

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

1. Begrüssung

1. Welcome

The President welcomes all member nations and opens the sixth General Assembly of the ialc on September 2nd, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. 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.

The voting forms were submitted by 24 eligible voters. Spain, Ukraine, France and Hungary did not submit a voting form by 09.09.2020.

Decision:

No resolutions

2. Genehmigung der Tagesordnung

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

There are no requests to speak or questions about this.

This is followed by the vote on the agenda using the voting form.

Main Sponsors of the ialc:



Result: 24 yes votes

Sandra states: The agenda of the general meeting is approved unanimously. The meeting is thus approved in accordance with the present agenda.

Decision:

The agenda is approved unanimously. The meeting can therefore be carried out according to the present agenda.

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.

Decision:

The assembly has a quorum.

4. Protokoll der letzten Mitgliederversammlung 2018 in Lillehammer, Norwegen

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

The President informs that 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. You hereby put the minutes up for discussion.

There are no requests to speak or questions about this.

This is followed by voting on the minutes of the last General Assembly using the voting form.

Result: 24 yes votes

The minutes of the General Assembly 2018 in Lillehammer are thus adopted.

Sandra thanks the keeper of the minutes Przemek Remi.

Decision:

There are no additions to the protocol. The minutes are accepted.

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5. Bericht des Vorstandes

5. Report by the Executive Committee

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

Requests to speak:

Germany thanks the entire board as well as the auditors for their work and commitment.

Decision:

There are no additions to the President's report.

6. Entlastung des Vorstandes

6. Discharge of the Executive Committee

The report of the board, the president is put to the vote.

This is followed by the vote to discharge the board using the voting form.

Result: 22 yes votes
 2 abstentions

Decision:

The report of the board of directors and the president was approved with 22 votes in favor. The board of directors is discharged.

7. Kassenbericht

7. Cash report

The cashier's report was sent to all nations by e-mail on September 2nd, 2020.

There are no requests to speak or questions about this.

Decision:

No resolutions

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8. Bericht der Kassenrevisoren

8. Report of the financial auditors

The report by the auditors Richard Simma from Austria and Ralph Malzach from Switzerland was also sent to all nations by email on September 2nd, 2020.

The cash register was checked by both of them on August 1st, 2020.

The report contains the following information:

1. We have checked all receipts and found them to be in order. There are no incorrect postings and all amounts have been posted correctly.
2. The cash register was kept clean, clear and tidy.
3. All expenses were paid correctly and in accordance with the current expense regulations issued by the board.
4. The reported assets have been checked on the basis of bank statements and have also been found to be correct.
5. The purchased measuring tools and devices were written down to 50%.
6. The cash register was closed on July 31, 2020.

The auditors recommend that the general meeting approve the cash register and thus relieve the cashier.

Sandra thanks the two auditors for their exemplary, serious work.

Decision:

No resolutions

9. Entlastung der Kasse

9. Discharge of the cashier's office

Sandra thanks the cashier Markus Lüdi for the excellent cash management and the uncomplicated cooperation.

She would like to point out again that the cashier takes care of all cash transactions with the president on a four-eye basis.

This is followed by the vote to relieve the cash desk using the voting form.

Result: 22 yes votes
2 abstentions

The cash register was approved with 22 yes votes, so the cashier is relieved.

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Decision:

The cash register is approved, the cashier is relieved.

10. Verschiebung WLC 2020
10. Postponement WLC 2020

The President informs: The United Kingdom, Belarus and Russia have expressed the 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. In retrospect, this decision was the right one, as we are currently in the middle of the second wave.

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.

Since the WLC had to be canceled due to force majeure and the further course of action is not explained in the regulations or in the statutes of the ialc, the valid regulations 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.

Decision:

No resolutions

11. Genehmigung des Mitgliedsbeitrages
11. Approval of the membership fee

The Board of Directors informs: 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.

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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 €

Requests to speak:

Netherlands: Since the WLC was postponed by two years, the membership fee should also be reduced by half in 2022. It has already been paid for in 2019 and 2020, that should be enough for the next two years. In addition, the ialc also has money in the bank for such situations, which has been saved in recent years.

Italy: As the WLC has been postponed by two years, we ask that the membership fee be suspended for two years for both 2021 and 2022. Alternatively, we request that the membership fee for 2022 is € 1000.00.

Austria: Since the last to the next World Cup, members pay € 7,000.00 in fees, provided that the € 1,000.00 for 2021 is decided, whereas non-members who want to take part in the World Cup only have to pay € 6,000.00 entry fee. We therefore suggest that the entry fee for non-members be increased in order not to put the members in a worse position.

This is followed by the vote on the membership fee for the year 2021 using the voting form.

Result: 23 yes votes
 1 no vote

Decision:

The membership fee for the year 2021 was decided with 23 yes votes and amounts to 1000.00 €.

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

Board proposal:

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

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This is followed by the vote on the membership fee from 2022 using the voting form.

Result: 21 yes votes
3 no votes

Decision:

The membership fee for 2022 was resolved with 21 yes votes and amounts to € 2000.00, the entry fee for the World Cup € 6000.00.

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 must 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

Sandra informs that the budget for 2020/2021 was sent to all nations by e-mail on September 2nd, 2020.

There are no requests to speak or questions about this.

This is followed by the vote on the budget for 2020/21 using the voting form.

Result: 22 yes votes
2 abstentions

Decision:

The 2020/2021 budget with income and expenditure accounts was approved with 22 votes in favor.

13. Einführung der Starterklasse Frauen

13. Introduction of the starter class women

The President explains: 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 several questions that need to be voted on.

Main Sponsors of the ialc:



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

What should the women's class look like?

There are different 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 are definitely higher costs for the host country in terms of material, referees, food and accommodation. The costs will also increase for the icalc 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.

Requests to speak:

Netherlands: Since the infrastructure is already in place, an additional class should not be so expensive. The additional costs could perhaps be made similar to the fan package, so that only those countries that travel with an additional starter have additional costs (hotel).

Liechtenstein: The women's class is desirable, but should not currently be part of the team ranking and should not be mandatory.

It is important to ensure that the women's class is also rated equally, especially with regard to the safety regulations.

Belgium: Big effort for gender equality

Austria: In Norway in 2018 and for Serbia in 2020 and 2022, a female class was or is already a fact. We want the winner to be able to achieve the title of female world champion. In view of the fact that only a small proportion of women work in the forest, we can live with a different weighting of the starter classes.

Italy: We are for the women's class, as was the case in Norway in 2018 (option 1). Since the woman can participate both as a senior citizen and as a U24, it is not necessary to create a parallel category for all-women teams. Each nation is to register a woman and the winner will receive WLC women world champions.

Croatia: We have no women forest workers in Croatia and therefore no opportunities for female competitors. Hence the abstention.

Germany: Since we currently have no female participants in the championships in Germany and none are expected, I would suggest that we should abstain from voting. Women's class, yes, but no team, would also be an option.

This is followed by the vote on the introduction of the starter class women using the voting form.

Main Sponsors of the icalc:



Result: 20 yes votes
1 no vote
3 abstentions

Decision:

There will be an official women's starter class at the next WLC. This was decided with 20 yes votes against one no vote.

This is followed by the vote on the type of starter class women using the voting form.

Each nation can also register a woman as a starter:

Result: 22 yes votes
2 abstentions

Each nation can register an additional women's team (3 women professionals, 1 woman U24):

Result: 7 yes votes
14 no votes
3 abstentions

Decision:

At the next WLC, every nation can also register a woman as a starter.

14. Reglementsänderungen

14. Changes of the Regulations

No amendments to the regulations were received by the Board on time 10 weeks before the General Assembly.

Decision:

No resolutions

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15. Statuten Änderungen

15. Statutes changes

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

Decision:

No resolutions

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

There are requests to speak for this:

Austria: We would like to see Liechtenstein continue to want and be able to remain a member of the IALC.

If Liechtenstein pays the usual membership fee, however, it cannot be seen why they should not be entitled to vote.

Liechtenstein: Dear General Assembly of the IALC, we, the nation of Liechtenstein, do not currently have an active team that we can allow to participate in the WLC. Since we have consistently performed well in recent years, we want to leave the chance open to participate in the WLC despite the poor prospects of our nation. If the wording of the board of directors is to be understood correctly, in the event of a positive vote, Liechtenstein would no longer incur any costs from the 2020 AGM. We would be a kind of passive member of the IALC. We would be happy about a positive decision. Best regards, your Liechtenstein team.

This is followed by the vote on whether the nation Liechtenstein will remain in the ialc under the stated conditions using the voting form.

Result: 24 yes votes

Main Sponsors of the ialc:



Decision:

It is decided unanimously that the nation of Liechtenstein can remain in the ialc under the conditions mentioned.

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

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

Decision:

No resolutions

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.

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- Belgium also wants to know what the board 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.

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 originates from, must be understandable be 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:

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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 company, 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 access to such "competition tools" and chainsaws as soon as possible.

- Another suggestion from Belgium:
The board of directors 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 to submit a proposal for election to the board.

- Estonia finds the registration deadline for the 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 wants 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.

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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:

Italy: We recommend using a non-slip floor for the next WLC, especially for the Relay Race.

Comment by the board: Thank you for the recommendation. We will discuss this with the host country of the WLC and try to find a solution.

Switzerland: Thank you very much for the great work of the board.

Comment by the Board: We thank you for the praise and the trustful cooperation.

Croatia: Thank you for further clarifying some topics that are also of interest to us.

Good luck, take care and I hope to see you in Belgrade in two years.

Comment by the Board: Thank you very much for your good wishes and look forward to seeing you again.

Belgium: The ialc should try to include OEM's China in the sponsorship pool

All board members should be fluent in English.

Comment from the Board: Does Belgium have any contact with OEM China? If so, please inform the board of directors about the contact.

The request that all board members should speak English has already been answered above in the text.

Finland: Finland supports Estonia's proposal and also finds the registration deadline for WLC participants too early. They propose four weeks before the start of the WLC.

Finland supports Belarus' proposal and wants fans to be registered two months before the WLC.

Finland would like a representative of the northern European countries in the ialc. Put this on the agenda of the WLC 2022 General Assembly

Comment from the board: The board has already discussed these points in the text above.

Norway: Norway is very disappointed about the non-response by the Board of Directors in a financial dispute that we have been discussing with the President and the "Administrative Director" since the beginning of September 2019.

We ask the board of the ialc to discuss and vote on the application, which was presented to you on September 26, 2019 and repeated several times. The last time in an email from June 26th, 2020. Norway only pays the annual membership fee once the board has processed our request.

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Comment of the board: The board of the ialc has already reacted several times to the demand and Norway has already declared that no further payments from the ialc are to be expected. For the last time by an e-mail from August 19, 2020. It declares that this opinion is represented by the entire board.

Here is the statement from the email sent to Håkon Skahjem:
We have informed Hungary and Ukraine and are waiting for an answer.
In our meeting it was recorded that after Inger Johanne Sveen contacted the countries again, the ialc will take care of it again. We did that and wrote to all defaulting payers again on December 6, 2019.
I can give you the e-mail addresses of the responsible persons in the countries and you are welcome to contact them again and claim the late payments.
For further information: The board's commitment to Norway retrospectively for the WLC 2018 in Lillehammer to pay € 32,000.00 in addition to the amount negotiated in the contract was the highest amount that an organizing country of the WLC has ever received retrospectively and therefore there will be no further payment of the ialc.
We have clearly fulfilled our obligation. For us, the ialc, the WLC Norway is over. Norway has simply miscalculated.

The whole thing has nothing to do with paying the membership fee for the nation of Norway.

Decision:

No resolutions

I would like to thank all nations on behalf of the entire board for the past good cooperation and the implementation of this General Assembly under these special circumstances.
I also hope that the constructive, collegial cooperation between the board and the member nations of the ialc will continue in the future.

Sandra Schwender
Präsident ialc

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