

# INFO 2018/4

Luxembourg, 4th September 2018

## 1. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Just over two weeks before the Liebherr 2018 ITTF-European Championships in Alicante, we are preparing also for the Ordinary Congress on September 19th. Developments since the 2017 Congress in Luxembourg and the discussions in the Extraordinary Congress in Halmstad have led me to think that we will have a lively meeting in Alicante.

The former ETTU President, representing the Table Tennis Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina (BIHTTF) and supported by the present ETTU Deputy President, has started a discussion about the remuneration of the ETTU President. The BIHTTF has now even sent a claim to a Luxembourg court. But is this discussion really about the remuneration? Or is it based on something else? Some not very normal things are going on. Why is the Italian citizen and ETTU Honorary Member Stefan Bosi not representing the Italian TT Federation? Why did our Deputy President come up with his so-called opposition against the President remuneration in late 2016, while he was informed and knew even before the first new Executive Board (EB) meeting in 2013 at Bratislava that the President would be remunerated? The EB meeting in December 2013 agreed to it. And as early as January 2014 all Member Associations were explicitly informed. No one ever asked questions or contested it, neither in the EB nor in our Congresses. No progress without opposition, I have stated that often before, but is it normal that as a member of the EB team, the Deputy President not only starts a debate, but sends internal confidential preparatory messages to the 'opposition'? Many more questions of a moral nature can and should be asked, and deserve answers.



Since 2013 the EB, with some changes after the 2016 elections, has worked very successfully in repairing the very significant financial and organisational damage that was left after the former President had resigned. It is no problem to produce a long list of successful work and initiatives taken since 2013, but let me just state that, supported by a great team of Vice Presidents, we have delivered and will continue to deliver what we have promised to do back in 2013, in the best and most economical way. The progress that's being made in finance and stability in European table tennis should continue, including our successful development programme, the U-21 Championships, the participation in the European Games, etc etc.

So, the question again is: is this really about a remuneration?

Table tennis in Europe can certainly use support, such as offered by a new foundation called ETPA represented by Mr Bosi, and helping our financially weaker Associations is surely a very noble thing to do. I just want to believe that this kind of support has no connection with the aforementioned questions.

Let's celebrate our sport and our top players in Alicante and work together on making table tennis in Europe even better, instead of fighting each other in court at the expense of table tennis! A fight that will know no winners!

Kindest regards,



Ronald Kramer



## 02. 2018 ETTU ORDINARY CONGRESS – ALICANTE, ESP

· Please note the 2018 ETTU Ordinary Congress will be held at Hotel Meliá Alicante, Plaza del Puerto 3, Alicante ESP on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (09:30 local time) during the **LIEBHERR 2018 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 2017
- 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 2019
- n) Appointment of Honorary Member: Mr Rudolf Sporrer (AUT)
- o) Presentation of Badges of Honour
- p) 2019 European Championships update
- q) Miscellaneous

· **REMINDER!** Nomination forms for the appointment of Committee chairs and members and Audit Commission members shall be returned to the ETTU Secretariat ([ettu@pt.lu](mailto:ettu@pt.lu)) not later than **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**.

## 03. LIEBHERR 2018 ITTF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

· Alicante, ESP – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

The draw will be conducted on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 17.00 local time (CET) at the Casino Mediterráneo Alicante. The jury meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 19.00 local time (CET) at the venue.

· 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.

· Eurosport will take over 19 hours coverage of the Championships across Eurosport 1 and 2, with over 17 hours live on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The aim is to surpass last year's 5.2 million audience on Eurosport.

## 04. 2019 ITTF EUROPE TOP 16 CUP

· Invitations for the 2019 ITTF Europe Top 16 Cup will be issued following the release of the December 2018 European Ranking List.

## 05. 2021 EUROPEAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

· The Executive Board has awarded the 2021 European Veterans Championships to the Table Tennis Association of Wales, to be held in the city of Cardiff.



## 06. FUTURE ETTU EVENTS – 2020, 2021

· Associations wishing to stage the following ETTU events

2020 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

2021 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

are kindly requested to send their initial applications to the ETTU Secretariat ([ettu@pt.lu](mailto:ettu@pt.lu) and [rcsettu@pt.lu](mailto:rcsettu@pt.lu))

to arrive not later than **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**.

## 07. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

· Please note the dates for 2020 National Championships are Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

## 08. NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT 2019

· The European Table Tennis Union is inviting all ETTU member National Associations to submit their proposals for development program assistance and support for 2019.

· 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](mailto:igmunivrana@gmail.com) ) or Neven Cegnar, ETTU Development Manager ( [ncegnar@gmail.com](mailto:ncegnar@gmail.com) ).

· Applications, to be returned to Ivo-Goran Munivrana ( [igmunivrana@gmail.com](mailto:igmunivrana@gmail.com) ) and Neven Cegnar ( [ncegnar@gmail.com](mailto:ncegnar@gmail.com) ) not later than **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018**.

## 09. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

· Please note the following dates:

- **Europe Youth Top 10**, Vila Real, POR – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- **LIEBHERR ITTF European Championships**, Alicante ESP – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games**, Buenos Aires ARG – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- **ITTF European Team Championships** Stage 1 A groups and B groups –  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018      3v1              3v1, 4v2 (for B groups with 4 teams)  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018      1v2              1v2, 3v4  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018      2v3              2v3, 4v1
- **ITTF European Team Championships** Stage 2 groups – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

*Best wishes from the ETTU Secretariat*



ETTU Development Partner

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## THE FUTURE PLAYS EVOLUTION



TOMAS POLANSKY  
2018 EUROPEAN CHAMPION U21