

## **WFCC Zoom meeting 10.05.21 19:00 CEST**

The Zoom meeting was hosted by Andrey Selivanov with Harry Fougiaxis and Julia Vysotska as co-hosts.

Attendees were:

Harry Fougiaxis Greece President  
John Rice Great Britain Honourary President  
Thomas Maeder Switzerland 1st Vice-President  
Vidmantas Satkus Lithuania 1st Vice-President  
Neal Turner Finland Secretary  
Pavel Kameník Czech Republic Delegate  
Bjørn Enemark Denmark Delegate  
Hannu Harkola Finland Delegate  
Axel Gilbert France Delegate  
David Gurgenedze Georgia Delegate  
bernd ellinghoven Germany Delegate  
Brian Stephenson Great Britain Delegate  
Yochanan Afek Israel Delegate  
Julia Vysotska Latvia Delegate  
Abdelaziz Onkoud Morocco Delegate  
Dinu-Ioan Nicula Romania Delegate  
Andrey Selivanov Russia Delegate  
Marjan Kovačević Serbia Delegate  
Peter Gvozdják Slovakia Delegate  
Joaquim Crusats Spain Delegate  
Kjell Widlert Sweden Delegate  
Valery Kopyl Ukraine Delegate  
Zoltán Laborczi Hungary Delegate

and also

Andrew Buchanan Singapore  
Axel Steinbrink Germany  
Petko Petkov Bulgaria  
Miodrag Mladenovic Serbia  
Marco Bonavoglia Italy  
Shankar Ram India  
Seetharaman Kalyan India  
C.G.S. Narayanan India

The meeting started on time with a discussion of the points raised by Marjan Kovačević.

### **1.1. Do we want to have these meetings regularly, at least until the next live Congress?**

The general consensus was that yes, it would be good to have internet meetings at regular intervals, as long there was something to discuss.

### **1.2. Logistic for the online meetings: who does what?**

### **1.2.1. Who organizes voting, and registers the votes?**

### **1.2.2. The technique of voting, like writing in a chat window, or out loud?**

Mr Shankar Ram had provided Mr Fougiaxis with a set of instructions for organizing a secret vote on Zoom.

It would be possible to limit voting only to the delegates, however it was noted that the Host wouldn't himself be able to vote – some work-around would have to be found.

A trial vote was made but it didn't go perfectly because many didn't realise what was going on!

## **1.3. The rights for decision making**

### **1.3.1. Who decides about the venues for ECSC and WCCC?**

#### **1.3.1.1. Are 2019 decisions about venues for 2021 legal?**

Mr Kovačević was of the opinion that so much had changed over the last two years that decisions made in 2019 couldn't just be carried over into 2021 and this did lead to a discussion about the choice of venues for the ECSC and WCCC – see below.

#### **1.3.1.2. Exceptions about ECSC – why non-participating countries decide?**

No decision was made on this topic, but it was left open for discussion at a later time.

### **1.3.2. How to organize the secret online voting if needed?**

See above

## **1.4. How to decide about the changes of Statutes if needed?**

The president stated that a changes to the Statutes could only be made at a full (live) meeting of the Commission at the Congress.

Mr Kovačević stated that if in the future online meetings were to take on a more official character, maybe these rules would need to change.

Ms Vysotska agreed that with online becoming the norm this should be the direction to move in.

Mr Maeder was more cautious, having himself been unable to join the meeting on time due to technical issues – would something similar prevent delegates having a say on important issues in the future?

**The ECSC meeting in Poltava, Ukraine** had been reorganised to take place in Sept 2021, however the organisers were aware that the proximity to the main Congress just a month later might lead many teams to decline the invitation.

Mr Kopyl stated that they would go ahead only if they could get at least 10 teams participating.

The president took a straw poll of the delegates which resulted in an overwhelmingly negative response, which led Mr Kopyl to withdraw the invitation to the event for this year.

Mr Selivanov held out hope that the ECSC could still go ahead - maybe in Moscow - or else Russia would support any other eastern european country that might want to take it on.

**The WCCC meeting** is planned to take place in Rhodes in October 2021, however there was an opinion that due to the pandemic it would be better to have a destination which was on the main air routes. Athens was suggested as a possible alternative. Again the president conducted a straw poll, this time the results were more ambiguous. Those who preferred Athens were in the minority, but many of those whose preference was Rhodes said they would also accept Athens.

The president said he would look into the possibilities of getting a venue in Athens, then he would come back and ask for a clear decision from the delegates.

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Summing up at the end of the meeting the President emphasised the importance for the Federation of the Congress going ahead this year.

Mr Kovačević welcomed the presence online of attendees from far afield such as Singapore and India as well as others who wouldn't normally attend live meetings.

The next Zoom meeting was set for Wednesday 19.5 at **18:00** CEST (one hour earlier than this meeting!)

Neal Turner, Helsinki 10.5.2021