



INTERNATIONAL CROSSBOW-SHOOTING UNION

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Letter to IAU Member Federations

During the extraordinary online meeting held on 9 April 2021, the IAU EC has adopted a few decisions related to the organization of the 2021 IAU events:

1. Based on the final confirmation by the organizer of the WCH in Latvia, the championship planned to be held in Ventspils, 22-29 August 2021, is cancelled. The reason behind the cancelation of the championship is justified - the Covid situation in Latvia, as well as in other countries. Since the Organizing Committee in Latvia already made significant investments in the preparations for the Championship, the IAU EC appoints Latvia as the organizer of the 2022 World Championship. The organization of the World Championship instead of Continental Championships in 2022 is exceptional, to enable the participation of all IAU member federations. The exact calendar plans are still to be decided.
2. For the same reason, cancelled are also the World Cups in Innsbruck (Match) and Veliko Trgovisce and Otrokovice (Field). The IAU EC appoints these organizers for the same events in 2022, under the same conditions as for this year.
3. Without the World Cups and the World Championship as qualifying competitions, the World Cup Finals for both divisions are also cancelled. The organizers for the 2022 World Cup Finals shall be as planned for 2021.
4. IAU Member Federations are allowed and encouraged to organize traditional crossbow competitions, with the strict adherence to the measures against the Covid pandemic. This especially concerns the following competitions:
Match division: Innsbruck (June) and Munich (October)
Field division: Veliko Trgovisce (June), Otrokovice (July) and Astrakhan (September)
5. All IAU Member Federations are also encouraged to hold national championships, with the strict adherence to the measures against the Covid pandemic. The IAU Management will organize a special section on the IAU Webpage, to publish the Result Books from the future national championships of its Member Federations.
6. The Chairmen of the Match and Field Technical Committees are to set up the rules for online competitions over summer (Field) and fall (Match), according to which the competitors would compete in their own countries, and the results would be later unified. The organization of online competitions is now a priority, because it may be the only way to keep the Athletes in contact with crossbow shooting.

During the World Championship in Latvia, it was planned to hold the next IAU General Assembly. This General Assembly will have to be held via one of the online meeting

applications. The IAU Management will prepare all the necessary information regarding the General Assembly, and deliver it to all the IAU Member Federations on time, according to the IAU Statutes.

It is with extreme regret that the members of the IAU Executive Committee adopt such decisions, but health and well-being of the athletes, coaches and their families are of the utmost importance. Vaccination and the overall combat against the pandemic are very slow, and do not open space for a normal organization of sports activities, especially bigger championships. Throughout the rich history of the IAU, it has never happened that the championships were not held for two years in a row. We sincerely hope that this decision was the latest of the kind. Take care.

Yours sincerely,

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