

Boxing – Lochend hosts visit of world president



Dr Ching-Kuo Wu pictured with coaches and boxers from Edinburgh's Lochend club during his visit. Picture Nigel Duncan Media

The President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) believes Scotland can produce champions in the future to emulate greats like former world lightweight champion Ken Buchanan.

Dr Ching-Kuo Wu, who is also an executive board member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), has visited Scotland's cutting edge high performance Centre in Glasgow and Lochend Boxing Club.

He met boxers, coaches, and members of the community and the visit included strategic talks and black tie dinners.

Dr Wu has sought to transform AIBA into a transparent, trustworthy and professionally operated governing body.

And he added: "I am very pleased to witness for myself the current dynamic growth around Scottish boxing and the valuable programmes which the National Federation is initiating for the benefit of all boxers.

"I will now assess what I have seen and explore what assistance we can contribute to even greater success for Scottish boxing in the ring and at grassroots level."

Boxing Scotland Chairman John Macpherson said: "This is a very important and significant event in promoting Scottish boxing, particularly as we look to fresh successes next year at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast of Australia."

He added: "We share a belief in the power of boxing to transform lives and hope to identify strategies that will assist in advancing the sport in Scotland and further afield.

"The visit is also a key strategic building block in our efforts to help remedy deprivation and exclusion, not to mention the promotion of equality and the drive to improve mental and physical health.

"We are extremely proud of the work that we do in these areas and look forward to enhancing those efforts in closer partnership with AIBA as we look to build an enduring relationship."