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

Election Congress

CSIT held its 41st Congress in October in Rome. The Congress week was work-intensive and future-oriented with numerous meetings and decisions. At the end of the Congress Bruno Molea was confirmed with applause as CSIT President. Molea took over the presidency in Riga (Latvia) 2016 after Harald Bauer resigned due to professional reasons and was now elected with an overwhelming majority of 100%. The Italian is now starting into his first full period as CSIT president with lots of ideas and plans for the upcoming four years.

NEW ExCom

The Election Congress brought changes in the board. The ExCom for the next four years consists of following people: Still in the ExCom are 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). New members are Christian Hinterberger (ASKÖ Austria) and George Michel (AFSTB Belgium). "The two persons that now joined the ExCom are excellent", stated President Molea. "In particular Christian Hinterberger, who is the President of the European Fair Play Movement EFPM, as well as
Georges Michel, who was long-term chairman of the TC Judo. Both are very competent persons, who can give excellent support for our projects. Now we have a big team, we have a big family and we have much power!"

**Trend-setting Congress**

The 41st CSIT Congress in Rome was very well attended with several hundred participants, densely structured and perfectly organized by CSIT member organization AICS. CSIT President Bruno Molea had a lot of meetings to attend. In addition, there were some important and trend-setting meetings of internal working groups as well as with external partners and supporters. A special farewell was given to CSIT President Bruno Molea's predecessor Harald Bauer, who retired from CSIT ExCom in Rome, but with his competence remains in the CSIT in an advisory function. Besides the internal meetings of the CSIT ExCom, the heads of the Technical Commissions and the last working sessions of the EU co-funded Young Academy project "YOUAca" for Young Leaders in grassroots sports, there were numerous meetings with important international organizations and CSIT partners. Among others, TAFISA, FICEP, IFA, EFPM, FISAC or OSTA (Africa) attended the CSIT Congress in Rome. There were also meetings with Amateur American Football IAAFL, Panathlon International, IFA as well as a meeting of the CSIT Court of Arbitration.

**New CSIT members**

The CSIT ExCom decided in Rome to accept Vlaamse Vechtsport Associatie (VVA) and Fédération Tunisienne Sport et Travail (FTST) as two new full members of the big CSIT family. Further the ExCom accepted the application of four new organizations as candidate members: From South Korea KOWSC - Korea Office Worker Sports Committee, from Greece HOCSH - Hellenic Organization for Company Sport & Health, Kosovo KWSF - Kosava Workers Sports Federation and Italy FISAC - Italian Federation of Acrobatics and Choreographic Sports. With this new full and candidate members the CSIT family has actual in total 42 member organizations. 32 Full Members, 1 Continental member (America) and 9 Candidate Members. After a longer period of observation CSIT will decide about a full membership status, which will be finally awarded by the Congress. **Further details about CSIT membership matters.**
The CSIT Congress Day was opened with the first edition of the World Amateur Sport Forum "Sport Impacts All". A big audience from different fields of sports, education, economy and social policies attended the World Amateur Sport Forum at Salone d’Onore del Coni, the Italian National Olympic Committee, hosted by Italian CSIT member-organization AICS and organized by CSIT. The speakers stated the importance of sports for social inclusion, education, social cohesion, sport as transporter for important social values and economic platform. CSIT President Bruno Molea opened the Forum and welcomed the audience: "CSIT is a big movement with 42 member organizations worldwide. We are not about Olympic medals, but important grassroots sports also for integration and inclusion." Italian Minister for Equal Opportunities, Elena Bonetti, stated: "I believe the world of sports has an important role in our society. Amateur sport is one of the most important elements in the different communities. It plays a big role and in the support of families as educational tool."
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. All sports and venues will be compactly situated within a short walking distance and recreational lake-area in the middle of the Croatian capital Zagreb. The last edition of the CSIT World Sports Games was held in the Catalan city Tortosa (Spain) last July. The organization committee TORTOC presented in Rome the final report of the Games in all details. Furthermore, the local WSG host and CSIT member UCEC presented a special "Tortosa World Sports Games 2019 - Video and Book" about all the activities, that took place in the wonderful region of Terres de l’Ebre and set in scene perfectly the unique spirit of our games.

CSIT EU-projects

CSIT is involved in two EU co-funded projects, Bridges and YOUAca. The main objective of Bridges is to create cohesive and inclusive local communities that foster participation and exchange between native and migrated residents and is running until end of 2020 with projects in four countries. YOUAca is a project for young leaders in sport. Launched in March 2019 the purpose of YOUAca was to give young people from the CSIT member-unions KALEV (Estonia), TUL (Finland), UCEC (Spain) and AICS (Italy) the opportunity to gain sports management skills in grassroot sports under the leadership of CSIT. The 41st CSIT Congress should mark the end of the EU project YOUAca. Just some days before the Congress in Rome the EU extended the project for another year till the end of 2020.

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