



**DRAFT MINUTES OF EFC/CEE ORDINARY CONGRESS
11th SEPTEMBER 2021 at 9.00 CET**

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Secretary General Jacek Slupski welcomed special guests who had accepted the invitation:

1. Spyros Capralos – President, European Olympic Committee
2. Emmanuel Katsiadakis – Secretary General, FIE
3. Nathalie Rodriguez – CEO, FIE
4. Vitaly Logvin – President, Pan American Fencing Federation
5. Krisztian Kulcsar – President, Hungarian Olympic Committee
6. Mihai Covaliu – President, Romanian Olympic Committee
7. Jenő Kamuti – Honorary Member and Co-founder, EFC
8. Bert van de Flier - Honorary Member and Co-founder, EFC

After the ceremonial welcome Jacek Slupski gave the floor to the President of the European Olympic Committee Spyros Capralos.

Afterwards Jacek Slupski gave the floor to FIE Secretary General Emmanuel Katsiadakis and subsequently to EFC Honorary Member and Co-founder Bert van de Flier.

After all speeches Jacek Slupski launched test voting explaining that our IT specialists will send to email addresses, which were provided on the forms, and delegates will have an opportunity to test how the electronic voting system works.

1. Mandates Commission designation and determination of powers

At the beginning, Jacek Slupski explained the legal background of the Mandates Commission:

In accordance with the point 2.8 of the Internal Rules, Mandates Commission is responsible for verifying mandates and proxies.

Jacek Slupski informed that the Commission is to be composed of three members designated by the Executive Committee.

EFC Executive Committee approved a composition of the Commission as follows:

1. Maurizio Annitto – EFC Auditor, **Chairman**
2. Julius Kralik - EFC Sport Director
3. Elena Grishina – EFC Media Manager

Jacek Slupski gave the floor to the Chairman of the Commission Maurizio Annitto who officially announced that based on the documentation provided by the Secretary General, the Mandates Commission confirms that there are 42 fully paid up Member Federations who can participate at the Congress (Article 4.2.1 of Statutes) and 3 Member federations who have not paid the annual membership fee (Albania , San Marino and Slovenia) and therefore cannot participate at the Congress with the right to speech and vote.

Furthermore, the Mandates Commission confirmed 3 proxy forms:

- 1) AUT to GER.
- 2) MON to FRA.
- 3) SVK to CZE.

2. Validation of federations present and proxies

Jacek Slupski read all countries in alphabetic order and asked delegates to confirm their presence when they hear their country.

N°	FEDERATION	Date	Votes
1	ARMENIA	Present physically	1
2	AUSTRIA	PROXY TO GERMANY	
3	AZERBAIJAN	Present physically	1
4	BELGIUM	Present on-line	1
5	BELARUS	Present physically	1
6	BULGARIA	Present physically	1
7	CROATIA	Present physically	1
8	CYPRUS	Present on-line	1
9	CZECH REPUBLIC	Present physically	2
10	DENMARK	Present on-line	1
11	SPAIN	Present physically	1
12	ESTONIA	Present physically	1

13	FINLAND	Present physically	1
14	FRANCE	Present physically	2
15	GREAT BRITAIN	Present on-line	1
16	GEORGIA	Present physically	1
17	GERMANY	Present physically	2
18	GREECE	Present physically	1
19	HUNGARY	Present physically	1
20	IRELAND	Present physically	1
21	ICELAND	Present physically	1
22	ISRAEL	Present physically	1
23	ITALY	Present physically	1
24	LATVIA	Present physically	1
25	LITHUANIA	Present physically	1
26	LUXEMBOURG	Present physically	1
27	MOLDOVA	Present physically	1
28	NORTH MACEDONIA	Present physically	1
29	MALTA	Present on-line	1
30	MONACO	PROXY TO FRANCE	
31	NETHERLANDS	Present physically	1
32	NORWAY	Present on-line	1
33	POLAND	Present physically	1
34	PORTUGAL	Present on-line	1
35	ROUMANIA	Present physically	1
36	RUSSIA	Present physically	1
37	SLOVENIA	Absent	
38	SERBIA	Present physically	1
39	SWITZERLAND	Present physically	1
40	SLOVAKIA	PROXY TO CZECH REPUBLIC	
41	SWEDEN	Present physically	1
42	TURKEY	Present physically	1
43	UKRAINE	Present physically	1
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Jacek Slupski announced that from 43 entitled to participate in the EFC Ordinary Congress, 42 were present or represented, which means that 42 of all full members participate in the Congress. The table below describes the quorum allowed us to make valid decisions:

Members	Quorum	Simple majority	Statutes - Present or Represented	Voting 2/3	Additional point to the agenda and resolution (3/4)	10% Secret voting
43	100,00%	22	100,00%	29	32	5
42	97,67%	22	97,67%	28	32	5
41	95,35%	21	95,35%	27	31	5
40	93,02%	21	93,02%	27	30	4
39	90,70%	20	90,70%	26	29	4
38	88,37%	20	88,37%	25	29	4
37	86,05%	19	86,05%	25	28	4
36	83,72%	19	83,72%	24	27	4
35	81,40%	18	81,40%	23	26	4
34	79,07%	18	79,07%	23	26	4
33	76,74%	17	76,74%	22	25	4
32	74,42%	17	74,42%		24	4
31	72,09%	16	72,09%		23	4
30	69,77%	16	69,77%		23	3
29	67,44%	15	67,44%		22	3
28	65,12%	15	65,12%		21	3
27	62,79%	14	62,79%		20	3
26	60,47%	14	60,47%		20	3
25	58,14%	13	58,14%		19	3
24	55,81%	13	55,81%		18	3
23	53,49%	12	53,49%		17	3

Congress is not allowed to vote

Jacek Slupski explained to the Congress that before we move to the next item of our agenda the Congress needs to approve voting procedures.

He highlighted that only after approving voting procedures by the Congress delegates who are willing to represent their federations on-line will have an opportunity to attend our Congress with the right to speak and vote.

SG opened the vote. After the vote was closed a total of 36 valid votes in favor was registered. **It means that the voting procedures were approved.**

3. Electoral Bureau designation and determination of powers

Jacek Slupski informed that the Executive Committee recommends 3 persons to Electoral Bureau:

In accordance to the point 3.1 of the Internal Rules an electoral bureau is composed of 3 members designated by the Congress.

SG informed that the Executive Committee recommended 3 persons to Electoral Bureau:

1. Elena Grishina – EFC Media Manager, Chair
2. Julius Kralik - EFC Sport Director
3. Veronica Gonczarova – Second delegate of the Fencing Federation of LUX, without voting rights.

Above proposal has been consulted with EFC Legal Commission which did not find any contraindications with the Statutes and Internal Rules.

SG opened the vote. After the vote was closed a total of 36 valid votes in favor was registered. **It means that the proposed composition of the Electoral Bureau was approved by the Congress.**

4. Welcome of the President Stanislav Pozdnyakov and approval of the President's message

Below is the President's address as recorded with minor alterations:

He started that it is emblematic that our Congress coincides with the celebration of World Fencing Day. He congratulated and thanked to all for this unique opportunity!

Since our previous in-person gathering back in 2019 we have been going through the unprecedented challenges and have had to reconsider most of our plans and approaches.

He emphasized that the challenges have also given us an opportunity to take a fresh look at the core values like solidarity, unity and respect, fellowship, and mutual support.

Following the decision of our 2020 Virtual Ordinary Congress he was delighted to meet most of delegates off-line here in Sochi.

At the very moment Russia and other nations are gradually continuing vaccination making it possible to get back to normality (more or less).

Dear colleagues!

Of course, the situation is still not the same everywhere in Europe and in the World – that is why we keep monitoring the developments carefully.

And that is also why we respect the fact that some Nations are still in a difficult situation. So we have decided to follow the examples of the IOC and the EOC – and hold the event in a hybrid format.

I thank you all for support of our approach in that regard.

At the same time hybrid format can prove to be an opportunity for all delegates to represent their federations at the Congress.

For it is not just a supreme governing body, it for sure the most important platform for our work and decision-making.

We are entering into another quadrennium and it is our task to outline the priorities of our further activities.

Despite the fact that most of our offline activities have been revised or even cancelled due to the pandemic, we have not stopped moving forward and developing new online projects, initiatives and ideas which will definitely pay-back when we come back to the normal, the new-normal:

- Online education and promotion webinars for: Referees; Technicians; Publicity and Marketing managers
- Preparations for the EFC 30th Anniversary and celebrations
- Successful integration of Senior European Championships with the III-rd European Games – contract with EOC signed for 2023 edition in Poland
- Numerous campaigns on social media
- Continuous support to our member federations to help you through the turbulence of the global pandemic.

Finally, the success of Olympic Games in Tokyo where we have witnessed and experienced the magnitude of fencing integrity – 12 sets of medals for the first time in history. We can't but appreciate the accomplishment of the FIE President.

The experience of the last 19 (COVID) months is controversial but it has given us vision and tools for the benefit of future sport generations.

In addition to financial support from the FIE we have also managed to secure extra funding for our activities throughout the next three years.

We expect to continue allocating additional funds to directly support fencing Nations on a case-by-case basis. I hope you will support this initiative.

As we started back in 2017, we keep moving forward together, joining our efforts and expertise to support the minor fencing federations and provide better sustainability for bigger fencing Nations within our community.

As at any Congress – today we will take decisions that will influence the future and wellbeing of fencing and every European member-federation!

He wished all productive work, constructive and substantive discussions. But above all – unity in decision making and further actions that will enable us to improve the situation locally and ensure the brighter future of European fencing.

Let us Stay Healthy, Stay Strong and even #StrongerTogether.

After the President's welcome Congress approved welcome address of the President by applause.

5. Approval of the minutes of the Virtual Ordinary Congress - 2020

Secretary General Jacek Slupski reminded that according to point 4.3 of the Internal Rules the Minutes should be communicated to all Member Federations at the latest 3 months after the Congress.

He confirmed that on December 9, 2020 the Minutes have been sent to all NF-s and until the day of the Congress no remarks had been submitted. SG opened the vote. After closing the voting he announced that 39 valid votes in favor have been registered. **It meant that the minutes from the Virtual Congress 2020 were approved.**

6. Annual Report of the Secretary General Jacek Slupski

The Annual Report was provided in advance to all federations at 10.08.2021, therefore Jacek Slupski asked all delegates for remarks, comments and opinions to the annual report. SG opened the vote. After closing voting announced that 37 valid votes in favor were registered. **It means that the Annual Report of the Secretary General was approved.**

7+8. Financial report of treasurer Nuala McGarrity + Report of auditors

Mrs. Nuala McGarrity presented the Financial Report provided to the federations about the state of EFC budget. She explained each position of the financial report in accordance with below tables:

Financial report :

Income	Amount
Restricted income	112 512,00 EUR
Subventions from FIE	50 416,00 EUR
<i>Annual Grants</i>	<i>46 665,00 EUR</i>
<i>Covid-19 Grant</i>	<i>3 751,00 EUR</i>
Licence fees	74 784,00 EUR
Memberships Fees	16 455,00 EUR
TOTAL	254 168,00 EUR

OPERATING EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Restricted Expenditure	53 097,00 EUR
Championship Expenses	5 529,00 EUR
Cadet Circuit & Under 23 Circuit	2 252,00 EUR
Special Support	30 738,00 EUR
Administration Costs	54 113,00 EUR
Referees Commission and Projects	25 199,00 EUR
Video Referees System	647,00 EUR
Social Media/WebPortal	30 234,00 EUR
Other Expenses	8 905,00 EUR
TOTAL	210 714,00 EUR

RESTRICTED INCOME	AMOUNT
Subventions from FIE	97 235 EUR
<i>National Federations & Championships</i>	<i>50 997 EUR</i>
<i>Technical Director</i>	<i>22 263 EUR</i>
<i>Championships Support</i>	<i>18 418 EUR</i>
<i>Webinar Grant</i>	<i>5 557 EUR</i>
Foundation for the Future of Fencing:	15 277 EUR
<i>President's Programme</i>	<i>15 277 EUR</i>
TOTAL	112 512 EUR

RESTRICTED PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
President's Programme	15 277 EUR
Technical Director	29 600 EUR
Referees Webinars	8 220 EUR
TOTAL	53 097 EUR

ADMINISTRATION COSTS	AMOUNT
General Secretary	12 000 EUR
General Secretary - Rent	12 000 EUR
Treasurer	6 000 EUR
Bureau, Comex & Congress	10 815 EUR
Insurance	7 530 EUR
Accountants' Fees	2 000 EUR
Audit fees & expenses	2 096 EUR
TOTAL	52 441 EUR

There were no comments and questions to the financial report and Nuala McGarrity gave the floor to the EFC Auditor Maurizio Annitto.

The Auditor thanked Treasurer Nuala McGarrity and Secretary General Jacek Slupski for a fruitful cooperation. The signed report from the Auditor Maurizio Annitto for the financial year 2020 was provided with all relevant documents in advance to the MFs before the Congress. All other details are specified in the Report of the Auditor which is attached hereto.

After presentation of the Auditor’s report by Maurizio Annitto, Jacek Slupski SG opened the vote to approve the financial report of the Treasurer Nuala McGarrity. After closing voting, he announced that 35 valid votes in favor were registered. **It means that the Financial Report of the Treasurer was approved.**

Afterwards SG opened the voting to approve the auditor’s report. After closing voting, he announced that 36 valid votes in favour were registered. **It means that the Auditor’s report was approved.**

9. EFC budget for 2022 and working plan

Mrs. Nuala McGarrity presented the budget for 2022 corresponding to the working plan.

Income:

N	Income:	2022
1	FIE Subsidy	20 500,00 EUR
2	FIE 'extra' Subsidy	22 400,00 EUR
3	FIE for Federations & Championships	130 000,00 EUR
4	FIE for Regional Sport Director	20 500,00 EUR
5	Licences	60 000,00 EUR
6	Membership Fees	13 500,00 EUR
7	FFF - President's Programme	350 000,00 EUR
	TOTAL INCOME	616 900,00 EUR
	REVENUE STRUCTURE	2022
	FIE	193 400,00 EUR
	President's Programme	350 000,00 EUR
	EFC	73 500,00 EUR
		616 900,00 EUR

Expenditures:

N	Expenditure:	2022
1	Support for Championships & Nat Federations	130 000,00 EUR
2	Secretary General - office costs	12 000,00 EUR
3	Secretary General	18 000,00 EUR
4	Treasurer	12 000,00 EUR
5	Regional Sport Director per diems	24 000,00 EUR
6	Regional Sport Director office costs	5 500,00 EUR
7	Regional Sport Director - travel expenses	5 000,00 EUR
8	COMEX	50 000,00 EUR
9	Web Portal	10 000,00 EUR
10	Social Media	25 000,00 EUR
11	Cadet Circuit, U-14 and U-23 Circuits	10 000,00 EUR
12	Referees Project	40 000,00 EUR
13	New Sabre Referees Project	10 000,00 EUR
14	New Foil Referees Project	10 000,00 EUR
	Epee Referees Project	10 000,00 EUR
	Webinars	20 000,00 EUR
15	Congress	20 000,00 EUR
16	Audit	4 000,00 EUR
17	Insurance	7 800,00 EUR
18	Bank	4 000,00 EUR
19	Special support for some Federations	100 000,00 EUR
20	Commissions, Working Groups	50 000,00 EUR
21	President's programme	39 600,00 EUR
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	616 900,00 EUR
	EXPECTING RESULT	- EUR

Nuala McGarrity emphasized that the position of the President's program increased from 100 000 EUR to 350 000 EUR.

No questions and comments were raised by delegates so SG opened the vote. After closing voting announced that 39 valid votes in favor were registered. **It means that the budget for 2022 and working plan were approved.**

10. Changes in the EFC Statutes

Jacek Slupski gave the floor to the President of EFC Legal Commission Etienne Van Cann who presented proposed changes to the Statutes:

Current

APPLICABLE THROUGH 31ST DECEMBER 2019

4.4.3 An elective congress will be conducted in 2017 and again in 2020, in 2017 for all positions except that of the President.

An FIE observer, nominated by the FIE and at their expense, may attend the Elective Congress.

APPLICABLE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2020

4.4.3 The Elective Congress is conducted every four years, during the year of the Olympic Games, in principle after the Olympic Games.

An FIE observer, nominated by the FIE and at their expense, may attend the Elective Congress.

Proposed

APPLICABLE THROUGH 31ST DECEMBER 2023

4.4.3 An elective congress will be conducted in 2021 and again in 2024, in 2021 for all COMEX positions and that of the President.

An FIE observer, nominated by the FIE and at their expense, may attend the Elective Congress.

APPLICABLE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2024

4.4.3 The Elective Congress is conducted every four years, during the year of the Olympic Games, in principle after the Olympic Games.

An FIE observer, nominated by the FIE and at their expense, may attend the Elective Congress.

Rationale

To remove obsolete articles introduced when aligning with the four-year Olympic cycle in 2017 and re-aligning with Olympic cycle after cycle got broken again due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Current

APPLICABLE THROUGH 31ST DECEMBER 2019

5.5.1 Exceptionally all those elected in 2017 will be elected for a term of three (3) years, that is to say until the 2020 elections. They are eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.

APPLICABLE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2020

5.5.1 They are elected for a term of four years. They are eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.

Proposed

APPLICABLE THROUGH 31ST DECEMBER 2023

5.5.1 Exceptionally all those elected in 2021 will be elected for a term of three (3) years, that is to say until the 2024 elections. They are eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.

APPLICABLE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2024

5.5.1 They are elected for a term of four years. They are eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.

Rationale

Consequential to proposal for changes to 4.4.3.

Current

APPLICABLE THROUGH 31ST DECEMBER 2019

- 5.5.1 Elections for the Athletes Commission will be held at the European Senior Championships in 2017.

APPLICABLE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2020

- 5.5.1 The elections for the Athletes Commission are held at the European Senior Championships in the year of the Olympic Games. Those elected take office on the first day of the month following that meeting.

proposed

Remove:

APPLICABLE THROUGH 31ST DECEMBER 2019

- 5.5.1 Elections for the Athletes Commission will be held at the European Senior Championships in 2017.

Amend:

APPLICABLE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2020

- 5.5.1 The elections for the Athletes Commission are held at the first European Senior Championships after each Olympic Games. Those elected take office on the first day of the month following that event.

Rationale

To provide a solution for the situation in which European Senior Championships are cancelled, that enables holding the election of the athletes' commission at the next European Senior Championships that are held while maintaining the electorate of fencers present at a European Senior Championships.

Current

5.5.3 Each member federation shall indicate to the EFC the name of its candidate two months before the first day of the European Senior Championships in the year of the Olympic Games

proposed

5.5.3 Each member federation shall indicate to the EFC the name of its candidate two months before the first day of the first European Senior Championships after each Olympic Games take place.

Rationale

Consequential to proposal for changes to 5.5.1

Current

5.5.5 The athletes participating in the European Senior Championships in the year of the Olympic Games will elect six representatives from among these candidates for a four-year term.

proposed

5.5.5 The athletes participating in the first European Senior Championships after each Olympic Games will elect six representatives from among these for a term expiring on the last day of the month in which the first European Senior Championship after each Olympics Games takes place.

Rationale

Consequential to proposal for changes to 5.5.1

Because all proposals refer to each other SG proposed to vote on all changes in the EFC Statutes comprehensively. No one was against, so SG opened the vote. After closing voting itw as announced that 39 valid votes in favor were registered. **It means that the all changes were approved.**

11. Changes in the EFC Internal Rules

SG Jacek Slupski asked the president of the Legal Commission Etienne Van Cann to present changes in the Internal Rules:

Current

ARTICLE 13.7 Technical Commission (SEMI)The Technical Commission is responsible for:

- 13.7.1 Continuously studying the safety of equipment,
- 13.7.2 Examining all suggestions and proposals concerning equipment and presenting reports on these proposals to the Executive Committee,
- 13.7.3 Maintaining contact with the corresponding Commission of the FIE.

Proposed

ARTICLE 13.7 Technical Commission (SEMI)The Technical Commission is responsible for:

- 13.7.1 Continuously studying the safety of equipment,
- 13.7.2 Examining all suggestions and proposals concerning equipment and presenting reports on these proposals to the Executive Committee,
- 13.7.3 Maintaining contact with the corresponding Commission of the FIE.
- 13.7.4 Supervising weapon control activities (including conformance to the FIE publicity code) at European Championships.

RATIONALE

To add the task of supervision of weapon control at European Championships.

After presenting changes there were no comments and SG opened the vote. After closing voting itw as announced that 38 valid votes in favor were registered. **It means that the above proposal was approved by the Congress.**

12. Designation of the auditor for 2021

Jacek Slupski pointed out that because of the fruitful and successful collaboration with Maurizio Annitto, the EFC Executive Committee recommends to the Congress continue cooperation with Maurizio Annitto for the next financial year.

SG opened the vote. After closing voting it was announced that 37 valid votes in favor were registered.

It means that the proposal was approved by the Congress.

13. Candidates for European Championships in 2022 and subsequent years (Cadet/Junior, U-23, Seniors)

Jacek Slupski informed that before we move to presentations of organisers for 2022 it is a great opportunity to discuss about Senior European Championships which are to be held in Plovdiv between 14-19.10.2021. Without a single objection it has been unanimously decided that the Congress approves to include this topic into the agenda.

Jacek Slupski presented the historical overview of the issue:

- In April 2021, the FIE Executive Committee decided to postpone all senior zonal Championships until after the Olympic Games. In June, the FIE contacted all confederations to find out if they would be able to hold their Senior Zone Championships in 2021, and if so, the location and dates.
- A first survey organized several months ago by the EFC showed that the European federations were interested in participating in the senior European Championships.
- The FIE has taken all the necessary steps to free up dates in the calendar (14-19 October) for the senior European Championships.
- The EFC Executive Committee approved these dates. We asked the FIE Refereeing Commission to propose referees, which was done.
- The EFC announced the dates of the European Championships to its federations and launched a second survey in August in order to determine if they would consider participating in the European Championships. To date, two federations do not know, 25 have said yes, but without further details on the size of delegations, and the remaining federations have not responded.
- The Asian, Pan-American and African confederations have indicated that they are unfortunately not in a position to hold a senior zonal championship in 2021, due to the difficulties and restrictions in force because of the Covid pandemic, in that situation even if these Championships take place it is highly likely that points will not be awarded to the FIE rankings.
- Finally, the Bulgarian Government at the beginning of September announced new restrictions in order to fight against Covid and some European countries have issued restrictions concerning Bulgaria: Norway, Italy, Spain, Georgia. It is also possible that more countries will be included into the red list.

After explanations a question for the vote was formulated by the Secretary General as follows:
Are you in favor to keep the Senior ECh in Plovdiv on October 14-19, 2021?

Results of the first secret vote:

- A total 38 out of 42 federations present or represented have voted;
- 20 federations have voted to keep the 2021 ECh;
- 18 federations have voted against the 2021 Senior ECh;
- 4 federations have not voted.

Pursuant to the EFC Statutes provision:

4.5.3. If 3/4 (three quarters) of the Member Federations' delegates present at the Congress approve, the Congress may include in the agenda an item which has been submitted to the General Secretariat within a time limit shorter than the one mentioned in article 4.5.2 of the present Statutes. The resolution and any other decisions regarding the item shall be approved by a qualified majority of 3/4 (three quarters) of the votes of the delegates present at the Congress.

It means that as the ¾ of votes were not reached the majority of delegates were not in favor to keep Senior European Championships in Plovdiv in 2021.

As a next step it has been proposed that Plovdiv joins two other candidates for 2022 ECh. SG opened the vote. After closing the voting, SG announced that 32 federations have voted to add Plovdiv to the list of candidates for 2022. **It means that Plovdiv was added to the list of candidates of Senior European Championships in 2022.**

14. Candidates for European Championships in 2022 and subsequent years (Cadet/Junior, U-23, Seniors)

Jacek Slupski informed that before we start the presentations of candidates he reminded that because of the extraordinary situation with global pandemic the C&J European Championships which were supposed to be held in Novi Sad (SRB) event were cancelled.

However, respecting the financial efforts and huge contribution on preparations to that Event and in order to secure the budget from the Serbian Government and local authorities of Novi Sad, on the urgent written request of the Serbian Fencing Federation to provide the certificate of maintaining this event in 2022, which was prerequisite to secure budgets, the EFC Executive Committee decided in June to hand over the organisation of this event to Novi Sad.

However, to maintain our current procedure and practice, the SG asked Serbian Fencing Federation to make a presentation. After the presentation, on the request of the President Stanislav Pozdnyakov the Congress approved the organisation of the C&J European Championships in Novi Sad by applause.

Jacek Slupski asked candidate for U-23 European Championships in 2022 Estonian Fencing Federation to make a presentation. As Tallin was the single organiser, on the request of the President Stanislav Pozdnyakov the Congress approved the organisation of the U-23 European Championships in Tallin by applause.

Jacek Slupski asked candidates for Senior European Championships in 2022 to make presentations in the alphabetic order:

- Antalya (TUR)
- Basel (SUI)
- Plovdiv (BUL)

After all presentations Jacek Slupski opened the vote.

Results of the vote :

- Plovdiv (BUL): 18 votes
- Antalya (TUR): 14 votes
- Basel (SUI): 7 votes

Because absolute majority was not reached by one of three candidates the last one was removed from the list and SG opened second vote:

Results of the vote :

- Antalya (TUR): 21 votes
- Plovdiv (BUL): 20 votes

Based on the second vote organisation of the Senior European Championships in 2022 was awarded to Antalya (TUR).

Jacek Slupski asked candidate for U-23 European Championships in 2023 Russian Fencing Federation to make a presentation. As Arzamas was the single organiser, on the request of the President Stanislav Pozdnyakov the Congress approved the organisation of the U-23 European Championships in Arzamas by applause.

14. Miscellaneous

In various matters, Claudia Bokel thanked President Pozdnyakov for achieving a great success which is the restore fencing to the European Games' program with no limits for fencers.

President Pozdnyakov presented the EFC Executive Committee recommendation to the Congress to award the title of Honorary Membership to Nuala McGarrity for a significant contribution and huge efforts on development of fencing in Europe. Congress approved honorary membership by standing applause.

No other matters were raised in various.



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Jacek Slupski
EFC General Secretary



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Stanislav Pozdnyakov
EFC President

Minutes drafted by Jacek Slupski