



# INTERNATIONAL CASTING SPORT FEDERATION

## Report of the ICSF Executive Board on the period 2022-2023

This report is submitted on behalf of the entire ICSF Executive Board.

The 2022 and 2023 competition season and other ICSF activities were similar to the pre-covid period. However, some national federations were significantly affected by the covid period. The activities of the ICSF Board were affected by the death of the ICSF Vice-President, Mr. Helmut Hochwartner (January 2023), illnesses and the non-participation of some ICSF Board members in ICSF activities and meetings. It is a fact that all the ICSF agenda was difficult to manage during this period. This report cannot cover all the issues of casting, flycasting and ICSF as well as the issues of individual national federations, members of ICSF.

Two Executive Board's meetings were held during the entire two-year period (Berlin 2022 and Prague 2023) and were partly affected by the absence of some Executive Board members. The members were informed.

The number of ICSF member national federations is the same as in the last period. There is no new candidate waiting for being accepted as an ICSF member. This presentation and the presentation of the income from membership fees will be discussed at the ICSF Congress. ICSF currently sees no way how to bring new member national federations to pay for membership fees in full and become active members in all aspects.

ICSF currently has no general sponsor. At the last three ICSF Congresses we asked all participants to cooperate in order to contact a prospective sponsor. We regret to say that we have not received any contact(s) yet.

Within the framework of international sports activities 2 Youth World Championships and U19-23 Championships (Hungary and the Czech Republic), 2 Senior Casting World Championships (Estonia and Poland), Masters World Championship (Germany) and the Flycasting World Championship (Norway) were held. The results and the number of participants were presented on the ICSF website, so there is no need to discuss them. The evaluation of the sports and organizational aspects of the World Championship will be made at the ICSF Congress 2023.

World Cup 2022 and World Cup 2023 were successfully organized based on the established rules and venues for each competition. All results have been presented on the website. The ICSF Executive Board considers participation in all international competitions as a presentation of the domestic activities of individual national federations.



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The World Youth Championships in 2022 and in 2023 have been expanded to include the U19-23 category, so the number of participants has increased. This issue will be discussed at the ICSF Congress.

World Games - as mentioned at the last Congress, our sport did not take part in the 2022 World Games in the USA (Birmingham) and we will not take part in the planned 2025 World Games in China - this has already been decided. We submitted our application for these 2025 World Games in time, but without success again. This will be presented at the ICSF Congress.

In 2023, the training of new international judges (Thorgeir Gustavsen) was organized as part of the World Casting Championship in Poland. The training and the following test were attended by both active and top competitors in casting. Their list will be compiled and published.

The 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, due to staffing and economic reasons, we only attended IWGA meetings, with the aim of securing our participation in the 2025 World Games in China. 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 to these federations account for over 60% of all ICSF expenditures. This situation will be presented at the ICSF Congress.

The issue of anti-doping and WADA is very complex and costly for us. It is not possible to accept and implement their rules in full. In the last 2 years we made no progress in the anti-doping issues. There is no one who is fully dedicated to this issue at ICSF. This will be discussed at the ICSF Congress.

ICSF ordered the 38g orange lines as early as in June 2022. Despite all the correspondence from the Secretary General, the manufacturer was constantly putting off the delivery date. In August 2023, they stated that they were unable to produce these lines on their new machines. Thus, ICSF has lost the ability to distribute these lines to its members. The ICSF Secretary General currently has orders for approximately 80 of these orange T38 lines with him. The ICSF Congress will discuss how to proceed. We have received some suggestions from Japan.

The sale and distribution of plugs (7.5g, 18g) works through the ICSF Secretary General, who negotiated with the manufacturer. However, we regret to note that the price for plugs has increased with respect to the increase in the energy and material prices. The price list has been posted on the ICSF website.



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ICSF Congress and General Assembly 2023 is an election congress. The ICSF Executive Board developed criteria for the election of various ICSF Executive Board positions at its March 2023 meeting.

For the next election period 11/2023 - 11/2027, Dionizy Mikolajczyk (ICSF Vice-President) and Josef Dolezal (ICSF Secretary General) will not candidate for any of the ICSF Board positions.

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