

## WFDF 2017 elections

**Candidate:** Wolfgang Maehr (IND)

**Position:** Ultimate SOTG Sub-Committee chair



### *Candidate Statement:*

*"I think Ultimate is going through a critical time in the next years: the significant global growth, the efforts to become Olympic and the start of (semi-)professional leagues. I think we are at a point that will make or break our sport as rewards are increasing; so far winning was for the honour but for some, winning has already significant impacts in their lives.*

*While I believe that the sense for SotG is relatively strong in our current generations of players, and even in the ones growing up now, I am strongly concerned that success in Ultimate is not tied strongly enough to high SotG. As we are setting the tone for the decades to come in this critical time of commercialisation, I want to work towards placing SotG at the core of Ultimate success.*

*For this, I would like to work towards:*

- 1. Increase the profile of SotG to at least the same level as winning (a tournament). Especially for high visibility events like Worlds/Olympics, I want to push for higher recognition for SotG.*
- 2. Re-work the spirit scoring system to become more consistent and reliable (so that SotG honour is provenly earned).*
- 3. Work with national bodies to increase the level of SotG on all levels.*
- 4. Work with high profile athletes (as they are the role models of the next generation) to further SotG as an attitude.*

*I have been involved in the Indian Ultimate community for more than 7 years. I've been working mostly on the systems and administration side of things as I found those to be where I could contribute most. However, SotG is what holds my passion with Ultimate and this opening seems to provide exactly the opportunity for me to create impact, as I have hoped.*

*I have played Ultimate for the last 13 years in Europe (Sweden, Norway) and in Asia (India, Singapore) participating in a number of tournaments at all levels across Europe and especially Southeast Asia.*

*The highest level of play I have been exposed to has been the WCBU 2015 and 2017, in which I represented India and Singapore Open Masters.*

*If I get elected, I will scale down my responsibilities with UPAL (as well as the clubs I am involved with here in Singapore) to fully focus on this.*

*I think we I think we must get this right for the next generations of Ultimate players."*