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Report on the Activity of the Continental Council for Wrestling Development in Europe 2021

UWW Europe Executive Commission Report

This report relates to the period since the new elections in Dortmund on June 27, 2021.

In the calendar year 2021, we were the only continent that held championships in all age groups despite the ongoing pandemic. This was a good success. There are a few statements about the results later in the report.

Meetings of the new members of the UWW Europe Council took place at the European Championships in Dortmund and on the sidelines of the World Championships in Oslo and Belgrade.

In addition there were multiple videoconferences with individual members of the Council and the whole Council.

I. Competitions that took place in Europe.

1. European Championships (FS, GR, WW) in all age group:

Seniors – Warsaw / POL
U23 – Skopje / MKD
U15 – Sofia / BUL
U17 – Samokov / BUL
U20 – Dortmund / GER

2. World Championships (FS, GR, WW) in all age group:

U17 – Budapest / HUN
U20 – Ufa / RUS
Seniors – Oslo / NOR
U23 – Belgrad / SRB

3. Olympic Qualification Tournaments

women and men – Budapest, Hungary. (European Qualification)
women and men – Sofia, Bulgaria. (World Qualification)

4. International Tournaments (FS, GR, WW) in all age groups:

After all, more than 30 international tournaments could be organized in Europe in the calendar year 2021 despite the pandemic.



This is far from the number of international tournaments before the pandemic, but we are on the right track.

Thanks to all the National Federations who organized international tournaments despite the difficulties.

II. Participation in the European Championship 2021 (seniors)

In all three styles, a total of 428 athletes (2020 = 498 / 2019 = 515) from 36 countries (2020 = 38 / 2019 = 40) participated.

Representatives from ALB, ARM, AUT, AZE, BLR, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GEO, GER, GRE, HUN, ISR, ITA, KOS, LAT, LTU, MDA, MKD, NED, NOR, POL, ROU, RUS, SMR, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR and UKR (75% of federations members of UWW-Europe) participated in the European Championship. 11 countries (BEL, BIH, CYP, ESP, ISL, IRL, LUX, MLT, MON, MNE, POR, SLO) did not provide any participants.

The distribution of participants by style:

FS 155 (2020 = 181), GR 168 (2020 = 190), WW 105 (2020 = 127).

The participations, results and analysis of the EC U23, U20, U17 and U15 can be found in the summaries (Bulletin) of the respective championship deposited on the UWW website.

The Executive Commission considers that specific measures are needed regarding national federations who face difficulties to participate in the Continental Championships. It is essential to address this problem in the new term and to look for solutions to allow these countries to participate as well. This is where the UWW Development Department in particular can be supportive.

III. Participation at the Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo / JPN

30 national federations from Europe (ARM, AZE, BLR, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, EST, FIN, FRA, GEO, GER, GRE, HUN, ITA, KOS, LAT, LTU, MDA, MKD, POL, ROU, RUS, SMR, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR) with a total of 124 athletes (FS-39, GR-47, WW-38) participated.

IV. Results

The performance of national federations at European Championships and Olympic Games is best shown in the distribution of medals won.

1. Results of the European Championship 2021 (seniors)

At the European Championships in Warsaw, wrestlers from 25 nations (2020 = 22) out of 36 participating nations won the 120 medals. The distribution was as follows: RUS (22), UKR (13), GEO (9), POL (9), AZE (8), TUR (8), BLR (7), BUL (5), ARM (4), GER (4), HUN (4), MDA (4), ROU (4), FRA (3), ITA (3), LAT (2), SRB (2), SVK (2), CRO (1), CZE (1), EST (1), GRE (1), ISR (1), SMR (1), SUI (1).



2. Results Olympic Games 2020

European countries won 35 of 72 possible medals (FS-11, GR-15, WW-9).

The distribution was as follows: RUS (8), UKR (4), AZE (3), BLR (3), GER (3), TUR (3), BUL (2), GEO (2), HUN (2), ARM (1), ITA (1), POL (1), SMR (1), SRB (1).

V. International transfer of wrestlers

In 2022, we had a good result in transfers. In total there were 265 transfers (2020 = 79 / 2019 = 241). Foreign wrestlers had permission to compete for clubs in Austria (17), France (5) and Germany (243).

In the list of transfers there are wrestlers from 34 countries (2020 = 23). Their distribution was as follows: TUR (33), BUL (27), HUN (26), POL (26), MDA (23), ROU (23), GEO (16), RUS (16), FRA (6), ITA (6), UKR (6), AZE (5), CZE (4), GRE (4), IRI (4), LTU (4), SRB (4), ARM (3), BLR (3), CRO (3), DEN (3), NED (3), AFG (2), ESP (2), FIN (2), KAZ (2), MKD (2), BEL (1), EST (1), GBR (1), LAT (1), NOR (1), SVK (1) and VEN (1).

VI. Scholarship Olympic Games 2020

Europe received the most scholarships in wrestling with 66 wrestlers in total and achieved a 50% qualification rate with 14 medals.

VII. The activity of the Executive Commission

The main task of the newly elected Council during the period July to December 2021 was to catch up on outstanding issues and to get an overall view.

On the sidelines of the WC in Oslo and Belgrade, meetings with the members of the European Council took place. First agreements were made and tasks were distributed.

As mentioned at the beginning of this report, the past year was again very difficult for everyone involved due to the ongoing pandemic.

The Executive Commission believes that there are good opportunities to optimize the activities of UWW-Europe. However, in order to take advantage of them, we need to modernize the objectives and the particular forms of joint activities as they are.

Helpful in this regard will be the workshop of the UWW Development Department that will follow the General Assembly.

On behalf of its members, the 48 national federations, the Executive Committee of UWW-Europe thanks its UWW President and IOC EB member Nenad Lalovic, the members of the UWW Office and the UWW staff for their support and help throughout the activities of our Continental Council.



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The tasks set at the Rome Congress for 2020, such as.

- Efficient support to federations facing difficulties in their activities;
- Modernization of competitive events, taking into account the capabilities of the federations;
- Qualification of trainers, judges and administrative staff;
- Attracting local sponsors for projects of common interest;

could not be initiated or carried out due to the ongoing pandemic. These tasks will be pending for the future.

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