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Dear Friends,

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May in Saint Petersburg, the IFSC Dream Team (Debbie Gawrych, Evgeniya Malamid, Jérôme Meyer and myself) made an excellent presentation in front of the IOC Executive Board.

Unfortunately (please refer to the IOC President's letter attached) this was not enough to guarantee our sport a place in the final shortlist, from which a sport will be chosen to be added to the 25 core sports in the programme of the 2020 Olympic Games.

Despite the fact that we are climbing every day higher, faster and stronger, the young, fresh, global and exciting message that our sport is bringing has not been considered as a factor.

Therefore, more than disappointed, we feel sad for something that is difficult to understand, as far as we look at the values that feed our Athletes and our sport.

However, there is an aspect we need to consider: the enormous exposure that our sport got and the good image and reputation we have now all around the globe. We do what we say, and we believe in what we do. All this is our capital now.

It has been a long, hard and demanding bid, and I want to thank all those who actively participated in it to achieve this outstanding result: we are not Olympic yet, but we are recognized as one of the best, new, young, global and successful sports. In particular, a big thanks to our devoted staff, Anne, Francesca and Jerome, the IFSC Executive Board and those National Federations who really gave a help and supported the Dream.

Now life goes on: after a Dream that is gone, another comes. It is time to design our future, after considering what happened and what can happen in the next years.

For this reason, I will propose to dedicate the 2014 PA workshop/seminar to an open discussion focused on the years to come, dreams and related strategies and objectives. In the following months, a deep analysis will be made by the Executive Board, while a debriefing will take place in Lausanne with the IOC Sport Department



(after summer), and we will call for a meeting with the new IOC President, after his/her election in early September. Finally, a document will be made available by the end of the year, in order to prepare the 2014 workshop/seminar properly.

Now let's come back to our world and enjoy the exciting 2013 season!

Keep climbing

World Up

Marco Maria Scolari

*IFSC President*