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# CASTING SPORT FEDERATION

## Report on the ICSF Congress and the General Assembly

Prague, 2-3 April 2022, Hotel Galaxie Prague 6, Výhledské nám. 801/9

The report has been prepared to summarize both meeting days (Congress and General Assembly) with the details regarding voting.

### **2 April 2022, 9:00 a.m. Welcome speech from the ICSF President - Mr. Kurt Klamet**

The ICSF President welcomed all participants in the Congress and General Assembly. He thanked for the cooperation in the last 2 years since the last Congress, which were really complicated due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He thanked all organizers of international competitions, which were organized in the last 2 years under complicated epidemiological measures. He evaluated activities in each of our member federations, where, in many cases, sporting and organizational activities were practically ceased. He expressed his concerns about the loss of interest in casting and flycasting, as it is the case in other fishing sports (according to the information from national federations). After 2 years of the COVID-19 pandemic, a decline in the interest of young people in our sporting activities is expected.

In the second part of his introductory speech, ICSF President Kurt Klamet said that the Congress was held during the war conflict in Ukraine, which had an impact on global sports activity, organization of competitions and exclusion of individual athletes and teams from Russia and Belarus from all international competitions. ICSF, like CIPS, has adopted a declaration condemning the war and at the same time athletes from Russia and Belarus are excluded from all international competitions organized by ICSF.

This written declaration was accepted in the voting by all participants (12 votes supported the declaration) and this information will be published on the ICSF website. (Note: neither Russia nor Belarus are full members of ICSF, they have not participated in the casting competitions in the last 20 years. Only individuals participated in the World Championships in Flycasting, where they will not be allowed to participate in 2022).

The ICSF President also thanked Dr. Doležal, ICSF General Secretary for the preparation and organization of the ICSF Congress without the participation of the Czech Anglers Union.

### **1. ICSF Executive Board Report (2019-2022) - Presentation, Discussion**

The basis for the discussion is the report of the ICSF Executive Board (President, Vice-Presidents (2), Secretary General), which was presented on the ICSF website and it is written in the documents for Congress participants. There is a comment from a Swedish representative that the report is not the report of the whole Executive Board, because the ICSF Treasurer - Linnea Morild did not take part. For many years, since the ICSF Congress 2013, there has been the practice that the Treasurer does not take part in the report. The Treasurer must prepare an extensive economic report, in which other members of the ICSF Executive Board do not intervene either. The participants also objected that the report presented and published, i.e. publicly available, sounds negative. The Secretary General states that it corresponds to the realistic description of today's situation in casting and flycasting, i.e. the ICSF, and that this situation and state entirely depends on the activity of each individual national federation.

According to the report, the individual points were presented:



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- **1.** National Federations, **2.** Overall situation in casting assessment, **3.** Sponsors and sponsorship fee, **4.** IOC recognition. All points without a comment.
- **Point 5.** World Games 2022 – casting has not been put on the programme again. The following World Games will take place in China in 2025. Registration will be processed by the end of this year or early 2023. Due to the hints from the plenum that ICSF (President and Secretary General) have not done as much as they could to include the casting on the World Games program, the Secretary General indicated that due to these doubts he will not submit any further application for the 2025 World Games and will not send any further correspondence. Therefore, Mrs. Lise-Lotte Janson was asked to take on this job. She accepted this request. All related correspondence will be delivered to her.
- **Points 6, 7, 8** - Evaluation of the Youth World Championship and World Cup 2021 - many thanks to all organizers of the competitions in the Covid time. Participation was lower than in previous years, fewer participants and teams, especially at the Youth World Championship.
- **Point 9** - Masters World Championship 2022 will be held on a different date than originally set (see 2022 competition calendar)
- **Point 10** - WADA – Lise-Lotte Janson has been working with Mr. Hakan Nyberg on anti-doping issues. ICSF has been in compliance with WADA rules since 01.01.2021. ICSF has reimbursed the costs associated with this activity. The anti-doping issue is very complicated – this is fact, but so far no procedures and regulations for some of our duties have been proposed. This is because our sport is very small and purely amateur sport. There is currently no plan of testing established. It can be assumed that we will test 3-4 participants at the Senior World Championships (casting, flycasting) (in-competition testing). It will be at the expenses of the World Championship organizer. No TUE (therapeutic use exemption) system has been established, although the General Assembly has paid attention to this for two years. Lise-Lotte Janson proposes to establish the ICSF Anti-Doping Committee (3-5 members), but there was no interest in this activity among the Congress participants. An Anti-Doping Committee was not set up at the General Assembly.
- **Point 11.** Financial Report - presented by the Treasurer - Linnea Morild - accepted by voting: **9 votes for, 3 votes against**
- **Point 12.** Flycasting and surfcasting - activities in these sports have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

## Afternoon program of the ICSF Congress

- **Point 1.** Presentation of the World Championship 2022 (Category: Youth, Seniors) in Tallinn (Estonia) promised that the instructions would be presented as soon as possible so that they could be presented on the website. ICSF nominates for the World Championships in Tallinn members of the IT centre from the Czech Republic, Mr. Bařtipán and Mr. Paul, who have already successfully taken part in several World Championships. They have their own SW for calculating results. The question of training of judges at the World Championship in Tallinn or at the Youth World Championships in Hungary remains open.
- **Point 2.** Presentation for Flycasting World Championship 2022 - very nice and clear presentation with prices for room and board - the details on the ICSF website
- **Point 3.** Proposals from our members - discussion (list of 16 proposals). 16 proposals (**Annex 1**) were submitted in time, some were similar, and other proposals did not reflect changes in the competition rules and statutes. Before the Congress, the individual proposals were evaluated by the ICSF Technical Commission. The individual proposals were discussed in their order as attached and for time reasons they were voted about. A total of 12 votes were available.



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- 1/ Proposal No. 1** – accepted with 12 votes, will be published on the website
- 2/ Proposal No. 2** – not accepted - 3 votes for, 9 votes against
- 3/ Proposal No. 3 and Proposal No. 7** – they are similar proposals. There was quite a long discussion. In the end it was agreed that the Technical Commission will prepare a new proposal by the next day. The new proposal will be a combination of both and will be acceptable. The following day the Technical Commission presented a proposal that could not be accepted and therefore these proposals must be returned for detailed specification and can be presented at the next Congress again. In this area, which affects the length of fly lines, there are no changes in the international competition rules.
- 4/ Proposal No. 4** – not accepted - 12 votes against
- 5/ Proposal No. 5** – not accepted - 12 votes against
- 6/ Proposal No. 6** – not accepted - 12 votes against
- 8/ Proposal No. 8** - accepted – 12 votes for this proposal
- 9/ Proposal No. 9** – Cadet category (19-23 years) was accepted (8 votes for, 1 abstained, 3 votes against). At the Youth World Championship 2022 in Hungary there will be a so-called pilot project, the category of cadets will be implemented. From 1 January 2023 it will be mentioned in the international competition rules. ICSF accepts the proposal of the Czech Anglers Union that the Youth and Cadet World Championships will take place in 2023 (the event will be organized by Mr. Luxa in České Budějovice). The cadet competition will be held in seven disciplines - heptathlon.
- 10/ Proposal No. 10** from Sweden concerns the loss of motivation. At the presentation, the idea that “casting is on the way down, level deteriorates” was mentioned and that “the ICSF Executive Board is rather passive regarding this matter”. The members of the Executive Board protested against this. The proposal included a long-term ICSF development plan, when the development should be led by the ICSF Executive Board. However, it is a fact that cannot be omitted or overlooked that the development and future of casting depends on individual national federations - ICSF members. This was already discussed at the Congresses in 2017, 2019 and also at several meetings of the ICSF Executive Board. Many written materials from the earlier discussions have been available.
- 11/ Proposal No. 11** - proposal from Sweden - men and women compete in target disciplines in one category. The proposal was not accepted: 11 were against the proposal, 1 was for the proposal, and nobody abstained.
- 12/ ICSF** remains the member of IWGA. Efforts to take part in the World Games program have failed since 2009. The Secretary General stated that all World Games applications had been submitted on time. He noted that there had been several letters sent and meetings with IWGA representatives organized. This proposal was not voted on.
- 13/** This proposal was not voted on because there was already a similar concept (venue Sweden 2020), but the event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If a national federation applies or intends to organize the World Championships in Casting and Flycasting together in one event, ICSF will accept this proposal.
- 14/** Disciplines 6 and 7 also for the women category. After a very tight vote, the proposal was not accepted.
- 15/** Proposal from Sweden that Executive Board and Board will be elected every 2 years. The proposal was not accepted. There were 10 votes against, 2 votes for, no one abstained.



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**Point 4.** World Cup 2022 in casting - proposal was submitted and accepted by the Congress. It will be specified in more detail when the dates of all competitions which, will be included in the competition system, are confirmed.

**Point 5.** Membership fee is now 680 EUR and will not get changed until the next ICSF Congress.

**Point 6.** ICSF provides weights and fly lines to their members. The Secretary General takes care of the distribution. He informed that the weights will be more expensive due to the inflation and economic situation (7.5 g weights will cost 0.80 EUR, 18 g weights were bought in 2019 and they are in stock and they currently cost 0.95 EUR – price increase is expected). Fly lines are manufactured in the UK, and the UK is not an EU member, so you already have to pay duty and VAT. The price from the last order is 65 EUR for T38 and 75 EUR for T120. The Secretary General states that there is a big problem with sending a larger quantity of weights by post, so the weights will be physically distributed only at the World Championship based on the previous order.

**Point 7.** The ICSF website is operated by Pascal Abel. It is necessary to change some information on the website according to the proposals of the Congress participants. However, we depend on time when the entries are sent to us (results, invitations to the competitions, etc.)

**Point 8.** Competitions 2022 and Competition draft for 2022-2024 – it is included in Congress documents and will be published on the ICSF website. These are preliminary proposals, because all competitions for 2022 and the next few years have not been confirmed by the organizers yet.

**Point 9.** Miscellaneous

## Report on ICSF General Assembly

Sunday, 3 April 2022, Hotel Galaxie, Prague, Výchledské nám. 801/9

9.00 a.m.

### **a) Opening of the General Assembly**

Note: all questions and issues related to ICSF were presented at the ICSF Congress on the previous day. All information regarding the Congress agenda and the ICSF General Assembly was in written documents which all delegates received and which were presented on the ICSF website. Some proposals were voted on the previous day.

### **b) Roll-call of delegates and establishing the quorum (Annex 2 and Annex 3)**

Votes at the Congress 2022

Representatives of 8 national federations were present

Total: 8 votes with the right to vote were present at the General Assembly and

4x proxy votes

**Total number of valid votes: 12**

### **c) Appointment of two scrutineers of the General Assembly – Pascal Abel and Angelika Klamet**

### **d) + e) Report of the President, Report of the Secretary General, Report of Vice-Presidents**

(Executive Board's report) and all statements:

Voting: accepted by 11 votes, 1 vote against (Sweden mainly disagrees with point 3)

### **f) Report of the Permanent Committee (flycasting, anti-doping, surfcasting)**



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**Vote: accepted by 12 votes**

**g) + o) Discussion about changes in the Statutes and International Casting Rules.** There are no proposals to amend the Statutes. Changes in the competition rules were discussed and agreed at the ICSF Congress (2.4.2022) (After the assessment by the ICSF Technical Commission).

## **h) Financial report**

The report was presented at the ICSF Congress and is in the Congress documents

**Vote: accepted by 12 votes**

## **i) Auditor's report**

Processed by the auditor - elaborated by Alena Kläusler - the accounting result of the ICSF as of 31 December 2021 is correct, all accounting expenses match. The test report is saved in the ICSF documents.

**Vote: accepted by 12 votes**

**j) Discussion about the report** - indicated in the text of the ICSF Congress

**k) Board of Directors Discharge** - this is not an election Congress

**l) Welcoming new members** – no new member (formally)

## **m) Decision about membership fees for the next two years**

No change in membership fees until the next Congress in 2023

## **n) Decision about the budget for the next two years**

**Vote: accepted by 12 votes**

**p) Discussion about proposals and respective decisions** - will be included in the text of the ICSF Congress (2.4.2022)

## **q) General information**

Place and date of the next Congress 2023 - Riccardo Carrara, representing Italy, has promised to hold the Congress in northern Italy, the date has not been set yet.

**r) Closing of the General Assembly** by the President at 11.30 a.m. with thanks for the participation and the wish for a successful competition season 2022

Worked out by ICSF Secretary General

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ICSF President

Dr. Josef Dolezal  
Secretary General