



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Escrime

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EFC/CEE Congress 2011 Sheffield
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Dear Member Federations,

Please find attached to this letter the following information:

1. Agenda in English and French
2. Copy of Proxy form *
3. Draft Minutes of Leipzig Congress 2010

To prepare our documents for the Congress, please inform us whether your president or a representative will attend the Sheffield Congress. In case your president is not able to participate, please send us a copy of the proxy which you give to another person of your federation or to another federation, either by mail (scanned) or by fax. The person or federation who receives the proxy must present this document before the opening of the Congress.

* Please note: this proxy form is only valid when signed by the federation's president and stamped with the federation's seal.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. We expect your answer within a week.

Best regards,

Max Geuter

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Mesdames, messieurs, chers amis,

Comme prévu dans l'article 1.3 du Règlement Intérieur, je vous prie de trouver ci-joint l'ordre du jour pour le **Congrès Ordinaire**, qui se déroulera pendant les Championnats d'Europe Senior

à Sheffield (GBR)

**Le Samedi 16 juillet 2011
à 10.00 heures dans l'Hôtel Holiday Inn Royal Victoria
Victoria Station Road – Sheffield**

ORDRE DU JOUR

1. Allocution du Président
2. Validation des Fédérations présents et des pouvoirs
3. Approbation du PV du Congrès 2010 à Leipzig
4. Rapport Moral du Secrétaire Général
5. Rapport spécial du Président
6. Rapport du Trésorier
7. Rapport des Commissaires aux Comptes
8. Projet du Budget 2012
9. Désignation des Commissaires aux Comptes pour 2011
10. Discussion sur le nouveau « web portal »
11. Propositions du Comité Exécutif et des fédérations
12. Présentation et vote pour les championnats U-23 à Bratislava (SVK) 2012
13. Dates des championnats d'Europe 2012 (Cadets/Juniors, U-23, Seniors)
14. Présentation pour les championnats seniors 2012 à Legnano (ITA)
15. Candidatures pour les Championnats d'Europe Cadets/Juniors, U-23, Seniors 2013/2014
16. Date du Congrès 2012 à Legnano (ITA)
17. Questions diverses

Pour le Président Frantisek JANDA
Le Secrétaire Général
Max W.F. GEUTER



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Dear Member Federations,

as indicated in article 1.3 of our Interior Rules, please find herewith the details of the agenda for our **Ordinary Congress** which will be held during the European Senior Championships

in Sheffield (GBR)

on Saturday, 16th July 2011
10.00 h in the Hotel Holiday Inn Royal Victoria
Victoria Station Road – Sheffield

AGENDA

1. Welcome address of the President
2. Validation of present federations and proxies
3. Approval of the minutes of the Congress 2010 in Leipzig
4. Annual Report of the General Secretary
5. President's special report
6. Financial Report of the Treasurer
7. Report of the auditors
8. Budget of 2012
9. Designation of the auditors for 2011
10. Discussion about the web portal
11. Propositions of COMEX and federations
12. Presentation and vote on U-23 Championships 2012 in Bratislava (SVK)
13. Dates of the European Championships 2012 (Cadets/Juniors, U-23, Seniors)
14. Presentation of the European Senior Championships 2012 Legnano (ITA)
15. Candidatures for 2013/2014 European Championships – Juniors/Cadets, U-23, Seniors
16. Date of the 2012 Congress in Legnano (ITA)
17. Miscellaneous

For the President Frantisek JANDA
General Secretary
Max W.F. GEUTER



**DRAFT MINUTES
OF EFC / CEE CONGRESS
16th JULY 2010 at 10.00 h
LEIPZIG (GER)**

FEDERATIONS PRESENT OR REPRESENTED

Federation	President	Present	Proxy
ARMENIA	Armen GRIGORYAN	YES	
AUSTRIA	Markus MAREICH	YES	Ursula Hinterseer
AZERBAIJAN	Nazim IBRAHIMOV	YES	GER
BELARUS	Alexander ROMANKOV	YES	
BELGIUM	Louis COOMANS	no	
BULGARIA	Krasimir PETKOV	YES	
CROATIA	Zeljko KVESIC	YES	Reno Marolt
CYPRUS	Yiannis HADJIARAPIS	no	
CZECH REPUBLIC	Oldrich KUBISTA	YES	
DENMARK	Jan Sylvest JENSEN	YES	
ESTONIA	Tonis KAASIK	no	
FINLAND	Kimmo PENTIKÄINEN	YES	Marja-Liisa Someroja
FRANCE	Frédéric PIETRUSZKA	YES	
GEORGIA	Archil GOGELIA	YES	David Sakhvadze
GERMANY	Gordon RAPP	YES	
GREAT BRITAIN	Keith SMITH	YES	
GREECE	Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS	YES	CZE
HUNGARY	János ERÖS	YES	Andras Füleky
ICELAND	Gudjon GESTSSON	YES	
IRELAND	Tom RAFTER	YES	Nuala McGarrity
ISRAEL	Yosi HARARI	YES	
ITALY	Giorgio SCARSO	YES	Giuseppe Cafiero
LATVIA	Erika AZE	YES	
LITHUANIA	Rimantas JOGELA	no	
LUXEMBOURG	Armand LEMAL	no	
MACEDONIA	Aleksandar ANASTASOV	YES	
MALTA	Juan FORMOSA	YES	ITA
MOLDAVA	Ion BOLFA	YES	Cojocari Vitalie
MONACO	Georges PRAT	YES	FRA
NETHERLANDS	Wiebe MOKKEN	YES	Bert v.d. Flier
NORWAY	Björn FAYE	no	
POLAND	Jacek BIERKOWSKI	YES	
PORTUGAL	Frederico VALARINHO	YES	Frederico Fonseca Santos
ROUMANIA	Ana PASCU	YES	
RUSSIA	Alexander MIKHAILOV	YES	

SAN MARINO	Antonio PUTTI	no	
SERBIA	Damir BARALIC	no	
SLOVAKIAN REP.	Miroslav BARANIK	YES	
SLOVENIA	Savo TATALOVIC	no	
SPAIN	Marco-A. RIOJA PEREZ	YES	
SWEDEN	Lars LILJEGREN	YES	Per Palmström
SWITZERLAND	Olivier CARRARD	YES	
TURKEY	Müminhan BILGIN	YES	
UKRAINE	Sergiy MISCHENKO	YES	
TOTAL 35 of 44	20		15

1. WELCOME ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

Frantisek JANDA, EFC President, welcomed everyone to the Congress, especially FIE representatives, Mr. Maxim Paramonov and COMEX member Mr. Sunil Sabharwal as well as the members of honour, Jenő Kamuti (HUN) and Bert v.d. Flier (NED), and gave the floor to Mr. Maxim PARAMONOV, Secretary General of the FIE.

Mr. Paramonov in his speech mentioned that European fencing is base of world fencing and thus the activities of EFC have direct impact on world fencing as well. He stressed that the European Confederation became during the last period more active and the cooperation with the FIE more constructive. He ended by wishing successful deliberation of the Congress.

Then the President invited Mr. Geuter, EFC Secretary General, to manage running of the Congress.

2. VALIDATION OF PRESENT FEDERATIONS AND PROXIES

Mr. Max GEUTER announced that 36 Federations out of 44 members were represented either by their Presidents or by proxy.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE CONGRESS 2009 IN PLOVDIV

The Minutes of the 2009 Congress held in Plovdiv, which were sent to all federations in advance, were **approved unanimously**.

Also the report about elections of new EFC Board held in Plovdiv in 2009 was approved without objections – **unanimously**.

4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

He called for one minute's silence out of respect to the deceased colleagues mentioned in his Report. But before that he informed that after date of the elaboration of the report one more personality of fencing, Mr. Dario Mangiarotti from Italy, passed away. Taking into account that all participants received Annual report in advance it was not read at the Congress.

New presidents of EFC national federations:

Mr. Petkov BUL
 Mr. Kubista CZE
 Mr. Jensen DEN
 Mr. Prat MON
 Mr. Sorber NED

5. PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPORT

In his speech he stressed importance of active participation of federations at EFC proposed activities and realisation of EFC projects. He also appreciated nice and constructive atmosphere inside of EFC and draw the attention of delegates to the position of so called "big fencing nations" towards "small and developing federations" where mutual understanding and interest are reflected in modified qualification criteria for OG London 2012 will allow sometimes participation also from less developed European fencing federations. Another important sign of new approach of national federations was presented in Baku, during FIE General Assembly, where European

federations voted unanimously for agreed solutions as a demonstration of understanding of common goals. He also publicly thanked European members in FIE Executive Committee. Then he offered brief presentation of the new EFC web portal. He stressed importance of active role played by fencers and federations at participating at development of the web site.

Concerning the Referees Commission he outlined new approach at the work of this commission looking for transparent and objective rule of decision making, preparation and mainly cooperation with national referees commission in order to reach the goal – to have competent refereeing for all categories from seniors to cadets' competitions.

Concerning financial situation of the EFC he explained that there are two sources of finances: predetermined funds from FIE aimed for participation of fencers at Championships, presidents of federations at FIE Congress and some material aid.

The other part of the budget managed solely by EFC is aimed at support of European championships in every category. Now each organiser can know how much he will get from EFC helping its financing of the event.

The second source of EFC finances is the "Foundation for the Future of Fencing", thanks to the generosity of Mr. Usmanov, President of the FIE. The funds are to be used for development projects as co-financing together with some funding from receiving federation. Each applicant has to find also other source of financing of given project. There is also the principle of responsibility on the side of federations in terms of their obligatory participation at FIE Congresses and voting for commonly adopted decisions.

The President underlined that all decision and activities of the EFC Board are published and there is full control possibility of any EFC expenses.

Permanent secretary with EFC Technical Director, Julius KRALIK (SVK) was established with the main goal: to be service section for federations and organisation of EFC competitions. Besides championships there are Cadets and U-23 Circuits competitions. These will be a priority also for the next year. The statistics show that at European championships 40 countries are participating in Leipzig which is a great success. The federations should express their opinion if established permanent secretary services are welcomed or not.

Finally, the President stressed the power held by national federations, members of EFC, and invited them to actively participate also at administration of the sport life of EFC.

6. 7. 8. FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER/AUDITORS' REPORT/ BUDGET 2011

Mr. Bierkowski presented different chapters of EFC budget and answered questions from the audience. He informed about a change of auditors in order to decrease costs of audits.

Mrs. Nuala McGaritty asked for paper version of the budget.

Mr. Paramonov suggested distributing an electronic version of budget in the future before the Congress date.

Mr. Santos from POR asked about state of play of Cahiers des charges for European Championships. Mr. Thullberg answered that the elaboration of the document takes longer than expected; therefore it will be ready within next season.

Mr. Bert van den Flier presented audit report from previous year, which was approved **unanimously**.

The budget 2011 will be available for Lobnya European Junior Championships.

9. DESIGNATION OF THE AUDITORS FOR 2010

EFC President remembered that EFC Statute recognise two possibilities of auditor service provision – internal or external.

Mr. Palmström (SWE) – underlined external auditor's service because of transparency aspect and suggested third option: one internal and one external auditor. He proposed also Mr. v.d. Flier (NED) to take over position of internal auditor not having position in the EFC anymore.

Mr. Mikhailov (RUS) - suggested using external auditors company from less expensive European country, for example Czech Republic.

Mr. Carrard (SUI) – appreciate effort for reducing costs of audits however, he thinks it is more secure to have external auditor from the country where the account is kept.

Mr. Pietruszka (FRA) – informed that several former fencers in France are professional in the area of audit services and thus are proposed for internal audit

Mr. Paramonov (FIE) – suggested to use external auditor service but coming from smaller company and less expensive

Mr. Bierkowski – suggestion to use external audit preceded by internal audit.

Conclusion made by Mr. Janda: it is required external auditor but asking smaller remuneration for services. The vote result: **majority** voted for only external auditor.

10. PRESENTATION OF NEW EFC WEB PORTAL

Mr. Jochen Färber (GER) presented new EFC web site under power point application. First, he described the procedure of the selection of company for creation of the web site. Main parts of the project were described:

- Public part – in the next future will be possible to customise the home page according to individual preferences
- Service portal with invitations, results and rankings of EFC Circuits (cadets and U-23), inscriptions for EFC competitions both fencers and referees registered in EFC data base including photos of athletes
- Athletes biographies – except personal data the other data (hobbies, results etc.) can be modified by the user
- Videos and pictures – upon FIE contract with YouTube, the videos from competitions will be available on that web site but can be directly find also on EFC web site
- The EFC section – information about EFC management, documents, EFC letters.
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Mr. Julius Kralik (SVK) informed that all data from previously registered fencers were transported in new database. Concerning Cadets Circuit he informed about automatization of results and updating of rankings.

11. PROPOSITIONS OF COMEX AND FEDERATIONS

No proposals came from federations.

12. PRESENTATION AND VOTE ON U-23 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011 IN KAZAN (RUS)

Delegation from Kazan made presentation of the preparation of U-23 European Championships to be held in 2011 in Kazan (RUS). They mentioned the history of the city, accessibility via Moscow, the infrastructure tailored to needs of different sports including fencing, which has long tradition in the Republic of Tatarstan. Hotels foreseen to be used at Championships were also presented. Numerous volunteers will be engaged to assist delegations.

Upon voting procedure the Congress **approved** the organisation of U-23 European Championships for the city of Kazan.

13. 14 - CANDIDATURES TO THE EUROPEAN JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011 / CADETS, JUNIORS, U-23 IN 2012

Before considering candidatures Mr. Julius Kralik offered some explanation of issues related to new FIE calendar having important impact also on EFC Calendar of Championships.

In this context he noted that due to mentioned changes junior season 2010 – 2011 will start by European Championships by end of October 2010 what is not very logic. He suggested to keep Lobnya Junior Championships as it was adopted and not to organise any junior championships in 2011 but instead at the end of the season 2011 – 2012, so in March 2012.

Mr. Kubista (CZE) – putting championships in March date it would be difficult because within short period two big events should be organised (World and Zonal Championships)

Mr. Marot (CRO) – he joined the opinion of Mr. Kubista in terms that we would have for the best cadets two events in short notice

Mr. Santos (POR) – prefer to have championships at the end of the season and not at the beginning

Mr. Rapp (GER) – in total there are too many championships (FIE and Zonal) in one season therefore he would propose to held some championships every two years

Mr. Janda (GER) – many coaches criticise having championships at the beginning of the fencing season

Mr. Cafiero (ITA) – with new FIE calendar there will be less number of competitions as it was in the past. The other aspect is that there is a motion to cut cadets championships from World to Zonal level. He is in favour to make the change of the date as soon as possible.

Mr. Pozdniakov (RUS) – he declared that Russian federation paid big attention to the organisation of coming European Championships in Lobnya and guarantees good level of competitions and conditions at this city. Concerning suggestion of Mr. Kralik he is strongly supporting this proposal because at the beginning of the season coaches are busy by working at preparation of the new season therefore they cannot ensure required good level of their fencers and he prefers to skip in one year the championships and to definitely move to the end of the season.

Mr. Pietruszka (FRA) – having carefully considered the arguments of Mr. Pozdniakov he would like to present the position of France who is not participating at junior championships at the beginning of the season and also not at European Cadets Championships because he is of the opinion that there should be only one big event. Thus he proposed to negotiate with the FIE the alternation of Zonal and World Championships the way to have only one of them in one season. This is also an issue related to lack of finances at federations.

Mr. Rapp (GER) – joined the opinion of Mr. Pietruszka.

Mr. Kamuti (HUN) – is against alternation and about the change of the date, he suggests to postpone the decision for the next congress.

Mr. Paramonov (UKR) – is of the opinion that there is strong impact on the budget of federations, which are connected to their state budget in terms if there are or not some championships in given year.

Mrs. Pascu (ROU) – is in favour to maintain the championships every year and about possible dates she thinks there is a space on the side of the FIE for discussion. She proposed to set up a working group in charge to prepare proposals concerning dates to be negotiated with the FIE who is willing to help situation in zones.

Mr. Geuter (GER) – suggested reconsidering previous discussion about combining cadet and junior championships.

Mr. Cafiero (ITA) – asked to differentiate two elements: the first question is if we will have two championships in one season or skip next year 2011 and have the championships at the end of the season in 2012. This decision should be taken immediately because it can cause big obstacles for federations at ensuring necessary finances for participating at two championships in one season and also national calendar has to respect it. The second point, the creation of a working group he supported but he stressed that the group should work fast.

Mr. Smith (GBR) – supported the opinion of Mr. Cafiero. But he remembered that combined categories can be problematic because of large number of participants.

Mr. Kralik (SVK) – argues that based on his experiences from World Championships in fact joining two categories is mainly problematic for the organisers whilst for delegations it is more economic, more suitable for personnel accompanying fencers and even fencers can come and leave according their category competition. Also should be considered that European Championships are smaller and obviously the number of participants will not be the same as at World Championships where also other continents are taking part. He suggested to follow the proposal of creating a working group.

Mr. Geuter asked CRO, candidate for junior championships in 2011, whether they could organise combined cadet and junior championships and to move possibly from October 2011 to March 2012 if such was the conclusion from the work of the Working Group.

Mr. Marolt (CRO) – answered that they can accept both conditions – move the date and organise combined championships.

Mr. Atanasov (MKD) – proposed to postpone the decision of the Congress for the next year because he thinks the congress is not prepared for such a decision.

Mr. Kralik (SVK) – opposed this opinion and was of the opinion that in one year the situation would be the same – the opinions would be again split in two groups therefore he suggested to vote on the spot about the principal decision i.e. to change the date of championships from October to the end of the season and the WG could afterwards offer the best solution about combining or not the categories.

Vote: only 3 votes against the change of date from October to March. It was approved by the **majority** of voices that the date of Junior Championships will move from October 2011 to March and the next Championships will be held in 2012.

Vote: **unanimously** voted creation of a Working Group, which should harmonise its conclusions with the opinion of the FIE.

15. CANDIDATES OF CHAMPIONSHIPS (CADETS, JUNIORS, U-23, SENIORS)

Mr. Geuter (GER) informed that Baku (AZE) withdraw from organising U-23 championships in 2012.

Mr. Kralik (SVK) – Slovakia is considering the organisation of European U-23 in 2012 in Bratislava and is presenting its candidacy under condition that approval of new Slovak Government will be given for that event organisation in Slovakia.

16. DATE OF THE 2011 CONGRESS IN SHEFFIELD (GBR)

Mr. Smith (GBR) – the date of EFC Congress 2011 in Sheffield will be 16 of July 2011.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

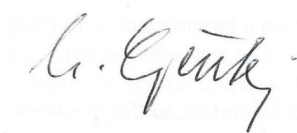
Mr. Kralik (SVK) informed about new Circuit of competitions for the U-23 category, and its calendar would be composed from open senior competitions and FIE satellite competitions, no special U-23 competitions are suitable for the purpose (!). The first proposal came from the Italian federation offering 3 dates each for one weapon (men and women on one date and at one venue). Some other federations also proposed some competitions (SRB, CZE, GER, GBR, and IRL).

Mr. Cafiero (ITA) remarked that the competitions proposed are based also on the effort to maintain the competitions, which were excluded from FIE WC calendar.

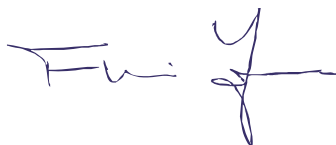
Mr. Geuter reminded that in 2012 there will be held the European Senior Championships whose date should be very carefully considered by the Working Group because of the Olympic Games running in the same year in London.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated by EFC President, Mr. Janda.

Elaborated by: Julius Kralik



Max W.F. Geuter
General Secretary



Frantisek Janda
President