



## Dear Observer at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the WGA in Hodrusa-Hamre

Meeting took place 9th August 2018 at Salamandra Resort, Hodrusa-Hamre, Slovakia

Thank you for your interest to attend WGA's Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Hopefully the meeting was pleasant and answered your expectations.

### *As the Summary from the AGM:*

- *President of the WGA Arturo Ramella welcomed all attendees at the meeting. He stated that this is his last president's report to the Annual General meeting of his 9 years long mandate. He pointed out that this is an important meeting, where many new members are elected to the Board of the WGA. Especially he emphasized the importance of the young representative's presence at the meeting as observers for the future of the WGA. As well as, he presented to representatives of New Zealand a common wish to see soon their nation as a new member of the WGA. President thanked also hosting nation, Slovakia, for all arrangements of this meeting and well-organized World Gold Panning Championships' event.*

*The Spring Board Meeting (SBM) was held in connection to Polish Championships 25.5.2018 in Zlotoryja, Poland.*

*The amendments of the Competition Rules were significant and because of the extensiveness of the issue a working group was appointed:*

*Composition of the working group:*

<i>Frank Hartmann (chairperson)</i>	<i>Board</i>
<i>Esko Orava</i>	<i>Competition Committee</i>
<i>Ruurd van Wijhe</i>	<i>Proposals/Competitors</i>

*The Board made a decision to support Polish Association to implement their project for school children with the sum of 1000€.*

*Representatives from Bulgaria presented themselves to the Board and expressed their interest in joining to the WGA.*

*In addition, SBM handled coming elections of the Board Members and discussed ways to how to support young panners and get families in the WGA's activities.*

- *The Treasurer **Eija Orava** presented Financial Statements and Budgets.*
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- *The Vice-President **Jiri Dunovsky** presented Communication Committee report.*
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- *The Chairperson of the Competition Committee **Esko Orava** presented Communication Committee Report and the summary of the last year's World Championships in Moffat Scotland.*
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- *No bids to host future European and World Championships were received.*

- *Four members of the Board were elected.*

*Arturo Ramella, Italy, had served in the post of the President maximum time of three terms and Eija Orava, Finland, as the Treasurer both of her terms.*

*Candidates to the post of the President were **Frenk Hink, Netherlands** and **Sanjay Singh, South Africa***

***Sanjay Singh** was elected as the new President of the WGA for the 4-year term.*

*Candidates to the post of the Vice-President were **Jiri Dunovsky, Czech Republic** and **Jaroslav Dudkiewicz, Poland***

***Jiri Dunovsky** was re-elected as the Vice-President of the WGA for the second 3-year term.*

***Daniela Múčková, Slovakia** was elected as the new Treasurer of the WGA for the 3-year term*

***Frank Hartmann, Germany** was re-elected as the Member of the Board of the WGA for the second 3-year term*

- ***Zdzislaw Herba, Poland,** presented the project to school children carried out by the Polish association PBKZ, on the basis of which 40 young people had an opportunity to travel to Hodrusa-Hamre, Slovakia, World Gold Panning Championships.*

*President Arturo Ramella thanked **Cesar Castaño, Spain,** for the magnificent prize trophy he produced for the Family category.*

*President of the Slovakian Association **Frantisek Verbich** wanted to remember all Board Members, both old and new, by handing them over a special silver edition badge of the Slovakian Championships.*

***To the representatives of the nations which are not the members of WGA:***

*the Board of WGA sincerely wish you to consider your country of joining to WGA as a new member and warmly welcomes your people to our global association and goldpanners society. Current Membership Fee is not high , 60-150€ per year, depending on the number of your country's participants in the two previous year's World Goldpanning Championships.*

*If you are interested, please contact in the name of your Nation's goldpanners (Association, Club, Federation, Team) to the president of the WGA Sanjay Singh by email; [president@w-g-a.net](mailto:president@w-g-a.net).*

*World Gold panning Association, WGA, is politically and religiously neutral international network of national gold panning clubs. Membership of the WGA is open to the Nations.*

*the Aim is to promote gold panning and prospecting in spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without any discrimination as to politics, gender, religion or race. To promote and oversee international gold panning competitions. To develop and maintain contacts and co-operations between WGA and other organizations.*

Best regards

On behalf of the Board of the WGA

***Raimo Repola***

Secretary of the WGA