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Luxembourg, 13th November 2017

1. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

This will probably be the last INFO of the calendar year 2017. A bit too early perhaps to look back over the past year, but we should give a big compliment to our friends from Luxembourg for hosting great European Table Tennis Championships in September. It showed that a relatively small but well organised association (and country) can stage big events. Our congratulations go to all who have worked hard to achieve this success and of course to the men's team of Germany and the women's team of Romania.



We can also look back on an interesting, if not historic 2017 Congress, where ETTU decided to change the overall format of the European Team Championships. The Championships will from now on be played over a period of 16 months, starting with stages 1 and 2 with the final stage of 24 teams having 'survived' the first two stages. I congratulate our French friends who have taken up the glove to organise this final round in Nantes in 2019.

These first 2 stages are not only to 'survive' but are in most cases even more important to promote our sport over the European Continent. These matches are unique opportunities to promote the national teams and our sport in their home matches. They will stimulate all participating associations to do their best, not only in playing and trying to win, but also to attract attention of the audiences and public media in the cities and venues where these matches will be staged. It is our strong belief that by generating local and national interest before and during these home matches, we can really contribute to getting more attention from our sport. I am very much looking forward to the draw for the first stage that will take place in Stockholm SWE on November 18th, during the Swedish Open.

At the end of the Championships in Luxembourg the German magazine 'Tischtennis' asked me if there is still room for yearly European Championships in the present media landscape. The background of this question being that some players may not care to play the ETTC every year in view of the full international calendar. In my reaction I first stated that within ITTF, including all Continents, we have decided that one should play the Continental event to be eligible for the World Championships. Second, we believe that a team and individual championship alternating every two years - which is now the case - already means that we do not have full championships every year. Besides: having for instance biennial championships would not work for more media attention for our sport, because the champions (team and individual) would as a consequence keep their title for four years. May it be thinkable for World and Olympic championships, for Continental championships this would be too long....



After the festive season a New Year 2018 will start, with renewed events (Top-16 for three years in Montreux SUI, and the Individual Championships in Alicante ESP, and the club competitions which need hard work but are getting better and better) and a new year of our growing Development Program, bringing new challenges to our wonderful sport. Challenges that will have to be met based on mutually understood and respectful cooperation, transparency and open communication.

Kindest regards,



Ronald Kramer

02. ITTF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Team Events) Final Stage

The Executive Board has awarded the ITTF European Championships Team Events Final Stage to the French Federation (FFTT), to be held in the city of Nantes, in September 2019.

03. ITTF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Team Events) Stage 1 Draw

The ITTF European Championships Team Events Stage 1 draw will take place in Stockholm (Eriksdalshallen, venue of the Swedish Open) on Saturday 18th November.

Stage 1 composition

Men's A groups (18 Associations to be drawn to 6 groups)

Austria, Belgium, Belarus, Croatia, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine.

Women's A groups (18 Associations to be drawn to 6 groups)

Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine.

The 6 A group winners and 6 A group runners up will proceed directly to the final stage of the Championships in September 2019. The 6 position 3 teams will proceed to stage 2 to compete for the remaining places in the final stage.

Men's B groups (21 Associations to be drawn into 6 groups)

Azerbaijan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, England, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Lithuania, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, San Marino, Scotland, Serbia, Switzerland.

Women's B groups (17 Associations to be drawn into 5 groups)

Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Lithuania, Norway, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey.



6 Men's B group winners and 6 Men's B group runners up will proceed to stage 2.
5 Women's B group winners and 5 Women's B group runners up will proceed to stage 2.

Stage 2 format (18 Men's and 16 Women's)

There will be 5 Men's groups and 5 Women's groups, played with a round robin system during one weekend, with the 5 group winners and 5 group runners up proceeding to the final stage of the Championships.

Dates

Stage 1 A groups and B groups

27 th February 2018	1v3	1v3, 2v4 (for B groups with 4 teams)
27 th March 2018	2v1	2v1, 4v3
22 nd May 2018	3v2	3v2, 1v4
23 rd October 2018	3v1	3v1, 4v2
20 th November 2018	1v2	1v2, 3v4
4 th December 2018	2v3	2v3, 4v1

Stage 2 groups

18th and 19th May 2019

Draws

Stage 1 A groups – seeding according to 2017 European Championships final ranking;

Stage 1 B groups – seeding according to 2017 European Championships final ranking;

Stage 2 groups – seeding according to ITTF World ranking;

Final Stage groups – the 2017 title holder (Men – Germany, Women – Romania), the host Association (France) and the 6 stage 1 group winners will be drawn to position 1 of the 8 groups, according to a seeding list provided by the Ranking Committee. The remaining 16 teams, seeded according to ITTF World ranking, will be drawn to positions 2 and 3 of the 8 groups.

04. FUTURE ETTU EVENTS – 2019 and 2020

-Associations wishing to stage the following ETTU events

2019 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

2020 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 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 2nd March 2018**.



05. FUTURE ETTU EVENTS – 2021 and 2022

-Associations wishing to stage the following ETTU events

2021 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS
2021 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
2021 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (team events) Final Stage
2021 EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10

2022 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS
2022 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
2022 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (individual events)
2022 EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10

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 20th April 2018**.

06. ITTF EUROPE TOP 16 CUP 2018, 2019, 2020

· The Executive Board has awarded the ITTF Europe Top 16 Cup in 2018, 2019 and 2020 to Swiss Table Tennis, to be held in the city of Montreux.

07. EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

· The prospectus for the Belgosstrakh European Under 21 Championships, to be held in the city of Minsk BLR from Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th March 2018, has been published online. The list of eligible players will be issued in early December. All players must be under 21 years of age on 31st December 2017 (players born on or after 1st January 1997).

08. EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10 2018, 2019, 2020

· The Executive Board has awarded the 2018 Europe Youth Top 10 to the Association of Portugal (FPTM) to be held in the city of Vila Real from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September 2018.

· The Executive Board has awarded the 2019 Europe Youth Top 10 to the Association of Netherlands (NTTB) to be held in the city of Noordwijk.

· The Executive Board has awarded the 2020 Europe Youth Top 10 to the Association of Germany (DTTB) to be held in the city of Berlin.

09. EUROPEAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

· We are pleased to confirm the dates of the 13th European Veterans Championships, to be played at the Budapest Olympic Centre, Budapest HUN: Monday 1st to Sunday 7th July 2019.

10. ETTU ATHLETES COMMISSION

· Galia Dvorak (ESP) has been confirmed as the chair of the Athletes Commission for a 4 years term (2017-2021) and she is a co-opted member of the Executive Board.



11. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

- Please note the 2018 ETTU Extraordinary Congress will be held (subject to confirmation) on Monday 30th April 2018 during the LIEBHERR 2018 ITTF World Team Championships in Halmstad SWE.
- Please note the 2018 ETTU Ordinary Congress will be held on Wednesday 19th September 2018 during the 2018 ITTF European Championships in Alicante ESP.
- Please note the following dates:
 - **China Construction Bank ITTF Europe Top 16 Cup**, Montreux SUI – Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th February 2018
 - **Belgosstrakh European Under 21 Championships**, Minsk BLR – Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th March 2018
 - **European Youth Championships**, Cluj-Napoca ROU – Sunday 15th to Tuesday 24th July 2018
 - **Europe Youth Top 10**, Vila Real, POR – Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September 2018
 - **ITTF European Championships**, Alicante ESP – Tuesday 18th to Sunday 23rd September 2018

12. ETTU DIRECTORY

An updated ETTU Directory (November 2017) will be emailed to all member Associations. If you do not receive a copy or wish to amend your Association's entry please contact the ETTU Secretariat.

13. WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY

The clock is ticking, there are less than five months to World Table Tennis Day, Friday 6th April 2018.

For more information:

<https://www.itf.com/2017/10/10/clock-ticking-less-six-months-world-table-tennis-day/>

Best wishes from the ETTU Secretariat and Staff



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