

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



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KEEL, Lukas

SWITZERLAND

VITA

I am a 57-year-old passionate sportsman from Switzerland. I have been involved in sports since I was 6 years old. I started with Alpine skiing, then transitioned to cross-country skiing in winter. In summer, I was a semi-professional cyclist, competing both as a track rider and on the road.

I have over 20 years of business experience in the sports industry, primarily in the ski and ski wax sectors. During this time, I represented various brands as a manager and racing service member at several World Cups, World Championships, and Olympic Games, mostly in the biathlon and cross-country skiing disciplines.

For more than 3 years now, I have been responsible for the biathlon division at Swiss-Ski.

VISION

- The International Biathlon Union has experienced significant development for many years. Let's continue moving forward into a successful future together!
- Let's keep Biathlon as the most exciting and attractive leading winter sport.
- As a potential member of the IBU Technical Committee, I would have the opportunity to collaborate with future colleagues to develop our sport in an innovative, professional, modern, equal, and effective manner for all parties, including National Federations (NFs), athletes, fans, sponsors, partners, and the media.
- "If you stop getting better, you've stopped being good."

NOTE FROM THE IBU

As the Head of Biathlon for the Swiss Ski Federation, Mr Keel has management responsibility for a current Technical Committee member Sandra Flunger. Ms Flunger is an Austrian national and coach for the Swiss Team.



SZŐCS, Emőke

HUNGARY

VITA

I am 38 years old and a former biathlete who competed from 2002-2018 at all levels from the Youth and Junior World Championships to the World Cup, World Championships and the Olympic Games at 2014 Sochi.

I hold a Master's degree in Physical education and high-performance sport.

I am currently the Nordic Director at the Hungarian Ski Association. From 2018-2023 I served as the Head Coach for biathlon and from 2009-2014 as a Sport and physical education teacher at the Sport School of Miercurea Ciuc in Romania.

VISION

I have more than 20 years of experience in biathlon on different levels and in different roles, as an athlete, coach, event organiser, referee, and administrator. I've had the opportunity to participate in several IBU events as a referee for fluor control, gathering a lot of experience in this topic as well, all this despite the fact that I am a member of a small nation.

I believe that this valuable experience, and knowledge can contribute to the successful work of the Technical Committee, therefore I respectfully ask for your support.

NOTE FROM THE IBU

Ms Szőcs is employed by the IBU during the winter season as a Technical Official. A role for which she is remunerated.



TURUNEN, Kimmo

FINLAND

VITA

President of the Kontiolahti Sport Club (OC Kontiolahti) since 2018, Chief of Competition in numerous IBU World Cup events. 45 years old, married, two children.

Engineering background with extensive know-how in technology industrialisation, innovation management and development, and B2B marketing. University degrees in engineering (B Eng) and production technology (BASC).

Currently working in Sport Management: Planning and managing (sport) events, leading area managers to deliver world class events. Specialties in snow grooming, snow production and snow strategy.

Member of the IBU TD Group since 2022, licensed IBU International Referee since 2016. Member of the Board of the Finnish Biathlon Federation.

VISION

As a member of the IBU's Technical Committee, I would contribute my vast experience in event organisation and my knowledge of making competitions run smoothly, as well as providing the perspective of the Organising Committees into the decision-making to ensure that their concerns are considered in the development of the sport. I have a strong understanding of both competition rules and sport-technical details, which ensures high standards for athletes and spectators alike. Moreover, I am committed to sustainable practices and using eco-friendly solutions in event planning and operations to promote a greener and brighter future for the sport of biathlon.