

Generalversammlung ialc
2. September 2020 per E-mail
General assembly ialc
September 2, 2020 by e-mail

1. Begrüssung

1. Welcome

I hereby welcome all member nations and open the sixth General Assembly of the ialc on September 2nd, 2020 by email.

This is possible because the ialc is an association under Swiss law and the special regulation of the Federal Council of the Covid-19 Ordinance 2, Art. 6b applies. This states that at meetings of societies, members can exercise their rights in writing.

The voting of the individual nations must be received by the president by **09.09.2020**. This is followed by the evaluation and the feedback from the ialc to the nations by **September 16, 2020**.

The voting email will be sent by email on September 2nd, 2020.

The ialc currently has 28 members, 24 of whom have registered their voters.

2. Genehmigung der Tagesordnung

2. Approval of the Agenda

The invitation to the General Assembly including the agenda was sent to all members in advance by e-mail on July 21, 2020.

Please enter any requests to speak or questions in the lines provided on the voting form.

This is followed by the vote on the agenda using the voting form attached to this e-mail.

3. Feststellung der Beschlussfähigkeit

3. Determination of a quorum

The general assembly was called in accordance with the statutes and is therefore quorate according to § 10.9 of the statutes of the ialc.

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4. Protokoll der letzten Mitgliederversammlung 2018 in Lillehammer, Norwegen

4. Minutes of the last General Assembly 2018 in Lillehammer, Norway

The minutes of the last General Assembly in Lillehammer were sent to all members in advance on July 21, 2020 with the invitation to the General Assembly by email.

I hereby put the minutes up for discussion. Please enter any requests to speak or questions in the lines provided on the voting form.

I would like to thank Przemek Remi, who is taking the minutes.

This is followed by voting on the minutes of the last General Assembly using the voting form attached to this e-mail.

5. Bericht des Vorstandes

5. Report by the Executive Committee

The report by the board of directors and the president was also sent to all members in advance on July 21, 2020.

Please enter any requests to speak or questions in the lines provided on the voting form.

6. Entlastung des Vorstandes

6. Discharge of the Executive Committee

I hereby ask you to discharge the board.

This is followed by a vote to discharge the board using the voting form that is attached to this e-mail.

7. Kassenbericht

7. Cash report

Attached to this e-mail you will find the cashier's report.

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8. Bericht der Kassenrevisoren

8. Report of the financial auditors

Attached to this e-mail is the report by the auditors Richard Simma from Austria and Ralph Malzach from Switzerland. The cash register was checked by both of them on August 1st, 2020. I would like to thank the two auditors for their exemplary, serious work.

9. Entlastung der Kasse

9. Discharge of the cashier's office

I would like to thank our cashier Markus Lüdi for the excellent cash management and the uncomplicated cooperation.

I would like to point out once again that the cashier does all cash transactions with the president on a four-eye principle.

This is followed by the vote to relieve the cash desk using the voting form that is attached to this e-mail.

10. Verschiebung WLC 2020

10. Postponement WLC 2020

The United Kingdom, Belarus and Russia have expressed their wish that the next WLC should take place in 2021.

Due to the global Covid-19 pandemic, the WLC 2020 in Serbia has been postponed to two years. This decision was made together with the organizers and sponsors, who have definitely spoken out in favor of this postponement. Looking back, this decision was right, as we are already in the middle of the second wave at the moment.

Many of you have asked us why there is no one year postponement?

1. The sponsors have clearly spoken out in favor of a postponement to the year 2022
2. To stay in the 2-year cycle
3. It is not foreseeable how the Covid-19 pandemic will continue and when a vaccine will be found against it. We hope that the situation will ease over this longer period and that everything will return to normal.

The new date for the WLC Serbia is September 7-11, 2022 in Belgrade.

Some nations would like information about the U24 starter class at WLC 2022.

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Since the WLC had to be canceled due to force majeure and the further course of action is explained neither in the rules nor in the statutes of the ialc, the valid rules remain in place and will also be applied unchanged at the WLC 2022.

That means: At the WLC 2022, only participants in the U24 category are allowed to compete who do not exceed the legal age according to the regulations.

11. Genehmigung des Mitgliedsbeitrages

11. Approval of the membership fee

The payment of membership fees is a recurring topic. The contributions are not paid after invoicing, so that we always have to do additional work.

We repeatedly ask the nations to pay the fee immediately after invoicing.

Currently there are still 11 membership fees missing for 2019 and 12 membership fees for 2020.

Even if the WLC 2020 does not take place, the ialc still incurred costs. Through careful and timely action with regard to the WLC 2020, we were able to almost avoid cancellation costs for hotel and catering in Serbia, so that we did not lose any large amounts of money in this regard.

Due to the postponement of the WLC 2020, the board recommends lowering the annual fee for 2021.

Board proposal:

Membership fee for the year 2021	1000.00 €
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Please enter any requests to speak or questions in the lines provided on the voting form.

This is followed by the vote on the membership fee for the year 2021 using the voting form attached to this e-mail.

The board continues to recommend the annual fees from 2022, as well as leaving the starting fees as they were.

Board proposal:

Membership fees per year	2000.00 €
Entry fee at WM	6000.00 €

Please enter any requests to speak or questions in the lines provided on the voting form.

The voting on the membership fee from 2022 will follow using the voting form attached to this e-mail.

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For your information: The invoices for the membership fees are issued in the first quarter of each year.

Those who fail to meet their payment obligations or who do so late have to pay the much higher entry fee when participating in the WLC!

If it is clear whether and in what form there will be an official women's class, the membership fee must be voted again at the next general assembly.

12. Genehmigung des Haushaltsplanes 2020 / 2021

12. Approval of the 2020 / 2021 budget

You can find the budget for 2020/2021 attached to this email.

Please enter any requests to speak or questions in the lines provided on the voting form.

This is followed by the vote on the budget for 2020/21 using the voting form attached to this e-mail.

13. Einführung der Starterklasse Frauen

13. Introduction of the starter class women

At the request of Austria and Estonia, the women's class should become an integral part of the WLC and there should be an official world championship title. This gives rise to a number of questions that must be voted on.

Should there be an official women's class at the WLC?

What should the women's class look like?

There are several options here:

1. Each nation can register an additional woman as a starter
2. Each nation can register an additional women's team (3 women professionals, 1 woman U24)

For the introduction of the official women's class, there would have to be changes in the rules. Likewise, there will definitely be higher costs for the host country in terms of material, referee, food and accommodation. The costs will also increase for the ialc itself.

This makes an increase in the membership fee for the nations inevitable.

Furthermore, it can happen that the WLC would have to be extended by at least one day.

Please enter any requests to speak or questions in the lines provided on the voting form.

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This is followed by the vote on the introduction of the women's starter class using the voting form attached to this e-mail.

This is followed by the vote on the type of starter class women using the voting form attached to this e-mail.

14. Reglementsänderungen **14. Changes of the Regulations**

No amendments to the regulations have been received by the board on time 10 weeks before the General Assembly.

15. Statuten Änderungen **15. Statutes changes**

No amendments to the statutes were received by the board on time 10 weeks before the General Assembly.

16. Ausschluss oder Aufnahme von Mitgliedern / Erneuerung Mitgliederdatei **16. Exclusion or admission of members / Renewal of the member file**

Admission: There are no new members

Exclusion: There are no exclusions

Shortly after the WLC 2018 in Norway, we received a request from Liechtenstein, who would like to remain a member of the ialc, but cannot present a national team at the moment. We discussed it with the board of directors and have made the decision to this day that you can stay in the ialc under the following conditions:

- The nation has the right to be present in the General Assembly
- The nation has no right to vote in the General Assembly
- The nation can only participate in the WLC through the Fan Package

Please enter any requests to speak or questions in the lines provided on the voting form.

This is followed by the vote on the remaining of the nation Liechtenstein in the ialc under the stated conditions using the voting form that is attached to this e-mail.

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17. Auswertungsprogramm

17. Evaluation program

We have received applications from Switzerland, Finland, Estonia and Belgium to use the evaluation program. The evaluation program can be used by all nations. The prerequisite for this is the opening of a Microsoft Azure account. The transfer of the program is paid for by the ialc, the usage fees for Microsoft Azure are borne by the respective nation. This means that every nation can use the program indefinitely.

If changes in the set of rules occur, the ialc will assume the costs for the changes in the program. Until now, it was not possible to use two or more nations at the same time.

Please contact the ialc if you have opened an Azure account. Then we will initiate the transmission.

18. Diverses und Fragen

18. Miscellaneous and questions

- The WLC 2024 was awarded to Russia. The preliminary contract with the organizing country is in progress.
We are already happy to accept applications for the WLC 2026.
- I ask all nations to check the list of members on the ialc homepage and notify us of any changes.
- The request came from Belgium that all board members should be able to speak and write fluent English.

Comment by the ialc board:

In the statutes of the ialc it is not mentioned which language the board members have to speak. According to the rules of procedure in the SPP, the board language is German.

- Belgium also wants to know what the board of directors has done to increase the number of member nations or sponsors.

Comment by the ialc board:

The recruitment of members is not listed in the specifications of the board.

Above all, the members should be active here, as they have more contact with one another than the board of directors.

The SpP has rules of procedure that state that both sides must agree to be included in the SpP. It's not always that easy.

The ialc had taken care of it several times in the past years and in the end it always failed because of the SpP itself.

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Extract from the rules of procedure of the SpP:

§ 6 Admission of further members to the ialc-SpP

6.1 Proposals and requests for the admission of further members can be received from the ialc -SpP, as well as from the ialc.

6.2 Both parties, the ialc-SpP and the ialc, must agree to the inclusion.

6.3 Any rejection, regardless of which party it comes from, must be understandable and be publicly justified.

6.4 A new membership generally begins with the year of application following calendar year and extends over at least four full years. Upon commencement of membership, all rights and obligations apply to the new member.

- Another entry from Belgium is:

The manufacturers of saws offer special racing parts that are not available in the dealer network. They keep these parts for the athletes they choose. This is unfair to open competitors. In this way, sponsorship is inaccessible to independent competitors and / or countries. The board of directors should reach an agreement with the manufacturers to make it easier for competitors to access special parts. 75% of the saws are no longer standards. This is a violation of the rules.

Belarus is also taking up this issue and is asking for clarification, as you are of the opinion that participants with, for example, a sprocket cover with captive nuts are exposed to unequal conditions compared to other participants.

Comments by the ialc board:

The set of rules makes a clear statement in this regard:

2. The chainsaw

The entire competition must be carried out by the participant with **one and the same serially equipped chainsaw**.

The saws, the rails and the chains are checked and marked (with the exception of the chains) before the competition.

Who deliberately uses a saw with unauthorized changes

As long as it is series from the respective companies, we and the other participants have to accept this.

In addition, various nations were asked specifically about the sprocket cover with captive nuts, all of which came to the conclusion that this cover is more of a hindrance to changing chains and does not save time.

When it comes to new parts, it is important that all countries have timely access to such "competition tools" and chainsaws.

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- Another suggestion from Belgium:
The board should make an agreement with the host country before the competition so that the cost of the stay is accessible to ALL countries. Switzerland and Norway were ridiculously expensive for some countries and blocked them to have an equally good time with others. One of the goals of ialc is to create friendship between countries. Economic segregation does not work in that direction.

Comments by the ialc board:

The costs in a host country are not determined by the ialc. The fan package and the costs are created by the host country. The host country always tries to keep the fan package at the same level. The ialc also has little or no influence on it.
Participation in the WLC via the fan package is voluntary.

- Finland would like to have a representative of the countries of Northern Europe in the ialc.

Comments by the ialc board:

The next elections will take place on the occasion of the WLC 2022. There is the possibility there to submit a proposal for election to the board.

- Estonia finds the registration deadline for WLC participants too early. They propose four weeks before the WLC begins.
The team registration is in order four months before the start of the WLC.
- Belarus would like the fan registration to take place two months before the WLC (number). The more precise data of the fans (Form 3) should also only be sent one month before the WLC.

Comments by the ialc board on both points:

The deadlines are set by the ialc in coordination with the AtL. We will discuss this with the AtL at the next meeting.

Further requests to speak or questions on item 18. Please enter any miscellaneous or questions in the lines provided on the voting form.

I hereby close the general assembly of the ialc on September 2nd, 2020.

Sandra Schwender
President ialc

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