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Report on the Activity of the Continental Council for Wrestling Development in Europe 2023

UWW Europe Executive Commission Report

Meetings of the members of the UWW Europe Council took place at the European Championships in Bucharest und Zagreb and on the sidelines of the World Championships in Belgrade.

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

I. Competitions that took place in Europe.

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

- Seniors – Zagreb / CRO
- U23 – Bucharest / ROU
- U15 – Kaposvar / HUN
- U17 – Tirana / ALB
- U20 – Santiago de Compostela / ESP

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

- U17 – Istanbul / TUR
- U20 – Amman / JOR
- Seniors – Belgrade / SRB
- U23 – Tirana / ALB

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

After all, more than 80 international tournaments in different styles and age groups could be organized in Europe in the calendar year 2023.

Thanks to all the National Federations who organized international tournaments.



II. Participation in the European Championship 2023 (seniors)

In all three styles, a total of 463 athletes (2022 = 385 / 2021 = 428 / 2020 = 498 / 2019 = 515) from 37 countries (2022 = 37 / 2021 = 36 / 2020 = 38 / 2019 = 40) participated.

Representatives from ALB, ARM, AUT, AZE, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GEO, GER, GRE, HUN, ISR, ITA, KOS, LAT, LTU, MDA, MKD, NED, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, SMR, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR and UWW (approx.. 75% of federations members of UWW-Europe) participated in the European Championship. Only 10 countries (BEL, BIH, CYP, ISL, IRL, LUX, MLT, MON, MNE, SLO) did not provide any participants.

The wrestlers from BLR and RUS were not allowed to compete in 2023 for the known reasons.

The distribution of participants by style:

FS 158 (2022 = 133 / 2021 = 155 / 2020 = 181)

GR 183 (2022 = 158 / 2021 = 168 / 2020 = 190)

WW 122 (2022 = 94 / 2021 = 105 / 2020 = 127)

We urgently need to do something to get back to the attendance levels of the years before the pandemic.

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 future 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. Results

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

1. Results of the European Championship 2023 (seniors)

At the European Championships in Zagreb, wrestlers from 24 nations (2022 = 24 / 2021 = 25 / 2020 = 22) out of 37 participating nations won the 120 medals. The distribution was as follows:

TUR (17), AZE (14), BUL (11), GEO (11), UKR (11), HUN (6), ARM (5), GER (5), ROU (5), NOR (5), FRA (4), MDA (4), SRB (4), GRE (3), ITA (3), POL (3), SVK (2), ALB (1), AUT (1), CRO (1), CZE (1), MKD (1), SMR (1), SWE (1).



IV. International transfer of wrestlers

In 2023 we had 232 transfers (2022 = 297 / 2021 = 265 / 2020 = 79 / 2019 = 241). Foreign wrestlers had permission to compete for clubs in Austria (19), France (5) and Germany (208).

In the list of transfers there are wrestlers from 35 countries (2022 = 32 / 2021 = 34 / 2020 = 23). Their distribution was as follows:

MDA (31), TUR (23), BUL (22), HUN (21), GEO (20), ROU (17), FRA (11), POL (11), UKR (10), AZE (7), ITA (5), LTU (5), ARM (4), CRO (4), CZE (4), KAZ (4), DEN (3), LAT (3), MKD (3), RUS (3), SWE (3), ALB (2), ESP (2), IRI (2), NED (2), ALG (1), BEL (1), BLR (1), CUB (1), EST (1), FIN (1), GRE (1), NOR (1), SRB (1), TJK (1)

V. UWW Europe project “Promotion Women Wrestling”

In calendar year 2023, we launched our promotion program for female wrestling in Europe.

A total of 7 nations were selected for promotion in 2023. The corresponding training courses could take place in 6 nations in 2023. The course in Albania is still pending, but will take place shortly.

AUT	28.08.-02.09.2023	Wals	Aline Rotter-Focken
ESP	04.10.-08.10.2023	Madrid	Nicolae Ghita
FIN	25.10.-29.10.2023	Kuortane	Petra Olli
LAT (EST/LTU)	25.11.-29.11.2023	Daugavpils	Anastasia Grigorjeva / Laura Skujina
MKD	18.10.-24.10.2023	Shtip	Nicolae Ghita
SUI	17.11.-19.11.2023	Willisau	Aline Rotter-Focken / Nadine Pietschmann

We received positive feedback from all the courses. We would also like to thank all the trainers who supported us during the course. We are also always looking for female trainers to carry out the projects. Please contact me for further information.

We will continue the program this year. Nations can apply to us for this until March 31, 2024.

VI. UWW Europe project “Best wrestler/coach of the year 2023”

New in the calendar year 2023 was the election of the best wrestler/coach of the year in all styles.

All European nations and UWW Europe Council members were asked at the beginning of November 2023 to nominate candidates by 30.11.2023. Of course, only candidates from Europe could be nominated.

From the proposed candidates, the 3 persons with the most nominations were admitted to the election. All nations and UWW Europe Council members were again invited to vote on December 4, 2023. Votes had to be cast by December 31, 2023.



The winners will now be honored with a trophy and a cash prize of CHF 1.000 at the 2024 European Championships.

There is still room for improvement this year, as unfortunately not all nations took part in this project in 2023.

VII. The activity of the Executive Commission

The after-effects of the pandemic were still being felt in the 2023 sports year. As a result, most discussions and meetings still took place online.

In calendar year 2023, we launched our support program for women's wrestling. The first results will be presented at the conference.

We consider the cooperation between the national federations and the UWW development department to be very important. There are countless opportunities to support and promote our sport in the national federations.

The Executive Committee is of the opinion that the first support programs launched should be expanded even further. The UWW Development Department workshops, which we always combine with our General Assembly, are always helpful in this respect.

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

This annual report will be supplemented at the General Assembly by the President with some current information. This will include the President's activities over the past year and plans for the future. Among other things, we will also present some new proposals for our work.

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