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***Report
on relations with international organisations***

Being responsible for liaisons with international sport organisations, in my opinion, also 2023 was a rather difficult year.

After the CIPS Congress, held in Rome, we had the opportunity to contact many international partner organisations.

1. The Definitive dissolution of the Global Association of International Sports Federations - GAISF

Beyond any doubt, the highlight of 2023 in the world of sports was the definitive dissolution of the Global Association of International Sports Federations - GAISF, and the closing down and winding up with the completion of the accounts of this international organisation, of which we had been members since 2004. This event was voted on at the GAISF Extraordinary General Meeting on 29th November 2022 in Lausanne.

The final stage - with the adoption of the final accounts - was reached on 14th September at an online GAISF General Meeting.

Thus, from now on we will continue as SportAccord members. And we have an interest in cooperating in a stronger and more transparent SportAccord, of which we, as AIMS, have remained an integral part by working for recognition as an Olympic sport.

(Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Forum of International Federations, which takes place every year in Lausanne).

2. Meetings of the International Olympic Committee.

We haven't stopped working aiming at the Olympic recognition for our sport, sport fishing. Together with the Federal President of the Italian Angling Federation Mr Matteoli, who had several discussions with Mr Ivo Ferriani, the Italian President of SportAccord, whom he knows well, we have not stopped keeping the other international sports federations informed, and we hope that the time is not far off for recognition.

Personally, as a journalist, I tried to take part in some IOC press conferences. The Olympic Committee held a few press conferences, which I attended on 18th July and 8th September. You can find a summary of these on the IOC's website: the 18th July round table with Mr Bach, President of the IOC :https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vj5sUNWu4Jc&list=PLX9eJ_kgiRLZP4qWXs_WwJg-doUswtL3t&index=10&t=159s and that of 8th September on the modification of the Olympic Charter: <https://olympics.com/ioc/news/ioc-eb-submits-olympic-charter-amendments-to-the-ioc-session> .

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3. The European Fishing Tackle Trade Exhibition - EFTTEX 2023 World Exhibition

This exhibition gave us the opportunity to contact fishing tackle manufacturers. In 2023, the EFTTEX - which is already 35 years old - was held in Budapest.

Despite the separation of EFTTEX from its organiser EFTTA, I'm convinced that we should continue to maintain contact with EFTTEX as well – as this could give us the opportunity to keep a dialogue with fishing tackle manufacturers from all over the world.

4. EU meetings

We are also registered to the European Union, which organises as well meetings on fisheries - especially professional fishing - and on the environment, in particular on climate change, in collaboration with the European Anglers Alliance (EAA) Fish Forums.

In 2023 we took part - online - in two of these meetings: the one on 5th July organised by the EU on climate change, and in the Fish Forum meeting on the Common Fisheries Policy (I might add: professional fishing) held on 12th October.

The European Union, more specifically the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, occasionally organises meetings with all the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs - as in 2023, on 10th October), which I also attended to discuss current issues of common strategy and policy.

5. Regional Advisory Councils (RACs)

These Councils are consultative organisations of the Directorate General, which affect FIPS-Mer in particular, but since the 2013 Congress it is CIPS that manages them for us and continues to pay the fees (which are not very expensive for us, by the way).

I try to attend each of their meetings, as I did in fact- after our Congress in Rome, of course:

17th May BSAC General Meeting (Baltic)

24th May LDAC General Meeting (Long Distance)

6th September PELAC Assembly (Pelagic)

29th June BSAC ExCom (Baltic RAC Executive Committee)

6. Other international organisations

Among the other international organisations with which we have cooperation and contacts.

CIC (Confederation of Hunters)

We have a cooperation agreement with this organisation (concluded on 25th April 2019 and entitled "Aiming at the sustainability of nature").

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We were offered to maintain our cooperation, but on 2023, due to lack of time, the meeting did not take place. I then propose to the Presidium to preserve and continue this cooperation, as they too are concerned with animals and the environment.

FAO

Every year we take part in the COFI meetings, which is a FAO commission dealing with fisheries; the only body involving the presence of different governments to discuss the various fisheries.

ICCAT - International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

It's primarily Mr. Diouf who is in charge of this international organization, that is the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

GFCM

The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean – GFCM – It's the Federal President Mr Matteoli, being member of the Board of Directors of this organisation, who is in charge of it.

And in conclusion

- 1- We are an integral part of the international sporting life, therefore our primary interest is to maintain relations within international sport and to maintain these relations with international bodies.
- 2- We are, of course, members of SportAccord, the association of international sports federations.
- 3- We should actually broadcast ourselves much more in the media.
- 4- We are members or observers of organisations such as the European Union's Directorate for Water and the Environment and its regional commissions, the RACs, WADA, ITA, FAO, ICCAT, EFTTA, EAF, EAA, UNESCO and I could go on and on.
- 5- And the beauty of our sport obviously also means promoting fishing among youth.
- 6- The general experience is that online meetings are undergoing major expansion.

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