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## WLC 2020 Serbia

Dear member nations,

what was foreseeable longer is now official.

We agree that the risk is simply too great and that the WLC cannot be carried out safely in the current situation. That is why we made the long-inevitable decision to cancel WLC 2020 and move it to 2022. This relocation has become essential due to the corona pandemic.

The health of each individual, the guests and the contributors, is our top priority. Of course we had hope that the WLC could take place, but it was already clear that such a decision was to be expected due to the cancellation of meetings, major events and the worldwide travel warnings and that this cancellation is the logical consequence. We hoped to the end, but there is no other option.

This is a very painful decision that we made together with the host and sponsors. The hot phase of preparations and planning had already started and involved a considerable amount of work.

From a sporting point of view, it would not have been possible to hold fair competitions, simply because of the different conditions of the athletes in training and in the eliminations, which cannot take place.

In addition, it is not known how things will continue to this day. In this respect, the variant of maintaining the WLC is not realistic. It can be assumed that the loss will result in financial damage.

The hanging game and a time of uncertainty come to an end for all of us. But we also want to encourage everyone not to be discouraged and to pursue their goals.

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We now ask all contributors and sponsors for solidarity in this difficult time in order to maintain the WLC in the future.

The ialc will decide on the specific new date together with the NOK and inform you.

The global corona pandemic has massively disrupted almost all aspects of our lives and is demanding a great deal from all of us and from society as a whole. It is a particularly serious crisis. But the past has also shown us that we humans have always been empowered, with new models, ideas and incentives to emerge from such crises.

I wish all of us courage, confidence and always a glimmer of hope on the horizon in this time of uncertainty.

Best regards & stay healthy

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