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Dear Assembly,

After the significant struggles last year within AIDA and the changes this year with the new AIDA Executive Board, the AIDA Board is now addressing outstanding issues. One of these issues are the apparent conflicts of interest around the 'Ruler of the Deep' competition in Sharm el Sheikh (25...27 September 2009) where Natalia Molchanova set 2 World Records. There were requests for an investigation shortly after the event, but the creation of a new Executive Board and saving AIDA International had a higher priority, and this investigation was delayed.

However, in the past months a group of 6 high-level judges/lawyers (names listed below) reviewed the competition status, validity of the records and other related circumstances. The result of their work is attached for your review. After debating this document and the events in the Executive Board and seeing its importance we agreed to take certain actions towards the organizer/AIDA National, the judges and the athletes in question. These actions were voted on at the Executive Board, and were approved without opposition.

The following measures will be taken;

AIDA Russia / organizer

- NONE
- remark; a general memo will be written to the Assembly lists explaining 'Conflict of interest'

President of the Jury (Bill Stromberg)

- 6 months suspension as Judge (1st of May 2010 to 1st of November 2010)
- 9 months suspension as Judge Instructor (1st of May 2010 to 1st of February 2011)
- 6 months probation time on all related issues (1st of November 2010 to 1st of May 2011)
- remark; during the 6 months suspension period it will not be allowed to work in or for a workgroup directly or indirectly working on or with the competition and record rules

Judges of the Jury

- NONE
- remark; a general memo will be written to the Judge-lists explaining 'Conflict of interest'

Athlete (Natalia Molchanova)

- both records will be removed as World Records
- remark; a general memo will be written to the Athlete-lists explaining 'Conflict of interest'

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As seen in the previous paragraph the actions will be effective as of this moment.

Kind regards,

[Pim Vermeulen](#)

In name of the AIDA International Executive Board

note; The Judge Consultant Group consists of;

- Pim Vermeulen (Aida Sports Officer)
- Robert King (Attorney, Aida judge level E)
- Dieter Baumann (Aida judge instructor)
- Panagiota Balanou (Aida judge level BD)
- Susan Kluytmans (former Aida secretary and Aida judge level C)
- Grant W Graves (Aida Vice President and Aida judge instructor)