

Answering questions from Mohamed Ramadan

Questions from Boris Konrad:

1. What is your highest priority for the IAM for the next few months?

1. Attempting to expand and spread the memory sport in the Arab world.

2. Contribute to setting the rules for competitions supervised by IAM, and a number of other topics such as arbitration, partners and others.

2. How much time do you plan to dedicate to this volunteer role?

From 2 to 6 hours per week for the next two years.

3. How much time do you expect from other board members to commit?

At least 2 hours per.

4. Whom would you give your vote for chairperson of the board?

I will vote for Simon Reinhard.

5. Do you see a possible conflict of interest if you are a board member and decide/discuss on rules of the sport or details such as prize money distribution? If yes, how do you plan to deal with that?

Yes, it happens because we are human and may sometimes act for our own good. If that happens, I will try to look at it from the side of the public interest and its impact on the future of the sport as a whole, and if I can't, I can avoid discussing this matter and I prefer that, to make a decision not aimed at personal interest.

6. Thank you for being on our previous board. As for the whole World, it certainly has been tough two years. In your opinion, how did the IAM board perform? What went well and what not so much? What did you learn?

Yes, they were two very difficult years, but I think that the memory has developed a lot in these two years, and we were able to hold many competitions remotely and set the rules that govern their integrity, such as

- 1. Remote MLC.**
- 2. IAM African Open.**
- 3. IAM Egypt Open.**
- 4. World Tour.**

I think we are going in the right direction to make remote competitions more like live competitions.

7. In its first post the previous board promised: "The board continues to priorities transparency in our work and resolves to share regular updates with the memory community. " Do you think this promise to the community was kept with one update from the board and four tournament related posts in those two years?

It was fulfilled but not all the time.

A few posts have been published, but we must not forget that there is, for example, a complete file that was prepared and discussed for the rules of the World Tour last year. Memory in the presence of COVID-19 and others.

Questions from Sylvain Arvidieu:

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I saw a big glitch in this matter recently and I think we should work on it more to make all updates happen as soon as possible.

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What matters to me in the first place is quality and integrity, not numbers of competitors or competitions, the number will increase with time if we maintain fair play and free competition.