

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ICESTOCKSPORT

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IFI ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2020

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The International Federation Icestocksport (IFI) has held its Congress on 8 March 2020 in Regen (Germany) on the occasion of the World Championships 2020. Since that time I had the pleasure and honour to lead IFI as President in what turned out to be challenging times from the very beginning.

The COVID-19 Pandemic showed itself not only as a threat to the IFI events calendar which was planned for 2020 and 2021 but also brings in peril our member National Federations and IFI is taken to its limits.

Notwithstanding the fact that IFI is balanced at the moment both, from the financial and administrative side, we will see how fast the Pandemic can be solved and we can return to our normal competitions in a post-COVID world, which will never be the same.

However, the IFI Executive Committee and Administration worked diligently on the following topics:

IOC FULL FRECOGNITION PROCESS

IFI STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2026 – THE ICESTOCKSPORT 2020 NAVIGATOR

GOVERNANCE

- IFI 2020 membership survey: IFI conducted a membership survey in 2020 to find out statistics on our member National Federations and impact of the pandemic.
- Establishment and revamp of Commissions: The IFI Executive Committee has approved of a list of new/revamped IFI Commissions and their composition

Athletes' Entourage Commission
Women in Sport Commission
Youth in Sport Commission
Medical and AD Commission
Development and Sport for Active Society Commission
Sustainability and Legacy Commission
Ethics Commission
2026 Strategy Commission

- Appointment of IFI Special Officers: The IFI Executive Committee has appointed Special Officers for the following topics:

Sustainability Officer
Disabled Sport Officer
Integrity Officer
Athletes' Safeguarding Officer



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- Improvement in Gender balance at events and within Administration: IFI has 40 men in leadership/commission positions and 29 women. The Executive Committee has now 3 women.

IFI events show a much-improved gender balance as is displayed in the IFI Gender Equality report..

- Professionalisation of IFI Administration: The incoming President Christian Lindner presented to the Congress Ms. Silke Bernardi (Germany) as the first ever IFI Secretary General to work with IFI starting from 8 March 2020.

The Headquarter was re-located to Frankfurt am Main (Germany).

- Changes of Statutes since Congress: The IFI Executive Committee has approved changes to the IFI Statutes better reflecting requirements of the Olympic Movement and these are subject to Congress approval.

ANTI-DOPING

- WADA code compliance: IFI worked on the path of WADA code compliance, an ever changing and challenging task. Testing during the World Championships in Regen run smoothly.
- IFI Anti-Doping Rules 2021: The new rules from 2021 are approved fully by WADA.

UNIVERSALITY

- Increase of IFI Membership: Congress has approved member no. 47 in 2020, this means that IFI has increased membership by 5 National Federations since the Application for provisional IOC recognition.
- Establishment of Continental Associations: The IFI Executive Committee has approved the following Continental Associations and has composed the Executive Committees of these IFI branches:

Icestock Sport Federation Africa (ISFA)
Icestock Sport Federation America (ISFAM)
Icestock Sport Federation Asia-Oceania (ISFAO)
Icestock Sport Federation Europe (ISFE)

EVENTS & TECHNICAL SPORT SIDE

- Reaction to COVID-19 Pandemic – an ongoing task with many uncertainties and lasting challenges to budget and event planning.
- IFI World Championships Regen for Women, Men and Juniors in Team, Target Single and Team and Distance Single and Team competitions: The report on this event is attached to this report as IFI NEWS edition 1-2020.
- Events calendar 2020-2021 and onwards: The Congress 2020 approved a new competition rhythm for European and World Championships to be held every 4 years (ECH in 2024 and 2025 and every 4 years henceforth and WCH in 2027, 2031, 2035 etc.).



With regards to the European Cup for Women's Club Championships the starter field will include up to 24 teams henceforth allowing for more female teams to compete reflecting the increase in female participation in that event.

- Technical sport rules: The Congress 2020 dealt with the approval of changes to the Technical Sport Rules for Icestocksport.

SUSTAINABILITY

- Establishment of sustainability standards for IFI Management and Events
- IFI joined UNFCCC Sports for Climate change
- IFI joined UNAOC One Humanity campaign
- IFI followed the Development Programme funded with the support by the IOC

After all, we are looking forward to work with our members on the ongoing challenges. We thank all member National Federations and volunteers and staff of IFI for their compassion, spirit and support.

On behalf of the IFI Executive Committee

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