

Executive Committee meeting 9 October 2020 – online.

List of decisions

The Executive Committee meeting was delivered online, on 9 October.

All Executive Committee members and Secretary General were in attendance. The President also welcomed Tatiana Carmargo (Brasil), Inas Mashar (Egypt), Laska Nenova (ISCA), Saska Benedicic Tomat (ISCA) to the meeting.

The agenda is inserted below. The president suggested to add MOVE Congress 2021 updates under Any Other Business, which was accepted.

The Executive Committee shared **personal updates** from their countries and organisations, with specific focus on the covid-19 pandemic and its impact (presentations by executive committee members Maria Luiza, Branco Vujovic and Michael Tiemann are available upon request) The executive committee members had been asked to reflect on the following questions:

- 1/ How did your organization adapt/re-model activities to the Covid19 situation?
- 2/ How do you foresee the Covid19 will impact the future strategy of your organization?

The Executive Committee discussed the process to prepare a new **ISCA Strategy 2022-2025**. The Committee is responsible to put forward a proposal to the General Assembly in 2021. All committee members contribute - Presidents group and Secretary General are responsible for the process. The President outlined a process that starts 1 November with input from the committee on overall trends, tendencies, needs and demands.

The Secretary General gave a financial update for 2020 and 2021. In spite of the Covid-19 crisis, the ISCA secretariat has pushed ahead with activities (mostly online), and we have largely avoided to postpone or cancel activities. We do expect a lower financial turnover in 2020 of 10-15%. We expect to be able to avoid losses by end of the financial year 2020. The budget forecast for 2021 will be developed and shared with the Executive Committee once we have answers on pending EU applications. There is positive news as ISCA has managed to get a corporate partnership approved (still to be confirmed in a contract). The Executive Committee took note of the status.

The Secretary General presented **7 incoming member applications**, their details had been shared with the Executive Committee together with the agenda. The Executive Committee did not have any reservations to the applications, and the secretariat will continue the dialogue with them, with a view to final adoption at the General Assembly in 2021.

Laska Nenova from ISCA presented the status of the **renewed membership offer**. The development is ongoing, and the launching of it will coincide with the new ISCA web site isca.org towards the end of the year. We are collecting insights from members (including Executive Committee members) and developing the ISCA membership value proposition accordingly. Maria Luiza asked to be kept in the loop of the insights from ISCA members, which the secretariat will share.

The President moved on to discuss ISCA's **external relations**. He gave a status and suggestions on WHO, Council of Europe, and UNHCR:

World Health Organisation

During the last years we have worked with the World Health Organisation in various ways. We were very much involved as civil society stakeholder in the process that led to the first Physical Activity Strategy 2016-2025 from the World Health Organisation (European region). We have an ongoing collaboration with the headquarter of WHO European Region (placed in Copenhagen, Denmark) where we activate and promote the MOVE Week and the European Week of Sport. We were active as civil society stakeholder in the process that led to the Global Action Plan for Physical Activity 2018-2030 and we had Professor Fiona Bull at our MOVE Congress in Budapest 2019. This year Fiona Bull joined an online seminar produced by UISP, Italy.

During the last couple years, the WHO has worked on and updated version of the **Physical Activity Guidelines** and our information is that the WHO will publish the **new Guidelines in November**. ISCA has contributed and commented to the new guidelines. They will probably not be significantly different from the one we know, but there will be updates on target groups and as well update to more modern language/wordings.

The Executive Committee discussed and decided that ISCA should try to **proactively reach out to WHO to promote the guidelines** when they come out. We consider the guidelines an authoritative recommendation which influences national guidelines as well.

The Council of Europe (CoE)

ISCA has participated as NGO stakeholder/observer to the Council of Europe's sport cooperation since the beginning of the millennium. The member states are the deciding body. But it has connected a Consultative Committee of sports and human rights organisations. ISCA is member of the Consultative Committee and the latest meeting has been included in one of the recent Friday Mails from the President. Every second year EPAS hold a Ministerial Conference with the participation of Sport Ministers and Consultative Committee. Latest Ministerial Conference was in October 2018 in Tbilisi Georgia where the Tbilisi Declaration was adopted. Next Ministerial Conference is scheduled to 4-6 November in Athens, Greece. (ISCA is registered)

The European Sport Charter is the basic document for the Council of Europe's Sport collaboration and as well an illustration of the values of this sport collaboration. These values are very much in line with ISCA values and we are right now contributing to an updated version of the European Sport Charter, which is supposed to be ready in June 2021.

The executive committee took note of the update and supported the collaboration.

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

The UN Refugee Agency has agreed to be partner in the ISCA lead initiative 'Integration of Refugees ThroughSport (IRTS). This ISCA lead project has a budget of €600.000 and runs for three years (2020-2022) and our task is to gather all entities/projects which have received financial support from European Commission who work with sport and refugees – that is around 60 stakeholders all together.

Beside the many stakeholder organisations we have some special partners – which are both international sport organisations working in this field, consultancies and inter-governmental organisations - such as the UN Refugee Agency.

In short the IRTS initiative consist of four elements:

- Networking collaboration and conferences
- Mentoring program
- E-learning on integration of refugees through sport – in practical world
- Awards Scheme

As we are operating in a highly political area and together with public institution, it is important that the Executive Committee oversees that ISCA has its focus on own values and strategy.

The executive committee discussed and agreed to the approach with UNHCR, and asked if the IRTS project also will reach outside Europe, knowing that the refugee challenges are not primarily European. This is the intention, while the starting point currently is the European stakeholders.

The President then moved on to discuss the **meeting format of the Executive Committee**. Unfortunately we may foresee some time before we again can meet physical regularly due to Covid19. The President therefore suggested regular online meetings for the next six months.

The following dates for both ordinary formal meeting and 'free dialogue' meetings were suggested and accepted

- Friday 9th October (ordinary/formal meeting)
- Friday 20th November (free dialogue meeting)
- Friday 15th January 2021 (ordinary/formal meeting)
- Friday 26th of February 2021 (free dialogue meeting)
- Friday 9th April 2021 (ordinary/formal meeting)

The Executive Committee approved of the chance for more regular, albeit shorter meetings and informal chances for dialogue.

Under the agenda item Any Other Business, The Secretary General and Head of Projects gave a status on the planning of MOVE Congress 2021. The event is not a statutory obligation of ISCA (unlike the General Assembly), but we push ahead to prepare for a **hybrid event** in November 2021 in Brussels. There are, however, significant financial risks involved, and we cannot commit to large scale venue and other costs before we have certainty that we can recover that cost. So there remains important uncertainties as for the feasibility of the event to be delivered in 2021. The

Executive Committee asked if there will be reduced fees for the online participants (this was confirmed) and considered the hybrid model a good opportunity to engage with ISCA members and stakeholders that would not otherwise be able to attend.

The President asked if there were any other items for the agenda, and then proceeded to close the meeting and thank the participants for their attendance and contribution.

Agenda

- 1/ Welcome (and testing microphones)
- 2/ Updates from Executive Committee members (Round)
- 3/ Strategy 2022-2025
- 4/ Finance 2020 – 2021 process
- 5/ Membership of ISCA
- 6/ External Relations
- 7/ Executive Committee meetings and tasks
- 8/ Any other business