

Dear respected colleague and member of the current FIAS management committee,

You are absolutely right that these issues should not degenerate to a war of words, but I am not in a position to say who is right. I am however as part of FIAS and ASF extremely concerned with the promulgation of Sambo and while there has been a great deal of media hype in the few events we have managed to participate, I do not see any real support and interest from FIAS for the development of Sambo in the Asian continent.

It seems that most of the funds are channeled to Europe and likewise promotion efforts. As far as Asian members are concerned, the only champion for our cause is Mr. Fazliddin Pulatov, without whom many of us will not have the opportunity to participate and enjoy the uniqueness of Sambo. We have been promised time and again from FIAS MC for assistance but nothing has materialized.

Perhaps some transparency and attention to the issues affecting the Asian members should be given attention by the FIAS board. You are right, the FIAS president will be held accountable and if he intends to set things straight then it is imperative that Asian members be given consideration and assistance for the promotion of Sambo. Actions speak louder than words.

I remain at your service,

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