

EWF General Secretary

REPORT

01. April - 23. September 2021.

Rovaniemi – Finland, 24.09.2021.

A few days ago it was a special day. On September 20th 1969, EWF was founded in Warsaw. A few days ago we celebrated 52 years of existence and we should be grateful to all our predecessors for all they have done for the benefit of EWF and the benefit of our sport.

We as the successor of great EWF history should be very careful and patient in all our activities. We owe to all the athletes, the coaches, the ITOs, to EWF MFs, we owe them responsible behavior.

The 2021 Electoral Congress, with one year of delay due to Covid-19 pandemic, was held in Moscow (RUS). A total of 44 full member federations attended this hybrid congress. I am very thankful to MFs for the confidence to be elected as the EWF General Secretary.

Outstanding colleagues were elected to the EB and the Committees, and we started and hope we will continue to work as a great team.

Aside from daily activities related to EWF NF queries, I was involved and participated in the following:

1. EWF activities as CF (Congress, EB and committee meetings),
2. Competitions
3. Activities related EWF – IWF
4. Social media activities
5. Call for Extraordinary Congress

#1 EWF as CF (Congress, EB and committee meetings)

The EWF Congress was held on April 1st, 2021 in Moscow and the EWF General Congress on September 24th, 2021 in Rovaniemi. Host federations did their best and organized both Congresses on the highest level.

EWF EB held following meetings:

April 2nd, 2021, May 22nd, 2021, June 28th, 2021, August 19th –September 23, 2021, September 23rd, 2021

During the EB meetings, Committee's chairpersons and commissions were established,

Committees were active, and held informal and formal meetings. I attended most of them.

There was a communication with the European Olympic Committees in order to become a part of Europe Games. We hope EWF will have success.

#2 Competitions

All European championships in 2021 have been / will be held: Senior in Moscow, Youth & U15 in Ciechanow and Junior & U23 in Rovaniemi. We should be satisfied with the number of participants. Competition venues at all events were wonderful and according to preferable standards. Accommodation, meals and local transport were with different levels of qualities and that is what EWF should fix in the future, to insist on a certain level of competition standards.

At the moment, Senior and Junior championships for 2022 are allocated (Sofia and Tirana). In that sense, there was a meeting with the newly elected President of Bulgarian Weightlifting Federation, Mr. Arif Majed. After the initial discussion, after 10 days he visited Belgrade and confirmed they will organize 100th European Senior Championships in Sofia.

Russian Weightlifting Federation informed EB that they intend to organize the 2022 European Youth & U15 championships.

Moldova Weightlifting Federation has sent a letter of intent to organize the 2023 European Junior and U23 Championships.

Very soon, most probably we can expect some modifications in the competition format in the upcoming years, since there will be different BW categories for the Olympic games in Paris 2024.

As new practice, certificates for the European records and confirmation letters are sent to the NFs.



Besides European Championships, I participated at the World Junior Championships and the Olympic Games as ITO. There were also other ITOs from Europe on those important events.

#3 Activities related EWF – IWF

There is frequent communication with IWF. Intercontinental Zoom meetings are organized in order to synchronize competition programs among continents and for other issues, as well as to update us with important information.

Just to remind you, EWF facilitates its activities thanks to the financial assistance of IWF.

#4 Social media activities (FB, Instagram), EWF is more visible

My intention was to make EWF more visible on social media. Some steps have been taken on FB and Instagram. Statistics show an increased number of followers and likes for the posts.

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A good coach can change a game,
a great coach can change a life 🏆...

September 21 at 1:18 PM

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15.4K
People Reached

1.7K
Engagements

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"Never let people tell you that you can't.
Always aim to be the best version of y...

July 25 at 8:23 AM

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People Reached

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Engagements

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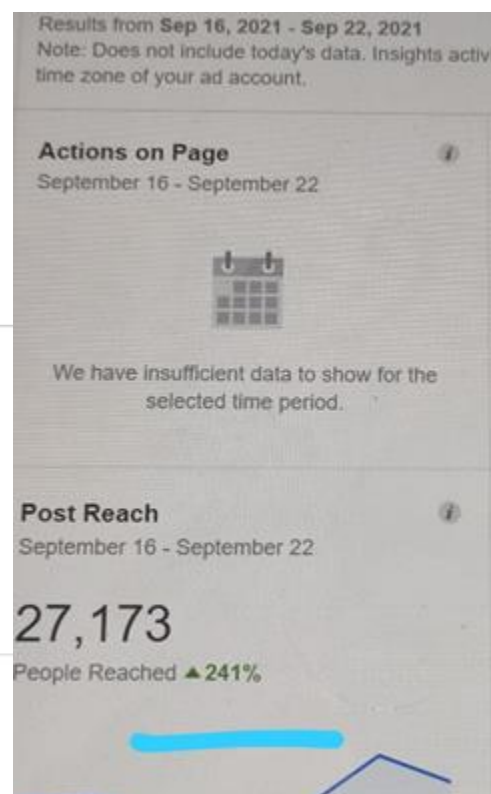
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Father & son 🏆...

August 21 at 12:38 PM

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Engagements



#5 Call for Extraordinary Congress

At the end of June 2021, ITA published a Report regarding the anti-doping situation within IWF during the last years. EWF EB held a meeting on June 28th, 2021. The conclusions and decisions of the meeting were published on EWF website.

After consultation with a Swiss legal advisor, the Executive Board would kindly ask you to hear clarification of the current situation. The call to Extraordinary Congress sent on August 30 needed to be sent from the official contact addresses of the Member Federations, which was rightfully requested. Another rightful request was to state based

on which article of the Constitution the call to Extraordinary Congress was made. Considering the fact that there are currently 13 calls that meet the two above mentioned requests, we need to receive at least two more for us to be able to draft an Agenda for the Extraordinary Congress. Taking everything into consideration, the EB board would suggest the following timeline:

We are now in the beginning of the European Championships, and we expecting world championships, IWF elections and Christmas holidays, it could be comfortable if for example, elections held in January 2022.

For example, 26 October we received enough number to call Extraordinary Congress, we will send invitation and the Agenda

26 November deadline for candidates' application

26 December announce the list of candidates

26 January Extraordinary Congress held online – by Lumi, or depend of your proposals.

Activities that should be done in the next period

- EWF should hire a Swiss based law company to assist in some specific activities
- EBU Contract - TV Rights have to be improved.
- On EB meeting, 23.09.2021, Reform and Governance Commission was established with the aim to prepare Draft EWF Constitution. Members of the commission will be determined as soon as possible on EB meeting.
- To work to improve social media presence

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