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ICSF Executive Board's Report for period 2018 and 2019

The report is presented on behalf of the entire ICSF Executive Board – President, Vice-presidents, and Secretary General. The report was elaborated by the Secretary General. The report cannot contain all details concerning individual matters, discussions and opinions. A lot of data, shown in the report, have been presented on the ICSF website.

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1. National Federations and their members

Currently, ICSF has 52 members posted on its website. Majority of member federations agreed in 2016 with a certain level of co-operation with ICSF. However, in the final assessment of this situation, it does not mean that these countries actively take part in casting, flycasting or surfcasting competitions. In the recent two-year period, other national federations interested in the membership in ICSF were asked and they communicated with the Secretary General. Only the UK became a new member of ICSF in the last two years for the reason of organization of the Fly Casting World Championship.

ICSF Congress in 2017 agreed with a possibility of acceptance of new members (also co-operating ones) from the area of flycasting and surfcasting. This matter was significantly supported by all supporters of these sport disciplines with the fact that in the future it will be necessary to divide ICSF activity into sub-federations for flycasting and surfcasting. For the time being, committees which should notify us about their activities and about real situation in these sports have been created. ICSF Executive Board came to the conclusion that nothing has changed in these sports and there is no reason to change the organization structure. Only one new member from these branches of our sport has been accepted. In many cases, they are small clubs, individuals or several people who are involved in these sports. They are without organizational structure, usually separated from federations of anglers.

According to the analysis, the same situation is also in casting in countries like Great Britain, Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, France, Australia, Canada, etc. They take part only in domestic competitions (if any) and it is difficult for them to pay for membership fees to ICSF only due to participation in one World Championship. They have no youth, no sponsors, etc. Correspondence related to the decrease in membership fees is another job of the Secretary General. As a reason they say that they did not receive contribution from the state, ministry and they have few competitors who have to share all the costs related.

However, the reality is as follows: according to the participation in two last Casting World Championships (15-17 countries), Youth World Championships (6-8 countries) Veteran World Championships (11 countries), World Cup (13 countries). Therefore, we can say that only 17 countries at the most (ICSF members) are active in individual sport disciplines of ICSF. We need to add that only 9 countries are able to build a complete team according to international competition rules (team of men and women).

Currently, ICSF does not see any chance how to bring more national federations as new members which would fully pay for membership fees and would become active members with all rights and responsibilities.

2. Executive Board meeting and reports on the meetings

Since the ICSF Congress 2017 in Poland, the ICSF Executive Board, with invited members (Thorgeir Gustavson, Wolfgang-Feige- Lorenz, Lise-Lotte Janson), has met at four regular meetings. Members of the Executive Board regularly met at all important competitions abroad, where current issues and topics from individual federations and received correspondence were discussed.

3. Place and membership of ICSF in the system of international sports organizations (CIPS, Sportaccord – GAISF, IWGA, AIMS). World Games 2021

As an international sports federation, ICSF is integrated into the system of world sport movement and sports federations. We are a member of the World Angling Federation CIPS, Sportaccord (GAISF), IWGA (International World Games Association), and AIMS (Alliance of Independent Recognized Members of Sport).

Annually, ICSF representatives (President, Secretary General) take part in a week long meeting of all sport federations - Sportaccord Convention. This event is expensive for us, because we pay for both membership fees and travel expenses related to our participation.

Currently, it is almost impossible even to think not to be integrated into the international sports movement as an international organization – at least we have to be a member of GAISF (Sportaccord). For these reasons, we have to accept all requirements and conditions related to the anti-doping agenda (WADA – World Anti-Doping Agency). Annual membership fees are as follows: CIPS (900 EUR) GAISF (4,000 CHF), IWGA (2,500 CHF), AIMS (2,000 CHF). Annual costs for participation at the Sportaccord Convention for two representatives of ICSF are about 1,500 - 2,000 EUR. Meaning the total costs for membership in these federations and for participation at the meeting account for about 9,500 EUR. In 2019 we paid for membership fees for all world sports organizations altogether 7,100 EUR

After the increase in membership fees for 2020, this amount will be even higher. It needs to be said that we do not take part in all international activities – meetings, conferences, etc.

CIPS Congress 2018 was held in the USA and in 2019 in Kazakhstan. ICSF is an associated member of CIPS. 137 national federations from 67 countries of the world are organized within CIPS and its federations (FIPS e.d., FIPS-M, and FIPS-Mouche). It is a large organization which is also a member of GAISF.

Sportaccord Convention 2018 was held in Bangkok, Thailand where the President, Kurt Klamet, and Wolfgang Feige-Lorenz took part in it. In 2019 the Convention was held in Gold Coast, Australia. The President, Kurt Klamet, and the Secretary General, Josef Dolezal, took part in. GAISF was solving the issue of the world sport, media and related legal issues. An important point of the agenda was the co-operation with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and with WADA. ICSF representatives took part in all sessions, conventions and pre-arranged meetings related to our sport. ICSF was intensively discussing our participation in the World Games 2021, issues of IOC recognition. We got several promises, as shown later, they could not be accepted.

IWGA (International World Games Association) This association has altogether 35 members. There were detailed information about the World Games 2017 in Birmingham, USA. ICSF sent the complete application with many attachments and correspondence by the proper time deadline. However, again without explanation, casting was not added to the World Games program. At the personal meeting with representatives of IWGA management (Chairman, Secretary General, some members of the Board) we got a certain promise, but it later turned out that this is unacceptable for us. We were offered participation in the World Games as a 'demonstration sport', outside the main program and outside the main stadiums or in breaks of the main program. And the travel and accommodation costs paid by ICSF would be so high that we would not be able to cover them economically. ICSF Executive Board did not accept this possibility of such a 'participation'.

Our strategy in the following years needs to be discussed and considered at the Congress.

AIMS (Alliance of Independent Recognized Members of Sport) This world organization within GAISF was established in 2014. The entire AIMS organization was recognized by the International Olympic Committee and this recognition was transferred to all its members. However, these members cannot use the logo of the international Olympic Committee and they cannot use this information individually. The membership fee in the amount of 2,000 CHF was set. AIMS has promised to help its members and support them within the IOC recognition process. AIMS has established a closer co-operation with WADA, when the anti-doping system became very strict and became very complicated from the administrative point of view.

4. World Fishing Games 2019

CIPS organizes World Fishing Games every 4 years. The World Fishing Games in 2019 were held in South Africa. ICSF has never taken part in these World Fishing Games as an associated member. The reasons for no participation are the organizational and economic reasons. In the area where they are organized, there is no active casting federation, maybe only individuals devoted to casting. In these countries there is usually no equipment or a possibility to organize any of our world championships. ICSF Executive Board thinks that this matter is not going to change even in the next period and that both organization and travel expenses will be unacceptable for us.

5. Youth World Championships 2018 and 2019

Youth World Championship was organized in Poland. It was very well organized by PZW in a very friendly atmosphere. Results, number of participants and all information related to this World Championship were posted on our website. Number of participating countries and participants was the lowest in the last 20 years. The Youth World Championship 2019 was held in Switzerland and was governed by the youth care policy which was adopted at the ICSF Congress 2019. Also this Championship was on a high both sporting and social level. The number of both countries and participants was higher, but it was significantly subsidized from own sources of the ICSF and the organizer. This matter needs discussion at the ICSF Congress, because in youth categories there is casting's future. The situation cannot be solved by increasing expenses for the organizer and ICSF, but by the youth care policy in individual casting organizations.

6. Senior World Championship 2018 and 2019, Veteran World Championship 2019

World Championship in 2018 was organized in Sweden (Ronneby). Results were posted on the ICSF website. ICSF would like to thank to all organizers and hosts of this World Championship and namely to Mrs. Lise-Lotte Janson and Mr. Ulf Person. Overall organization – little criticism from the participating countries – shortages in preparation of the field, targets, long waiting times before the disciplines, shortage of assistants for field preparation, final in one day did not attract spectators and from place to place it was unclear. Positive

assessment of the commented final. Opening programme – unusual opening of the World Championship, Closing ceremony – national anthems were missing Confirmation of Katerina Markova's World Record – it was recognized by the Executive Board, complied with all conditions.

World Championship 2019 was held in the Czech Republic (Hluboká nad Vltavou). This World Championship was organized in the co-operation of the only one organizer with his team and ICSF. The organizers had all necessary personnel capacities and experience to arrange a high quality World Championship. This was the biggest event of 2019 and it was very successful. The World Championship was held in this region and the same place for the fourth time in the last 10 years. As usually, the World Championship was very well organized both from the organizational, sports and social point of view. The opening of the World Championship at the Hluboká castle was with participation of the political representatives of the Czech Republic (Chairman of the Senate of the Czech Parliament), representatives of the region and the Czech Anglers Federation. ICSF would like to thank to Mr. Josef Luxa, World Championship's organizer, and his team for the organization of the World Championship. We would like to thank to Dr. Josef Doležal, who organized the World Championship and took part in the organization of the World Championship from the side of ICSF. The World Championship was organized according to all rules – both sports rules – in compliance with the international competition rules and protocol rules – opening, closing and announcement of winners, etc. The photographs from the World Championship could have been downloaded from the website by 26 September 2019. Results were posted on ICSF website. The achieved world record in the discipline No. 9. Sabrina Dürrwald – Germany – cast 99,03 m – will be discussed at the ICSF Congress.

However, ICSF must state with regret that the number of senior participants in the World Championships stagnates or decreases (only 82 active competitors from 15 countries were present at the World Championship) as well as the fact that new competitors in younger age groups are not coming. Practically, there is a minimum number of competitors in the age group up to 30 years. The organizer is preparing the presentation related to the statistics of the World Championship and its assessment for the ICSF Congress 2019.

Veteran World Championship 2019, which is organized every two years, was organized this year in the Czech Republic in Frydek-Mistek. The participation in the World Championship was smaller than in the last years, age criteria were kept to and the number of participants from individual countries was in compliance with the international competition rules. For certain shortcomings in the organizational activity, the World Championship was quite all right. Results were posted again on the ICSF website.

We would like to thank to all organizers, national and international judges and all those who took part in the successful course of competitions at all World Championships (2018 and 2019) in all categories.

7. World Cup 2018 and 2019

A traditional system of competitions which is organized every year. World Cup 2018 and 2019 was enriched with an overseas contest (Japan) and this was clearly from the point of view of its name "World" and this contest was very attractive. It is logical that travel expenses are higher and also a lower number of participants is assumed. In Estonia, the World Cup is connected with flycasting. The number of competitors and the number of participating countries has been almost identical in several last years as well as participation in the final competition. Since the competition season 2018, the youth category is calculated and results are added into the World Cup contest.

All results related to the World Cup 2018 and 2019, rules and other data were posted on the ICSF website. The presentation related to the World Cup 2018 and 2019 will be prepared for the ICSF Congress 2019.

8. Flycasting and Surfcasting

The World Championship in Flycasting was organized in 2018 in Great Britain. The World Championship was well organized, results and number of participants were posted on the ICSF website. Regarding other competitions in flycasting, great majority of these contests are organized in Scandinavian countries and exceptionally in other European countries. ICSF was informed only about some of them. The report on flycasting will be prepared and will be published at the ICSF Congress 2019.

No big international competition in surfcasting, which would be included in ICSF calendar of events or we would be informed about, was organized in 2018 and 2019. However, we assume that there are local activities in this sport discipline. ICSF Executive Board assumes that there are no uniform rules within local competitions.

9. Membership fees and their amount

Some data is shown under point 1 of this report. Since 2011 the annual membership fee has been in the amount of 580 EUR.

Many federations (see point 1.) require to decrease membership fees to a minimum or not to pay for it at all. They say that it is a high amount and they will not take part in the World Championship. Their reasoning is that only several competitors practice this sport in their countries and in that case the amount is high. They also say that they did not receive the contribution from the state or the ministry. The fact is and ICSF also informs them that this is not the matter of the international federation, but definitely it is the matter of individual national federations. ICSF is not responsible and cannot influence sport activities in individual national federations, because these activities depend only on them.

These federations should process the system of competitions, build their membership base and spend time and money on young competitors. The youth issue will be discussed at the

ICSF Congress. ICSF Executive Board thinks that it will be necessary to increase membership fee after more than 8 years. This issue will be discussed at the ICSF Congress.

10. Youth issues

ICSF has dealt with the issue of youth as the future of our sport at the last Congress. The youth care policy was adopted and it was connected to the organization of the Youth World Cup 2019. With regret we have to say, there was no progress in this area. The number of competitors and participating countries in the World Championship did not increase except the aforementioned World Championship. Due to different organizational structure in individual national federations, it is difficult to establish a uniform concept of care for youth.

As well as in many other sports, the decrease in the number of youth with interest in traditional sports is visible. These facts will be shown in the presentation at the ICSF Congress 2019 and will be discussed.

11. Sponsors and sponsorship contributions

Currently, ICSF has no general sponsor. This was one of the reasons why ICSF very intensively spent time on the IOC recognition process and the arrangement of participation of our sport in the World Games (TWG). Members of the ICSF Board have been trying to find a new sponsor, but without success so far.

The Secretary General has had several appointments with possible sponsors, however the negotiations ended at a dead end.

It is positive to see that organizers of big events (World Championship, World Cup) have small local sponsors, who arrange discounts for accommodation, boarding or pay for prizes. Usually there are no financial subsidies. At the last Congress, all were asked to establish contacts with a more significant sponsor. We have not received any response or contact. The sponsor issue will be presented at the ICSF Congress.

12. IOC Recognition – recognition by the International Olympic Committee

Gaining membership for ICSF in GAISF and AIMS allowed us to file the application for IOC recognition of ICSF in 2016. We are an international sports federation with a long-term membership in GAISF, IWGA, and therefore we took this prestigious opportunity. IOC recognition is of a great importance for each international sports federation, because this ensures closer contact with the international Olympic movement and Olympic sports, even if our sport is not and will not be an Olympic sport.

This recognition gives each international sport federation a possibility of using IOC logo on all official documents, at the World Championship and all requests for sponsors. So far we have not been recognized by IOC despite the effort of all members of the Executive Board, despite many meetings and appointments, despite many letters, etc.

13. Anti-doping - WADA

The anti-doping issue plays an important role in the world of sport and it is its administratively very complicated part. ICSF is a member of GAISF with the continuity in the Olympic movement and this fact must be fully accepted. The result is that we have to keep to WADA rules and maintain the entire administrative system.

At every World Championship 2018 and 2019 we arranged 3 “in-competition” tests. Results from 2018 were negative and results from this year’s World Championship are not at disposal yet. We do not perform any “out-of-competition” tests and we have been criticized from WADA for it. We have also been criticized for the low number of tests and that we do not administer any electronic documentation of tested competitors as well as those who are on permanent medication, which would correspond with current trends.

Since the last Congress in 2017, Mrs. Lise-Lotta Janson takes care for the antidoping issue. The presentation and report on anti-doping issue will be discussed at the ICSF Congress.

14. ICSF shop – weights and lines

ICSF arranged the shipment of orange lines - 38g and 120g. Currently, there are enough of them and you can order them at the ICSF President or Secretary General. The price remains the same.

The manufacturer of weights in the Czech Republic terminated its production. ICSF bought weights for stock (4,000 x 7.5g a 3,000 x 18g) these weights are in stock at the Secretary General and at the ICSF President, but since July 2019 we have had only 18g weights and we have no more 7.5g weights. Currently, a new manufacturer is being searched for, however, we can assume that the price might be higher.

15. International judges

In 2018 and 2019 no training of new international judges was performed at the World Championship in Poland 2017. ICSF currently does not have an updated list of international judges and this will need to be done by the end of 2019. We suppose that the next training should take place the following year.

16. Website and media

ICSF posts all news related to our sport and results from our competitions on the website according to our possibilities. ICSF has had a new webmaster and website is clearer. The ICSF Executive Board has decided to post majority of important information on its website. The communication via Facebook is done by the Vice-President, Mr. Helmut Hochwartner (Austria) and Mr. Pascal Abel (Germany).

17. Issue of dual membership

ICSF has been dealing with this issue for several years – since 2015. Two federations from one country cannot be regarded as a member of ICSF. We have the only one exception and it is Slovakia. This issue was created historically and all have been repeatedly informed about this. The issue of dual membership was discussed at the last ICSF Congress and some participants were saying that in some sports it is possible. However, such a thing has not been found.

This issue was repeatedly discussed at all meetings of ICSF Executive Board. ICSF Executive Board members have discussed all possibilities how to accept both Japanese federations into ICSF. We have gone through statutes of other international federations, but without success. In all statutes is written that one federation from one country or a “controlling body” in the state.

Both Japanese federations will be asked to prove their activities and simultaneously they should prove who the casting controlling body in Japan is. The entire matter was consulted with an attorney at law who is an expert in the organization of sports federations. Even with him we did not succeed to find a solution with respect to the ICSF Statutes.

ICSF Congress 2019 will be informed about this fact.

18. Overall situation in casting - assessment

With regret we have to say that since 2017 there have been no important changes both in casting, flycasting and surfcasting and even in the federation itself. There is a certain level of stagnation, there is no increase in the number of competitors, competitions, youth as well as there is no increase in the number of member countries which would be intensively dedicated to any of our sports. Despite all hard work, we have not succeeded in being on the program of World Games 2021. This cost us a lot of time and power. We have not managed to arrange IOC recognition. This activity connected to the filing of an application involved hundreds of hours of work and thinking.

We do not have a general sponsor, we practically do not have any media attention – only on a local level (see the previous text).

The situation in the world of casting and in our federation is not easy at the moment. There are various opinion trends and tendencies. According to the opinion of the Executive Board, these tendencies more or less divide casting both on the entire federation level and on the level of national federations.

Many ICSF members do not realize and cannot imagine the quantity of work and time load for the members of the ICSF Executive Board to arrange all details connected with the management of our federation.

ICSF Executive Board would like to thank to all competitors, judges, committee members and others who took part in the activities related to our sport.

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