

REPORT OF THE ESC PRESIDIUM (for the period of October 5^{th} , 2019 – October 21^{st} , 2021)

Presidium meetings

During the reported period the ESC Presidium had following meetings:

- Wrocław, Poland, February 29th, 2020
- Zoom Video Communications, June 30th, 2020
- Zoom Video Communications, December 13th, 2020
- Zoom Video Communications, January 14th, 2021
- Zoom Video Communications, March 11th, 2021
- Osijek, Croatia, June 5th, 2021
- Zoom Video Communications, September 6th, 2021

Agenda of the meetings

The Agenda of the ESC Presidium meeting included following items:

- reports on the activity of the President;
- reports on preparations of European Championships in 2020 2022;
- cooperation with Organizers of future European Championships;
- discussions with the European Broadcasting Union for live TV coverage of European Championships;
- modernization of the ESC website;
- appointment of Technical Delegates and officials to European Championships and other ESC competitions;
- relationship with ESC Member Federations;
- relationships with partners and sponsors of the ESC;
- preparations of the 2021 General Assembly;
- development program for European coaches and referees;
- cooperation with the ISSF on Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualification competitions;
- appropriate measures and necessary steps regarding the COVID-19 pandemic;
- financial matters;
- membership matters;
- legal matters;
- issues of the Technical Committee;
- issues of the Press and Promotion Committee;
- issues of the Athletes Committee;
- approval of European records.

European Championships

The following European Championships were organized since October 5th, 2019:

European Championship 10m, Rifle/Pistol/Running Target, Wrocław, Poland, February 23rd – March 2nd, 2020 586 athletes representing 45 nations.

European Championship 10m/25m/50m/300m/Shotgun, Osijek, Croatia, May 20th – June 6th, 2021 1182 athletes representing 48 nations.

European Youth League Championship

In 2019 the EYL Final took place in Budapest, Hungary, with 16 teams from 12 nations qualified through the regional qualification rounds.

In 2020-2021 the EYL competitions were cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lapua European Cup 300m

In 2019 there were three qualification competitions: Århus, Denmark, Lahti, Finland, and Thun, Switzerland with a Final taking place in Châteauroux, France. A total of 366 athletes participated in the four competitions including the Final.

In 2020 the Lapua European Cup 300m was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Qualification rounds for 2021 were organized in Eskilstuna, Sweden, Zagreb, Croatia and in Århus, Denmark. The Final will take place in Winterthur, Switzerland, on September 23rd-26th.

Lapua European Cup 25m

In 2019 qualification rounds took place in Suhl, Germany, Århus, Denmark, Tallinn, Estonia, and Thun, Switzerland, with a Final in Châteauroux, France. The total number of athletes was 118.

In 2020 the host cities were Tallinn, Estonia (20), Öckerö, Sweden (12), and Århus, Denmark (13), with a Final in Châteauroux, France, on September 17th-18th, 2021, which was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The total number of athletes in 2020 was 45.

Qualification rounds for 2021 were organized in Århus, Denmark, Tallinn, Estonia, Suhl, Germany, and Rečica Pri Laškem, Slovenia. The Final will be organized in Châteauroux, France, on September 18th-19th.

The ESC Air Cup powered by Walther and Capapie

The ESC Air Cup was organised by the ESC Technical Committee with events in Air Pistol, Air Rifle and Running Target. The idea behind is to offer shooters who have not participated in any ISSF/ESC Championships a stepping stone and an opportunity to compete in an international competition via internet from their own club range. It encourages participation and makes the Air Cup a shooting sport for all.

Despite the problems caused by the COVID pandemic, the competition was adapted to allow participation with a final to be shown in a new way with each of the finalists taking part on their home ranges. In the 2020-2021 season there were 627 participants from 140 clubs of 18 countries.

The ESC Air Cup is powered by Walther and Capapie. These two companies are sponsoring the competition and prizes for the winners. Capapie also established the awards for all finalists. The sponsor agreement is for four years long.

The Air Cup competitions took place from November 2020 till March 2021. The Air Cup Super Final was organised for the first time live on Internet on the weekend of October 9th-10th, 2021.