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Re-unification of the international crossbow shooting sport

The IAU Executive Committee has released a statement dated 25 September 2009 which states:

- **that the IAU no longer considers re-unification an option and that they can no longer accept the terms of the 2006 IAU/WCSDA Memorandum of Understanding. As a consequence the MOU is terminated; and,**
- **rejects the WCSA proposals for re-unification. The IAU proposes that they control Match and Field/Target, leaving WCSA to effectively control the Sport and some Medieval crossbow shooting including Forest and 3D.**

The WCSA Executive Committee has considered the IAU statement and recommends the following to the WCSA members. The WCSA:

- is very disappointed by the IAU decision, which in our view is not in the best interests of the sport;
- totally rejects the IAU proposals that WCSA should only control the Sport and Medieval crossbow, Forest and 3D;
- proposes that we continue to develop the crossbow shooting sport covering Target, Sport and Medieval crossbow shooting ; and,
- will maintain cordial relations with the IAU, but without any continuing any re-unification effort.

The WCSA Executive Committee will convey this formally to the IAU. There is now zero possibility for the IAU to achieve its GAISF/AGFIS membership objective.

2nd World 3D Championships – Salzburg, Austria 7 to 9 August 2009

The Austrian Crossbow Shooters Federation (OEASV) conducted a successful 2nd WCSA World 3D Championship in Salzburg, Austria from 7 to 9 August 2009 for Sport and Medieval crossbows. 50 Shooters from 5 countries participated. Thanks to Bernhard Göllner and his team at the OEASV. Results are posted on the OEASV website at www.oeasv.org

Congratulations to all the medal winners. It is very pleasing to see how well the 3D sport is progressing.

4th WCSA World Target Crossbow Championships, Entroncamento, Portugal, August 30 to 5 September 2009

Following a protracted lead-up, the 4th WCSA World Championships were successfully hosted by the Federação Dos Arqueiros e. Besteiros de Portugal (FABP) under sunny (and windy) skies in Entroncamento, Portugal. Unfortunately it was not possible for this event to be combined with an IAU European Championships due to technical difficulties. Thirty shooters from nine countries participated in the Target, Matchplay and Forest events.

Thanks to Antonio Nogueira and his hard working team.

Congratulations to all the medal winners. Full results appear can be seen at www.worldcrossbow.com

3rd World Indoor Postal Championships, January-September 2010

Due to popular demand, the 3rd World Indoor Postal Championships will be held between January and September 2010. This is an easy way for federations and clubs to participate in a World Championship without having the high costs of international travel. National federations can register their Indoor Star events which must be conducted between 1 January and 30 September 2010 under WCSA rules. Entry forms, standard scoresheets and details have been be transmitted separately.

5th World Target Championships, Hamilton, New Zealand, January 2011

Start planning now for the 5th WCSA Target WC scheduled to be held by Archery New Zealand. The New Zealand National Championships will be held in the first week of January (approximately 2 to 8 January), followed by 5WC from tentatively 8 to 15 January. We need to see a large participation in New Zealand.

WCSA Council meeting highlights

The WCSA Council meeting was held in Entroncamento, Portugal on 1 September 2009. The full minutes appear on the website at www.worldcrossbow.com. Highlights from the Council meeting were:

- re-elected Bill Pimm as 1st Vice President. John Clark as Secretary General, Clive Barnett as Chairman of the Judges' Committee and Steve Sommers as Webmaster;
- no change to membership fees;
- tentative offers to host future WC/RC from Ireland, Sweden and USA;
- agreement to hold 3D WC in even years (possibly Sweden 2010); and ,
- award of Honorary certifications to Clive Barnett and John Clark.

Federation calendars and registration of WCSA Star events

Member federations are reminded that it is time to register your 2010 calendar of events and in particular those events which you want registered as WCSA Star events for the purposes of claiming WCSA Star achievement badges. Your Star events will be placed on the consolidated WCSA Calendar.

WCSA Achievement Awards – WCSA Star badges

WCSA achievement awards (WCSA Star badges) are available for purchase by member federations for the TC 900 and SC600 outdoor Target and TC600/25 and TC600/40 Indoor rounds. Purchasing details are available on the WCSA website. The responsibility for administering the award of badges rests with member federations. Members are reminded that WCSA Star badges may only be awarded for scores shot in registered WCSA Star events as included on the WCSA shooting calendar.

Membership fees, contact details and communication

Members are reminded that 2010 membership fees are due and payable on 1 January 2010. Membership renewal invoices will be sent out shortly under separate cover.

Communication is vital for our sport to grow. Members are requested to advise their contact details. Many e-mail addresses are not valid.

Members are particularly asked to update e-mail addresses and to provide alternative e-mail addresses.

Please also advise your national shooting calendar.

Your comments are always welcome.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS !!!!

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