



# World Tenpin Bowling Association

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## COMMONWEALTH TENPIN BOWLING FEDERATION ESTABLISHED

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The city of Stirling, Scotland has been the site of many history making events -from Bannockburn to Stirling Bridge and the towering castle that dominates the skyline, the region has hosted royal celebrations, and witnessed battles royal, including some of Scotland's most inspiring feats of courage and heroism.

Stirling's role in a significant milestone for the sport of tenpin bowling is therefore no surprise. At a specially convened Forum of representatives of Commonwealth nations participating in the inaugural Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships, a momentous decision was made: the establishment of the COMMONWEALTH TENPIN BOWLING FEDERATION.

Goals, and plans were discussed, consensus was reached to establish a dedicated entity, elections were held and, in the words of WTBA President, Dato Dr. P.S. Nathan, "a sterling baby has been born". The new Federation will affiliate to the sport's international governing body, the WTBA, with its prime focus being to successfully stage biennial Commonwealth Championships that will ultimately meld into the official Commonwealth Games program

The Executive Board, headed by Malta's Julian Pace-Bonello, was elected and preliminary work has begun to formalise the structure and operations of this important new Federation. Vice-President Peter Hutton from Scotland and Executive Board members from each of the three WTBA Zones were proposed, and ratified by the Commonwealth country representatives. Pat White from England and Sidney Tung from Malaysia were elected by their peers to represent Europe and Asia, whilst the American Zone representatives opted to consult absent Federations before electing their Zone representative. Lynne Clay from Australia was nominated and ratified as Secretary-General of the new Federation.

One of the first proposals adopted by the Forum was the creation of a "Rotating" Vice-President position acknowledging the role of the Federation that will host the next Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships. Mr. Roger Christofides will consequently hold this pivotal position from 2002-2004, with the next Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships to be staged in Cyprus in 2004.

The success of the inaugural Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship in Stirling has guaranteed the continuation of this popular international Championship. In coming weeks, the CTBF will formally announce the venue and further details of the 2004 event in Cyprus and subsequent venues for 2006 and onwards for this innovative biennial Championship.

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