

**EWF
PRESIDENT REPORT
PERIOD 26.05-13.10.2022**

Dear colleagues and friends,
I'm honoured to present to the EWF EB and Congress, my activity report regarding the period between the 26th of May and 13th October 2022.

- **100th EUROPEAN WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP**

During the period from 28th May to 5th June 2022, Tirana (ALB) hosted the 2022 Senior European Weightlifting Championships, that marked the 100th edition of this event.

The championships, although marked by some difficulties, led us to see 289 athletes coming from 39 NFs get on the competition platform, we can certainly consider it a success.

A dutiful thanks goes to the Albanian Weightlifting Federation for having accepted, organized and completed this important event after it had been relocated a few months before it took place.

The event was also characterized by the meeting of all 5 IWF Continental Federations leaders which ended with the signing of the first memorandum of collaboration between them, of which I was proudly the promoter, finding a high level of receptivity and enthusiasm among all the leaders involved.

- **IWF YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – LEON (MEX)**

On 12th June 2022, I took part in the IWF EB Meeting in Leon (MEX), held during the 2022 IWF Youth World Championships, where among the topics discussed were the conducting guidelines for the upcoming IWF elections have been approved.

- **IWF ELECTIONS – TIRANA (ALB) 25-26/06/2022**

This year was an important year for our world weightlifting family with the holding of the Electoral Congress.

As we all know, the event was characterized by exciting moments but also moments of tension.

Our task now is to move forward and work hard for our sport.

The EWF member Federations and the EWF itself, can be proud to have reached one of the highest numbers of representatives within the IWF EB with the appointment of 7 (seven) members to which by adding me as the representative of the EWF, we can count on a total of 8 (eight) IWF EB members and 10 (ten) members of the committees are elected or appointed.

On behalf of the EWF I renew my warmest congratulations and I wish to all of them a good work in benefit of weightlifting.

- **IWF EB MEETING – LAUSANNE (SUI) 13/07/2022**

I attended the IWF EB Meeting in a new composition after the conclusion of the IWF Elections.

During this meeting important decisions were taken including to approve a due diligence analysis for 6 months and in parallel a 10-year due diligence assessment to be completed by an external company.

Another important decision was to create a working group to review IWF Constitution to be presented in one year's time.

Both motions were unanimously approved.

The other important subjects were the completion of the IWF committees and commissions with the appointment of the various chairwoman and chairman.

- **MR. GUY KOLLER**

As we all know, unfortunately on 3rd July 2022, Mr. Guy Koller, President of the French Weightlifting Federation, left his earthly life.

Mr Koller leaves a void in the French Federation but also in the whole European and World weightlifting family.

On 15th July 2022, I attended the funeral in Strasbourg together to Dr. Antonio Urso, IWF General Secretary and Mr. Alexandru Padure, EWF Executive Board member to pay him our last farewell.

- **MACCABIAH GAMES – JERUSALEM (ISR) 17-18/07/2022**

I was very honoured to have been invited and to have participated in the 2022 Maccabiah Games where, after an absence of 33 years, weightlifting was reintroduced into the games program.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Israel Weightlifting Federation, in the person of President Mr. Oren Shai, for the excellent result obtained.

My visit was also useful to evaluate some locations in the city of Jerusalem as a possible host city for an EWF event.

- **2022 EWF YOUTH & U15 EUROPEAN WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIOSHIPS**

From 10th to 18th August 2022 and for the second consecutive year, we have returned to Poland for the Youth & U15 European Weightlifting Championships. I must admit that the 2022 edition was characterized by improvements implemented by the Polish Weightlifting Federation which gave the event a high quality and for these reasons I would like to send to our colleagues from PZPC, in the person of the President Mr. Valdemar Gospodarek, my compliments.

The competition platform saw 326 athletes from 28 countries compete, a very satisfactory result also considering the social and political context in which we have been living in recent times.

Without detracting from the excellent performance of all the athletes involved in the event, I would like to recall an exciting moment as well as a lesson in competitive determination received by the young Finnish athlete Janette Ylisoini who had excessive weight at the weight-in and decided to cut her hair tails managing to reach the necessary weight. During her performance she managed to win 3 gold medals and the title of European Champion in the W71 YO category. My warmest congratulations go to young Janette. This was once again a proof that our discipline also shares strong emotions, and it is also these values that must motivate us to commit ourselves to do the best for it.

- **2022 INTERNATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT ARAD (ROU)**

On 3rd September 2022, I took part in the 2022 Arad Weightlifting Tournament with great pleasure, and I extend my thanks to Mr. Alexandru Padure, General Secretary of the Romanian Weightlifting Federation for the kindly invitation.

The occasion was also useful to test the capabilities of the city to host a future EWF event.

During my stay, together with Mr. Florian Sperl, IWF EB Member, and the representatives of the host Federation, the possibility of restarting the prestigious weightlifting edition of the Danube Cup was discussed. I am convinced that we must work to promote and keep alive these activities that have characterized the history of weightlifting.

- **EWF YOUTH TRAINING & SCIENTIFIC CAMP SPLIT (CRO)**

I am proud that the EWF, after a long break due to the Covid-19 emergency, during the period from 5 to 11 September 2022, has restarted the program of the EWF Youth Training Camp & Scientific Seminar.

The presence of 26 athletes and 16 coaches from 9 MFs gave a nice added value to the event.

The visit of Mr. Mohammed Jalood, IWF President, who participated at the opening of the activities of the Camp, was very welcome.

For this activity I am very grateful to Mr. Colin Buckley, EWF EB Member and EWF CR&SC Chariman, as well as to Mr. Damjan Cansek, IWF and EWF CRC Member, for providing their invaluable experience in organizing and managing this event.

A dutiful thanks goes to the Croatian Weightlifting Federation, in the person of the Secretary General Amar Music, for the great and cordial hospitality. Certainly, my thanks go also to all the EWF EB and the IWF for supporting this event.

- **JUNIOR & U23 EUROPEAN WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIOSHIPS DURRES (ALB) TECNICAL VISIT**

In accordance with the procedures, on 22 September 2022, I made, together with the EWF General Secretary and EWF Treasurer, the technical visit to Durres (ALB) in view of the upcoming Junior & U23 European Weightlifting Championships.

During our visit the meeting with the Mayor of Durres, Mrs. Emiriana Sako, was very welcome and important. The Mayor explained to us the commitment of the municipal administration in favour of sport activities and reiterated her full support for our event.

- **2022 ABSOLUTE ITALIAN WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On 23 and 24 September 2022 I attended the absolute Italian Weightlifting Championship for the individual snatch and clen & jerk.

I really appreciated the attention to detail and the professionalism of the Italian Weightlifting Federation in organizing the event.

On this occasion I was able to discuss with the top management of FIPE the opportunity to host a Senior EWF event in the near future using the same location where was hosted the Italian Championship. The particularity of this modern and capacious structure will give the possibility of being able to organize accommodation, training and competition in the same place which is located a short distance from Milan Linate airport.

- **IWF NEW COMMISSIONS**

The IWF EB has approved the creation of some new commissions including the IWF Sport Innovation Commission. I am truly grateful to all of the IWF EB members for including me in this commission and on the proposal of the IWF 1st Vice President, Ms Ursula Papandrea, I am honored to have assumed the position of co-chair with her.

The spirit of this commission will be to study and implement new types of events parallel to the Olympic weightlifting with the aim of being able to conquer a greater spectrum of followers and participants. Weightlifting must return to the splendour and popularity of past years.

- **EWF CONSTITUTIONS**

The work on the new EWF Constitution draft is somewhat completed. We plan to distribute it to all MFs in the coming days. The EWF EB Member and EWF Legal Adviser, Mr Oren Shai, will introduce some key concepts on how the draft is structured.

- **CONCLUSION**

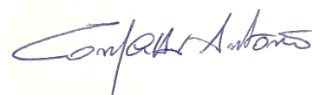
I would like to conclude my report with a heartfelt thanks to the EWF Executive Board, to the EWF National Federations, to the leaders and colleagues of the IWF EB as well as to the colleagues of the Continental Federations, for all the support you are granting EWF and to me.

To the EWF General Secretary I would like to address a special thanks, for the daily collaboration in the EWF activities management in benefit of our beloved MFs.

#StrongTogether

Durres (ALB), 13th October 2022

Sincerely yours,



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