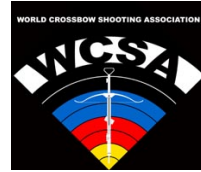




INTERNATIONAL CROSSBOW-SHOOTING UNION-IAU

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WORLD CROSSBOW SHOOTING ASSOCIATION-WCSA



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### INTERNATIONAL CROSSBOW SHOOTING / HISTORIC AGREEMENT SIGNED

Following eight months of negotiations between crossbow-shootings two international governing bodies, **International Crossbow-shooting Union (IAU)** President Chris Aston and **World Crossbow Shooting Association (WCSA)** President Tony Bradbury have signed a formal Agreement that signals the start of a new era for the sport. The historic signing took place in Wolverhampton, England on October 15, 2006 and has set the scene for a possible re-unification.

The October 15<sup>th</sup> Agreement sets out terms for mutual recognition and a basic framework for collaboration. Both parties have agreed to work together towards the concept of a single international governing body for all crossbow target disciplines. Under the agreement the IAU retains sole rights to 'Match-crossbow' shooting and the WCSA retains sole rights to 'Sport-crossbow' shooting. The main area for negotiations will concern the IAU's 'Field-crossbow' and the WCSA's 'Target-crossbow' disciplines (they are virtually the same sport). The next step will involve Technical Committee negotiations aimed at harmonizing the IAU 'Field' and WCSA 'Target' rule books. There is already agreement in principle that will ensure equal opportunities for all crossbow athletes irrespective of age, sex or physical ability – in particular the recognition of disabled (Assisted) athletes - within the practical limitations of each crossbow discipline.

The IAU-WCSA Agreement will also trigger an in-depth study of all forms of crossbow target shooting - which will lead to the creation of a joint Strategic Development Plan. A great deal of work lies ahead but both organizations are very optimistic that significant progress can be made within the next two years.

**For additional background information and updates on the IAU-WCSA negotiations please log-on to our respective websites [www.iau-crossbow.org](http://www.iau-crossbow.org) and [www.worldcrossbow.com](http://www.worldcrossbow.com) or contact us by Email at the addresses given below.**

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