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Luxembourg, 16th June 2018

01. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

To start with: the Swedish Table Tennis Association is to be applauded for the efficient, warm and hospitable way they have organised the Liebherr 2018 World Team Table Tennis Championships. 'Chapeau' our French speaking friends would say.

More than table tennis history was written during the Liebherr 2018 World Team Table Tennis Championships in Halmstad. With the unifying of the women's teams of North and South Korea for the semi-final, table tennis reached global attention, not just in sport media but also far beyond! Let's hope that it helps to bring peace to that part of the world and that the Singapore meeting of the leaders of the United States of America and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will also in the longer run turn out to be successful.

The ITTF Board of Directors approved a new concept for the world championship: another historic moment that however did not reach the front pages of the world press, but will have great impact on the future of our world (and continental!) championships and still needs a lot of work to be implemented successfully. The concept looks very promising from an organisational and commercial point of view, but many issues will have to be solved, before the next BoD meeting in Budapest, during the 2019 World Championships, can definitely decide. We wish the ITTF and all the experts that will be involved a lot of patience and wisdom in their definitely complex task.

In Halmstad, other important matters were concluded, like the Constitutional reform and the adoption of a strategic plan. ITTF is not only monitoring and learning from the progress continents such as Europe are making, but is surely showing the way forward in developing and modernising our sport worldwide. ITTF's Executive Committee and Staff deserve our respect for their courage and vigour in facing the many challenges in a rapidly changing world.

Another initiative from ITTF and ETTU is the organisation of the first ITTF-ETTU Europe Table Tennis Forum, on July 21-22, during the STAG 2018 European Youth Championships in Cluj-Napoca, (ROU). All Presidents of the national European table tennis associations are invited to be informed and - more important - to discuss the many actual themes that are on our agenda today and tomorrow, including the new concept of the world championships and how to strengthen the participation of all national associations in European and World table tennis events. Under item 04. you will find further information and how and when to register.

Looking forward to meeting you all next month in the beautiful Romanian city of Cluj-Napoca!

Kindest regards,



Ronald Kramer





02. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

- On 25th May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 came into force. The ETTU Privacy Policy has been established to comply with GDPR. The policy is subject to updates and amendments.
- The ETTU Privacy Policy and practices can be read at www.ettu.org/en/about-ettu/privacy-policy/.

03. 2018 ETTU ORDINARY CONGRESS – ALICANTE

- Please note the 2018 ETTU Ordinary Congress will be held at Hotel Meliá Alicante, Plaza del Puerto 3, Alicante ESP on Wednesday 19th September 2018 (09:30) during the **LIEBHERR 2018 ITTF European Championships**.
- Propositions for the Agenda must be received by the ETTU Secretariat (ettu@pt.lu and rcsettu@pt.lu) not later than **Wednesday 27th June 2018**.
- Notice of the Congress venue and Agenda will be sent to all member Associations not later than Wednesday 1st August 2018.
- Nomination forms for the appointment of Committee chairs and members will be sent to all member Associations not later than Wednesday 1st August 2018.

04. ITTF ETTU FORUM TABLE TENNIS. FOR ALL. FOR LIFE.

- The ITTF and the ETTU are cordially inviting member Association Presidents or their representatives to the first Europe Table Tennis Forum to be held on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd July during the **STAG 2018 European Youth Championships** in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- The Forum that will be driven by the visionary slogan Table Tennis. For All. For Life. will be a unique event consisting of three sessions of talks and discussions presented by experts from the ITTF and ETTU. Amongst others, topics include an overview of the new strategic plan and vision of the future of the World Table Tennis Championships, support for National Associations in both professionalism of the sport and fan engagement, and popularisation of Table Tennis among the younger generation.
- Thank you to the Romanian Table Tennis Federation for their help and assistance with the organisation of the Europe Table Tennis Forum.
- Please refer to the attached agenda for more details on topics, schedule and available financial support for your attendance.
- We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend the Europe Table Tennis Forum and look forward to receiving your online entries not later than Monday 2nd July 2018.



05. EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

· Congratulations to the 2017-2018 winners:

Table Tennis Champions League Men - Borussia Düsseldorf (GER)

Seamaster European Champions League Women - Dr. Časl (CRO)

ETTU Cup Men - K.S. Dekorglass Dzialdowo (POL)

ETTU Cup Women - Metz TT (FRA)

· Please note that the Regulation J European Club Competition – Men (version 03.05.2018.) has been adopted following the postal ballot:

Agree 15, Not Agree 3, Abstain 10 and Invalid (received after deadline) 1

· **Reminder:** please note the deadline for entries for both men and women season 2018-2019 is **Thursday 21st June 2018** at 1600 CEST. Entry forms must be sent to ettu@pt.lu.

06. EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

· The Executive Board has awarded the 2019 European Under 21 Championships to the Portugal Table Tennis Federation, to be held in the city of Gondomar.

07. EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

· The Executive Board has awarded the 2020 European Youth Championships to the Croatian Table Tennis Association, to be held in the city of Zagreb.

08. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

· Please note the following dates:

- **STAG 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
- **LIEBHERR ITTF European Championships**, Alicante ESP – Tuesday 18th to Sunday 23rd September 2018
- **3rd Youth Olympic Games**, Buenos Aires ARG – Saturday 6th to Thursday 18th October 2018
- **ITTF European Team Championships** Stage 1 A groups and B groups –
Tuesday 2nd October 2018 3v1 3v1, 4v2 (for B groups with 4 teams)
Tuesday 20th November 2018 1v2 1v2, 3v4
Tuesday 4th December 2018 2v3 2v3, 4v1
- **ITTF European Team Championships** Stage 2 groups – Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May 2019

Best wishes from the ETTU Secretariat



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