



## *Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive*

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### **2nd INTERNATIONAL FISHING FORUM 17 JUNE 2016 AMSTERDAM**

As the federations, present on the first meeting of the most important European angling organizations in December 2015 decided, they had their second meeting in June 2016, during the EFTTEX in the capital of Netherland, Amsterdam. This first time meeting where the most important international organizations acting in Europe met for launching cooperation, decided to continue in the Dutch capital discussing and finding concrete targets of joint actions in Europe.

For continuing this historical step, four international federations have participated on the Amsterdam meeting: beside the promoter CIPS, were present the representatives of the European Anglers Alliance (EAA), European Anglers Federation (EAF) and the organizer of the EFTTEX, the European Fishing Tackle Trade Association (EFTTA), all delegation headed by their Presidents. The CIPS delegation was composed by Mr. Ferenc Szalay, President and Mr. Jacques Goupil, General Secretary-Treasurer of the CIPS.

In his introduction key-note to the meeting the President of the CIPS, Mr. Ferenc Szalay underlined that “in Brussels the organizations agreed on the fact that the future and sustainability of the angling and especially of European angling needs cooperation to improve to defend and promote angling. Therefore the participants of the Forum expressed their strict intention to work together, in cooperation, on concrete subjects adopted by each organization”. He has made two concrete suggestions: one for continue these discussions on the next year EFTTEX in Budapest, in cooperation and enlarging with IGFA, EFSA and CMAS; on the other hand to organize a united action: international forum for the promotion of the young generations in angling. The CIPS could be ready to prepare such an initiative.

The President of the EAA, Mr. Fred Bloot raised two concrete propositions: in one side the 11<sup>th</sup> October in Brussels they have a forum with the EU on the sea-bass problem, the EAA has already prepared a video about this issue, and the second: in springtime next year (2017) propose a united action against the Spanish government’s dispositions concerning the non-native fish species.

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The Presidents of the CIPS, the EAF – Mr. Otakar Broz – and EFTTA – Mr. Jean-Claude Bel – agreed these suggestions of initiatives.

The meeting were closed in a very cooperative and friendly atmosphere – and it is a positive sign concerning the future of a closer cooperation at the European level.

Ferenc Szalay

20<sup>th</sup> June 2016



**Participants of the meeting: Jean-Claude Bel, CEO of EFTTA; Mike Heylin, member of the EAA Board; Borut Jerse, President of the EAA Freshwaters Subgroup; Fred Blot, President of the EAA; Öyvind Fjeldseth, member of the EAA Board; Ferenc Szalay President of the CIPS, Jacques Goupil, General Secretary-Treasurer of the CIPS, Otakar Broz, President of the EAF and Stephan Spahn, Treasurer of the EAA.**

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