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## Organizational structure and basic functions of international convention «SportAccord» activity

**Abstract. Purpose:** to define and determine the basic functions of International convention «SportAccord» activity within the framework of international sport movement. **Materials and Methods:** 21 literary sources have been analyzed. **Results:** International convention «SportAccord» is a nongovernmental sport organization, which unites supports, coordinates and protects international sport federations and organizations in the international sport movement. «SportAccord» does its activities in accordance with United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1296 (XLIV), provisions of the International Olympic Charter and Code of Ethics, grounding on World Anti-Doping Code. The president is the head of administrative office, with the departments and board of executive body under control. General Assembly is the supreme authority, which carries out the range of basic tasks and grants authority to the management of «SportAccord» and its members for them to fulfill general and special functions. **Conclusions:** the International convention «SportAccord» activity is aimed at carrying out tasks by fulfilling general and special functions on the basis of international and internal legal documents.

**Keywords:** international, convention, SportAccord, structure, tasks, activity, functions.

**Introduction.** The intensive development of sport promoted the formation of various international sports organizations at the end of the XIX and at the beginning of the XX centuries which provided the management, created subsoil for the distribution of sports ideology and formation of the system of competitions. It is possible to carry to one of the first sports organizations: International Federation of Gymnastics (1881), International federation of rowing societies (1892), International federation of bowling (1895), International federation of cyclists (1900), and others. Bureau of international sports federations which changed and formed depending on the development of sport in the international sports movement eventually was created for merger of sports federations.

The analysis of scientifically methodical literature allows claiming that features of the activity of IOC [2; 16], International Paralympic Committee and International committee of sport of deafs were opened [1], characteristic of the activity of the international organizations was assign which provide «Sport for all» [6] and «The special Olympic Games» [15]. However for today historical aspects remain not opened, features of the structure and the main functions of the activity of the International convention «SportAkkord» in the international sports movement weren't defined. Thus, for today there is actual a studying of the matter which is caused by several factors: first – the general characteristic of the Convention was provided [17]; secondly – problems of Non-Olympic sport concerning its management [11 were noted; 18]; thirdly - it is connected with the improvement of the system of training of specialists on sport in the system HEI by opening a specialization «Professional and Non-Olympic sport» [3; 12] and the introduction of a discipline «The general bases of Non-Olympic sport» which is directed on the formation of the system of knowledge from the structure and the main activities of International sports organizations that provide the management of Non-Olympic sport in the international sports movement, first of all the International convention SportAkkord [3].

**The communication of the research with scientific programs, plans, subjects.** The research is carried out according to a subject 2.6 «Theoretic-methodical bases of the improvement of the training process and the competitive activity in the structure of long-term training of sportsmen» of the Built plan of the RW in the sphere of physical culture and sport for 2011-2015 and the direction of the research of Dnepropetrovsk state institute of physical culture and sport by the subject «Historical, organizational and legal aspects and theoretic-methodical principles of Non-Olympic sport in Ukraine and on the World space».

**The objective of the research:** to define and to open the main functions of the activity of the International convention «SportAkkord» in the international sports movement.

**Material and methods of the research:** method of the analysis of scientifically methodical literature and programmatically standard materials, Internet resources, historically typological and system methods.

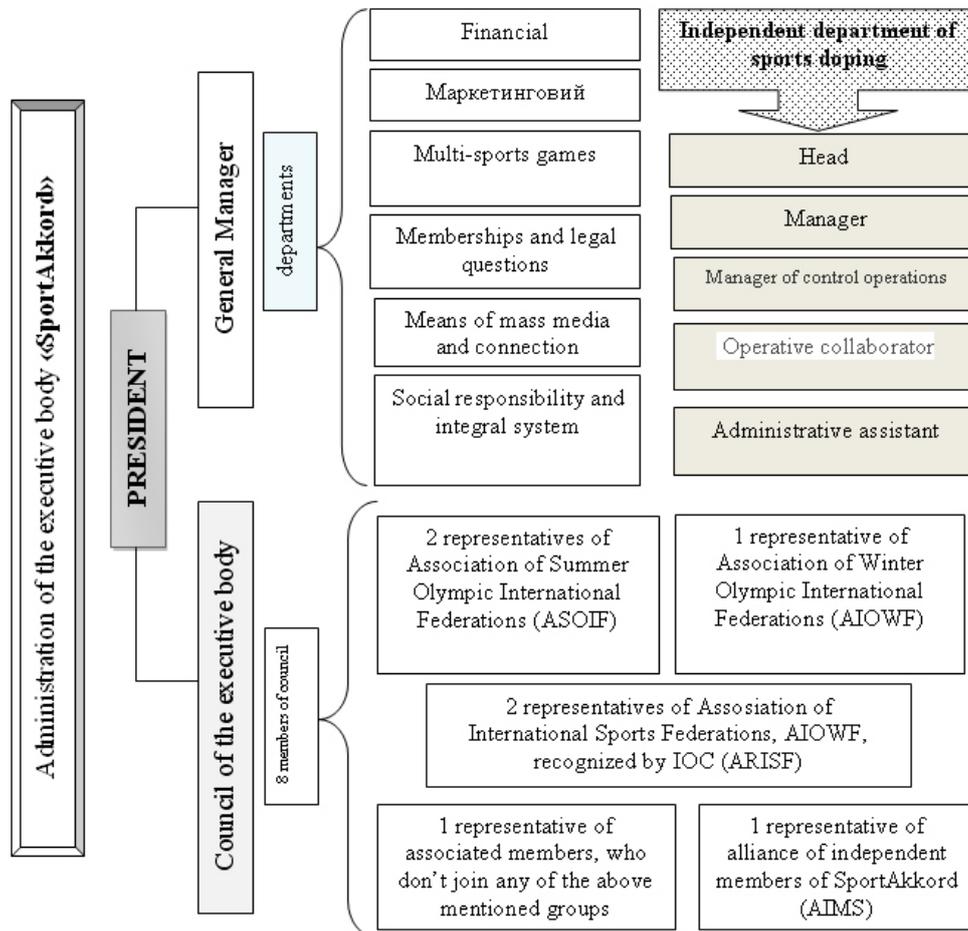
**Results of the research and their discussion.** The revival of the Olympic Games and the formation of the Olympic program brought to the formation in 1921. The bureau of the international sports federations under the leadership of Pavel Russo who for that time fulfilled the duties of the general secretary of the International council of cyclists. The bureau throughout rather long period acted as a link which connected IOC and sports federations. The decision concerning the expansion of their activity and communications between the different international sports organizations, first of all Non-Olympic, and concerning the change of the name on *General Association of International Sports Federations, GAISF* was made as a part of representatives of 26 international federations in April in 1967 in Lozan which finally was created only in 1976. The historical event can be considered that since 2003 in cooperation with *Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, ASOIF* and *International Olympic Winter Sports Federations, AIOWF* the decision on carrying out conventions of Association was made. So, the first convention happened in a format of meetings within 6 days, and on it more than 1500 leading representatives of different sports federations, associations and organizations were present.

In 2009 in March the General association of the international sports federations officially received the name *SportAccord International Convention*, this decision was made at the meeting of the VII International convention «SportAkkord» in Denver, and in 2009 in April its main office of management settled down in Lozan (Switzerland) in «The international house of sport».

The international convention «SportAkkord» is non-governmental organization which mission is association, support and providing the opportunity of the development to the international sports federations and organizations, thus to carry out

coordination and protection of them for the solution of common aims and interests, support in communication and cooperation between members of convention, and also other sports organizations of different level. For this time "Sportakkord" is a part 92 international Olympic and Non-Olympic sports federations, 16 sports international associations.

The internal and external activity of SportAkkord is carried out by departments and a council of the executive body [20] which is headed by the president, carrying out the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations 1296 (XLIV) of May 23 in 1968. "Actions of consultations with non-governmental organizations", (pic. 1) holding the basic principles of the International Olympic Charter, provisions of the Statute of "SportAkkord".



**Pic. 1. The structure of the administrative body of the International convention «SportAkkord»**

The Supreme body "SportAkkord" is the General assembly which is carried out annually within the International convention "SportAkkord" and has a number of duties: to accept and to change the Statute and directives; to approve protocols of meetings; to recognize, to stop and to exclude from the membership of association; to elect the president; to appoint independent auditors; to approve the budget and financial statements; to set quantitative restrictions of participants for members of association; to provide offers concerning an assignment of honorary titles for merits before "SportAkkord"; to carry out certain competences concerning regulation of the activity of members according to directives which are stated in the Statute "SportAkkord" [20].

The activity "SportAkkord" is caused by the performance of ranks of the general [7; 13] and special [8; 9] functions which are connected with the solution of certain tasks not only by Convention, but also its members, first of all it:

- the development of the international sports movement;
- the adoption of the International Olympic Charter and the implementation of the World anti-doping code, namely the implementation of anti-doping rules and active participation in a fight against a dope;
- taking measures concerning the participation of women and persons who have a restriction for health reasons; a support of the principles "Sport for all";
- the care about health and safety of sportsmen;
- the ensuring of the high level of refereeing and rules of competitions;
- the development of programs and organization of multi-sports games and different sporting events;
- taking measures concerning the protection of sportsmen and the environment against corruption, illegal trade, fraud and other illegal actions connected with sport [19; 21].

Providing support and financial aid in the organization and carrying out sports competitions of different level, such as Olympic, Paralympic, Deaflympics, the World and other games (tab. 1), and also the World Cups on kinds of sports, festivals and splashes is one of the main special functions of the activity of SportAkkord together with the associable sports organizations.

Table 1

## Sporting events which are held with support and under patronage "SportAkkord"

Sporting event	The sports organization which is responsible for the organization and holding a sporting event
Games of Olympiads and the Olympic Games	International Olympic Committee
The Deaflympics games	International committee of sport of deafs
The Paralympic games	International Paralympic Committee
The Special Olympic Games	Special Olympic movement
The World games	International association of the World games
The World games of veterans of sport	International association of veterans of sport
The World games among the military personnel	International union of military sport
The World intellectual games	International association of intellectual sport
Games of the commonwealth	Federation of games of the commonwealth
Mediterranean games	International committee of the Mediterranean games
The international sports competitions and competitions on different types of sports disciplines and competitions between pupils	International sports federation of school sport
World student's Universiades	International federation of student's sport
The World sports	International confederation of working and amateur sport

The rapid development of the modern sports movement, the intensification of processes of globalization of Non-Olympic sport, created prerequisites for the organization and carrying out a series of multi-competitions under the aegis of «SportAkkord», such as «The world games of single combats», «The world intellectual games», and further «The world artistic games», «The world beach games», «The world street games» [4; 5; 10; 20].

The Convention closely cooperates with *Council of Europe, European Union, World Lotteries Association, Sportsmen World Foundation*), *International Association For Sports And Leisure Facilities, European Lotteries*, and also with the organizations "Beyond Sport", "Peace and Sport" and "Women Win" for the performance of special functions concerning cooperation and association of the activity of the organizations for the sport benefit which resolve the different issues connected with the development of sport and its support, protection of sportsmen, material support and construction of sports constructions, support of the world in the world through sport and so forth.

Interaction of Convention with *Federation Internationale De Chiropratique Du Sport, FICS* solves a task from health protection of sportsmen, providing the theoretical and practical help in education, carrying out scientific researches, creation of national councils and training of specialists in the branch of sports chiropractic.

"SportAkkord" cooperates with *Panathlon International, PI* for the distribution and protection of values of sport, solidarity between people and the peoples from the point of view of ethical and cultural standards.

The specific communicative function of SportAkkord is very important which is connected with providing the international information field concerning the development of sport and the sports movement through the magazine – "Sport Business", mass media – "Sports Features Communications", television agency, – "IEC in Sports" and *European Broadcasting Union*.

One of the specific functions of the Convention is the accreditation of sports federations, recognitions of the sports organizations and sports, the international sports movement. This function consists at the performance of procedure of granting a legal aid in preparation of documentary materials on accreditation and control of the accredited federations with the observance by them the International Olympic Charter, the Anti-doping code, the Code of etiquette and other legal documents.

Except the above noted specific functions, the Convention carries out the auction concerning holding sporting events of different level under the auspices of the organization, fixes the international unity; carries out the guarding activity of rather legal sanctions; carries out the promotion of the international sports movement; expands geography of the development of Non-Olympic sports on different continents of the world; promotes the improvement of the system of rules on the organization and competitions of new sports and so forth.

**Conclusion.** The international convention "SportAkkord" unites and coordinates the activity of the international sports federations and sports international associations, carries out the support and gives them opportunities of the development in the international sports movement.

"SportAkkord" carries out a number of the general functions which are connected with: planning, organization, coordination, control, regulation, financial and economic activity, account, performance of actions on stimulation and activation of the work. Except the general functions, also special functions, first of all are carried out on: organizations and carrying out the international competitions; implementation of the auction concerning holding sporting events of different level under the auspices of the organization; preparation and carrying out accreditation (recognition) sports associations

(federations, associations, confederations); informing through communications (the international information support); ensuring integration (association) and the international sports relations between sports and other organizations at the international and national levels for the purpose of strengthening of international unity; performance of guarding activity of rather legal sanctions; distribution of promotion of the international sports movement; expansions and developments of Non-Olympic sports; improvement of the system of rules on the organization and competitions of new sports; granting a legal aid on recognition of the sports organizations and sports by the international sports movement and so forth.

**Prospects of the subsequent research** consist in the analysis and studying of features of the management of Non-Olympic sport at the level of the statehood of the leading countries.

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