Program

Round table conference: Clean Sport = fair outcome?
25 June 2018, Grand Hotel Oslo, Norway

International sport has been in a situation where the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) documented systematic doping in Russia that involved about 1000 athletes. The information was provided to international federations for further investigation and follow-up actions. Shortly after, 95 cases were closed and verified by WADA due to lack of evidence. Further, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) suspended the Russian Olympic Committee and decided that only Russian athletes with no involvement in the doping history should be invited to the 2018 Winter Games under the name of ‘Olympic Athlete from Russia’.

For a period of time, Russian athletes were suspended for doping from the Olympic Games by the IOC, while at the same time eligible for events under their International Federation (IF) jurisdiction. The IOC decision was appealed and many suspensions were rejected by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). However, the Russian athletes who were acquitted were not able to compete due to IOCs decision to suspend the Russian Olympic Committee. The public was left with many questions, amongst them:

- When an athlete is suspended for doping by the IOC, is it possible to compete under IF jurisdiction?
- Are the Russian athletes properly investigated by the IF before they are suspended by the IOC and are they properly investigated before their cases are dismissed by the IF?
- Do we know for sure that the current hearing and appeal system represents best practice when it comes to fair trial and access to justice?
- Can we trust that the organizations mandated to detect doping through testing and investigation act only in the interest of clean sport?
- There are a myriad of conflicts of interest in the anti-doping world, how can we increase transparency of anti-doping processes and reduce the obvious conflict of interest?

The round table conference will cover two major focus areas as a follow-up to the chaotic situation in international sport and anti-doping, and take place in the context of the Soccer World Cup going on at the same time in Russia.
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12.30 – 13.30: Registration
13.30 – 13.35: Welcome
13.35 – 13.40: Welcome Address
13.40 – 13.45: Welcome Address
13.55 – 14.05: Opening Remarks
14.05 – 14.20: Keynote Speech
14.20 – 14.30: Keynote Speech

Theme: The fox and the henhouse in anti-doping - are we all acting in the interest of clean athletes?

14.30 – 14.50: Keynote Speech
14.50 – 15.00: Keynote Speech
15.00 – 15.10: Keynote Speech
15.10 – 15.55: Round Table Discussion
15.55 – 16.30: Coffee Break

Theme: Right to fairness for athletes

16.30 – 16.50: Keynote Speech
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17.00 – 17.10: Keynote Speech

17.10 – 17.55: Round Table Discussion

17.55 – 18.15: Conference Outcome