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REPORT - ICSF Congress

Vicenza (Italy), November 24, 2023

Venue: Hotel Tiepolo. Vicenza, Viale San Lazzaro 110

09:00 Welcome words by the President Mr. Kurt Klamet

The ICSF President opened the Congress, reviewed the previous difficult period, thanked everyone for the 2022 and 2023 competition seasons, and recalled the work of ICSF Vice President, Mr. Helmut Hochwartner from Austria, who passed away in January 2023. He asked all present to observe a minute of silence in tribute to his memory.

Then he handed over the floor to the Secretary General of ICSF, who informed the Congress about the total number of participants (Annex 1). There are 12 representatives of member countries physically present at the congress. 2 proxy votes are present: Japan handed over the vote to Austria, Hungary handed over the vote to Slovakia. The total number of votes at the Congress and the General Assembly is 14.

The Secretary General has prepared the report on behalf of the entire Board; the individual items of the report will be discussed at this Congress. On November 23, 2023, the Executive Board had a meeting and discussed all the items of the Congress.

1. ICSF Executive Board activities (2022-2023)

The ICSF Board has met in a limited number of participants twice since the last Congress (November 2022 - Berlin and March 2023 - Prague). In addition, Board members met at major international competitions.

2. National federations - Summary

Invoices for membership fees for 2023 were sent to 21 federations by the deadline (January 31, 2023) only 10 federations paid, furthermore after the deadline 5 national federations paid their membership fee. Therefore, there are 15 members in total + Finland that has been paying reduced membership fee for several years. The ICSF Board proposes to send invoices regarding the membership fees in mid-December and the due date for invoices to be postponed until 15 February of the current year.

3. ICSF membership – Sportaccord, AIMS, CIPS

ICSF is a member of international sports federations - Sportaccord, IWGA, AIMS and CIPS, and cooperates with WADA and abides to the WADA rules. In the last 2 years, for staffing and economic reasons, we only attended IWGA meetings. We are aware of all the activities of these federations and it is a fact that they do not affect the development and future of our sport. Membership fees (mandatory) payable to these federations are 7,900 Euros.

4. ICSF membership in IWGA, The World Games 2022, 2025, 2029 – presentation

5. ICSF financial report - financial situation (sponsors) – report

ICSF Board recommends to convert ICSF bank account in Sweden to Euro currency.



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6. ICSF antidoping activities - WADA - 2022-2023, future progress

The issue of anti-doping and WADA is very complex and costly for us. It is not feasible to accept and implement their rules in full. In the last 2 years we made no progress in the anti-doping issues. There is nobody who is fully dedicated to this issue at ICSF.

- Closer cooperation with Hakan Nyberg
- Establish a new commission

7. Flycasting and surcasting - report

8. Fly lines and plugs for casting – information and proposals

The New ICSF Board will try to secure a new manufacturer of competition fly lines by the end of March in cooperation with Kenji Okamoto from Japan. He has already sent a sample of the new line. The national federations will be informed about the further steps. The ICSF shop - plugs and fly lines will be taken over by the new ICSF Secretary General.

9. Evaluation of the Youth and 19-23 World Championship 2022, 2023

10. Evaluation of the Senior World Championship 2022, 2023

11. Evaluation of the World Cup 2022-2023 - youth category

12. Evaluation Masters World Championship 2022

13. International judges - report

Thorgeir Gustavson reported that the list of international judges has been compiled and will be updated in cooperation with the national federations.

13:30 Afternoon session

1. Presentation of the World Championships 2024-2025 (Category: youth, seniors, masters), discussion over tournaments

The World Youth Championships and the World Flycasting Championships will be held in Sweden in 2024. The presentation of both competitions was made online with the organizer. The cost per participant was discussed at the Congress, which seems to be high for most of those present. It will be discussed by the new ICSF Board at the next meeting.

Confirmed World Senior Championships in Spain, who will work with the organizer has not been agreed exactly yet. Masters 2024 will not be held in Norway.

2. Presentation of the Flycasting World Championship 2024



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3. World Cup 2024

There are several applicants to host the World Cup event. Some of them have also indicated the dates of organization (Appendix 3). Mr. Josef Luxa would like to organize the 2024 World Cup Finals on 21-22 September 2024 in České Budějovice. The reason is that in 2024 he will celebrate his 70th birthday and at the same time he will terminate all his casting activities.

4. Proposals from our members - discussion

All the proposals were discussed as listed, with only a voting that needs to be taken at the General Assembly (see Report on the General Assembly). Also, these proposals were discussed at the ICSF Board.

5. Membership fee

The ICSF board proposes an increase in the membership fee.

6. Proposals for election (2023-2027)

The ICSF Board evaluated all candidates based on the criteria set at the ICSF Board meeting in Prague (March 2023) and prepared a proposal for filling the individual positions on the Board. This proposal will be discussed and part of the election at the ICSF General Assembly.

7. Website and media

The website will be further managed by Pascal Abel- Media will be managed by someone from the new ICSF Board.

8. Any other business

The rules for the 2024 World Cup will be set once the individual competitions that will be part of the World Cup have been confirmed.

18:00 Closing by the ICSF President

Dinner

Worked out:

Dr. Josef Doležal, M.D.

Former ICSF Secretary General