

Grußwort

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I'm Prof. Hanns-Michael Hölz and I'm the leader of the Supervisory Board of NADA. As a center of competence in anti-doping it is NADA's aim to fight for fair sports and clean performances. Therefore, NADA appreciates the efforts of the University of Freiburg to clarify the history of systematic doping practices of sports medicine. Only the disclosures of all facts can tackle doping problems seriously. It is my pleasure as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of NADA Germany to co-inaugurate the symposium and welcome all participants. I would like to thank the University of Freiburg and the director, Prof. Schiewer, for supporting the Evaluierungskommission and the same goes to you, Minister Bauer. As well, I would like to thank the organizers of the symposium, especially Prof. Paoli for all her efforts.

This symposium is a good platform to discuss doping efforts and affairs in sports medicine in Europe. I hope that we will come to some conclusions to improve anti-doping activities worldwide. After the problems in Freiburg in 2007 many questions and new aspects on doping have been coming up. Why do physicians dope athletes? Is it "organized irresponsibility" as Prof. Gerhard Treutlein is making the point? Sports medicine has an important role to play in the lead and amateur sports but it should concentrate to prevent athletes from injuries and to rehabilitate athletes. This means especially promotion of health and not support of new and higher performance. Sports medicine is not manipulation of athletes for better performances with doping substances and doping methods. Sports medicine with all its knowledge has to comply guidelines of sports with fundamental values of sports like fair competition, fairness, health, best practices and especially for the next generation. Sports medicine is not research on athletes by testing impacts and application rates of substances. Athletes should not be used as guinea pigs for medical research. Problems like in Freiburg can and should not happen again. Medical research and medical health in a regular framework it is in some aspects like the Chinese Wall which we have to establish between research and the fundamental functions of sports medicine. A compliance function and special corporate governance has to be installed to avoid doping by sports medicine.

Let me conclude with some remarks on the situation of the NADA in Germany. NADA Germany is an independent foundation and serves as a compliance organization in sports in Germany. NADA Germany stands for equal opportunities, fairness, tolerance and performance principles to help preserving the values of sports. Founded in 2002 as a center of expertise NA-

DA is carried by its three stakeholders: Politics, Sports and Civil Society. With its stakeholder model NADA is solely committed to fair and clean sports. NADA is outside of an institutional conflict of interest and NADA is now getting a new structure. Some kind of a third reform and this organized NADA by creating a real board of managing directors as the executive board now consisting of two members of sports. Dr. Andrea Gotzmann, who is here and will start as a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) this week for the professional management of NADA. This new structure is bringing quick decisions and the lead to further progress in the anti-doping efforts in Germany. Observing equal opportunities in fair competition is the top most goal of the NADA's measures. NADA fights for fair conditions in competitions worldwide and therefore demands for same conditions for doping controls for all participants in national and international competitions. I'm sure you, Richard Pound, as a founding president of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) will agree for the harmonization of the anti-doping activities worldwide. The zero tolerance attitude of the NADA makes clear that we are willing to fight against doping by all means and measures in the interest of clean sports. With the new structure these targets can be followed more effectively. This helps the athletes and is looking very carefully at the members of the entourage of the athletes. In 2011 NADA was awarded by WADA as a benchmark institution.

However, there is still a lot to do in the fight against doping for the National Anti-Doping Agencies as well as for the WADA. The funding has to be secured for WADA and for NADA throughout all the stakeholders. I wish that the symposium will learn from mistakes. We have to create trust through transparency and accountability. You can only build trust if we evaluate the past and the actual situation to create a better future for sports. We have to take responsibility for clean and fair sports and, this is the most important point, we have the responsibility for the next generation. All the best wishes for the participants of this symposium and all the best wishes for the work of the Evaluierungskommission. Thank you very much.