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## IISHF Presidium Report for the year 2024

The year 2024 was the third year after the Corona COVID-19 pandemic where we were back again to regular activities hosting Title Events. We managed to host 6 European Cups and 1 European Championship with 2 events not taking place this time the IISHF U19 European Championships and again the IISHF Veterans Cup. Three countries (Austria, Germany and Switzerland) hosted IISHF Title Events and it was a great pleasure that Austria for the second time were hosting an IISHF European Championships taking place in Amstetten this time the IISHF Men European Championships 2024.

The year 2024 was like the previous two years 2022 and 2023 also another difficult year due to the continued international political tension which has a great impact on international relations. IISHF extended at the IISHF AGM 2024 for the second time the suspension of Russia from all International activities within IISHF due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine for another year. The suspension of Russia will be in effect until further notice. For Ukraine the ongoing war with Russia prohibited again in practice them from taking part also in IISHF Title Events both with their skater hockey teams and with their IISHF Officials and Referees. For Israel with the ongoing conflict in Israel their international participation is severely restricted.

In 2024 the work continued to further transform the IISHF Website and entire IISHF Tournament Tool to a better performing platform supported and managed by the entire IISHF Officials group. A special thank here extended to the IISHF IT Director Simon Price and IISHF Officials Manager Dee Dalton for a great effort to ensure that we run the IISHF Title Events the best possible way in close cooperation with the hosting clubs, their NMAs, the IISHF Presidium, IISHF Officials and IISHF Referees.

Unfortunately, the IISHF U19 European Championships planned for 2024 in Lugano, Switzerland had to be cancelled since only 3 countries and not the minimum required 4 countries were. For that reason, an **IISHF Working Group for hosting Title Events** has been established under the leadership of Marco Eicher from Switzerland with participation of the 5 NMAs taking part in the current IISHF Title Events (Austria, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain and Switzerland) and the IISHF Presidium. A number of online meetings has been held and in addition a physical meeting at the IISHF Men European Championships 2024 in Amstetten.

The first outcome of the **IISHF Working Group for hosting Title Events** has been the planned hosting of the joint IISHF U19 European Championships 2025 (with minimum 4

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participating teams) and the IISHF Women European Cup 2025 (with 6 participating teams) to take place in Ternitz, Austria.

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. We would also like to take the time to express a special thank you to all 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.

Also, a special thanks to all the appointed persons working active for IISHF ensuring that our IISHF Title Events take place. This involved in 2024 the following people: Dee Dalton (IISHF Officials Manager), Claes Fréder (Referee Manager), Lorin Chèvre (Deputy IT Director + THF Manager) and Simon Price (Communication Officer, IT Director + ITC Manager). Without your vital contribution IISHF couldn't manage to host IISHF Title Events.

Wishing you all the best and we look forward to seeing many of you soon at the AGM 2025 and on IISHF Title Events 2025.

On Behalf of the IISHF Presidium

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