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Dear President,

Dear General Secretary,

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health.

Please find my latest message on the IWF activity:

Update on June IWF Activity

On 21 June 2020, the IWF Executive Board had a meeting during which many key decisions were made regarding the direction and future of the sport. A draft of the new Anti-Doping Policy (Rules), compliant with the new 2021 WADA Code, were approved to forward to WADA. There are some provisions that will require some modifications and in the meanwhile those will be addressed by the Anti-Doping Policy Assessment Commission.

The Executive Board exhibited overwhelming support for the need of a new constitution by approving a successor to the Oversight and Integrity Commission, the Reform and Governance Commission. The newly created RGC, comprised by members of the Oversight and Integrity Commission, whose mandate included governance reform, and members from a previous Constitutional Working Group whose work had ceased in June of 2019. The IWF Executive Board will add a minimum of two ASOIF or GAISF recommended members to serve and give professional direction on good governance. The ASOIF Good Governance report, released last week, will also serve as a checklist for the commission, who will reference it ensure that the noted deficiencies that have been identified are also addressed.

An independent Integrity Commission was agreed upon in principle. The Executive Board has thereby acknowledged that it is paramount that ethics review be conducted by an external and independent commission. The exact members have yet to be named but the IWF has already started soliciting for recommendations from IOC, ASOIF and other reformed international federations.



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The Executive Board also addressed the need for elections as soon as possible. Given the effects worldwide of COVID 19, there was much discussion about date and location over the last several meetings. The Executive Board voted to approve Lausanne, Switzerland in January of 2021 for the next Congress, which will combine constitutional and electoral congresses. We are excited to have all of the delegations experience the beautiful city of the IOC headquarters and the new IWF headquarters.

The IWF Secretariat is working hard in both Budapest and Lausanne to transition the workloads under a new organizational chart that was approved in May and will be implemented starting July 1. We are slated to close “floor 4” of the Budapest offices as we downsize. The IWF would also like to welcome Maxat Dastan as the IWF Financial Advisor; he is located and will be working for the IWF from Switzerland.

Yours sincerely,

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