

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN TENPIN BOWLING FEDERATION World Bowling Congress, September 2019 in Las Vegas, USA.

This is a progress report to the Congress of World Bowling (WB). The report covers the period from December 2017 till August 2019.

1. Presidium meetings

The Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation consists of 6 persons. We lost our dear friend and Vice President of the Presidium Kim Thorsgaard Jensen on 27 February 2019.

On 9 June 2019 Mr. Marc Beaufays was elected in the Presidium.

The duties and responsibilities in the Presidium are:

- a. Addie Ophelders, President. Leadership and Finance.
- b. Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Vice President, Tournament Affairs and EBT Director
- c. Sergey Lisitsyn, Member. Tournament affairs and EBT Consultant
- d. Onder Gurkan, Member. Co-chair Education and Technical committee.
- e. Marios Nicolaïdes, Member. Co-chair Education and Technical committee.
- f. Marc Beaufays, Member.

Since December 2017, the Presidium met four times: in February and October 2016 and in March and October 2017. The meetings was handled in a very professional way and in a good atmosphere.

2. The Congress of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation The Congress of ETBF was held on 9 June 2019 in Unterföhring, Germany.

3. Championships conducted by ETBF

- a. **European Championships of Champions.** The ECC is held every year; national champions of the member federations meet this year (2019) in Ankara, Turkey.
- b. **European Championships.** The championships for WOMEN were held in 2018 in Brussels, Belgium; the MEN travelled to Germany, to Unterföhring in 2019.
- c. **European Youth Championships** are held every year. In 2018 the championships were held in Aalborg, Denmark and in 2019 the championships were in Vienna, Austria.

4. International meetings (FIQ and WTBA)

The Executive Board meetings of World Bowling were held in March and November 2018 in resp. Munich and Hong Kong. In June 2019 the EB met in London. ETBF was represented at meetings in 2018 by its President. In 2019 ETBF was represented by the President and Vice President.

5. European Bowling Tour

The main task for the ETBF Tournament Committee is the flagship of tournament activities in Europe, The European Bowling Tour, which in 2019 started its 20th season, has already completed 9 stops out of 14 stops. We have 4 tour categories in the tour:

EBT Platinum Tournaments with a minimum of 100.000 € in the prize fund

EBT Gold Tournaments with a minimum of 60.000 € in the prize fund

EBT Silver Tournaments with a minimum of 40.000 € in the prize fund

EBT Satellite Tournaments with a minimum of 20.000 € in the prize fund

The total prize pool has in the 10 last years of the tour been between

900.000 and 1.100.000 Euros per year, with an average of 50.000 -

65.000 Euros per stop.

The final of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT Masters, was played in Madrid, Spain on 4 July 2019.

6. Education

ETBF Educational Committee (EC) developed, updated and presented the following programs in its Official Training and Development Center in Finland and various other European countries:

- ETBF Level I Coaching Program
- ETBF Level II Coaching Program
- ETBF Level III Coaching Program
- ETBF Level I Instructor Clinic
- ETBF Level II Instructor Clinic
- ETBF – Ball Drilling and Proshop Management Clinic
- ETBF – Lane Certification Technical Program - ETBF – Lane Maintenance Technical Program - ETBF – Referee Training Program.
- ETBF – Instructors Seminar

ETBF EC hosts the 5th iCoach International Coaching Conference in Kuortane Finland in September 2019 with the support from World Bowling with participants from 19 countries. We are very thankful to World Bowling for their generous support.

ETBF Educational Committee completed various meetings for future programs in Kuortane, Finland with their 6 committee members.

ETBF Presidium became a strategic partner for Specto Bowling project.

ETBF Educational Committee presented their "Deep Practice" research at the World Bowling Coaches Conference in Arlington.

Addie Ophelders

President European Tenpin Bowling Federation