

Dear Regional Directors, Recently I have announced my candidacy for the presidency of the International Practical Shooting Confederation. In this document, I will give you additional information on my vision and my team. We have a great international sport. IPSC is about shooting skills, but also about physical fitness, mental focus and stage planning. It can be practiced by men and women, younger and older, from a recreational up to a professional level. All people can participate in the same matches, which is unique for IPSC, making it a truly inclusive community. Our sport has been growing rapidly, especially over the past decade. We have welcomed many new regions from all continents, existing regions have grown and international match participation is at all-time high.

My vision is to preserve all the great aspects of the sport we all love, while modernizing the organizational structure by introducing contemporary governance methods. In other words, I promise you to work to protect what we have and at the same time strive for modernization. An example of modernization is that an international organization of this size cannot be run by volunteers alone. An office with staff members employed on a full-time basis will be necessary to govern the sport and to support the regions. Another example is that IPSC has been working on becoming a member of the international sports federation GAISF (formerly Sport Accord) and we will continue to work on this in the future. GAISF-membership would mean international recognition for IPSC as a sport, which would strengthen our position on a national and international level. Another example is that our constitution needs modernization to suit the challenges of today and the vast international growth of our sport. This task will be started as soon as possible within a new formed Presidential Council. All continents must be represented in this council. Especially from Asia, Africa and North and Latin America there must be members who can represent their Regional Area. Finally, I believe it is important to consider modernizing internal governance, processes and increased transparency. This will create improvements for all continents. It should be noted that our sport faces a challenge of a magnitude almost never seen before, in the form of the implementation of the European EU firearms directive. To meet this challenge, we need to convince politicians to keep shooting sports free from unreasonable new regulations. If we fail in Europe, where a large part of IPSC activity is concentrated, it will have ramifications for our sport worldwide. If we succeed, we will continue to prosper in all regions. To run the organization successfully the president needs the support from many officials and members. This support had been offered to me by many people, who support my candidacy. For example, all the current Executive Council told me that they willing to help me to run the organization. Therefore, I will name now only a few that will certainly be on my team, each bringing their own expertise in different fields: Friedrich Geppert (Germany) has over 25 years of experience from highest level in national and international shooting federations. He will be my Vice President and General Secretary. Sasja Barentsen (The Netherlands) just acquired a Master's degree in Sports Management. He will be appointed Secretary and run the office full time as Secretary General.

Roland Dahlman (Sweden) has over 20 years of professional expertise in finance. He will be Treasurer. Dino Evangelinos (Canada) will stay on as IROA President. Not only do they have strong integrity and excellent reputations within both the IPSC community and their professional fields, they also have strong political networks. Fritz, Sasja and Roland have worked very hard and successfully the last year with the EU Firearms directive and they will, as members of the Executive Counsel, be in an even stronger position to continue the

important work ahead while Europe is implementing the new gun laws. I can promise they are very committed to the future of IPSC and I believe a strong political base in Europe is imperative for our sport's long term international future. I am ready to take on the responsibility to lead IPSC and will work hard to achieve the best for every Region. I sincerely hope for your support and would be honoured to get your vote in the upcoming elections.

Yours faithfully, Vitaly Kryuchin

"Two months ago, I graduated with a Master Degree in Sports Management at the Johan Cruyff Institute in Amsterdam. Applying tested and proven techniques for managing and lifting IPSC to a modern level is what interests me. I fully endorse Vitaly and look forward to working full time for our sport's future."

Sasja Barentsen, Regional Director for The Netherlands

"In 2005 I found IPSC and was instantly hooked. I have worked in the financial industry for 20 years and I will do my best to help evolve the internal governance to a modern level. I was deeply humbled and very honored when Vitaly asked me to run with him in his team. I will gladly help and I fully endorse Vitaly."

Roland Dahlman, Regional Director for Sweden

"My experience as President of /ROA has given me visions about what our sport needs for the future. Through the /ROA Academy your NROI will get more support to make sure that all of your Officials are equally trained to the highest standard. I'm very confident that when Vitaly is elected all necessary modernization will be implemented. I therefore fully endorse Vitaly to be the next President of /PSC"

Dino Evangelinos I ROA President

"Ever since the beginning of July this year, when I renounced my candidacy for IPSC President, I have had an understanding with Vitaly to run as part of his team. I will do my very best to help modernizing the organization while keeping all that we treasure about IPSC intact. I fully endorse Vitaly."

Friedrich Gepperth Regional Director for Germany