



Belgrade, 16 October 2021

To: EWF Member Federations

**Subject: Invitation for the EWF Extraordinary Congress**

Dear EWF Member Federations, dear Colleagues and Friends,

The European Weightlifting Federation (EWF) has received a certain number of requests by EWF Member Federations, representing more than 33% of all EWF Federations, asking for an extraordinary EWF Congress in accordance with the Article 8.15 of the EWF Constitution.

The concerned Federations confirmed that the purpose of this congress was to conduct a special election procedure to elect an EWF President in accordance with Article 19.11 of the EWF Constitution.

The EWF will continue to seek a legal opinion from an independent legal expert with the aim of assessing the validity of holding such special election within reduced deadlines in view of the specific circumstances.

Pending the issuance of this legal opinion, and as the request to hold an extraordinary Congress with agenda has been received on 24 September 2021, as General Secretary, as requested by the EWF General Congress in Rovaniemi and EWF Executive board, must convene a Congress within 90 days in accordance with Article 8.15 of the EWF Constitution.

Accordingly, and subject to the eventual vetting procedures of the IWF, in accordance with Article 8.15 of the EWF Constitution and Article 27 of the COVID-19 Ordinance of the Swiss Federal Council, as General Secretary, I am pleased to convene all EWF Member Federations to

**an extraordinary Congress to be held virtually (Zoom and Lumi or alternatives)  
on 18 December 2021 at 11:00 a.m. CET**

The agenda of the Congress is to hold special elections to elect a new EWF President in order to fill the vacancy left by Dr Hasan Akkus being unable to fulfil his duties (see Articles 8.9, 19.11 and 22.4 of the EWF Constitution). The term of office of the new President to be elected appointed will expire on the date of the next EWF electoral Congress.

The following timeline shall apply to the special election:



- **By 16 November 2021 at 6 p.m. CET**, nominations for the position of EWF President must be sent to the Office of EWF General Secretary by Member Federations, via emails [secretariat@ewfed.com](mailto:secretariat@ewfed.com) and [orenshai7@gmail.com](mailto:orenshai7@gmail.com)

The Secretariat will confirm the received nominations within 24 hours upon receiving.

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- The list of candidates with all relevant information and documents will be sent to all Member Federations on **18 November 2021**.

Finally, please note that, in accordance with Article 19.11 of the EWF Constitution, if President Dr Hasan Akkus is in a position to resume his duties before the next Congress, this will mean that there will no longer be a vacancy and that the Congress and elections should be cancelled.

We invite IWF to inspect and monitor special election for the EWF President.

I would like to thank you for your continued support, and remain of course at your entire disposal should you have any query.

Sincerely,

Dr Milan Mihajlovic  
EWF General Secretary