

To the attention of:

ICSD Secretariat and copy to all members

By email only**Reference: DIBF Statement - Situation with WADA and ICSD**

Dear ICSD,

Thank you for your email from 14 November 2021. We would like to inform you all about our issue "Non-compliance to the WADA Code".

The DIBF has been following the WADA code since 2005, and the ICSD one year later too. We the DIBF need the WADA Code for our responsible basketball competitions, and particularly our new sports 3x3 that the ICSD has not.

The DIBF must follow the compliance to the WADA Code and update their anti-doping rules that should be up to date. Our rules did not update well and we were not informed about this until summer 2021.

Since we have worked with the team of WADA Compliance, Rules and Standards and made the new anti-doping rules with 67 pages. The collaboration and exchange with the team were very excellent. They just confirmed our new anti-doping rules and now we wait on get back of the compliance to the WADA Code from the WADA Compliance Review Committee and then the WADA Executive Committee.

This summer the ICSD called us and asked about the ICSD resolution letter from 2011, we were confused why the problem came and why now and not 10 years before. The ICSD told it is from the WADA. We invited the ICSD and hosted the zoom meeting with the ICSD. We discussed about this and learned that it still is not clear enough or not agreed in some points. Our understanding after the meeting is:

- Resolution already did by ICSD Congress 2011 in Rome, see the minutes of ICSD Congress 2011
- Responsible competitions of ICSD: ICSD organises with the WADA
- Responsible competitions of DIBF: DIBF organises with the WADA

The WADA, ICSD and DIBF always agreed with this: We all organisations set the same goal with our highest priority: CLEAN SPORTS!



Unfortunately, last Sunday, 14 November 2021 the ICSD stopped us the DIBF to attend the ICSD Extraordinary Congress in Lausanne, Switzerland in next week (28 and 29 November 2021).

We were very surprised and can't understand with this reason. The situation between DIBF and WADA are our responsibilities, not the ICSD. And it is only for our DIBF competitions and not for the ICSD events like the ICSD congress, etc.

We got as expected via e-mail from the ICSD Secretariat the invitation for the ICSD Extraordinary Congress in Lausanne, that meant the DIBF is in the good standing. After fulfilled and sent documents on 15 October we were waiting on the confirmation after two weeks and again asking, then we got the confirmation from the ICSD Secretariat for our hotel reservation. But no confirmation for attending to congress (e.g., letter for border and photos for accreditation). In twice times we briefly asked the ICSD Secretariat and now we got with the surprise this below email "DIBF no attending regarding to WADA non-compliance".

After receiving e-mail, we did talk with all 5 ICSD Executive Board members and all 4 Presidents of Regional Confederations. All of them have agreed that we will attend the Congress with no worries and the situation with the WADA should be solved well soon, but it is solely our responsibility to be able to legally organise our own events through the WADA Code. We thank all of you for your supports and we will attend the ICSD Extraordinary Congress.

Notwithstanding we would like to get the confirmation (letter for border, hotel reservation and photos for accreditation cards for our delegates DIBF President Ioannis Stoufis and DIBF Secretary General Jürgen Endress) from the ICSD Secretariat as soon as possible, with fairly, legally and respectable communication and collaboration.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Yours Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Ioannis Stoufis, consisting of a large, stylized 'I' and 'S'.

Ioannis Stoufis
President



A blue ink signature of Jürgen Endress, featuring a large, sweeping 'J' and 'E'.

Jürgen Endress
Secretary General