

# INFO 2018/5

Luxembourg, 10th October 2018

## 1. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

The Liebherr European Championships 2018 in Alicante will stick to our minds as most rememberable. The great and warm hospitality of our friends from the Royal Spanish Table Tennis Federation is unforgettable. Hotel, transport and in particular meals in the casino were outstanding. I suppose we will all remember and cherish that we had our lunches and dinners in the Casino at the Marina. My congratulations to the hosts and organisers, not just for the food, but for the whole organisation and staging of the tournament. Thank you!

We must also not forget to mention the support of ITTF in the promotion of these Liebherr European Championships on television, internet and in the social media. We have not seen any final figures of viewers and followers yet, but I am fully confident that in these areas we have made big progress. Well done!

Many of us will also remember the Ordinary Congress on September 19th. Not the best of our recent Congresses, but at least all together we managed to finish in time. From this place I want to sincerely thank all of you who supported the Vice Presidents and myself. It means that we can now fully continue to concentrate on the many important issues that need our attention. Having said this, we will also have to work on restoring the confidence of those Associations that voted against the propositions from the German and Danish Associations. I assume that the civil court claim from our friends from the Bosnia and Herzegovina Association (the only claim I know of) will be withdrawn now, because by adopting the proposition of the German Association, it has lost its basis.

In my opinion, the adoption of the proposition of the Maltese Association to bring the number of participating Associations in the final round of the World Championships up to 96, is a sign to ITTF that the smaller and middle-sized Associations from Europe want to be part of the World Championships. ETTU and ITTF are very much concerned to find an adequate and workable solution. During October we will discuss within ETTU and ITTF how to accommodate the wish of so many European Associations to be more closely connected to the World Championships than they feel they are in our future World Championships.

I wish you all a peaceful, calm and pleasant autumn, full of table tennis.

Kindest regards,



Ronald Kramer





## 02. 2019 ITTF EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS STAGE 2 and FINAL STAGE

- Stage 1 A groups: 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.
- Stage 1 B groups: 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 Stage 2 Men's groups (3x4 and 2x3 = 18 teams) and 5 Women's groups (1x4 and 4x3 = 16 teams), 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.
- Stage 2 groups dates: 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
- Stage 2 groups will be seeded according to ITTF World ranking.
- We will make the draw, on a December date to be decided, following the completion of Stage 1 round 6 matches on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- 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.

## 03. 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.

## 04. 2019 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Please note the maximum number of entries for the U21 Championships is 56 men and 56 women players. According to the Congress decision on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Alicante, the highest ranked 48 men and 48 women players derived from the December 2018 European Under 21 ranking lists will be invited with a maximum of 3 men and 3 women players from a member Association. In cooperation the ETTU Youth and Ranking Committees will grant up to 8 men and 8 women a wildcard. If less than 8 wildcards will be used, the next eligible player(s) from the December 2018 European Under 21 ranking lists will be invited.

## 05. 2019 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS **DATE CHANGE!**

- Please note it has been agreed to change the date of the 2019 European Youth Championships, Ostrava CZE.
- The new date is **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**

## 06. 2020 ITTF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Individual Events)

- The Executive Board has awarded the 2020 ITTF European Championships to the Polish Association (PZTS), to be held in the capital city of Warsaw, from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020.



## 07. FUTURE ETTU EVENTS – 2020, 2021 **REMINDER!**

- 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**.

## 08. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

- Please note the dates for 2021 National Championships are **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

## 09. HANDBOOK

- The revised ETTU handbook is available at <https://www.ettu.org/en/about-ettu/handbook/> .

## 10. CLUB COMPETITION OFFICIAL

- The Executive Board is pleased to confirm the reappointment of Club Competitions Official Arne Madsen (DEN).

## 11. COMMITTEES

- The Executive Board is pleased to confirm the appointment of the following Committee chairs for 2018 to 2020: Para TT - Patrick Ringel (FRA), Ranking - Igor Heller (NED), Technical - Øivind Eriksen (NOR), Umpires and Referees - Isabelle Beumier (BEL), Veterans - Zdenko Kriz (SVK), Youth - Sandra Deaton (ENG).

- Details of all members of the above Committees are available at <https://www.ettu.org/en/about-ettu/ettu-bodies/committees/athletes/> .

## 12. AUDIT COMMISSION

- The Congress has appointed the following members of the Audit Commission: Camille Gonderinger (LUX), Goran Tilovski (MKD), Keith Thomas (ENG).

## 13. DIRECTORY

- An updated ETTU Directory (October 2018) 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.

## 14. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Please note the following dates:

- **ITTF European Team Championships** Stage 1 A groups and B groups –  
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*



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## THE FUTURE PLAYS EVOLUTION



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2018 EUROPEAN CHAMPION U21