



INFO 2017/3

Luxembourg, 30th June 2017

01. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

While we in Europe are successfully staging the European Veterans Championship in Sweden and preparing for the STAG European Youth Championships in Portugal, in the Pinewood Studios in Johor, Malaysia, the first round matches of the T2 Asia Pacific are played and broadcast live for millions of viewers on TV and streamed worldwide on the internet. World's top players including many Europeans are lined up to show their best performance in a unique setting. This T2 tournament has the potential to change our sport like never before. Not only in the eye of the public, but also for players, coaches and associations. Frank Ji - the 'brainchild' of the project - had invited the ITTF and ETTU Presidents to be witnesses of the start of this series. We had been informed regularly of the preparations and the ETTU office was involved in some calendar issues to accommodate our best European players, men and women, for this event. The event can be a tremendous promotion for our sport, not only in Asia, but all over the world, including Europe, with many European stars (10 out of 24) talking part. And it was also out of curiosity that I accepted the invitation. ITTF Vice-President Masahiro Maehara represented the ITTF Executive Committee.



The first matches were played on Wednesday June, 28th. Two Europeans played the first ever T2 match.

The starting point for this new event was to accommodate as much as possible the potential TV and internet audience. The initiators had very carefully registered the demands and necessities of the TV producers in order to present our sport in a way that potentially could attract new spectators, thus creating more commercial value for our sport.

After the launch and day one of round one, it is not easy to predict the future of T2, but it is certainly worthy of our support, if only for the courage to experiment in the necessary renewal of our sport.

I advise everybody with an interest for modern sport - including our own table tennis fans - to closely follow T2 in the months ahead of us. For ETTU it may provide many good practices and lessons to be learned.

I wish you all a great summer!

Kindest regards



Ronald Kramer



02. ETTU ORDINARY CONGRESS 2017 - LUXEMBOURG

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

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

03. ETTU 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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

Invited persons are asked to RSVP confirming their attendance and dietary requirements (if any) to the Secretary General (rcsettu@pt.lu) not later than **Monday 31st July 2017**.

A limited number of tickets are available on a first come, first served basis, price €125 per person.

04. ETTU ATHLETES COMMISSION**REMINDER!**

Member National Associations of the European Table Tennis Union are invited to nominate 1 or 2 candidates for the position of member of the Athletes Commission (2017-2021).

The election for the ETTU Athletes Commission will take place during the LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF European Championships (Luxembourg LUX) and the European Para TT Regional Championships (Laško SLO) in September 2017.

The Commission is composed of 5 members, elected for a 4 years renewable term (2017-2021). 4 athletes, from 4 member Associations, are elected during the European Championships and 1 athlete, who may be from any member Association, is elected during the European Para TT Regional Championships.

National Associations are invited to nominate 1 or 2 candidates, aged 16 years or more at the time of voting in September 2017, who have participated in European Championships or European Para TT Championships during the past 4 years (2013-2017), and have not been sanctioned for a doping offence.

A candidate will be at least 16 years of age at the time of the election, has never been sanctioned for a doping offence, has participated at previous European Championships or European Para TT Regional Championships during the past 4 years and will participate in the LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF European Championships (Luxembourg LUX) or European Para TT Regional Championships (Laško SLO).

Nominees must be nominated by their National Association.

The eligibility of each candidate is decided and confirmed by the ETTU Executive Board.

Each nomination shall include a candidature form, duly signed by the candidate and the President of the National Association, with a candidate's biographical details, personal statement and a recent passport photograph.



□ Nominations are to be sent as email attachment to the ETTU Secretariat:
(Pierre Kass ettu@pt.lu and Richard Scruton rcsettu@pt.lu)
not later than **Wednesday 12th July 2017**.

05. LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Luxembourg, LUX – Friday 13th to Sunday 17th September

□ The draw will be conducted on Wednesday 12th July 2017, commencing at 1730 local time (CEST), in the Amphitheatre of the event venue d'Coque.

□ Applicability of ITTF Regulation: Please note ITTF Regulation for International Competitions 3.2.5.7 (temporary advertisements on table undercarriage) does not apply for the Championships.

06. ETTU EVENTS – 2018

□ The Executive Board has awarded the 2018 European Under 21 Championships to the Belarus Federation to be held in the city of Minsk.

07. FUTURE ETTU EVENTS – 2020 and 2021REMINDER!

□ 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**.

08. 2nd EUROPEAN GAMES, Minsk 2019

□ Dates for the Minsk 2019 European Games have been confirmed with the 2nd edition of the multi-sport event due to run from Friday 21st to Sunday 30th June 2019. The Falcon Club will host the table tennis competition.

□ The Executive Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Øivind Eriksen (NOR), chair ETTU Technical Committee, as Technical Delegate.

09. NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT 2018

□ The European Table Tennis Union is inviting all ETTU member National Associations to submit their proposals for development program assistance and support for 2018.

□ The areas to be supported by ETTU include: • Organising national training camps for cadets and mini cadets • Organising national educational seminars for coaches • Support for the participation of the most talented players of a member Association to attend EUROTALENTS pre selection camps • Support for the participation of the member Association's coaches to ETTU educational seminars and to the annual ETTU Coaching Conference • A specific need in development for a member Association with all necessary details explained and reasoned.



□ Further details and information may be obtained from Ivo-Goran Munivrana, ETTU Deputy President responsible for development (igmunivrana@gmail.com) or Neven Cegnar, ETTU Development Manager (ncegnar@gmail.com).

□ Applications, to be returned to Ivo-Goran Munivrana (igmunivrana@gmail.com) and Neven Cegnar (ncegnar@gmail.com) not later than **Sunday 17th September 2017**.

10. OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY 2017-2020

□ IOC's Olympic Solidarity have released the programs for the new quadrennial, 2017-2020.

□ Olympic Solidarity is the body responsible for managing and administering the share of the television rights of the Olympic Games that is allocated to the National Olympic Committees (NOCs). It assists the NOCs and the Continental Olympic Associations with their efforts for the development of sport through programs carefully devised to match their specific needs and priorities.

□ Olympic Solidarity is important in providing assistance relating to coaches and athletes, particularly because this is supplementary funding to that provided by the ITTF Development Program.

□ The most beneficial Olympic Solidarity programs include:

- Olympic Solidarity Technical Courses for Coaches - usually 1-2 weeks courses with a budget of US\$8000-US\$12,000
- Olympic Solidarity "Developing a National Sports System" (DNSS) Courses - usually 2-4 months courses, often done as one month initially, followed by a period of several months for the National Association to work on various areas, and a final month to analyse, update and up-skill, with a budget of US\$30,000
- Scholarships for Athletes (Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games)
- Scholarships for Coaches are available for training in sports sciences and/or sports specific training of 3-6 months in institutions such as Semmelweis University Budapest, CAR Sant Cugat Barcelona, INSEP Paris and CISÉL Lausanne, depending on whether sport specific or for general coaching knowledge.

□ There are 2 new programs for this quadrennial, "Athlete Career Transition" and "Refugee Athlete Support".

□ Detailed descriptions of all the Olympic Solidarity Projects can be seen on this link: <http://www.ittf.com/det/coaching/olympic-solidarity/>

□ Applications are made directly by the National Associations to the National Olympic Committee.

□ National Associations must then closely lobby their National Olympic Committees, remembering you are competing with other sports for this funding so applications should be professionally presented, with a clear plan, legacy, and budget.

□ For more information please contact:

ITTF Development Director, Leandro Olvech (lolvech@ittfmail.com)
ETTU Development Manager, Neven Cegnar (ncegnar@gmail.com).



11. ETTU CALENDAR 2018

- The ETTU Calendar for 2018 is available as annex 1.

12. ETTU DIRECTORY

- An updated ETTU Directory (July 2017) will be emailed to all member National Associations. If you wish to amend your Association's entry please contact the ETTU Secretariat.

13. DATES FOR YOUR 2017 DIARY

- Please note the following dates:

- **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
- **Asia Europe Challenge Series**, CHN – Sunday 29th to Monday 30th October
- **Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games European Qualification**, Split CRO – Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th November

Best wishes from the ETTU Secretariat and Staff



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