



INFO 2017/4

Luxembourg, 22nd August 2017

01. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of a new season of table tennis, I want to draw your special attention to the importance of the Congress in Luxembourg on September 14th. This day will in history be seen as an historic day for the development of table tennis in Europe! Why? Because we will be deciding on the future development and popularity of our sport.

The development of table tennis takes place inside our 58 countries, in cities, villages and neighbourhoods. This is where children first learn to play and to like our sport. This is where our clubs are working hard to provide proper conditions and to promote table tennis in an attractive and inspiring way.

Inspiration is what we all need. Inspiration is provided by our top players and probably even more by our National Team players. Although many 'outsiders' do not know the names of our players, everybody knows what a National Team is, with which you can identify yourself. This is why the Executive Board believes that we should be playing more and more home matches in our cities and villages. And with some extra promotion it is possible to get more people to the venue to support their National Team. And in that way we bring table tennis closer to the people, including local media representatives.

If we look into the mirror of our recent European Team Championships, you will notice that there is not a great variety of different Team Champions over the years. Yet in our European Championships some 40 associations are participating. Out of 58, nearly one third is - probably for valid reasons - not interested or capable of sending a male and/or female team.

At the same time we are experiencing more and more organisational - including financial - problems in finding hosts for our events. In recent years we have taken some measures to counter these problems, but still it is getting harder and harder to organise our what we now call our European Championships.

Not all is going down: together with the clubs we are working hard, with some success to bring the Champions League and ETTU Cup to higher levels of quality. Internet streaming is getting better and better, even 'old fashioned TV' still has a lot to offer and serious sponsoring is around the corner.

The ETTU Events Group has profoundly studied and debated the situation, looked at many alternatives in different sports and has now produced a model that the Executive Board fully supports. It starts from the premise that every National Team that registers for the EC can - theoretically! - be European Champion in the end. No three divisions any more, from which only the teams in the Championships Division can become European Champion.

The new concept for the European Team Championships is much closer to the people, is more flexible and it can attract many more spectators and ultimately more media attention for our sport. With the support of the agreement that ETTU and ITTF are concluding we in





Europe can and will be able to promote table tennis also commercially better than before. All stages together will be called the European Championships, with many matches being played in all our member countries. So, the first match for the European Team Championships 2018/2019 will be played in February 2018. And the final stage in September 2019.

The Executive Board supports the idea to play the final stage with 16 teams. It gives room for more exciting home matches in our different countries in the first two stages and it does not place high - financial and organisational - burdens on the organiser of the final stage.

We sincerely hope that we can count upon our Member Associations in the Luxembourg Congress to vote in favor of the proposition with 16 teams in the final stage.

I am looking forward to an exciting Congress! See you in Luxembourg!

Kindest regards



Ronald Kramer

02. FUTURE ETTU EVENTS – 2020 and 2021.....**REMINDER !**

-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**.



03. 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 (0930 CEST) during the LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF European Championships.

· Agenda

- a) President's opening remarks
- b) Roll call
- c) Approval of the agenda
- d) Appointment of scrutineers
- e) Adoption of late entered propositions
- f) Consideration of the reports from the Officers, the Committee Chairs and the Officials
- g) Consideration of the Financial Statement 2016
- h) Consideration of the report from the Auditor
- i) Release (Discharge) to the Executive Board
- j) Appointment of Audit Commission
- k) Consideration of propositions
- l) Annual membership subscription
- m) Budget of income and expenditure 2018
- n) Appointment of Honorary Members
- o) Presentation of Badges of Honour
- p) 2018 European Championships update
- q) Miscellaneous

04. EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018DATE CHANGE !

· Please note it has been agreed to change the date of the 2018 European Youth Championships, Cluj Napoca, ROU.

· The new date is **Sunday 15th to Tuesday 24th July 2018.**

05. EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10 2018

· The Executive Board has accepted with regret and understanding the Norwegian Association's request to step down as host Association of the 2018 Europe Youth Top 10.

· ETTU will be pleased to hear from member Associations wishing to host this annual event in 2018 for the top 40 European junior and cadet players.

· Interested Associations are asked to contact Secretary General Richard Scruton (email: rcsettu@pt.lu) not later than **Thursday 31st August 2017.**

06. ETTU ATHLETES COMMISSION

· 4 nominations were received for membership of the Athletes Commission (2017-2021). The nominations were approved and eligibility verified.

· Zoran Primorac (CRO), Galia Dvorak (ESP), José Manuel Ruiz Reyes (ESP) and Adrian Crisan (ROU) are confirmed as Athletes Commission members.



07. BOARD OF APPEAL

- The 2016 Ordinary 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 Matej Hamran (SVK) to the Board of Appeal with immediate effect.

08. LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Luxembourg LUX – Wednesday 13th to Sunday 17th September

- 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.
- Please note it will be announced at the Jury meeting (Tuesday 12th September, 1900 CEST) that 2 coaches per team will be allowed on the team bench during a team match.

09. LIEBHERR 2018 ITTF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION – EUROPE

- Please note only an Association which has taken part with at least one player or team in its preceding Continental Championships, including qualification tournaments, or Continental Games, shall be eligible to enter teams or individual players in the World Championships.
- The previous World Championships (2016) result quota includes top 32 finishers and the top 2 of 3rd and 4th divisions (49th-50th and 73rd-74th):

Men: England (3rd), Sweden (5th/2018 host), Portugal (5th), France (5th), Croatia (9th), Austria(9th), Poland (9th), Germany (13th), Czech R (13th), Ukraine (15th), Russia (15th), Italy (17th), Denmark (17th), Romania (17th), Belarus(21st), Greece (21st), Serbia (27th), Belgium (29th), Spain (29th), Luxembourg (49th).

Women: Netherlands (5th), Germany (5th), Austria (9th), Ukraine (9th), Romania (9th), Hungary (13th), Belarus (15th), Czech R (15th), Poland (17th), France (17th), Russia (17th), Spain (21st), Sweden (21st/2018 host), Luxembourg (26th), Serbia (27th), Croatia (27th), Switzerland (29th).

- The Continental qualification quota is fixed (9 men's teams and 9 women's teams according to the LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF European Championships final positions) and in addition to the previous World Championships (2016) result quota.

10. 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**.

11. EUROPEAN RANKING AND PLAYER STATISTICS

· The ETTU website offers a new online platform with player results and statistics from previous competitions, all at one place. All the European Rankings data starting May 2014 is available on the ETTU Results/Stats webpage (<http://results.ettu.site>).

· Behind the work of developing and launching a new platform are ITTF and ETTU Competition Manager Dimosthenis Messinis who created the platform and the ETTU Ranking Committee chair Igor Heller who provided all the results data.

12. DATES FOR YOUR 2017 DIARY

· Please note the following dates:

- **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

13. ITTF ETTU MARKETING COURSE #2

Luxembourg LUX - Friday 15th September 2017



ITTF / ETTU Marketing & Promotion Course

Friday 15th September 2017, d'Coque (LUX)

JOIN US!

Following the positive feedback from the inaugural Marketing & Promotion session in Budapest in 2016, we wish to invite National Association Marketing heads & leads to our second workshop in Luxembourg during the LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF-European Championships.

To build on last year's session and the feedback provided, we will focus this time on **TACTICS, TIPS, TOOLS & BELOW THE LINE MARKETING ACTIVITY**. We hope to create lots of discussion & opportunity to share experiences & learn from one another to improve how we all market & promote our sport.

Jonny Cowan, ITTF Partnership Manager within the ITTF Marketing and Commercial team, will facilitate the day, & we will have a global digital sports consultancy in attendance. They have worked with a multitude of football clubs, including FC Barcelona & Manchester City FC, as well as sporting giants such as NBA, UFC & AELTC Wimbledon so will provide expert input & non-table tennis examples of best practice.

SEE YOU IN LUXEMBOURG!

Course Plan:

0900	Arrival with coffee, tea, juice, water
0930	Session 1 – Digital tools, data & content
1100	Break
1115	Session 2 – Activating tips to maximise impact of events & home matches
1245	Lunch
1400	Session 3 – Sponsorship in the modern sports era
1530	Round up
1600	Networking with drinks
1700	Close

For more information and to confirm attendance, please email: **Richard Scruton** (ETTU Secretary General) at rcsettu@pt.lu (copying Zita Pidl at zpidl.ettu@gmail.com) by **Friday 8th September 2017**.

Best wishes from the ETTU Secretariat and Staff



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