

32ND EDBF ORDINARY CONGRESS

Saturday, 28th August 2021 at 09.00hrs (BST) / 10.00hrs (CET)

Held via Zoom Video Conference

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:

Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
Anna Sokratous	AS	EDBF Vice President (Co-opted)	CYP
Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
Andrew Menzies	AM	Representative of Full Members	GBR

Honorary Guests (Non-Voting):

Mike Thomas (left 12.00)	MT	IDBF President	GBR
Mike MacKeddie-Haslam (left 12.43)	MH	EDBF President of Honor	GBR
Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NED

Voting Members (present at start of Congress):

Rene de Block	RDB		NLD
Dympna Watson (left 12.46)	DW		IRL
Antonio de Lucia (left 12.00)	ADL	Chair Sport Medicine Commission	ITA
Arild Jordskar	AJ		NOR
Neil Pickles	NP		GBR
Vitaly Smirnov	VS		RUS
Guillaume Bestaux (left 11.40)	GB		FRA
Oleksii Morgan	AM	Chair Youth Commission (Co-opted)	UKR
Seenger Dóra	SD		HUN
Bridget Walter	BW		SUI
Gitta Weberi	GW		GER
Gal Indyk (left 10.45 before Elections)	GI		ISR
Peter Widhalm	PW		AUS
Momir Jeremic	MJ		CYP
Altin Shtjefni	AS		ALB

Others (Non-Voting):

Michela Scacchetti	MS	Chair M&M Commission	ITA
Paolo Pochesci	PP	Chair Women's Commission (Co-opted)	ITA
Dr. Leila Ataei	LA	Medical Commission	CYP
Andre Prziwarzinski	AP	Interpreter Ute Becker-Frenzel	GER
Katerina Kovalenko (joined 10.00)	KK		UKR
Andries Boneschansker (joined 10.30)	AB		NLD
Christian Tänzer	CT		GER
Djordje Pavlovic	DP		CYP

Item		Action
1.00	<u>Welcome Address by the EDBF President.</u>	
1.01	The meeting was formally opened at 09.06hrs by Claudio Schermi, EDBF President. CS explained that Congress 2021 had to be held online due to the consequences of COVID-19 and the current limited ability to travel. All confirmed their acceptance to hold the Congress online.	
1.02	CS explained that it was the first time the EDBF have held elections online with an external company providing this service.	
1.03	CS invited the following dignitaries to say a few words: Mike Thomas, IDBF President – MT stated that he looked forward to meeting everyone again in person and that he has missed the beating of the drum. He thanked the UDBF for the huge amount of effort they had put in with trying to run the ENC/ECCC in Kiev. He concluded by saying we all need to show our support and solidarity for the IDBF as others try to take over our sport.	
1.04	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam, EDBF President of Honour – MMH echoed what MT had already said and highlighted the fact that getting IOC Recognition for the IDBF was very important. One good thing that has come out of COVID-19 is that zoom meetings have allowed more people to be present and it has alleviated the cost factor for everyone in attending in person.	
1.05	Alan van Caubergh, EDBF Honorary President – AvC agreed with what had already been said and looked forward to meeting everyone again whilst we learnt to live with COVID-19.	
2.00	<u>Roll Call of Members & Confirmation of Authority</u>	
2.01	A roll call of the members was made. Out of the 22 nations who had paid their 2021 annual EDBF Membership fees, 15 nations were in attendance. Paid members not in attendance were Czech Republic, Georgia, Lithuania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden (submitted proxy vote).	
2.02	Apologies were received from: Petr Klima, Czech Republic Robin Magnusson, Sweden Saed Abdalla, C&T Commission Nico Cuca, Serbia	
3.00	<u>Appointment of Scrutineers for the Congress</u>	
3.01	The following individuals were appointed as scrutineers for the Congress: Mike MacKeddie-Haslam (GBR) – EDBF President of Honour Alan van Caubergh (NLD) – EDBF Honorary President	

4.00 Confirmation of the Published Agenda

4.01 The agenda was confirmed as published, but with the exception of moving the Council Elections after item 12.

5.00 Acceptance of the Minutes of the 31st EDBF Ordinary Congress 19th July 2020

5.01 The minutes of the 31st EDBF Ordinary Congress held on 19th July 2020 were accepted in full.

6.00 The EDBF President's Report

6.01 See attached EDBF President's Report 2021.

7.00 Reports from the EDBF Commissions

7.01 Competition & Special Events Commission – Presented by Saed Abdalla.

There was no report from the Competition & Special Events Commission.

7.02 Sports Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission – Presented by Antonio de Lucia.

Over the last 4 years along with his fellow commission members Dr. Dusko Spasovski, Dr. Mariano Feccia, Dr. Andre Hillebrecht and Dr. Leila Ataie the commission has attended all EDBF forums and presented research on valuable scientific topics. As Chair, ADL has also been active within the EDBF Council.

ADL advised he would not be re-standing as Chair of the commission due to sporting and professional commitments, but would be available for guidance and advice for the new Chair and if any assistance was required within his particular area of expertise, Psychology.

7.03 Marketing & Media Commission – Presented by Michaela Scacchetti.

Over the last 4 years the Marketing and Media Commission has been working on improving the identity of the Federation including restructuring and updating the EDBF website, providing an EDBF App and generally improving the existing media outlets. It has also been very active in providing an animated logo and successfully helping to deliver the EDBF webinar.

The original goals outlined for 2020, which include production of an EDBF magazine and EDBF merchandise store have now been pushed out to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

7.04 Women's Commission – Presented by Paolo Pochesci, Co-opted Chair.

See attached Women's Commission's Report.

7.06 **Junior Commission – Presented by Alexei Morgun, Co-opted Chair.**
 2021 had been a hard year for everyone with the global pandemic, but especially children and it was not possible to run with the planned Youth Camp. For the future the Youth Camp will allow 15 – 18 year olds from across Europe to come together and practise as one group with the ultimate goal of developing a Youth Championships in 2023 or 2024.

8.00 **Accounts, Financial Report and Auditor’s Report**

8.01 See attached EDBF Financial Report for the Year 2020 produced by Maura Dezi.

8.02 The 2020 EDBF accounts have been fully audited by Niko Cuca from the Serbia Dragon Boat Federation; see attached Auditor’s Report 2020. It was confirmed all was in order with the 2020 accounts. Niko was thanked for his time in doing this.

8.03 The Congress unanimously approved the Financial Report for the Year 2020.

Vote:
 For: 15
 Against: 0
 Abstentions: 0

9.00 **Approval of Annual Fees Proposed by the Council**

9.01 It was agreed to keep the EDBF Annual Membership Fees for 2022 at the following rates.
 EDBF Full Membership Fee - €250.00/year.
 EDBF Basic Membership Fee - €150.00/year.

Vote:
 For: 15
 Against: 0
 Abstain: 0

10.00 **Budget for the Next Period**

10.01 CS advised that no budget had been prepared for 2021 as it had been difficult to predict what events would be run in the year.

10.02 MD confirmed that as at 28/08/21 the current income and expenditure of the EDBF for 2021 was:
 Income: €11,458.97
 Expenditure: €6,981.41
 Result: €4,477.56

10.03 MD to prepare a 2021 Budget and a best and worst case 2022 Budget for approval by the EDBF Council at their next meeting. Once approved the Budgets are to be shared with the national federations.

MD

Post Meeting Note: At a meeting of the EDBF Council held on 19th October 2021 Budget

2021 and Budget 2022, as attached were approved.

11.00 Appointment of Full Member to be Responsible for Auditing the 2021 Accounts

11.01 No member federation volunteered to audit the 2021 accounts, therefore the EDBF Council would need to make further enquiries.

CS

Post Meeting Note: Vitaly Smirnov from the Russian Association of Paddle Sports (RAPS) has confirmed that they will audit the 2021 EDBF Accounts.

12.00 Reports on New Members

12.01 There were no reports on new members.

13.00 EDBF Championship Regattas

13.01 14th EDBF ENC 2022 – Kiev, Ukraine – Mid-late August 2022 (exact date to be confirmed).

13.02 19th ECCC 2023 – Ravenna, Italy – Early September 2023 (exact date to be confirmed).

13.03 15th EDBF ENC 2024 - Belgrade, Serbia (exact date to be confirmed). A full presentation is to be made at the next Congress.

14.00 Elections

14.01 Before the elections took place a check was carried out on what nations were currently registered on the separate voting system. These were: Albania, Austria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Ireland, Italy The Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Switzerland, Ukraine, plus a Proxy Vote from Sweden = 15no. Voting Members.

14.02 It was agreed where a commission has more than one nomination that the second place person will be invited to act as Vice Chair of the commission. A decision will need to be made on how a Vice Chair is selected where there is only one candidate nominated.

14.03 EDBF President

Nomination – Claudio Schermi (ITA)

For: 11

Non-Voters: 3

Blank: 1

It was confirmed that Claudio Schermi was elected EDBF President serving until 2025.

14.04 EDBF Vice President

Nomination – Anna Sokratous (CYP)

For: 12

Non-Voters: 2

Blank: 1

It was confirmed that Anna Sokratous was elected EDBF Vice President serving until 2023.

14.05 **EDBF Treasurer**

Nomination – Maura Dezi (ITA)

For: 12

Non-Voters: 2

Blank: 1

It was confirmed that Maura Dezi was elected EDBF Treasurer serving until 2025.

14.06 **Representative of the Full Members serving on EDBF Executive Committee**

Nomination – Andrew Menzies (GBR)

For: 14

Non-Voters: 1

Blank: 0

It was confirmed that Andrew Menzies was elected Representative of the Full Members serving until 2025.

14.07 **EDBF Chair of the Competition & Special Events/technical Equipment Commission**

Nominations:

Djordje Pavlovic (CYP) – For: 3

Saed Abdalla (GER) – For: 1

Andries Boneschansker (NLD) – For: 9

Non-Voters: 2

Blank: 0

It was confirmed that Andries Boneschansker was elected EDBF Chair of C&T Commission serving until 2025.

14.08 **EDBF Chair of the Sports Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission**

Nominations:

Dr. Dusko Spasovski (SRB) – For: 9

Dr. Leila Ataei (CYP) – For: 4

Non-Voters: 1

Blank: 1

It was confirmed that Dr. Dusko Spasovski was elected EDBF Chair of Sport Medicine Commission serving until 2025.

14.09 **EDBF Chair of the Marketing & Media Commission**

Nominations:

Michela Scacchetti (ITA) – For: 7

Christian Tänzer (GER) – For: 7

Non-Voters: 1

Blank: 1

Due to a draw on the voting and the advice that no Statute existed to deal with a draw, it was agreed that the decision on who should take on the role, should be made by the EDBF Council.

Post Meeting Note: Refer to Claudio Schermi letter dated 21/09/21.

EDBF Statute (Article 8.5 & Bye Law 9.19) mandates the voting decision, in such circumstances, to the EDBF Executive Committee. At a meeting of the EDBF Executive Meeting held on 26th October 2021 Michela Scacchetti was elected as Chair of the EDBF Marketing and Media Commission serving until 2025.

14.10 **EDBF Chair of the Women's Athletes Commission**

Nomination – Paola Pochesci (ITA)

For: 14

Non-Voters: 1

Blank: 0

It was confirmed that Paola Pochesci was elected EDBF Chair of the Women's Athletes Commission serving until 2025.

14.11 **EDBF Chair of the Youth Commission**

Nomination – Oleksii Morgun (UKR)

For: 12

Non-Voters: 2

Blank: 1

It was confirmed that Oleksii Morgun was elected EDBF Chair of the Youth Commission serving until 2025.

14.12 **EDBF Member's Representatives – 5no. Required**

Nominations:

Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation – For: 11

British Dragon Boat Racing Association – For: 11

Serbian Dragon Boat Association – For: 11

Italian Dragon Boat Federation – For: 7

German Dragon Boat Federation – For: 10

Swedish Dragon Boat Association – For: 8

Non-Voters: 1

Blank: 0

It was confirmed that the following federations were elected as the EDBF Member's Representatives serving until 2025.

- 1) Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation
- 2) British Dragon Boat Racing Association
- 3) Serbian Dragon Boat Association
- 4) German Dragon Boat Federation
- 5) Swedish Dragon Boat Association

15.00 Any Other Business

15.01 There was no Any Other Business.

16.00 Confirmation of Date & Place of Next Meeting

15.01 The next EDBF Congress was confirmed for 09.00hrs on the Monday after the European Nations Championships in Kiev, Ukraine in 2022.

15.00 Closing Address

15.01 The meeting was closed at 12.56hrs (BST).

Attachments:

- EDBF President's Congress Report 2020.
- Womens Commission's Report 2020.
- EDBF Financial Report for the Year 2020.
- Audit Report from Niko Cuco.
- Claudio Schermi letter dated 21/09/21.
- Budget 2021 and Budget 2022.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General (IRL)

Signed by:



Dated:

3rd November 2021

Claudio Schermi
President
European Dragon Boat Federation