

Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta, President, BAI Congratulates Mr. Poul-Erik Hoyer, President, BWF on his Election to IOC



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Badminton World Federation President Poul-Erik Høyer is the newest member of the International Olympic Committee - elected earlier this afternoon in Sochi, Russia. His election was applauded by the IOC membership and he was immediately invited to the podium to take the IOC Members' Oath. Thereafter, he was warmly welcomed by IOC President Thomas Bach and other members of the IOC Executive Board.

Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta, President BAI congratulated Mr. Poul-Erik Hoyer and has sent warm greetings from the Badminton Association of India (BAI). "I am delighted to felicitate you from the core of my heart on your election as Member of the International Olympic Committee. It is a matter of pride for world Badminton fraternity to see you elected on the IOC, adding one more feather in your crown of glory. It is my firm belief that with your expertise and capability, not only Badminton, but all the sports will scale greater heights globally " said Dr. Gupta.

Well known as the 1996 Olympic Men's Singles Gold Medallist, Høyer has been the BWF President since last May when he was elected at BWF's Annual General Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Prior to this he was President of Badminton Europe.

"It is a great honour to have been elected to the IOC today and I would humbly like to thank my new colleagues in the IOC for the confidence they have shown in me. I pledge to serve to the best of my ability and to always do my best for the development of sport and to promote the Olympic ideals," said Høyer.

It is obviously also a positive development for Badminton and the BWF and – as BWF President – I can say we certainly look forward to contributing more to the IOC."
