



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

March 29, 2022

EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

Dear Member Federation,

On 20 March the Executive Committee after reviewing a list of concerns decided on a vote of no confidence in President Stanislav Pozdnyakov.

Motivation:

- Being in an irreconcilable conflict of interest concerning the ban of Russian fencers and the arbitration case against FIE and EFC raised by the Russian Fencing Federation with CAS and not taking the appropriate actions to remove himself from this conflict.
- Disregarding several EFC COMEX decisions.
- Making decisions as President, without having them ratified with Executive Committee.
- Transgressions against the EFC's Safeguarding policy.

On 24 March 2022, the President responded and posted a message on our website (<https://www.eurofencing.info/news/message-from-president-pozdnyakov-n483406.htm>).

Also he had sent out to a letter to our Member Federations on 25 March, announcing, amongst other things, that the vote of no confidence had failed, that he is still President and that "business continues as normal".

The EFC COMEX met on 26 March and condemned the actions of the president and in an email to him, sent that same evening, expressed deep concern over his messages and post.

The COMEX wrote that business does not continue as normal during a time of Russian aggression against the Ukrainian population and that it is deeply concerned that the President has not been addressing the seriousness of the situation: the conflict of interest had been disregarded, he continued to ignore COMEX decisions, declined to talk about the transgressions against the safeguarding policies, except through his lawyer, and now in his latest communications he waived aside the vote of no confidence.

The vote of no confidence is an indisputable fact, passed unanimously by all (except by Mr. Pozdnyakov as having been absent) members of the COMEX.



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The President was informed that the COMEX had adopted in its meeting of 25 March the following resolution:

The COMEX urges the President to cease any activities as the President of the EFC and to suspend his functions until Congress, which will make a decision based on the COMEX resolution on a vote of no confidence. If he rejected this motion or did not react (i.e. he would continue to act as a president) before 10:00 am CET on March 27, the COMEX would convene an extraordinary Congress as soon as possible, which will vote whether or not to deprive the President of his functions. Consequently a subsequent Congress could elect a president.

The President has not responded to this urgent request. Therefore the COMEX will convene an extraordinary Congress with one topic: The vote of no confidence and its consequence: whether or not to deprive the President of his functions.

This Extraordinary Congress will take place on 31 May at 10:00 am CET.

More information will follow as soon as possible.

EFC Executive Committee