



NEWSLETTER 12/2020

Dear friends,

This year has been difficult for all of us and we are still facing a lot of challenges. COVID-19 has changed our lives in a way we never expected.

Most of the events have been cancelled. We had to stop our favourite sport.

Nevertheless, we started again in the last month and we saw two successful ETTU events. Congratulations to the organisers in Düsseldorf and Linz, to Mr. Levitin and his team and especially also to Pierre Kass, who spent a lot of energy to push the realisation of the events.

I would like to highlight the excellent work of our colleagues in Düsseldorf and Linz. They proved that ETTU match officials are performing on a high professional level and we can be proud of the quality of our umpires and referees in Europe.

We are again expecting a difficult period in the first half of 2021, but hopefully we can start again slowly and the 2nd half of next year will bring us back to normal life.

ETTU URC used the last months to work on specific documents, database and tried to intensify the contacts with the associations. As chairperson of the Umpires and Referee Committee it makes me proud to work with such a motivated and professional team. I am also planning to use the synergies arising from my position as ETTU URC chairperson and ITTF URC deputy chair.

We would like to use this newsletter to inform you about our work and initiatives in the last months and the plans for 2021.



ETTU URC structure

Following team started to work in October:

Werner THURY	AUT
Isabelle BEUMIER	BEL
Elena SEMENOVA	RUS
Rauno PORU	EST
Asko RASINEN	FIN
Pol PIERRET	LUX
Michel DE VRIES	NED
Marcin FIDALA	POL
Matija KRNC	SVN
Jaume COLLDEFORN	ESP
Sanita SVEILE	LAT

Each person in the ETTU URC is responsible for a specific region in Europe and contacted already his/her associations.

The responsible person for URC in the ETTU Executive Board is Ina JOZEPSONE.

Analysis of the status of Match Officials in all countries

Unfortunately, the ITTF database has not been available in the last years and will also not be online in the next months. Therefore, ETTU URC members already contacted each association to ask for an update of the details and activity of all International Umpires. We also asked associations to identify young umpires (max. 30 years old - can also be national umpires), who are ready/interested to become International Umpire in ETTU Top-Events. We are working already to install an independent ETTU database. Jaume Colldeforn is coordinating the activities in this field.



Development of Match Officials

Depending on the analysis of the status of match officials in ETTU associations, we will draft an action plan and start with webinars latest in the 2nd half of 2021. These webinars shall concentrate specifically on the support for countries with less match officials, support of female match officials and interested/future potential umpires (under 30 years) to motivate them and to also explain the career pathway. Contact persons for associations are the regional coordinators and Isabelle Beumier and Werner Thury.

Match officials in the field of Para TT

We are planning to intensify activities for match officials in the field of Para TT. Our coordinators will be Matija Krnc and Asko Rasinen.

Selection of Match Officials for ETTU events

In the moment it is difficult to do any planning in this field as we must observe the situation with COVID-19. As soon as events are fixed, we will start with invitations and selections. Marcin Fidala is coordinating the selection of match officials for Champions League Matches, Cup Matches and European Team matches.

Our goal is to publish invitations as early as possible to allow a proper planning for the match officials.

Female Match Officials

Isabelle Beumier and Sanita Sveile will concentrate on projects and initiatives to increase the number of female umpires. We would be more than happy, if you are interested to support us or share any idea with us also in this field.



Directives for Match Officials

In the moment we are working together with ETTU office on the Directives for Match Officials in ETTU events. Thanks to the excellent support of Mr. Levitin and the ETTU office, the daily allowance for the ETTU Champions League in December has been specifically for these events 60 EURO/day.

ETTU URC is also involved in ongoing activities in the ITTF field (e.g., Umpire Career Development) and you can find this information in the ITTF newsletter 12/2020.

We are trying to do our best to support you. But we will also need your ideas and comments to improve our work. Therefore, please don't stop sending us your comments/feedback as they give us the ideas and suggestions for further development.

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