



## EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (July 2024)

Dear boxing friends

Please excuse the missing EBU-News of June, 2024; I was just too busy. But now I am back again, and I have great news to tell you: We celebrated a great EBU-General Assembly 2024 in **Tbilisi (Georgia)**, hosted by the **Georgian Professional Boxing Union**, its President, Mr. **Giorgi Kandelaki**, its General Secretary, Mrs. **Khatuna Aronishidze** and all their helping friends. We all experienced Georgian hospitality coming from the heart. From the pick-up at the airport, the hotel amenities, the invitations for lunch and dinners, over the boardroom and the wonderful conference hall, the cheerful closing dinner with music, dance, tamada, excellent wine and wonderful food, until the company back to the airport for everybody, everything was done in a perfect and most hospitable way. This was the best EBU-General Assembly I ever attended, I will never forget it and I thank our Georgian hosts for their outstanding friendliness and friendship!

All our EBU-members agreed unanimously on the following decisions:

- The EBU will continue with its claim to offer the only true and correctly run European title for professional boxing and to have as its champion the best European professional boxer of each weight division. We will therefore not change our policy not to collaborate with other «Europe-titles» and not allow our Officials to work for other such titles.
- The provisional member **Turkish Professional Boxing Commission (President Mr. Suat Karlidag)** was accepted as full member of the EBU.
- The **Albanian Boxing Union (ABU)** will stay as provisional member and is invited to find a solution of collaboration with the **Albanian Boxing Federation** within one year.
- The **Lithuanian Professional Boxing Federation (President Mr. Romas Gudziauskas)** will, as provisional member for one year, replace the **Lithuanian Professional Boxing League**, which stayed inactive.
- For humanitarian reasons the EBU will continue not to allow Russian and Belorussian licensed boxers to fight for the EBU-title.
- **EBU-Male Champion of the Year 2023** is **Liam Davies (UK)**.
- **EBU-Female Enza Jacoponi Champions of the Year 2023** are ex-aequo **Sheila Martinez (Spain)** and **Laura Grzyb (Poland)**. This title will from now on be called **Enza Jacoponi EBU-Champion of the Year** in honour of our General Secretary.
- **EBU-Championship of the Year 2023** is the Heavyweight title-contest between **Agit Kabayel (GER)** and **Agron Smakici (CRO)**.
- **EBU-Promoter of the Year 2023** is Mr. **Gérard Teysseron (F, Europrom)**.
- The **autumn-EBU-Council-meeting 2024** will take place in **Rome (It)**.
- The EBU-General Assembly 2025 will take place in **Sarajevo (B+H)**, organized by our member **Bosnia-Herzegovina Pro Boxing Federation (President Mr. Zaïm Numanovic)**.
- The **EBU** is considering to set **minimal purses** for purse-bids regarding mandatory title contests.
- The **EBU appeals** to its members to **respect** the **EBU-agreement** and to not authorize boxers to fight, which are not licensed by their home Federation, except if there is a written agreement.

Please show responsibility and care for all boxers not only for those that are licensed with you!  
With my warmest personal regards

Peter Stucki, EBU-President