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Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

On May 31, 2017 the ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation) will run elections to select its president for the next 4 years.

Mister Jean-Michel Saive, 47 years old, has announced that he will be candidate for the presidency of the ITTF. The other candidates are Thomas Weikert (Germany), current ITTF President, and Khalil Al-Mohannadi (Qatar), current ITTF Vice-President.

Jean-Michel Saive is a very legitimate and ideal candidate. He has an impressive sports career: nr. 1 in the world for 17 months, nr. 1 in Europe for 31 months, and 7 participations in the Olympic Games. This has given him a great knowledge of the realities faced by table tennis players. Put simply – he knows his sport inside-out!

As an elite athlete, Jean-Michel has created, around the world, a last name and a first name for himself which are synonymous with character, fighting spirit, achievement, performance, but also with friendship, smile and team spirit. Man of integrity and high values, he is highly respected by his competitors, athletes from other sports, and sports administrators.

In the recent years, Jean-Michel successfully built his transition to sports administration and management. His energy, creative ideas and leadership skills have allowed him to become President of the Athletes Commission and Board member of the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee (BOIC), President of the Athletes Commission and member of the Executive Board of the European Olympic Committees, and Technical Director of the Belgian Table Tennis League.

These assignments have built his network of influential people, and have given him a wide and deep experience of sports management.

His age gives him both the maturity to be respectful and to understand the power of evolution, and the indispensable youth to bring creative ideas to the table, to think outside the box, and to bring great energy to the tasks he assumes. He has a clear 11-point vision of what he wants to accomplish, he will be a doer and a pragmatist.

With Jean-Michel Saive, the ITTF finds an ideal candidate to lead the federation to an even greater future!

The BOIC is proud to support his candidacy and we wish him a fair and successful race. We would very much appreciate if you would consider to encourage your national table tennis federation to also support Jean-Michel Saive's candidacy.

Sincerely yours,

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President