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Christian Lindner, President

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Dear Sir or Madam,  
dear officials, dear athletes,

At the end of a long year 2022, which again was not completely free of COVID-19 conditions for sport as a whole and Icestocksport, I am writing to you these lines providing a small summary of the IFI activities in 2022.

After an excellently organised U23 World Championships and U19/U16 Youth European Championships from February 15th to 19th, 2022 and the World Championships for Men and Women from February 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Klobenstein am Ritten (ITA), where the 65<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress the IFI was held, the rest of the year was also characterised by considerable international competition activity of IFI.

This included the European Cup in the long-distance competition from July 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 in Pocking (GER), the European Youth Grand Prix (U16) from August 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Schaftlach (GER), the Africa Cup for Men and Women from August 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Windhoek (NAM) and most recently the European Cups for Club teams for Women from November 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and for Men from November 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Amstetten (AUT). The fact that the BÖE in Austria applied for the European Championships in the long-distance competition for all classes in 2023 in Steuerberg am Goggaussee (AUT) and Germany with the European Championships for young people in the target and team competition from March 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Bad Wörishofen (GER) again takes over an event organisation, shows again that above all the traditional nations make themselves available for events.

Even if the Africa Cup in Namibia and then in Gabon in 2024 together with the America Cup in Canada 2023 complete our event portfolio, this cannot hide the fact that the other 56 nations of the IFI are also called upon to organise and apply for international championships. After all, the IFI is a world association with distribution on all five continents.

Following the Congress in Klobenstein, where the IFI decided to change the rules, including the way of counting, which was sometimes very controversial, especially when it was introduced, but which ultimately found overwhelming approval at the Congress, it is now important to clarify the purpose of this change even more to present and communicate.



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The efforts of the IFI management, which was unanimously elected by the delegates from the nations of five continents at the congress, to modernise Icestocksport, should not, indeed must not, be endangered. The IFI tries to the best of its ability, sometimes limited by the financial leeway, to develop Icestocksport internationally, which means that the focus cannot always be on the traditional nations.

At the end of the year it's time to pause, say thank you and maybe even calm down a bit. We would like to thank the countless voluntary helpers who spend their time for Icestocksport in all nations of the IFI.

Let's thank the athletes for their outstanding sporting achievements under, as I said, sometimes difficult conditions.

We thank the officials in the administration of our sport worldwide.

— We would like to thank the sponsors of our sport, the German Federal Minister of the Interior, for Homeland and Sport with her ministry, the Federal Office of Administration, for their continuous support of the IFI. Without this support, our work in the association would not be possible.

For the year 2023, I wish you especially health, peace, energy and contentment. On behalf of the IFI Executive Committee and the office, I wish you all a happy, blessed and contemplative Christmas holiday.

Kindest regards, Yours

— A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christian Lindner', is written over a white rectangular background.

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