

SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT

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136th IOC SESSION

TOKYO 2020: RE-PLANIFICATION OF ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM AND COORDINATION OF PRE-GAMES TESTING ACTIVITIES

As a result of the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games, the ITA is adapting its anti-doping program for a delivery in 2021. The risk assessment and test distribution plan will be updated in order to coordinate the program according to the new timeframe, as are the pre-Games testing activities. The work on the coordination of pre-Games testing recommendations to all anti-doping organisations worldwide delivered by the ITA Tokyo 2020 Pre-Games Expert Group resumes at the end of the summer. The group will start issuing targeted recommendations in autumn.

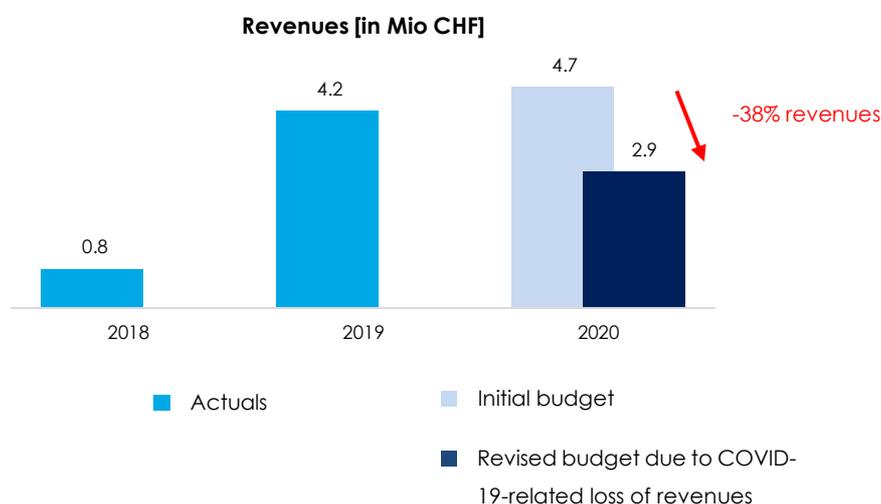
CONSEQUENCES OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In the absence of testing activities during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, out-of-competition sample collection dropped by an average of 63.2% and in-competition tests by up to 100% between March and June 2020. Doping controls were carried out whenever and wherever possible while prioritising the health of athletes and the anti-doping workforce. Despite the drop in sample collection missions, the ITA maintained all other anti-doping activities and services for its partners throughout the lockdown. The ITA has issued specific guidelines on increased sanitary precautions to protect the health of athletes and the anti-doping workforce and is prepared to work at over-capacity throughout the summer in order to intelligently carry out planned and rescheduled tests.

SHIFT TO ONLINE EDUCATION

Event-based education was shifted to a series of live webinars that saw a huge attendance with over 2700 participants. The webinars covered the anti-doping landscape, the doping collection process, values, rights & responsibilities, medications, supplements, Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) and the Prohibited List, the Registered Testing Pool, whereabouts and ADAMS. Next to experts on the various topics, each episode featured an athlete guest in order to put forward their perspective.

FINANCIAL FORECAST



THE UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE (UCI) JOINS FORCES WITH THE ITA

At its meetings of January and June 2020, the UCI Management Committee has unanimously approved the delegation of the administration of its anti-doping program to the ITA. As of January 2021, the ITA will therefore manage UCI's anti-doping program through a dedicated ITA Cycling Unit composed of 14 experts currently working at the Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation (CADF).

LONDON 2012 RE-ANALYSIS PROGRAM

The ITA has just finalised the 2012 London Games re-analysis program that saw more than 1,874 urine samples re-analysed pursuant to the ITA's assessment and strategy, which brings up the total percentage of samples collected during the 2012 London Games and re-analysed at more than 67% (since the program was first launched by the IOC before being transferred to the ITA end of 2018). More than 80 Anti-Doping Rule Violations were uncovered; 34 of which have been handled by the ITA, amongst which 13 are currently underway.

LONG-TERM STORAGE FACILITY

The ITA has finalised the installment of a centralised, secured facility for the long-term storage of anti-doping samples. All samples collected during the Tokyo 2020 Games will be stored in this facility. With the financial support of the IOC, all Anti-Doping Organisations will be invited to store in this facility samples collected from qualified athletes prior to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Long-term storage will also be proposed to other Anti-Doping Organisations from September 2020 onwards.

“OPERATION LIMS”

WADA handed over 50 athlete files to the ITA in the framework of “Operation LIMS” that probes into doping in Russian sport. The ITA is currently reviewing the evidence with a view of determining whether the case file is sufficient to bring forward ADRVs.

ARD “SECRET DOPING – THE LORD OF THE LIFTERS” FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION

Since the release of the documentary in January 2020, the ITA has been acting on behalf of both the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”) and the International Weightlifting Federation (“IWF”) as both entities have delegated the investigation and results management of potential Anti-Doping Rule Violations (“ADRVs”) to the ITA. In the scope of our investigation (including the matter of Rattikan Gulnoi), the ITA carried out the following investigative steps: re-analysis of samples, review of documentation and evidence, gathering of corroborative scientific evidence, collaboration with the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”) to collect further intelligence. On 21 June 2020, the ITA delivered its report on the findings of its

investigation to the IOC Disciplinary Commission (“IOC DC”). Insofar as the IOC DC has since agreed with the ITA’s conclusion that the case of Rattikan Gulnoi should only be prosecuted as per the IWF Anti-Doping Rules, the ITA is pursuing its work on behalf of the IWF, including the processing of “old” ADRVs uncovered by the McLaren Team and in particular two cases which could potentially affect the Olympic Games. The ITA will keep the IOC abreast of the developments and conclusions related to the IOC, if any.

IDCO TRAINING & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



The ITA has developed and launched in July the International Doping Control Officer (IDCO) Training & Certification Program. The ITA IDCO Training Program aims to offer athletes of the world the guarantee that wherever they are tested and whatever sport they compete in, the doping controls they are subject to are conducted safely, respectfully and with trained professionals. ITA Certified IDCOs will be trusted experts in the professional, operational and World Anti-Doping Code compliance aspects required to deliver out-of-competition and in-competition testing programs at international sporting events. In the future, it is ITA’s vision that only ITA-Certified IDCOs will collect samples at the Olympic Games and International Federations’ events.

BROAD ECHO FROM NADOs

A week only after the launch of the IDCO Training Program, over 30 NADOs worldwide have contacted the ITA to sign-up to the program and have their DCOs obtain the ITA Certification.

LAUSANNE 2020 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM

The final report of the ITA Anti-Doping Program for Lausanne 2020 was submitted to the IOC in the end of April 2020. The ITA was in charge of the comprehensive anti-doping program with 54 Out-Of-Competition and 110 In-Competition tests conducted during the event. New paperless solutions were implemented for the first time, showing potential to be further used for Tokyo 2020 and other Major Games. All collected samples were analysed by the Swiss Laboratory for Doping Analyses in Lausanne, the results were reported accurately and within the agreed processing timeframes. No Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) were reported.

FOCUS ON EDUCATION



The ITA put strong emphasis on education during Lausanne 2020 and delivered an interactive learning workshop on the doping control process called the “Real Sport Lab”. Of the participating athletes, over 90% rated that the learning experience was giving them valuable information, over 85% agreed that they felt more comfortable with the doping control process after the workshop, as an ITA-led survey shows.

COMPLIANCE SUPPORT TO GAISF MEMBERS

The ITA is currently carrying out significant work in supporting International Federations, including both ITA existing partners and others, in the adoption of the 2021 World-Anti Doping Code and the amendment of their respective anti-doping rules. To that end, the ITA joined forces with Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and signed a Memorandum of Understanding, whereby the ITA undertook to provide free-of-charge support to all GAISF’s Member Federations. At present, more than 60 International Federations have actively requested the support of ITA, including 70% of the ASOIF’s Member Federations and 42% of the AIOWF’s Member Federations.