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IARU ARDF WG Members

20th IARU ARDF Championship

Dear Sir's

A year ago, the 20th WCH ARDF was postponed to September 2021. due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The continuation of preparations for September this year is also influenced by Covid-19, perhaps to a greater extent than last year.

The contract with the hotel "Palisad" (Zlatibor) was renewed and a new term was defined from August 29 to September 4, 2021. for 20th WCH ARDF.

Further preparations require new investments (making terrain maps, contracting logistics, transport, etc.) and are currently pending.

It should be borne in mind that the organizer has already invested about € 10,000, which no one will reimburse, so the question arises as to the justification of further investment in the uncertain.

The organizer has a great financial risk if a reduced number of competitors come to the championship. The costs of the organization are approximately the same regardless of whether there are 150 or 350 participants, but it is impossible to cover financially organizational costs in the first case.

We, as organizers, have in mind the following aggravating circumstances:

- The pandemic is still present and there are no indications that it is weakening. Many countries are introducing a LOCK DOWN or it is already in force. Vaccination was unexpectedly slow.

- The introduction of COVID passports will definitely lead to travel restrictions for citizens of certain countries, and thus to discrimination of certain national teams.

PCR tests (or other medical confirmations), in addition to slowing down, also cause additional costs for championship participants.

- Having in mind the restrictions in air transport, it is uncertain whether competitors from non-European countries will be able to travel to Europe.

Due to all mentioned above:

We ask Chairman Mr Jiri Marecek, IARU ARDF WG members and EC member IARU R1 (member in charge of sports and technical disciplines O.Tabakovski) to assess this situation from their point of view and in accordance with their responsibilities on holding this event in September 2021. taking into account the health and economic risks of participants and organizers.

Yours sincerely,



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