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ICSF Executive Board Report 2019-2022 (as of 15.3.2022)

The report is submitted on behalf of the entire ICSF Executive Board - President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary General – and it was elaborated by the Secretary General.

This report follows the Executive Board's report that was presented at ICSF Congress 2019. We can recommend you to read the previous report.

The 2020 and 2021 competition seasons and other ICSF activities were significantly affected by the Covid pandemic, including at the level of national federations. The 2022 competition season will certainly be affected by the war in Ukraine and the danger of a continuing Covid pandemic.

The ICSF Congress should have been held in 2021, but its organization was moved to the spring of 2022.

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1. National federations and member base

Currently, the ICSF has 52 members listed on its website. In 2016 most countries agreed to a certain degree of cooperation with the ICSF. However, this cooperation does not mean that these countries actively participate and compete in casting or flycasting. The situation has remained unchanged since the last ICSF Congress in 2019. This was stated in the ICSF Congress 2019 report (presentation). We have not registered any new full members for the last two years. However, this cannot affect the ICSF (Executive Board and Board). This situation was worsened by the pandemic

The ICSF does not currently see a way to ensure that member national federations pay full membership fees and become active members in all aspects.

2. Executive Board's meeting

Since the ICSF Congress 2019 (November 17) in Vienna (Austria), the entire ICSF Executive Board has not physically met to date due to the Covid pandemic. There were several regular video conferences. These conferences mainly dealt with changes in dates and the organization of international competitions in the pandemic period. The ICSF Executive Board tried at least to ensure the competition seasons

2020 and 2021. The national federations were informed about the changes in the competitions on the website.

3. International Federations (CIPS, Sportaccord - GAISF, IWGA, AIMS) and World Games 2021

During the Covid pandemic in 2021, membership fees for individual international organizations were reduced. Their sports and social activities were minimized, but electronic communication went on.

CIPS Congress 2020 was not organized. In 2021, CIPS Congress was held in Italy (September 2021). This Congress was attended by the ICSF President. The CIPS changed its President - prof. Claudio Matteoli. In the following period we will try to continue with closer cooperation.

Sportaccord Convention 2020 should have been held in Ekaterinburg (Russian Federation). Due to the pandemic it was moved to the autumn 2021 and then to the spring of 2022. It was cancelled a few weeks ago due to the war and the new venue has not been determined yet.

IWGA (International World Games Association)

The World Games in Birmingham, USA (Alabama) were moved from 2021 to July 2022. We have been constantly informed about their preparation. The ICSF sent a complete application in due time, completed with a number of attachments and correspondence. However, again without explanation and written response, casting was not included in the 2022 World Games program. During the personal meeting with representatives of the IWGA (Chairman, Secretary General and some members of the Board), we got a certain promise. As it turned out, it was unacceptable for us. It was about participation in TWG as a "demonstration sport" outside the main program and the main stadiums or during breaks in the main program. We would have to pay for this "participation" from our own sources. But we would not be able to finance this. The ICSF Executive Board did not accept this possibility of "participation". A few weeks ago, a personal invitation was delivered for the ICSF President and Secretary General to attend as guests in 2022 World Games in Birmingham. This invitation will be accepted as an opportunity to get in touch with the IWGA management and to try to gain access to TWG 2025.

At the last congress, it was decided that due to the impossibility of participation in the World Games, we would leave this organization. This discussion has been opened. We tried all the ways to get into the TWG program, but without effect. All related issues were discussed at Congress 2019 in detail. After this Congress, however, there was further discussion with the Swedish Federation, in the form of criticism and other proposals, which were already discussed at the Congress. The Secretary General thinks that this was criticism of his work, especially that not all possibilities have been used. He explained everything in his response and in the letter sent to all members of the Executive Board.

However, he has not received a response from the Swedish Federation. He understands it as an unjustified reproach and criticism and without any apology.

AIMS (Alliance of Independent Sports in Sportaccord)

We took part in several video conferences. We have been informed about all AIMS activities.

4. Youth World Championships 2020 and 2021

The 2020 Youth World Championship was postponed to 2021 (Poland). It was very well organized, in a very friendly atmosphere arranged by the organizer (PZW). All anti-epidemiological conditions for the organization of competitions in 2021 were complied with. The results, number of participants and all information concerning this World Championship were published on the website.

5. Senior World Championships 2020 and 2021, Masters World Championship 2021

The Senior World Championship should have been held in Sweden in 2020 along with the flycasting competition. Due to the pandemic, it had to be cancelled by the organizer. World Championship 2021 was organized by the Hungarian Anglers Federation in cooperation with the Slovak Casting Federation and the ICSF.

There was a lower number of participants and teams, the participation of younger competitors was a pleasant feature. The World Championship was organized very well in terms of sports and social. The results were published on the ICSF website. A written thank you letter to the organizers has been sent.

The Masters World Championship that should have been held in 2021 was postponed to 2022 due to the pandemic. However, it will be held at a different time (see the calendar). Preparations for this competition are carried out.

6. World Cup 2020 and 2021

Both seasons of the World Cup were significantly affected by the Covid pandemic. Competition dates were often changed or cancelled. There were no overseas World Cup contests. The World Cup was held with difficulties under the modified rules set by the ICSF.

On the positive side, there were youth category competitions within the World Cup. These were attractive for our youth. The evaluation of this category was within the overall evaluation of the World Cup. The winners of these categories received trophies.

All results for the 2020 and 2021 World Cups, rules and other information were published on the ICSF website.

7. Flycasting and Surfcasting

Neither major international contest nor World Championship was held in flycasting in 2020 and 2021. Norway has applied for the organization of the World Championship 2022, the preparation of this competition is currently underway and will be presented at the Congress. The basic data has been published on the ICSF website.

There was no major international event in surfcasting in 2020 and 2021 which would be listed in the ICSF competition calendar and which we would be informed about.

8. Membership fees and their amount

It was increased at the ICSF Congress in 2019 to 680 Euros. The ICSF Executive Board does not anticipate any increase in membership fees until the next Congress.

9. Youth issues

At the last 2 Congresses (2017 and 2019), the ICSF dealt with the issue of youth as the future of our sport. Our concept of youth care development was influenced by the Covid pandemic. We regret to say that there has been no change in this area since the 2019 Youth World Championship that was held in Switzerland. At the Youth World Championship 2021, the number of participants was lower again.

In general, with regard to all fishing sports and all small sports using all available data, we must state the following (information from CIPS is also used)

- There is a general departure of young people from all kinds of fishing/ sports
- In their free time, young people focus on activities related to the use of computers and mobile phones, activities in the virtual world (sometimes they spend even several hours a day). Moreover, parents support these activities in today's busy world. Young people are less interested in outdoor activities
- If young people are interested in sports, it usually regards contact team sports or new sports (e.g. floorball, etc.) or martial arts. From this point of view, casting is an "unattractive sport" for them.

In fishing sports, it certainly depends on the individual national federations and how they deal with young people. Due to the different organizational structure in the individual ICSF national federations, it is not possible to establish a uniform concept of youth care. Also, best practices from some national federations usually have no effect.

10. Sponsors a and sponsorship contributions

Currently, ICSF has no general sponsor.

This was one of the reasons why the ICSF devoted itself very intensively to the process of IOC recognition and ensuring the participation of our sport in the World Games (TWG).

At the last two ICSF Congresses, we asked all participants to cooperate in order to contact a possible sponsor. We regret to say that we have not received any contact. The activities of the Secretary General in the Czech Republic were also without effect.

11. IOC recognition by the International Olympic Committee

ICSF membership in GAISF and AIMS enabled us to apply for ICSF recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC recognition) in 2016 - 2017. The IOC recognized several international sports federations for a transitional (two-year) period. This process by the IOC has now been completed, and 5 international sports federations have already received status "IOC-recognized sport" on a permanent basis.

After evaluating all the criteria and related activities, we came to the conclusion that the ICSF had a minimal chance of being recognized by the IOC even for a transitional period.

12. Antidoping - WADA

Lise-Lotte Janson is in charge of the anti-doping issue, which is very complex at the ICSF. In cooperation with an expert on this issue from Sweden, anti-doping rules have been developed (published on the ICSF website). They are applied and they are binding for ICSF from 1.1.2021.

This is a very complex administrative and very costly matter. In other sports, there are groups of employees dealing with this issue.

Our sport is very small sport and the anti-doping conditions are difficult and expensive for us.

The presentation will be available at the Congress.

13. ICSF shop – weights and lines

The ICSF ordered 38g orange lines from the manufacturer and they are available from the Secretary General. Orange lines 120 g have not been ordered yet due to smaller interest. Several pieces are now still available from the Secretary General.

The Secretary General has arranged weight manufacturer (7.5 g and 18 g) in the Czech Republic. These weights are already sold to individual national federations. Weights of 7.5 g are colour-marked at the eye - for ICSF only. The colour will be changed according to the year the weights were made. Weights are of high quality with the appropriate parameters according to the competition rules. So far there has been no complaint.

14. International judges

No new international judges were trained in 2020 and 2021. The ICSF does not currently have an updated list of international judges. It needs to be processed.

15. Website and media

The ICSF displays on the website, as far as possible, all news concerning our sport and the results of our competitions. ICSF has had a new webmaster since 2019 - Pascal Abel (Germany). The ICSF Executive Board has decided to publish most of the important information on its website, including information on the ICSF Congress 2022. Communication via Facebook is provided by the Vice-President Helmut Hochwartner.

16. General situation in casting - evaluation

We regret to say that there have been no significant changes since 2019. The situation is somewhat stagnant, there is no increase in the number of competitors, competitions or youth. There is still a small number of countries that would devote themselves intensively to one of our sports. This situation has been worsened by pandemics and measures in individual national federations.

Despite our best efforts, we have failed to enter the World Games 2021 (2022) and we have also failed to secure recognition by the International Olympic Committee. On this work we spend huge quantity of time and effort.

The future of casting and flycasting depends on the activities of domestic federations (ICSF member countries). We are not able to influence these activities nor support them financially, as there is no sponsor.

The reflection of these activities of individual national federations is the participation of these countries in international competitions organized and coordinated by the ICSF.

It is difficult for individual national federations to provide guidance on how to proceed due to the fact that we do not know their organizational structure, their possibilities and, last but not least, their interests.

They also lack people who would be engaged in this activity.

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