



## WKSF President - Report 2019

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Dear friends!

During the past year 2019, we have done a lot of work and we have constant growth of the WKSF.

During 2019 we have 52 countries affiliated regularly and 2 countries in negotiation.

In the WKSF 2020 events calendar we have 25 competitions in 4 continents (America, Asia, Europa, Oceania) that shows great growth Kettlebell Sport in the world, including World Championship in Spain, European Championship and TAFISA World Games in Portugal, Asia Championship in Malaysia, Open Cup North America in USA, Open Cup South America in Brasile, Open Cup Oceania in Australia.

In 2019, WKSF implemented plans to register World records in the Elite category for men and women in the disciplines long Cycle and Biathlon, in 2020 we begin registering records in the Master category. Also in the season of 2019, 11 World records and paid 300€ for each record, in the amount paid 3.300,00€.

In the season, the Judges worked very well, especially in the most important competitions of the year, in total we have 88 certified judges of various categories, the first judges in the championships receive compensation in the amount of 50€ and in general this year 8.050,00€ was spent on refereeing.

### GLOBAL WORK PROJECTS

One of the major objectives that we have set ourselves as WKSF is to make ourselves known and to obtain ever greater visibility as a sport.

For this reason, we are committed to activate international contacts in order to introduce ourselves and acquire the necessary information to be able to join organizations that can help us achieve our purpose.

During 2019 we are officially affiliated and we are members:

- ISNO: International Sport Network Organization (WE ARE ALREADY OFFICIAL MEMBERS)
- SRE: SportREcognized Association (WE ARE ALREADY OFFICIAL MEMBERS)
- TAFISA: The Association For International Sport of All (WE ARE ALREADY OFFICIAL MEMBERS with international code IT IM 003 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION).

TAFISA-WKSF: we have big plans.

We participated during the year 2019 in two important events with TAFISA, In Portugal in June Certified Course Leadership International organization, in Japan in November World Congress TAFISA, general meeting where with a lot of their work we have made big projects:

- TAFISA confirmed our participation in WORLD GAMES TAFISA and parallel WKSF will organize EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP in Lisboa 1-7 October 2020.
- In 2021 we will present kettlebell Sport in ASIA GAMES TAFISA in Malaysia.
- In 2022 we will present Kettlebell Sport in EUROPEAN GAMES TAFISA in Italy.
- WKSF will participate in WORLD CONGRESS 2022 in Slovenia.
- We will participate in Asia Congress 2020.



- As for WADA, access to WADA is currently only possible through GAISF, while in the past it was possible to access directly. We are however working on a strategy to enable doping control in our sporting reality as soon as possible, with ISNO support we will present the Doping Control project at the WKSF general assembly in Spain during the World Championship.

## THE COMMISSIONS

Some of the commissions, after being activated, have already addressed issues within their competence, providing the first results.

**Judges Commission:** coordinator Enrique Quesada Sanchez, member Potoki Vasyl.

In the two main events of 2019, the World Championship and the European Championship, the Commission verified the technical specifications defined for the judges and the commission did an excellent job of coordinating and managing the competition judges.

### Continental Commissions:

Some of the Continental Commissions have already started working, we congratulate their respective coordinators.

- EUROPE Commission - coordinator Per Olhans, in addition to Per Ohans WKSF record coordinator and has done excellent coordination work, thank you for the activity carried out for the promotion of the WKSF
- ASIA Commission - coordinator Dwypaiana Khruisnamurti, special thanks to him for the work done during the year
- SOUTH AMERICA Commission - coordinator Christian Their, I thank Christian for the good work he has done.
- NORTH AMERICA Commission: coordinator Yuri Petunov
- OCEANIA Commission: coordinator Don Grant
- AFRICA Commission: coordinator Joseph Kaneka Kanu

in these areas work is being done on the existing situation which has room for improvement, in some cases it is necessary to overcome the internal divisions, aim for a fruitful collaboration from which everyone can benefit. I remember that our common goal is the development of Kettlebell Sport.

**Scientific Commission:** coordinator Abigail Johnston, he took charge of the study to define, in 2019, the disciplines for women in Kettlebell Sport and presented an excellent work at the conference.

**Disable Sport Commission:** coordinator Matteo Cossu, this commission has already started working defining the disciplines and categories for athletes in line with the requirements of the olympic committee.

**Student Commission:** coordinator Esposito Pierluigi, this year we have made little progress regarding exhibition during UNIVERSIADI in Italy, thanks to D'Eragoni Alessandro Arthur.



**Technical Commission:** coordinator Yaremus Andriy, the commission showed high requirements for conducting competitions in accordance with all standards and regulations of the federation.

**Other commissions** not mentioned in this report not yet active for various reasons, to be improved.

## NICE TO HAVE

More than a desired should be an "obligation", we would like there to be a strong commitment from everyone, each for their own role in operating in WKSF, only in this way will we be able to have a united and efficient organization.

In particular, we ask for more attention on the following points:

- Commitment by the Country Contact Persons in responding to requests that arrive from the General Secretariat and / or from the President both as regards sending documentation for registration for participation in events and for when relating to affiliation to WKSF and / or when additional documents required to complete or update the existing one.
- Commitment by some Continental Commissions to provide results of the competitions in necessary time, some have not provided protocols to the present day and have not paid money due to WKSF.
- Working with a global vision in favor of Kettlebell Sport, this means that we must abandon personalisms for the benefit of everyone and the results that we could achieve.

Only a strong union can lead us to achieve the ambitious goals that we have set and united we can do.

## FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

I want to thank everyone, Athletes, Trainers, Judges, National Referents, for the commitment made during this year, a commitment that has allowed us to quickly grow "our" WKSF.

Thanks to the Coordinators and the members of the Commissions and to the Executive Committee (I would like to specify all members of the executive committee, we worked very hard and very constructive during the year 2019), who contributed to the definition of the technical / sporting aspects.

But allow me to give a special thanks to those who, from the beginning of this adventure have worked in a "submerged" way in the "back stage" and continue to do so today, I refer to Eduardo Fonseca, Franco Gianella, Ivan Denisov, Andriy Yaremus, Enrique Quesada Sanchez, Per Olhans.

I conclude my second annual report by reminding everyone that in this 2nd year we have already managed to organize:

- The World Championship, in Ireland with the participation of 36 countries and the presence of 400 athletes
- The European Championship with the participation of 13 countries and the presence of 150 athletes
- To be seen the first Asia Championship with numerous participation

Both competitions were held in an atmosphere of friendship and healthy sporting competition and the hope is that this positive climate will remain in the future.



FINANTIAL 2019 and Obiettiv 2020:

2019 entries € 42,240.00 - outputs € 47,936.00 (minus € 5,696.00)

2020 target exceed € 48,000.00

I would like to see that we have maximum transparency, I must say that when there is no money-investing, I get my financial resources.

We want to grow and we want an ever better organization and we can do it only if we all really want it and if we all move in unison to achieve the objectives that we have agreed on and that we will always define in the future.

Happy New Year 2020 !!!!

President WKSF, Oleh Ilika

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'O. Ilika'.

