



INFO 2017/2

Luxembourg, 5th April 2017

01. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

April 6th: World Table Tennis Day!

A huge number of table tennis activities are being organised on this day, all around Europe and all around the world, at all levels and attracting vast numbers of sport loving players and players-to-be.

When announced, the first World MiniPingPong Festival in Ostrava (CZE) immediately drew my attention as being one of the most open and innovative ways of presenting our sport to a large public, of all ages and from all backgrounds. I am congratulating the ever active Czech Table Tennis Association (CAST) with this great initiative.

It shows that the CAST is not only very capable of organising renowned European and World table tennis tournaments, but is also investing in the future and the presentation of our sport. The CAST have managed to attract top players Iveta VACENOVSKÁ and Petr KORBEL as Ambassadors for this event; they have moreover also managed to attract the support of public and private sponsors for this new project.

It is not only my pleasure, but also an honour to officially open this first World MiniPingPong Festival in the beautiful city of Ostrava. I am convinced that all participants, players, supporters, sponsors and all others involved will make this happening the start of an 'innovative tradition'. Although one does not know how successful this will be, I regard it as a challenging example that deserves our compliments!

Kindest regards



Ronald Kramer





02. ETTU EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS 2017 – date change!

Following discussions with ITTF, the 2017 ETTU Extraordinary Congress will be held on Tuesday 30th May 2017 (10:00) during the LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF World Championships at the Messe Düsseldorf (room 814), Düsseldorf GER. Please note this date for your diary.

Agenda

1. Welcome by the ETTU President Ronald Kramer
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. President's Report
4. Executive Board updates
 - a. 2016 Budget – Vice President for Finances Dorte Darfelt
 - b. 2017 Development Program – Deputy President Ivo-Goran Munivrana
5. Future of the European Championships Team events – report of the Events Working Group, Vice President Heike Ahlert
Open discussion
6. National Championships dates
7. National League dates
8. Any other business
9. Closure

03. EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

The draw for the European Youth Championships team events will take place on Wednesday 7th June 2017 in Düsseldorf.

04. EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION (TEAM EVENTS)

The draw for the 5 play-off matches (home and away) was made during the ITTF Europe Top 16 Cup in Antibes.

Men: ENG – SVK, ITA – UKR, RUS – SRB, CZE – POL, HUN - BLR

Women: ESP – ENG, TUR – NED, WAL – BLR, SWE – SVK, SRB – CRO

Further details of match dates and times are available on www.ettu.org .

05. ETTU ORDINARY CONGRESS 2017 - LUXEMBOURG

Please note the 2017 ETTU Ordinary Congress will be held in Luxembourg LUX on Thursday 14th September 2017 (09:30) during the LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF European Championships.

Propositions for the Agenda must be received by the ETTU Secretariat (ettu@pt.lu and rcsettu@pt.lu) not later than Thursday 22nd June 2017.

Notice of the Congress venue and Agenda will be sent to all member Associations not later than Tuesday 1st August 2017.



06. ETTU 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the European Table Tennis Union in March 1957 a dinner will be held on Thursday evening 14th September 2017 at Casino 2000, Mondorf-les-Bains LUX.

Invitations will be sent in early May.

07. ATHLETES COMMISSION

The Athletes Commission is composed of 5 members: 4 athletes elected during the ITTF European Championships and 1 athlete elected during the ITTF Para TT European Championships. The 2017 election of 5 members, for a term of 4 years, will be held in Luxembourg LUX (4 athletes) and Laško SLO (1 athlete) during September 2017.

Further details of the nomination procedure will be provided by the ETTU Secretariat in Düsseldorf.

08. BOARD OF JUSTICE AND BOARD OF APPEAL

The Congress unanimously gave to the Executive Board the authority to take the necessary steps to increase each Judicial Board to 5 members each.

The Executive Board is pleased to confirm the appointment of Prof. Dr. Peter Meyer (GER) to the Board of Justice with immediate effect.

Nominations for the Board of Appeal vacancy are invited for consideration by the Executive Board next month. A member Association may have a member of the Board of Justice or a member of the Board of Appeal.

09. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WORKING GROUP

The Executive Board has appointed a working group to review ETTU's present Constitution.

Chair: Arne Madsen (DEN), members: Margarida Dias Ferreira (POR), Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), Cristinel Romanescu (ROU), Rudolf Sporrer (AUT), Sara Sutcliffe (ENG), Matthias Vatheuer (GER), Richard Scruton (Secretary General).

The commission of this Working Group is to review ETTU's Constitution and bring it to the highest achievable level of international good governance in sports. The Working Group will report to the Executive Board. A first new draft Constitution will be discussed during the Extraordinary Congress in 2018. After this discussion a draft Constitution will be put to the 2018 Ordinary Congress for adoption. We hope this planning and timetable will be attainable.

10. MARKETING WORKING GROUP

The Executive Board has appointed a working group to advise on all marketing matters.

Chair: Cristinel Romanescu (ROU), members: Nikolas Endal (CZE), Pedro Moura (POR), Beatrice Romanescu (ROU), Jonny Cowan (ITTF Partnerships Manager), Richard Scruton (Secretary General).



11. EVENTS WORKING GROUP

The Executive Board has reappointed a working group to advise on the major events including the European Championships.

Chair: Heike Ahlert (GER), members: Adrian Crisan (Athletes Commission), Galia Dvorak (ESP), Øivind Eriksen (NOR), Sonja Grefberg (FIN), Vladimir Grigoriev (RUS), Pedro Moura (POR), Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), Richard Prause (GER), Cristinel Romanescu (ROU), Didier Leroy (ITTF Competition Manager), Richard Scruton (Secretary General). President Ronald Kramer attends as an observer.

12. ETTU EVENTS – 2019

The Executive Board has awarded the 2019 European Veterans Championships to the Hungary Association to be held in the city of Budapest.

13. FUTURE ETTU EVENTS – 2020 and 2021

Associations wishing to stage the following ETTU events

2020 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS
2020 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
2020 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (individual events)
2020 EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10

2021 EUROPEAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

are kindly requested to send their initial applications to the ETTU Secretariat (ettu@pt.lu and rcsettu@pt.lu)
to arrive not later than **Friday 29th September 2017**.

14. DATES FOR YOUR 2017 DIARY

Please note the following dates:

- ° **European Veterans Championships**, Helsingborg SWE – Monday 26th June to Saturday 1st July
- ° **STAG European Youth Championships**, Guimarães POR – Friday 14th to Sunday 23rd July
- ° **Europe Youth Top 10**, Worcester ENG – Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September
- ° **LIEBHERR ITTF European Championships**, Luxembourg LUX – Wednesday 13th to Sunday 17th September
- ° **ITTF Para TT European Championships**, Laško SLO – Tuesday 26th September to Thursday 5th October
- ° **Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games European Qualification**, Split CRO – Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th November

15. EUROTALENTS 2017

Please note the two Euro Talents Pre-Selection Camps, for boys and girls born 2005 and 2006, will be held 30th July to 6th August 2017 (Porto POR) and 11th to 18th August 2017 (Kiskunfélegyháza HUN).

The Final Selection Camp will be held 8th to 15th October 2017 (Otočec SLO) for players selected at the Pre-Selection Camps and at the 2017 Euro Mini Championships (Schiltigheim FRA).

For more information please contact ETTU Development Manager, Neven Cegnar
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16. THANK YOU FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Thank you to the many member Associations who have paid their 2016 invoice. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Member Associations with unpaid 2016 invoices are kindly requested to assist European Table Tennis Union by giving this matter their earliest attention.

Best wishes from the ETTU Secretariat and Staff



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