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FITASC - Fédération Internationale de Tir aux Armes Sportives de Chasse (until 1981)

On June 4th, 1921, the **Union Internationale de Tir de Chasse (UIC)** was founded in Lausanne SUI by Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, and USA.
The aim of this new federation UIC was to gather national groups from around the world that practice these sports of shooting live pigeon, clay pigeon (clay target) and running deer/ boar (with bullets) and to unify their rules. This declaration of responsibility was made in close coordination with the UIT. The UIC was responsible for the program at the Olympic Games and reserved the right to organize international championships in these shooting disciplines. The statutes were adopted on November 25th, 1925, at the first ordinary general assembly.
The UIC organized the competitions for clay pigeon (Olympic Trap) and for running deer shooting under its rules at the Olympic Games in Paris 1924. However, the IOC then decided to take these competitions out of the mandatory program. As a result, the UIC launched the International Championships, which are usually held annually[1]: Due to the cancellation from the Olympic program, on May 28th, 1926, the UIC general assembly decided to create an International Championship for shooting with hunting weapons every three years. The General assembly proposed to hold the first World championship in Amsterdam on the occasion of the 1928 Olympic Games. The UIC suggests, that if the Netherlands would prefer not to organize this first championship, it would be staged in Paris in 1927. This decision was later changed again announcing the organization of an annual International Championship for clay pigeon shooting, first held in the first week of May 1927 in Bruxelles BEL and the first International championship for running deer shooting together with the next International championship for clay pigeon shooting 1928 in Paris FRA (published on 15.02.1927 - postponed to 1928 on 01.05.1927).
At the general assembly on July 23rd, 1938, the name was changed to **Fédération Internationale de Tir aux Armes Sportives de Chasse (FITASC)**. The FITASC also decided on recognizing world records, but only if identical and comparable rules are available and applied.
In order to bring clay pigeon shooting and shooting at the running deer back into the Olympic program, FITASC decided at its General assembly on July 1st, 1947, to transfer these disciplines to the IOC-sanctioned UIT (The UIT congress on 01.08.1947 had unanimously accepted the transfer of power that the FITASC willingly gave up. In 1952 the disciplines were back in the Olympic program).[2]
FITASC also resigned from organizing the World championships, but continued to organize (1947, 1951 and 1952) European championships in these disciplines. But FITASC organized World championships every year. At UIT, apart from the Olympic Games, there were only World championships every four years. Thereupon the FITASC general assembly instructed its president on 11.02.1951 to do everything possible to organize annual World championships again.[3]
The agreement[4] with UIT, adopted on December 17th, 1951, provided for the following: FITASC is again organizing annual European championships.[5]
On July 9th, 1954, it was reported at the general assembly that the harmonization of the rules for trap and skeet between FITASC and UIT had been finished.
The relationship between FITASC and UIT remained problematic. A first misunderstanding between the UIT and the FITASC resulting in two European championships in 1955. In September 1955 all the misunderstandings between the two associations had been dispelled and resulted in a new agreement.

[1] sometimes in connection with the UIT World Championships
[2] Dr. Lundgern noted than since 1924, shooting with hunting weapons hadn't been programed in the Olympic Games. This is, according to him, was because the FITASC has, amongst the sports that it controls, the shooting of live pigeons which is only practiced in a small number of countries and with large prize money and which, for these reasons, never figures in the Olympic program. He is of the opinion that the FITASC should, either disengage from this sport, only to keep the artificial target shooting as it's the only one likely to be admitted to the Olympics, or on the contrary, to abandon these later types of shooting to another Federation and only retain the activity of shooting of live pigeons.
After a long discussion [..], The Assembly is prepared to accept the second suggestion from Dr. Lundgren, that is to restrict the shooting of live pigeons as an objective of the FITASC; However it was unanimously decided that after having for 26 years, controlled shooting of artificial targets, the FITASC cannot just declare that it's lost interest in the sport, it must - in this regard - first ensure the transmission of its powers to another organization already established yet to be constituted.
General assembly 08.08.1947: The General assembly decided to eliminate the objectives of the FITASC for artificial pigeon and running deer shooting and to only keep live pigeon shooting as a sport that it controls.
General assembly 30.11.1947: The General assembly approved the amendments to the articles which voided the references to shooting artificial bird and shooting running deer.
[3] The General assembly entrusts the executive of the direction with a study of the relevance and terms of the FITASC taking back the control of clay pigeon shooting and contacting the UIT.
[4] The UIT who wished to keep the control of amateur shooting events with the UIT and to relinquish those that drew prize money to the FITASC. This formula was adopted by the Executive Committee of the UIT at its meeting on the 27th of September 1951.
[5] General assembly 15.02.1953: After discussion, the delegates present propose:
1) to leave to the UIT the organization, during certain odd numbered years of Pan-European, Pan-American, team championships, these rules will allow all shooters of all nations without a limit on numbers.
2) to leave to the FITASC the care of organizing every year a European individual championship (200 pigeons) which all shooters of all nations can take part without limitation of numbers.
This proposal met with a consensus. Mr. Larsson notes however that it must be ratified by the UIT executive committee.

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At the general assembly on 13.06.1958 the FITASC renewed its demands on annual World clay target shooting championships.[6] The congress of the UIT 1958 in Moskva URS accepts the principal of such an annual World championship but organizing them by the UIT itself.[7]
The UIT congress in September 1967 voted for the unilateral breach of the agreement with the FITASC, concerning the European championships, and organizing them by itself.[8]
In 1970, UIT and FITASC agreed in principle obtained according to which the FITASC, stops their activities in the two Olympic disciplines, to the benefit of the UIT, could freely continue their activity in all non-Olympic disciplines, without territorial restriction, and the UIT promised, that the federations affiliated to it, would stay members of the FITASC.[9]

1925: 11 member federations
1928: 13 member federations
1931: 17 member federations
1939: 29 member federations from 27 nations
1947: 20 member federations
1947: 13 member federations (after giving up the Olympic disciplines)
1956: 21 member federations
1966: 43 member federations from 40 nations

Presidents

04.06. - 25.11.1921	Justinien Comté de Clary FRA, provisional
25.11.1921- 13.06.1933 ✞	Justinien Comté de Clary FRA
13.06.1933 - 21.11.1945 ✞	Maurice Faure FRA
21.11.1945 - 30.11.1947	Maxime Ducrocq FRA, interim
30.11.1947 - ??.??.1949	Maxime Ducrocq FRA
??.??.1949 - 11.02.1951(?)	Hubert Durand-Dassier FRA
11.02.1951(?) - 1972	Comte Henri de Gouvion Saint Cyr FRA

Secretaries General

04.06. - 25.11.1921	Guillaume Vassé FRA, provisional
25.11.1921- 1924(?)	Guillaume Vassé FRA
1924(?) - 23.07.1938	Marcel Adelon FRA
23.07.1938 - 30.11.1947	Jules Cavroy FRA
30.11.1947 - 1974	Pierre Bouyssou FRA

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[6] General assembly 13.06.1958: With the constant development of the sport of shooting, the proposal for the creation of an annual World clay target shooting championship, to add to the one organized every four years by the UIT and to satisfy the demands of the continual growth of practitioners of this sport. Proposal: The FITASC will be responsible for the organization of the World championships during the years that the UIT is not organizing it, with an exception for years of the Olympic Games.
[7] General assembly 26.04.1959: Olympic trap and skeet: The General assembly of the UIT 1958 in Moscow accepts the principal of an annual World championship on the condition that they organize them by the UIT itself. The FITASC is pleased and counts on its good implementation to satisfy the ever-growing number of requests on this subject.
[8] General assembly 19.04.1968: The General assembly of the UIT in September 1967 voted for the unilateral breach of the agreement with the FITASC. Accordingly, the FITASC prepares to resume its activities independently after 31.12.1968. It shows that the UIT having, by the end of 1968, denounced the agreement which links them to our association since 1951, while talking about the conclusion of a new agreement, the discussions between the two organizations were resumed several times.
[9] General assembly 13.06.1970: UIT: Agreement in principle obtained according to which the FITASC, stops their activities in two Olympic disciplines, to the benefit of the UIT, could freely continue their activity in all non-Olympic disciplines, without territorial restriction, and would get the agreement of the UIT, that the federations affiliated to it, would stay members of the FITASC.

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Excerpts from the minutes of the general assemblies

General assembly 14.08.1963: Ratification of the UIT - FITASC draft agreement for the unification of new clay target shooting rules and the coordination of the organization of International Championships is established for the next 5 years (1964 - 1968).
General assembly 10.06.1964: The project, which will be submitted to the UIT, after the Technical Commission has defined the details, is the following.
1. Every year will be shot, under the control of and with the organization of the FITASC, with 200 clay targets, an international European individual championship, open to all shooters that are members of federations affiliated to FITASC without restrictions on numbers or nationality.
This championship is also open to members of European federations of the UIT, who are not members of FITASC, but at the same time they will not be eligible for prizes given by the FITASC.
2. At the same time, three out of four years, shot on 200 clay targets, the European team championship organized by the FITASC and at which teams of four shooters can participate from nations affiliated with the UIT or with the FITASC, but only from Europe of the Mediterranean region.
Titles and prizes (medals) for this championship are awarded by the UIT.
3. For the title of European individual champion 100 extra clay targets will be shot by a limited number of shooters, but only Europeans or shooters from Mediterranean countries. This number will be defined according to the circumstances of each championship and will be made up of the maximum of shooters who can finish the 100 clay targets in a day and taken in the order of individual ranking on the first 200 clay targets, not taking into account the teams.
4. One in every four years, the year where the UIT organizes the European championships in all shooting disciplines, and decide the date and location of these championships, but preferably in agreement with the FITASC, so as to avoid the inconvenience of two championships in the same year.
Regarding skeet, the format is the same, with 150 + 50 clay targets to shoot.
07.12.1965 Paris Meeting UIT - FITASC: Finalization of the agreement on the organization of the European championship. The UIT pays tribute to the actions of the FITASC and its exceptional place in the world organization of the sport of shooting.
1966 European Championship
The proposals of the president of the FITASC, made after the 1955 European championship are accepted in large part as regards to the format of this championship, in particular the number of clay target to be shot, the titles and medals to be awarded and the participation that remains open. The FITASC representatives, however, make a concession in accepting that no titles shall be attributed at this event in case the winner of the championship would be an overseas shooter who could however win the FITASC medal and prizes attributed in its place. The program of this championship will be the following:
OLYMPIC TRAP
300 clay targets for all the shooters European or not, the last 100 are only shot by the 60 best scores. Competition opens for all shooters up to 200 clay targets. Championship by teams, only for the European teams.
Two rankings:
1. A European ranking, with the title and medals from the UIT
2. An international ranking, including non-Europeans. The latter with honorific prizes from the FITASC and the organizing committee, ranking reserved to members of the FITASC only.
EUROPEAN RANKING
- Individual European championship: gold, silver, and bronze medals
- Team European championship: vermeil, silver, and bronze medals
- Individual ladies' European championship: title attributed if at least 6 ladies from 3 different nations participate, vermeil, silver, and bronze medals
- Junior European championship: as for the women. This ranking is reserved for Europeans only and shooters from Mediterranean region countries.
INTERNATIONAL FITASC RANKING
- FITASC gold medal for the first
- FITASC vermeil medal for the first Lady
- FITASC vermeil medal for the first Junior
- FITASC vermeil medal for the first Senior
25 honorary awards presented by the organizing committee. In this international ranking all non-European shooters will also be included, but it is reserved exclusively for the members of the FITASC.
SKEET
The same rules, the same distribution of prizes, but the completion will be on 200 clay targets, with elimination at 150.
09.06.1966: The Executive committee of the UIT decided not to prolong the agreements with the FITASC concerning the European championships and will organize them themselves (or with limited participation). The FITASC proposes asking the UIT to prolong the current agreements until at least the end of 1968, leaving time for the two organizations to elaborate a new agreement.
General assembly 02.05.1969: The agreements ceased on the 31st of December last, the FITASC is free to organize all the international events they wish without geographic limitation. They are no longer held to respect the Olympic rules and leave their members complete freedom regarding the organization of prize money.

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However, in order not to put certain federations affiliated to both associations in difficulty, it decides not to organize International championships in Olympic disciplines, and to confine themselves to the Nations Cup, Grand-Prix etc. On the other hand, it intends to develop the hunting disciplines that have taken on a great expansion in these last years.

17.06.1969 Summary of the relations UIT and FITASC

RELATIONS WITH THE UIT

To enlighten certain delegate who may not be informed of the situation, the president Rosa Colot gives a brief history of the relationship established between the UIT and the FITASC. He underlines that just until 1947 only the FITASC looked after sports of shooting with hunting weapons, and it was even under its authority that the Olympic events and the World championship were organized. It was only in 1947 that the FITASC asked the UIT to take control of the organization of the Olympic trap event at the Games, to reintroduce this discipline which was waived for few years. Since 1951 and with the development of shooting with hunting weapons, it proved necessary to reorganize this sport, and it's at this moment that an agreement was concluded by which the UIT limited itself to the organization of Olympic events and World championships every 4 years. This agreement was modified on occasion, and always at the request of the UIT who, little by little wanted to put their hands on all shooting with hunting weapons activity. For the sole purpose of not creating difficulties, the FITASC accepted in 1967, and this against the opinion of most of the members, to yield the organization of the annual European championships, which were to be regulated according to the UIT formula and against the spirit of hunt shooting. But in return, the UIT promised to leave FITASC full freedom in all that concerns non-Olympic events and those with less importance of the Olympic disciplines.

It is on the condition of an active collaboration with the FITASC and afterwards on formal promises given, that the heads of the clay target shooting section of the FITASC accepted to be part of the European committee of the UIT, which was enlarged in 1967, with the sole aim of organizing the European championships.

However, despite the promises and overtures made in Bologna in 1967, in Namur in 1968, the UIT, on the initiative of a few people whose only aim was the destruction of shooting with hunting weapons, had decided, during their General assembly, to terminate the collaboration agreement which links them to the FITASC, and this despite proposals presented by General Mehanna on behalf of the president of the FITASC, proposals that correspond entirely with conditions that were approved of by the president of the UIT and that of the European committee.

By a letter dated the 11th of March 1969 and signed by one of the vice-presidents and the general secretary of the UIT and which the president Rosa-Clot reads out, this association lets the president of the FITASC know that they no longer desire any collaboration with the latter and that they would like from this moment on to control all the activity of the sport of shooting with hunting weapons, only leaving the FITASC Game shooting which the UIT doesn't organize.

The General assembly of the FITASC, held in Lisbon on the 2nd of May 1969, took note of this decision, but contested its restrictive form, and decided to continue their activity in the domain of clay target shooting, while not organizing the International Championships in the Olympic disciplines. At the same time, they left complete liberty to affiliated federations regarding the form of events organized, as no agreement is tying FITASC to the UIT.

The General assembly had at the same time given full powers to the clay target shooting section to define the attitude to take, and to establish the activity in the coming years. The present assembly is therefore meeting to take decisions on this subject.

A new agreement signed by UIT and FITASC on 24.04.1981 because of long years effort: The UIT manages the Olympic shooting disciplines and the FITASC the non-Olympic shooting disciplines. The national federations can belong to both the UIT and the FITASC.

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