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IISHF Presidium Report 2021

Due to the Corona COVID-19 pandemic the year 2021 was for the second time a year like none before in IISHF history. IISHF had again to cancel almost all planned Title Events. However, compared to 2020 the year 2021 was a first step back to a normal skater hockey year. We managed to conduct two Title Events in 2021 with both events taking place in August. First the Women European Cup (WEC) hosted by Spreewölfe Berlin in Berlin, Germany - the first Title Event ever in this city - and then a week thereafter the Veterans European Cup (VEC) hosted by SHC Rossemaison in Rossemaison, Switzerland.

Unfortunately, seven other IISHF Title Events still had to be cancelled in 2021. When we resume in 2022 with a total of 6 European Cups and 2 European Championships it will be a 3 years breakup for most of our Title categories.

In 2021 one international Non-Title event (B-event) was organized with the Men Nations Cup taking place in November 2021 in Kyiv, Ukraine. Participants were the Men National Teams from Austria and Ukraine as well as regional teams from Berlin, Germany and Gentofte, Denmark.

This event was surrounded by tensions among Member NMAs and raised, among others, the question as to whether an IISHF Presidium member - or any other IISHF official - may communicate officially on behalf of the national federations they may also represent. The IISHF Presidium decided to develop a Code of conduct for its Presidium Members and its officials in 2022. The primary focus for the IISHF and all NMAs is to promote skater hockey and ensure that as many tournaments as possible take place.

In regards to IISHF finances please refer to the IISHF Financial Report. Every crisis also bears chances if change is embraced. The IISHF Presidium looks forward to discussing with all member federations at the AGM 2022 new considerations, such as a conduct of the annual Working Meeting of key IISHF officials and the AGM as online meetings every other year.

The Marketing and Communication Department launched on August 5th the new IISHF website. We would like to thank Mauricette Schnieder and David Stemer for the provision of picture materials we can use on www.iishf.com. The old website is currently being maintained as an archive. Most tournament history can also be found on [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IISHF) before it will eventually be fully integrated into the new website. Together with the website IISHF launched its new tournament management platform from SportsEngine, which also provides for a "team app" and for live tournament information, e.g. standings and statistics for games, players and

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teams to the extend IISHF and the hosts collect such information (goals, penalties, shots, faceoffs, +/-, hits, etc.). With the launch the IISHF offered the hosts of its Title Events to use the new IISHF website instead of programming their own tournament websites, whilst keeping all information automated live. The IISHF Presidium believes that this will save much time, efforts and costs for all hosts and significantly support them in their organizational and communicational efforts.

The Nations Cup in Ukraine was also allowed to use the IISHF website and tournament tools and integrated it with a fantastic live stream. Whereas at the WEC 2021 and VEC 2021 only the standard game information was collected and provided live, at the Ukrainian Federation of Roller Hockey also provide game information such as “faceoffs, shots and +/-“ live during the Nations Cup. At the AGM we would like to discuss whether the provision of such information be welcomed at all title events.

The Marketing and Communication Department has also been cooperating with one NMA to finalize the drafting of two presentations on “inline skater hockey” as well as the “IISHF” based on the input from the 2020 Media and Livestreaming Development Work Group. Next to the website, these are needed to communicate with potential new member federations as well as sponsors. Whereas IISHF has not yet to nominate a Sponsorship Manager first discussions are underway by our Vice President that may materialize for IISHF in 2023.

A newly established IT Working Group consisting of three experts from Great Britain (Simon Price), Switzerland (Lorin Chèvre) and Ukraine (Oleksandr Govorun) as well as the IISHF Officials Manager (Dee Dalton) under the auspices of the IISHF Vice President was created. Its tasks were to support the Marketing & Communication department by the launch of the new IISHF website as well as to digitalize as many processes as possible, particularly for our Title Events, e.g. ITC, feedback forms, etc. For the Marketing & Communication department a proposal to meet the need for storage of large data volumes (pictures and video streams from multiple cameras) from all IISHF Title Events was developed. Such storage facilities would allow to share these materials among all IISHF members, thereby facilitating their efforts to promote inline skater hockey.

Our Development Officer Maciej Postek has worked with our Vice President on big structural development issues. In consequence an International Sports Governance chart was developed highlighting challenges for the IISHF in pursuing its vision of inline skater hockey being a sport “independent from ice hockey and other roller sport disciplines”. In addition, a presentation on the benefits and cost/efforts to sign the WADA Code was drafted.

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We would like again to extend a special thank you to the National Member Associations that have taken active part in the IISHF Technical Group (working group on Rules) especially the work done by Claes Fréder from Denmark and Stefan Gehrig from Germany. In addition, a special thank you Dee Dalton from Great Britain acting as the IISHF Officials Manager representing all the IISHF Officials and Claes Fréder from Denmark acting as the IISHF Referee Manager representing all the IISHF Referees.

We would also like to take the time to express a special thank you to all of our National Member Associations for your strong support to the IISHF and hope that we can continue to work together to promote the sport we enjoy so much.

Wishing you all the best and we look forward to seeing many of you soon at the AGM 2022.

On Behalf of the IISHF Presidium

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