



EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (April 2024)

Dear boxing friends

We are all very sorry to hear that **Beate Poeske (Germany)** will leave her BDB-office to concentrate on another job, and we thank her for her excellent work during all those years. We will miss her competence and her ability to express herself in several languages. There is however the hope that we may still meet her as boxing official. As member of the EBU-Council Beate will be replaced by Mr. **Helmut Ranze (Germany)**, who is welcome to collaborate with us.

We congratulate our Vice-President, **Sir Charlie Giles** on his birthday; it has been a very special one as the number of years he celebrated ended in zero. All the best dear Charlie, we need you and hope you may continue to be a big help for all of us!

Abass Baraou (Germany) won the vacant EBU-Superwelterweight-title, closely defeating **Sam Eggington (GB)** in Telford (UK).

The very tough Italian **Giovanni De Carolis (It)** challenged the champion **Kevin Lele Sadjo (F)** for his EBU-Supermiddleweight-title and had to be stopped by TKO 8 after a real battle. **Sadjo's** next official challenger is the EBU-no. 2 rated and hard hitting **Ivan Zucco (It)**, who is unbeaten in 18 fights.

The EBU-Heavyweight-title will finally be disputed between **Granit Shala (Germany)** and **Oleksandr Zakhozhyi (UKR)**, both unbeaten; the contest will take place in Berlin, on 13th April, 2024.

As you may know, the EBU celebrated last year its 75th birthday. In order to remember our glorious past **Carlos Utrilla (Spain)** wrote and published an excellent book «**Anniversary of the EBU**», which shows the history of the EBU and its titles on more than 500 pages, and which may be ordered at our General Secretariate in Rome.

Female professional boxing is relatively new but has already shown dramatic battles on high level. While the EBU follows the recommendations of the WBC with 10 rounds of 2 minutes for each championship-contest, there are other Federations allowing for female contests the same as for male championship-contests, 12 rounds of 3 minutes each. It is obvious that the female body differs in many ways from the male body and shows different reactions. While there are lots of scientific researches regarding the effect of boxing on male bodies, there are only very few ones regarding female bodies. The recommendation of the WBC is to wait until there is sufficient proof that boxing does not do more damage on female than on male bodies. While gender equality is a must in any situation we have to consider that boxing is a very tough sport, boxers have to take risks, but boxings leading Federations need to be careful and need to act with responsibility.

Please show responsibility and care for all boxers not only for those that are licensed with you!

I thank you for having read these EBU-News; your comments are always welcome

With my warmest personal regards

Peter Stucki, EBU-President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Stucki', is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.