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JERRY WALLWORK Just been elected as the new President of the SAMOA NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Tuaopepe Vui Asiata Jerry Wallwork, better known in the weightlifting world as simply Jerry Wallwork – **has just been elected the President of the Samoan National Olympic Committee.**

What a great achievement by our OWF Senior Vice President. Jerry has now joined Marcus Stephen from Nauru, Ed Imo from American Samoa, Michael Bloomfield from Tonga and Anthony Muller all of them Presidents of their respective Weightlifting Federations and Presidents of their respective National Olympic Committees. *(Anthony Muller was former President of Marshall Islands Weightlifting and now Vice President)*

This shows you how popular our sport is in the region. Five National Olympic Committee Presidents coming from the sport of weightlifting.

Jerry's background in sport is impeccable.

- He represented Samoa at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games.
- He was a silver medallist at the 1991 Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea
- He competed in many Oceania and Commonwealth championships collecting many medals along the way.

After becoming President of Samoa Weightlifting in year 2000 his coaching career took off.

At his first Olympics Games in Beijing 2008, as coach, his lifter Ele Opeloge won a Silver Medal.

So far he has coached his team in at the following Olympic Games - 2008 Beijing, 2012 London, 2016 Rio and 2024 Paris.

At Commonwealth Games level he burst on to the scene at the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

In 2010 at the Delhi Commonwealth Games, he shocked everyone by coaching 3 gold medallists.

In 2014 at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games he coached 2 silver and 1 bronze medals.

In 2018 at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games he coached 2 gold and 2 silver medals.

And at the last Commonwealth Games in 2022 in Birmingham he coached 1 gold and 3 silver medals

At Pacific and Mini Games he has coached numerous gold, silver and bronze medals. Starting in 2005 Palau, 2007 Samoa, 2009 Rarotonga, 2011 Noumea, 2013 Wallis & Futuna, 2015 PNG, 2017 Vanuatu, 2019 Samoa, and 2023 Honiara.

At Oceania Championships he has coached so far 64 Oceania Champions from 2004 to 2024

At Commonwealth championships from 2005 to 2024 he has coached 24 Gold medallists.

At the 2019 World Junior Championships held in Suva, Fiji, he coached 3 Gold medallists.

Also Jerry has organised the following events in Samoa.

Oceania Championships 2006, 2007, 2012, 2019, 2023

2006 Pacific Rim International. 2007 World Cup

2012 and 2019 Commonwealth Championships

And his latest achievement was the establishment of the Oceania Weightlifting Institute and Academy in Samoa only six weeks ago.

Other positions in sport that he holds is: the President of the Samoa Wrestling Federation and he has coached many wrestlers at International level. He himself was also a former Oceania champion in wrestling.

What a great career so far. The OWF is enormously proud of his achievements and wishes Jerry, a successful term of office as the President of the Samoa National Olympic Committee.

Congratulation Jerry!

Paul Coffa MBE
General Secretary

