



C.I.P.S

Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive
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- To C.I.P.S. National Federations
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Convocation of the 48th C.I.P.S. Extraordinary Congress

Dear Presidents,

Further to the decision adopted during the C.I.P.S. Congress held in Cairo (Egypt) on 25 April 2026, I hereby convene the 48th Extraordinary Congress of the C.I.P.S., which will be held online on **18 December 2026**.

The Extraordinary Congress has been convened following a request made by the Cairo Congress to submit for the consideration of those present the possible readmission of Russian and Belarusian athletes to international competitions organised under the auspices of C.I.P.S. This is because the Assembly did not wish to leave this decision solely to the Praesidium.

As members are aware, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has communicated that International Federations may autonomously determine the conditions for the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in their respective competitions. Following this development, several International Federations have adopted specific regulations allowing participation under neutral status, without national anthem, flag, emblem or team representation.

Accordingly, and in line with the Congress's instructions, the C.I.P.S. Extraordinary Congress will be asked to discuss and decide on this matter.

Meeting Schedule

First Convocation: 4:00 p.m. (CET)

Second Convocation: 5:00 p.m. (CET)



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Representation and Delegation

Should a President be unable to attend the Extraordinary Congress, a written notification indicating the name of the designated delegate must be sent to the C.I.P.S. Secretariat no later than **15 days before the Congress**. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the inability of the delegate to participate and vote.

All Federations are also requested to communicate the e-mail address of the person who will attend the Congress in order to receive the connection link and relevant meeting documentation.

Voting Rights

In accordance with the C.I.P.S. Statutes, only National Federations and Organizations that are up to date with the payment of the **2025 annual membership fee** shall be entitled to vote.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Members of the *Praesidium*, I extend my warmest greetings to the Officials and Members of all Federations.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Ugo Claudio Matteoli
C.I.P.S. President