



FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

“ Justice in sport was the guiding light for so many of Bruno Grandi’s actions. Just like him, I am striving for fairness in judges’ evaluations. Nothing is more intolerable for an athlete than the feeling that they have been robbed of a medal. Mistakes and favouritism are not acceptable in a judged sport. I am going to continue Bruno’s work in making sure that the potential for human error is minimised. The Japanese group Fujitsu has been developing technology which will calculate the difficulty score of a routine in real time. My aim is to introduce this system at FIG competitions as soon as we can. This kind of technology will be instrumental in limiting scoring controversies.”



“MY AMBITION IS TO MAKE GYMNASTICS THE KING OF SPORTS”

ATTRACT SPONSORS

“ We should work to create a virtuous circle by raising the marketable value of our competitions. This starts with the organisation of events which are easy for everyone – not just specialists – to follow. High quality events like the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Glasgow, which were innovative in the way they presented the competition and transformed the field of play into a stage, will enable us to gain more fans and media coverage, and therefore attract the interest of sponsors. More sponsors means more money, and with more money, we can continue to organise world-class events, and so on. I firmly believe Gymnastics has the potential to significantly increase its number of sponsors. It is a major sport in the Summer Olympic Games programme, and we should work to convince some of the many sponsors of the next Games to become FIG partners too.”

BROADEN THE GYMNASTICS BASE

“ Everybody can do Gymnastics and take pleasure in the activity, regardless of their age, ability or background in the sport. We have been focused on children, but we can and should be targeting every age group. For example, seniors can practise the sport, which, moreover, is actually recommended for them to remain healthy, physically and mentally. This is not the case with all sports. Encouraging people to get involved in Gymnastics for All is one of the ways we can extend our base.”

FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT

“ During the past two years I have visited more than 100 countries. I have heard what the essential needs are in those countries where sport is underdeveloped, as well as the expectations of Gymnastics’ powerhouse nations. It has given me a clear vision of what needs to be done. For me, the FIG should be like a family, where the father takes care of each of his children, whether they be already fully mature or still young. We will create a customised development plan for each continent, from the weaker regions of the sport to the strongest countries in the world.”

BE INNOVATIVE

“ There are many paths to explore in order to broaden our scope and create new value. One of them is to introduce World Junior Championships, which are already held in other major sports. We have also witnessed an outdoor sports revolution in the past few years, so why not be part of this new wave by creating programmes for “Beach Gym” or “Outdoor Gymnastics?”

ACTIVE PRESENCE AT THE IOC

“ Unlike other major Olympic sports, Gymnastics has not had an International Olympic Committee member since 2004, the year Bruno Grandi was forced to withdraw because of the age limit imposed by the IOC. Among the IOC members, there are 15 places reserved for representatives of the International Federations and 15 for athletes. These places are much sought after, but we should explore the opportunity of IOC representation so that the needs of Gymnastics will be better heard within the organisation.”