



BUDAPEST, 3-4-5 November 2017
MINUTES OF THE 27TH CONGRESS

I. Morning session, 4 November 2017

1) Opening Ceremony

- a) Mr. Laszlo Sator, Congress Organizer and General Secretary of the Budapest Athletic Association delivers welcome speech. Translation is provided by Mr. Miklos Borsa.
- b) Mr. Pablo Cassina, Vice President of EAP delivers opening speech, in the absence of Mr. Noël Levêque, President.

2) Roll Call

- a) EAP Delegates in attendance

Nivelles (BEL) – Micheline Smeets, Françoise Dethier
Dour (BEL) – Chantal Gerard, Elena Marredda
Valence (FRA) – Nikolas Doumeng, Gilles Sahuc
Hexham (GBR) – Richard Hunter
Amsterdam (NED) – Amelie Mabbutt, Edward Monrad
Palafrugell (SPA) – Josep Massa Roura
Biella (ITA) – Lodovico Meliga, Chiara Meliga
Celle Ligure (ITA) – Georgio Ferrando, Angelo Marchese
Geneva (SUI) – Pablo Cassina, Gabriel Vida, Walter Zecca, Matteo, Zecca
Budapest (HUN) – Tímea Téglássy, László Sátor
Leiria (POR) – Tatiana Fernandes Pereira
Namur (BEL) – Christian Halloy

12 delegations are present from 8 countries.

b) EAP Candidate present:

Catania

Guest Presenter:

Mr. Miklós Borsa

Minutes Secretary:

Ms. Viktória Thomason

3) Exclusion of Members

No exclusions have been made this year.

4) Validation of EAP Congress 2016 Minutes

The minutes of the 26th EAP Congress 2016 in Amsterdam are approved without any dissent.

5) Introduction of Potential Candidate(s) to Join the EAP Circuit in 2018

a) Proposal

Catania wishes to participate in the EAP Circuit in 2018. The 3-person delegation is led by Mr. Emanuele Biancarosa who delivers speech expressing his appreciation for the invitation. He explains that EAP opens new opportunities for their local athletes to compete internationally and meet athletes from other countries.

Mr. Biancarosa proposes a potential outdoor youth meet in Catania. The athletic meeting would take place in 3 different towns - Catania, Palermo and Etna – on a rotating basis. Mr. Biancarosa displays a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Catania's advantages:

geographic location, climate. He speaks about transportation and accessibility, accommodation and catering, marketing across different medium, his contacts and organization.

He defines the organization's yearly budget at 40,000 EUR of which 10,000 EUR comes from the local government and 30,000 EUR from sponsors.

Catania has a history of organizing military games, university games, a marathon of 3,000 participants. They would like to join EAP by organizing youth events as of 2018.

b, Questions and Answers

Catania asks why there is no event in September yet. Mr. Pablo Cassina, EAP Vice President explains that EAP has no preference regarding the dates, but can recommend dates or periods of time. Although there is no activity for seniors in September, youth athletes do have domestic championships, and therefore it is difficult for them to travel internationally. Catania asks if April is suitable for a meet. Mr. Cassina says EAP is open to change the dates. Catania says they are ready to change the dates too. Mr. Cassina suggests that they pick a date that is suitable for their own country and then other countries will see if they are able to participate in the event. Mr. Giorgio Ferrando of Celle Ligure says there is availability in April. Mr. Emanuel Biancarosa of Catania recommends April 27 or September as a possible date.

Mrs. Amelie Mabbutt of Amsterdam asks if accommodation and travel costs are reimbursed according to the standards? Catania says athletes will stay at 3 or 4-star hotels and travel costs are reimbursed according to the standards.

Amsterdam also asks Catania to confirm if they want to rotate towns Catania, Palermo and Etna to be the venues of athletic meetings. Catania confirms.

Dates will be clarified later because setting a date at this point would not make sense as potential national championships enjoy preference in every country.

Mr. Cassina says events and categories might change adapting to the needs of each EAP members.

b) Deliberation by Congress Members

EAP members say it is a problem that the meeting does not exist yet; Catania has no proven records as the proposed athletic meeting is only an idea at the moment. It is also questionable that the three representatives of Catania are not in agreement. Travel costs and accessibility are an issue too.

EAP wants a youth AND senior meeting in April. They want Catania meet to be open for international athletes too.

c) Vote / Decision:

Catania is awarded provisional membership for 1 year. All voted OK with 3 conditions as follows:

- 1) Catania will invite and accept seniors in their competitions in addition to youth athletes.
- 2) Catania will reimburse min. 550 EUR per delegation 1 month before the meetings latest.
- 3) Catania will also accept international athletes in addition to athletes from EAP members.

6) Master of EAP Quiz

Results:

- I. Palafrugell 40 pts
- II. Nivelles 37 pts
- III. Dour 34 pts

Congratulations!

II. Afternoon session

7) Organizers Who Have or Require Specific EAP Status or Have Met Difficulties

- a) Namur has encountered with some difficulties regarding their track.
- b) Hexham says Nivelles asked U16 athlete to participate at Hexham competition. Nivelles says event turned out to be unorganized and that the youth athlete was forced to participate in a higher class. Also, there was a problem with the accommodation, where the athlete had to be moved to another accommodation because she was a 16-year-old female and she could not be put into the same room with her male coach. Eventually, she competed in the competition but not in her class. This happened because there was no U16 class in the meeting. Hexham said they accommodated her request to enter the competition where the athlete competed against U20 and senior, even though she is 16 years old.
- c) Pavia has a new track but not qualified for international meetings yet. They are now in the process of upgrading changing rooms. They want to participate in the EAP Congress, but they have not visited it for the past 2 years. They are not present now in 2017 either. They expressed their wish, though remotely, that they would return in 2018.
- d) Donnas has decided to stay away for 2 years. They will return in 2018.
- e) Aarhus is still interested in organizing meetings. However, Mr. Mikkel Larsen will only act as a coach and will not be an organizer anymore. Mr. Sebastian Skejø will take over organizing the EAP meets.
- f) Kuldiga is never present at the congress. They do send representatives from the Latvian federation though. Kuldiga is not present today but still want to remain in the circuit. Mr. Pablo Cassina says EAP must be able to communicate directly with the representatives of the actual delegations.

8) Special Announcements

- a) Palafrugell announces the 25th anniversary of their meeting in Catalonia and hands out a book of notable athletes to other Congress members.
- b) Mrs. Amelie Mabbutt says she won't be the contact person for Amsterdam this coming year.
- c) Geneva wants to change their status. Their funds come from the city of Geneva. The problem is low budget. Geneva gets money from their local government for their club but the meeting itself does not get enough funding. Geneva wants to launch their own

association to fund the meeting. They want to open the meeting to allow entries by athletes from other clubs too.

- d) Bolzano has encountered problems with shuttle between airport and meeting venue. They will hold the meeting in Celle Ligure in July 2018.

9) EAP Calendar 2018

Jan 20 - Kuldiga

Feb 2 - Amsterdam - youth meeting

Feb 3 - Amsterdam - senior meeting

Feb 11 - Dour

April 28 - Catania

June 2 - Palafrugell (OR last weekend of May OR 26 June) Conflicting date with Budapest.

June 2 - Aarhus

June 23 - Nivelles

June 30 - Biella

July 3 - Celle Ligure

July 28 - Loughborough

July 14-15 - Hexham

10) Communication and Promotion of EAP

- a) Mr. Pablo Cassina will deliver a more modern-looking logo and a new website with a more up-to-date, responsive design in 2018.
- b) Mr. Giorgio Ferrando of Celle Ligure called for EAP members to connect with Paralympic sports organizations in their home countries, and encourage them to join, so that EAP can develop regular meetings for Paralympic athletes too.

11) Discussion on Hungarian EAP Athletes' Experiences

Mr. Tamás Gajdos, Hungarian media personality, interviews world-class hurdler Dr. Balázs Baji (World Championships 3rd place) and his trainer, Mr. Istvan Tomhauser.

Mr. Gajdos asked Mr. Balázs Baji about his past and future plans. Mr. Baji won several impressive titles. He is a 9-time outdoor Hungarian champion, 7-time indoor Hungarian champion, 2-time Olympic athlete, a member of the Hungarian national team and a record holder for Hungary. He was a Bronze Medalist at the 2017 World Championships in 110m Hurdles, 2016 European Silver Medalist in 110m Hurdles, 6th at 2016 World Indoor Championships in 60m Hurdles, 2016 European U23 Championships Silver Medalist and 2017 World University Games Champion in 110m Hurdles.

Mr. Gajdos asked him about the problems at the Belgrade meeting and the Universiade. Mr. Baji explained that it is important to keep focus and avoid “sleepy” start like the one in Belgrade. He added that the problem at the Universiade was a starting block. He lost signal and got a yellow card because of a technical failure. He has moved on by now and focuses on the future.

Mr. Baji is a member of the Hungarian Olympic Committee. He says he would like to look at the bigger picture and do good for a common cause of the community, and not only focus on being an Olympic committee member or being a track and field athlete. Therefore, Mr. Baji enrolled himself in university and has graduated as a veterinarian this year.

Mr. Baji explains good quality training and camps, professional coaches and a great competition system might help provide young athletes with motivation and will eventually result in success. He believes that the EAP Circuit is a great opportunity for the youth and up-and-coming athletes to compete against one another. Talented athletes need opportunities and a chance, and this is exactly what EAP is for.

Mr. Gajdos spoke to Mr. Istvan Tomhauser, Mr. Baji's coach, and asked him how Mr. Baji had become a world-class athlete. Mr. Tomhauser explained that short-distance hurdle is a traditional sport in Hungary. Mr. Baji serves as a motivating power, a role model for the Hungarian youth. He said that it's important to have a great coach but a firm family background supporting the athlete is equally important. Mr. Tomhauser said that their aim was to improve results a little bit every year. And, as Mr. Baji did not get injured, this all worked out in their favour, and there were no real obstacles.

Mr. Gajdos explained that it's a common problem for young athletes worldwide to manage their own career once they outgrow their youth status. Mr. Baji believes that it's important to develop and have another occupation besides an athlete's career.

Mr. Gajdos asked Mr. Baji about the future of track and field. Mr. Baji said that as the 2023 World Championships will take place in Budapest, he will do his best to participate, which is the dream of every Hungarian athlete.

12) Speech by EAP Hungary Representative Ms. Tímea Téglássy

Ms. Téglássy said a few appreciative words about EAP. She told the story how the Budapest Athletic Association joined EAP 5 years ago. She thanked Mr. Pablo Cassina, Mr. Istvan Tomhauser, Mr. László Sátor, Mr. Péter Korompay and Mr. Balázs Baji for their contribution to EAP Budapest Circuit on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the Budapest Open. Mr. Korompay then thanked Ms. Téglássy for her work and contribution to the success of the Budapest Circuit, and also expressed gratitude towards Mr. Baji and Mr. Tomhauser. Mr. Pablo Cassina gives Ms. Téglássy a present while expressing his appreciation of her work.

13) Photo Session and Exchanging Gifts

14) 2017 EAP Meets' Rankings

a) Presentation by Mr. Josep Massa

Mr. Josep Massa delivered a presentation on the scores, results, rankings and statistics of EAP meets in 2017. Please see Annex 1.

b) Proposition of another evaluation system

Open for comments.

c) EAP Strategy for 2020

Mr. Pablo Cassina, Vice President of EAP delivers a presentation on EAP strategy for 2020. He says budget is subjective depending on each and every event. By 2020, EAP aims to improve the performance of some of the meetings. Mr. Cassina says EAP needs more new meetings and better ones. He explains that if the image of EAP improves, it will be easier to

find funding. In 2018, 11 countries will hold 15 meets. Mr. Cassina says EAP needs 4-5 meetings more.

Mr. Cassina says the problem is that the information on meets goes out too late and members therefore are not able to participate. Athletes need to be able to plan for the season in advance. He says next year's calendar has to be ready before Christmas.

15) Accounting

- a) Mr. Christian Halloy, EAP Treasurer delivers a report on the 2017 membership payments and inventory. Please see Annex 2.
- b) Payment of the 2018 annual membership fees (200 EUR) and entry fee of new members (150 EUR) are due.

Hexham's membership fee was thought to be missing. When asked about it, Hexham clarified that they had paid 2 years' fee right before the congress.

Pavia's membership fee is still missing from last year. They said they will send payment with Donnas, but Donnas did not show up eventually. Neither delegations were present today.

16) EAP 2018 Budget

During the course of the congress, there is 2,900 EUR in the bank. (Please see Annex 2.) If all members pay up from last year, EAP will have more than 3,000 EUR at its disposal.

Question: What to do with it? What to spend the budget on in 2018?

Discussion: Catania will get banners, T-shirts, logos etc.

Vote: 2018 budget is approved.

17) EAP Mini League for U16 Athletes

- a) Proposed EAP Mini league events (U16) : 80m or 100m sprint, 1000m (middle distance), long jump, shot put - men 4 kg, women 3kg etc.
- b) Proposed award system: EAP member sending the most participants to 3 different countries will win something.
- c) Question: Who can organize at least 1 event?
- d) Discussion: The problem is the difference in categories and events in each country.

- e) Suggestion: Mr. Josep Massa says evaluation should be based on individual performance (not categories) at 3 different meetings, in at least 2 countries. This way there is 1 overall category for U16 athletes. A proper scoring table has to be sourced. Athletes could participate in any event. They would rank based on the scoring table. They can enter in senior events too, but they will still be ranked as U16.

18) EAP Observers

Mr. Pablo Cassina, Vice President of EAP calls for registration as Observers in 2018.

Question: Who can be an Observer?

- ! The coach of a delegation can be an Observer. In that case, expenses are provided for by the organizer of the meeting.
- ! Observers must be from another region.
- ! If no one volunteers, we should invite 1 person. Max. 100 EUR is payable by the organizer for the expenses (travel etc.)

19) Organization of Annual EAP Conferences

- a) Proposal: The following locations were proposed as possible venues for the yearly EAP Congress:

2021 Palafrugelle

2022 Celle Ligure

2023 Catania

- b) Confirmation:

2018 Valence (FRA), Nov 2-4

2019 Leiria (POR), Nov 8-10

2020 Geneva (SWI), Nov 6-8

Above proposed 3 locations were confirmed as follows. (Dates will be set later.)

2021 Palafrugelle

2022 Celle Ligure

2023 Catania

- c) Actions:

Budapest will have to assist Valence in the preparations for the 2018 congress.

20) Closing Remarks

Mr. Pablo Cassina thanks the organizers of the 2017 Budapest Congress. Mr. Peter Korompay, President of the Budapest Athletic Association thanks participants and wishes that these conferences would last a day longer, so participants could get to know one other more.

Annex I

Presentation on the scores, results, rankings and statistics of EAP meets in 2017.

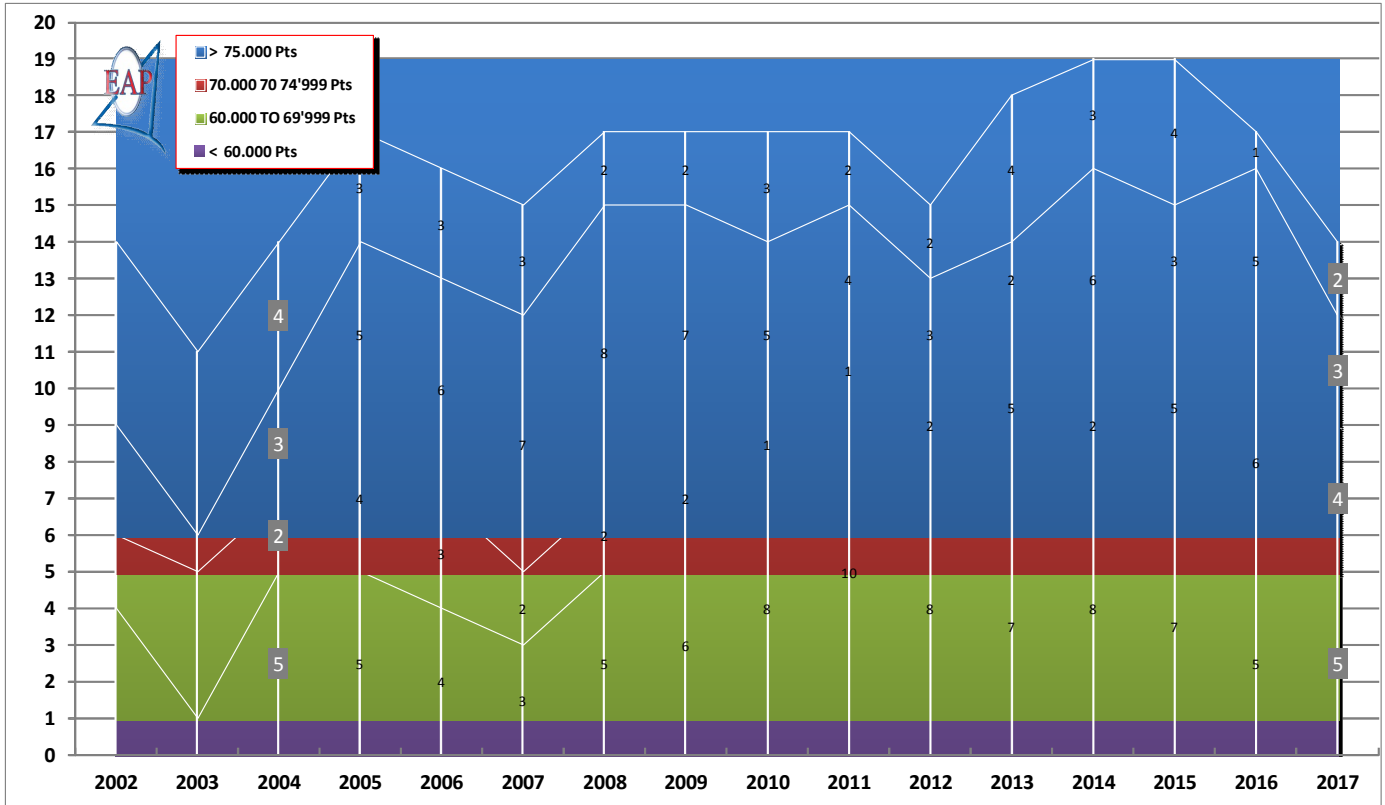
E.A.P. MEETINGS RANKING 2017



1	80215	GENEVE	SWITZERLAND	JUNE 10th	
2	77243	LOUGHBOROUGH	GREAT BRITAIN	JULY 22th	
3	72812	NIVELLES	BELGIUM	JUNE 24th	
4	70510	PALAFRUGELL	SPAIN	MAY 27th	
5	70289	BUDAPEST	HUNGARY	JUNE 3rd	
6	67820	AARHUS	DENMARK	JUNE 2nd	
7	67559	CELLE LIGURE	ITALY	JULY 5th	70 PERFORMANCES
8	62200	KULDIGA	LATVIA	JANUARY 21st	INDOOR MEETING - 65 PERFORMANCES
9	60777	LEIRIA	PORTUGAL	JULY 29th	THROWING EVENTS MEETING
10	53304	VALENCE	FRANCE	JULY 8th	58 PERFORMANCES
11	43006	AMSTERDAM	ITALY	JANUARY 28th	INDOOR MEETING - 47 PERFORMANCES
12	31834	BIELLA	ITALY	JUNE 24th	YOUNG MEETING - 60 PERFORMANCES
13	28277	DOUR	BELGIUM	FEBRUARY 12th	INDOOR MEETING - 32 PERFORMANCES
14	8645	HEXAM	GREAT BRITAIN	JULY 22-23th	COMBINED EVENTS MEET - 10 PERFORMANCES

EVOLUTION OF EAP MEETINGS SCORES

	> 75.000 Pts	70.000 70 74'999 Pts	60.000 TO 69'999 Pts	< 60.000 Pts	TOT. N. OF MEETINGS
2017	2	3	4	5	14
2016	1	5	6	5	17
2015	4	3	5	7	19
2014	3	6	2	8	19
2013	4	2	5	7	18
2012	2	3	2	8	15
2011	2	4	1	10	17
2010	3	5	1	8	17
2009	2	7	2	6	17
2008	2	8	2	5	17
2007	3	7	2	3	15
2006	3	6	3	4	16
2005	3	5	4	5	17
2004	4	3	2	5	14
2003	5	1	4	1	11
2002	5	3	2	4	14



ESTATISTIQUES COMPARATION MEETINGS EAP 2017 - COMPARISON

MEETING	SCORE	ESTATISTIQUES DE PARTICIPATION - STATISTICS ABOUT																			
		N° EPREUVES - NUMBER OF EVENTS										N° ATHLETES - NUMBER OF ATHLETES									
		TOTAL	PROG. INTERNATIONAL		INTERNAT. JEUNES		PROG. NATIONAL		PROG. LOCAL		AUTRES EPREUVES		TOTAL	PROG. INTERNATIONAL		INTERNAT. JEUNES		PROG. NATIONAL		PROG. LOCAL	
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GENEVE	80215	30	13	13	1	1					1	1	433	197	204	16	16				
LOUGHBOROUGH	77243	17	10	7									243	148	95						
NIVELLES	72812	33	10	8			4	4	3	3	1		463	183	114	85	81				
PALAFRUGELL	70510	32	10	10	6	4					1	1	359	175	111	42	24				
BUDAPEST	70289	34	8	9			8	9					715	205	191	155	164				
AARHUS	67820	18	6	2			1	3	6				231	81	19	11	6	69	45		
CELLE LIGURE	67559	52	12	12	14	11					3		728	163	144	204	212				
KULDIGA	62200	13	6	7									259	133	80					23	23
LEIRIA	60396	45	4	4					19	18			141	41	24			43	33		
VALENCE	53304	20	11	9									105	73	32						
AMSTERDAM	43006	22	5	5	1	1	5	5					287	83	80	67	57				
BIELLA	31834	46	1	1	22	22							607	11	7	277	312				
DOUR	28277	10	2	2			2	2			1	1	370	15	12			172	159		
HEXHAM	8645	2	1	1									21	11	10						
MOYENNE	56722	27	7	6	9	7	4	5	11	11	1	1	354	109	80	107	109	95	79	23	23
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VALEUR MINI	8645	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	21	11	7	11	6	43	33	23	23
VALEUR MAXI	80215	52	13	13	22	22	8	9	19	18	3	1	728	205	204	277	312	172	159	23	23
INDOOR																					
TEMATIQUES																					
JEUNES																					

TATISTICS BETWEEN EAP MEETINGS 2017

ANGERS - FOREIGN ATHLETES				N° PAYS		N° NUIT&ES - NIGHTS		STATISTIQUES DE BUDGET - FINANCIAL STATISTICS					ECHANGE EAP - MEMB		
PROG. INTERNATIONAL		INTERNAT. JEUNES		COUNTRIES	ORGANISATION	PARTICULAIRES	TOTAL	DEPLACEMENTS	LOGEMENT	PRIMES	AUTRES	N° DELEGATIONS	N NUIT&ES	BUDGET	
HOMMES	FEMMES	HOMMES	FEMMES		PAYE	PAYANT		TRAVEL EXPENSES	ACCOMODATION	CASH PRICES	OTHERS		NIGHTS		
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27	18			28	56	6	12 000,00 €	2 020,00 €	1 850,00 €	2 890,00 €	5 240,00 €	2	14	1 37	
65	38			26	27	40	16 422,00 €	1 849,00 €	4 703,00 €	6 300,00 €	3 570,00 €	2	4	26	
43	17	1	1	27	96	32	21 054,00 €	4 839,00 €	4 388,00 €	1 450,00 €	10 377,00 €	3	19	2 19	
39	23			16	56	74	16 493,00 €	830,00 €	5 005,00 €	- €	10 658,00 €	5	10	1 15	
21	8			17	24	5	22 000,00 €	5 700,00 €	4 900,00 €	4 800,00 €	6 600,00 €	2	8	1 10	
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64	32			11			19 051,00 €	4 400,00 €	3 672,00 €	4 000,00 €	6 979,00 €	2	26	1 50	
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Annex II

2017			
Recettes		Depenses	
Cotisations esp	1.600,00	Fact. PCA	1.600,00
Cotisations vir	600,00		
Sous Total	2.200,00		1.600,00
report 2016	2121,75		
Intérêts bancaires	2,23		
Grand Total	4323,98		1.600,00
Solde 2017			2.723,98

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