

2015 WWC will be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE December 5 – 14, 2015.

2015 WWC Bulletin 1 was sent out April 7 and is available on www.worldbowling.org/events/championships and on 2015 WWC website www.worldbowling.org/events/championships and

FIQ Congress will be held December 15 (in the morning) WTBA Congress will be held December 15 (afternoon) + December 16, 2015.

Questions about the championship contact <u>2015WWC@worldbowling.org</u> For all questions about room reservations please contact the Centro Capital Centre directly <u>groups.ccc@rotana.com</u>

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Next WTBA Executive Board meeting

Next WTBA Executive Board meeting will be held August 4 -5, 2015 in London, England. Because of a presentation of the shortlisted sports in Tokyo on August 8 we had to change dates and site for the meeting.

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