Dear Sports Friends,

Up-to-date news on the CSIT - International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation

ExCom Meeting in Vienna

The CSIT Election Congress in October in Rome brought some changes in the board. The first meeting with the recompiled ExCom is scheduled on invitation of the Austrian member union ASKÖ for 19-22 March in the wonderful capital city Vienna. New members of the ExCom are Christian Hinterberger (ASKÖ Austria) and George Michel (AFSTB Belgium). Together with President Bruno Molea (AICS Italy), Christian Vifian (SATUS Switzerland), Yoram Arnstein (HAPOEL Israel), Desislava Yagodin (BWF-SH Bulgaria), Palle Thomsen (DAI Denmark), Anu Rajajärvi (TUL Finland) and Henk Bouchoms (NCS Netherlands) the board will have to take some important decisions in view of the upcoming events like the CSIT World Sports Games 2021 in Zagreb and running processes like the two EU co-funded projects Bridges and YOUAca.
Bruno Molea in South Korea

The new South Korean CSIT member Korea Office Worker Sports Committee (KOWSC) invited CSIT President Bruno Molea to visit South Korea where he participated in some special cultural initiatives and met - together with KOWSC Chairman Myung Soo Eo - representatives of Korean institutions. On this occasion, the CSIT President also visited sports facilities where KOWSC organizes sports and cultural festivals. The CSIT delegation was welcomed by the Governor of Jeju Island, who expressed the will and determination to host CSIT World Sports Games. Jeju Island, also known as the peaceful island, has proven its ability to host major sports events in recent years by hosting several national sports festivals and World Cups. KOWSC demonstrates a high level of quality in terms of logistics and technical preparation of staff. The island's stake holders were also present at the meetings. There is a strong network of authorities, private organizations and sponsors supporting KOWSC's bid for the CSIT World Sports Games on Jeju Island.

CSIT Single Championships 2020

2020 is an interim year for CSIT concerning the World Sports Games. The next WSG will take place from 13th to 18th July 2021 in Zagreb / Croatia. Nevertheless, CSIT Members will have a number of official single championships on international level in 2020. The first will take place in a very exotic destination. CSIT Member INDET Mexico is hosting the CSIT Beach Volleyball Championships in Acapulco from 30th June to 5th July and cordially invites all CSIT Members to experience a spectacular event in a world-famous holiday destination. TUL Finland is organizing two CSIT Single Championships. The Tennis Championships at Pajulahti Sports Institute from 26th July to 1st August for mixed teams of all ages and mixed teams for veterans as well as the CSIT Swimming Championships from 26th to 30th August. Furthermore, the CSIT Chess and Gymnastics Championships will both be held in Italy. The dates for these events will be fixed and announced soon. The chess match will take place in Rome in autumn, the gymnastics championships in Cesenatico in November. Since 2020 is full of notable sports events within the CSIT family, also the 30th anniversary of the Bulgarian Workers' Federation "Sport and Health" have to be announced. To mark this occasion BWF is hosting the 7th International Workers' Sports Festival in Albena. Last but not least, we want to inform about the probable CSIT patronage of the International AICS Vela Sailing Championships in Ostia, Italy. The whole Calendar with information and invitations to Acapulco as well as to all other CSIT activities 2020 on the CSIT website.
The 7th CSIT World Sports Games Zagreb 2021, organized by the Croatian CSIT member Health Life Academy (HLA), will take place from 13th to 18th July during the summer holidays. The preparations are already ongoing and well advanced, also for the CSIT Congress 2020, which will take place from October 26th to November 1st this year in Zagreb at the Hotel International. HLA is cooperating with a student volunteer association which intends to provide staff for the WSG 2021. The organizers are in close contact with national partners in order to gather Croatian teams for the Games. Even the Sport Associations of the city of Zagreb as well as the National Olympic Committee of Croatia are involved and familiar with the WSG 2021. Sport TV Croatia will make broadcasts with interviews from the World Amateur Sport Forum, which is part of the Congress 2020 in Zagreb.

After the Golden Star for sporting merit awarded by the Italian Olympic Committee CONI seven years ago, CSIT President Bruno Molea received the same high recognition from the Italian Paralympic Committee, of which he has been a member for two years. "This is a source of great pride for me", Bruno Molea stated at his Speech. "Not only for the recognition of my commitment to the service of sport as an instrument of inclusion, but also for the strength, the role, the autonomy assumed in recent years by the Paralympic Committee. Thanks to Luca Pancallì's enlightened guidance, certainly, thanks to the interest aroused around the theme by the deeds of great athletes such as Alex Zanardi or Bebe Vio. Thanks to the work done by Paralympic sports promotion bodies such as AICS - which have always worked for sports as a right for everyone, regardless of physical or attitudinal abilities. One day, barriers will fall. And much of the credit will have been given to sport: universal language of strength, commitment, cohesion."
Since 2018 CSIT is involved in two EU co-funded projects, Bridges and YOUAca. Bridges is going into its second year, ending end of February 2021. The constitutional meeting took place in Florence (Italy), followed by an intensive workshop in Tortosa (Spain). The next co-ordination meeting will take place in Thessaloniki (Greece) from March 9 to 10. The main objective of Bridges is to create cohesive and inclusive local communities that foster participation and exchange between native and migrated residents. The big presentation of Bridges to the EU and some of its responsible commissioners will take place in Zagreb during the CSIT congress in October 2020. You can find details about all Bridges projects on the CSIT Website.

The second EU project of CSIT is YOUAca, a project for young leaders in sport to enable them to get the opportunity to gain sports management skills in grassroot sports under the leadership of CSIT. The CSIT Congress in Rome 2019 should mark the end of the EU project YOUAca. Due to the great success of the first edition of the Erasmus+ EU Project the EU extended the project for another year and CSIT is pleased to meet a next generation of young leaders in 2020. YOUAca 2.0 holds the first meeting in the historical city of Vienna. From 18th to 21st of March the group of young sports officials from all over Europe awaits a varied program. Next to educational trainings and workshops in the "House of Sports", the center of Austrian sports communities and associations, touristic activities and sports guarantee a great deal of fun. The final part of the meeting will be the presentation of the progress to the CSIT ExCom, which meets during those days in Vienna too. Further information about YOUAca you can find on the CSIT Website.
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