



Dear friends,
we are at the end of this year 2020, a “particular” year during which, thanks to the work carried out, we have seen a growth of WKSF despite the extremely difficult period, worldwide, due to the well known Covid-19 pandemic.

During 2020 we had 56 affiliated nations and 2 nations in talks to join WKSF.

In the WKSF 2020 event calendar we had foreseen 25 competitions in 4 continents (America, Asia, Europe, Oceania) a number that demonstrates the important growth of interest in Kettlebell Sport in the world.

The list of events included:

- 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 Brazil,
- Open Cup Oceania in Australia,

events that unfortunately was not possible to organize due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

However we have organized other events, in the only possible way in this period: OnLine

During the month of May, September and October we therefore had:

- WKSF ONLINE WORLD CUP 2020;
- WKSF ONLINE NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP 2020;
- WKSF ONLINE ASIA & OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP 2020;
- WKSF ONLINE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020;

In 2020 we also worked on the subject recording records .

We have implemented the registration methods of the World Records for the ELITE category, for men and women, for the Long Cycle and Biathlon disciplines, OALC and Snatch women and we have also started to manage records for the Master category.

During the competitive season the judges worked very well, especially in the most important competitions of the year.

In total we have 92 certified judges, in the various categories.

For the online competitions, the judges receive a fee of 3 euros for each athlete judged and therefore this year 3,794.00 euros were spent on refereeing and secretariat.

The Online competitions were also an opportunity for the judges to gain additional experience in the function.

Thanks to the close and continuous contact they had with the jury commission, the judges had the opportunity to improve their preparation in evaluating the valid movements in the various competitions, a wealth of knowledge and experience that will be used in live competitions.



● GLOBAL WORK PROJECTS

One of the main goals we have set as WKSF has always been to make our organization and our discipline known in order to obtain ever greater visibility in the world of sport.

For this reason we are committed to establishing contacts at an international level in order to introduce ourselves and acquire the necessary information to be able to join organizations that can help us achieve our goal.

During 2020 we have activated contacts with important international organizations becoming official members of some of them

- ISO : International Sport Organization (**Official Member**)
- PSU : Progressive Studies University (**Cooperation Agreement**)
- MS : MEDIASPORT GROUP (**Cooperation Agreement**)
- SRE : Sport REcognized Association (**Official Member**)
- TAFISA : The Association For International Sport of All (**Official Member** with international code: **IT IM 003 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION**).

❖ **TAFISA:** with TAFISA we have big projects.

During 2020 we should have participated in the WORLD GAMES TAFISA, scheduled from the 1st to 7 October in Portugal in Lisbon, during which WKSF would have organized the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP but, unfortunately, again for the Covid-19 pandemic, this very important event has been canceled

In 2021 we should have presented the Kettlebell Sport during the ASIAN GAMES TAFISA in Malaysia but, unfortunately, for political issues the games have been canceled and TAFISA will look for a new Country for 2022.

In 2022 we will present the Kettlebell Sport during the EUROPEAN GAMES TAFISA in Italy.

WKSF will participate in the 2022 WORLD CONGRESS in Slovenia.

During the year 2020 we have attended, in online mode, Assemblies, Conferences and Workshops promoted by TAFISA

❖ **ISNO:** also with ISNO we aim at large projects.

Thanks to close contacts with ISNO, we have recently received useful information regarding anti-doping for our sport.

Remember that access to WADA is currently only possible through GAISF, while in the past it could be accessed directly.

ISNO has a proposal relating to the use of a Finnish doping control agency (many sports that do not yet have access to WADA use this strategy to have doping controls for their business). The procedural method provides that all athletes participating in important competitions of the year are registered at a



subsidized cost of about € 40-50 per athlete / per year, but a minimum amount of € 10,000.00 must be reached, this could be it is feasible.

During the WKSF General Assembly, which will be held concurrently with the next Championship or World Cup, in Italy or Portugal, we will deepen the subject.

During the year 2020, we participated, again online, in various ISNO conferences.

With ISNO, for the year 2021 we will organize in Italy, from 18 to 21 March, the WORLD CUP WKSF, Covid-19 permitting.

❖ **SRE:** with SRE we aim for a fruitful collaboration:

We are cooperating with the international organization SRE, organization of which we are official members, in order to participate at the “World Games SRE” with our “World Cup WKSF” event.

In Online mode, we participated in the 2020 SRE Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

❖ **PSU:** with PSU we have built a great project

WKSF and IKL Academy will provide teaching, practice and teaching for students of the Kettlebell Sport faculty of the PSU (Progressive Studies University).

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was not possible to carry out the project in 2020 and therefore it was postponed to the year 2021.

❖ **MS:** with MS we have created a project of enormous importance for the future and the dissemination of the Kettlebell Sport

Mediasport Group-Alloy Sport Management will help us bring our sport to the broadcasts of important television channels, therefore we are confident that, in March 2021, the WORLD CUP WKSF to be held during the ISNO GAMES will be broadcast live.

● THE COMMISSIONS

Some Commissions, after being activated, have already dealt with issues within their competence, providing the first results.

➤ **Judges Commission:** coordinator Enrique Quesada Sanchez, members Matteo Castiglioni and Vasyl Potokii

In the four main Online Events of 2020, the WKSF Online World Cup 2020, WKSF Online North & South America Championship 2020, WKSF Online Asia & Oceania Championship 2020, WKSF Online European Championship 2020, the Commission verified the technical specifications defined for the judges and they did an excellent job of coordinating and managing the competition judges.

➤ **Continental Commissions**

Some of the Continental Commissions have already begun to work, we congratulate the respective coordinators.

❖ **EUROPE Commission:** coordinator Per Olhans

Per is also a member of the WKSF Executive Committee and Coordinator for Records, an activity in which he has done an excellent job.



- ❖ ASIA Commission: coordinator Dwypaiana Khruisnamurti, thanks to him for the work done during the year.
- ❖ SOUTH AMERICA COMMISSION - coordinator Christian Thier, Christian is working hard for the dissemination of Kettlebell Sport in the area of competence, we hope and trust, for the future, in an ever greater commitment by the Commission.
- ❖ OCEANIA Commission: coordinator Cheryl Schneider, tank to Cheryl for the work done during the year
- ❖ NORD AMERICA Commission: coordinator Yuri Petunov
During the 2020 season Yuri did everything possible to create spaces for our sport. In this area we are working on a situation that has room for improvement, improvements that could be achieved if internal divisions were overcome. We need to focus on a fruitful collaboration from which everyone would benefit, remember that our common goal is always the development of the Kettlebell Sport
- ❖ AFRICA Commission: coordinator Joseph Kaneka Kanu
For the year 2020 we have not received any news relating to activities activities carried out by the Coordinator for this Area.

Other commissions not mentioned in this report have not yet been activated for various reasons, certainly the Covid-19 pandemic was a primary cause, having prevented travel and consequently participation in traditional competitions "on the platform", we must in any case aim for an improvement of the current situation.

● SECRETARIAT

Excellent work of staff of the WKSF secretariat, Virtual competitions take a lot of time to manage the registrations, protocols, videos, the jury and much more.

I thank the general secretary Eduardo Fonseca for the excellent work done during online competitions and the secretary Franco Gianella who is always at our side to help us.

We have made an important step forward with the secretary Giovanni Messina as regards the "WKSF Video Rules"; athletes and judges, representatives and coaches will be able to understand even better the movements allowed and those not allowed during competitions.

Thanks Giovanni.

● NICE TO HAVE

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



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

- Commitment by the Country Representatives to respond to requests from the General Secretariat and / or the President regarding the sending of documentation for registration to participate in events, for when relating to affiliation with WKSF and / or when additional documents requested to complete or update the existing one.
- We must work with a global vision in favor of Kettlebell Sport, therefore it is necessary to abandon personalities for the benefit of all and the results that, in this way, we can obtain.

Only a strong union can lead us to reach the ambitious goals we have set ourselves and united we can do it.

● FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

I want to thank everyone, Athletes, Coaches, Judges, National Referees, for their commitment during this difficult year, a commitment that, despite the situation, has allowed us to grow "our" WKSF.

A big thank you goes to the Coordinators and the members of the Commissions and to the Executive Committee for their contribution to the definition of the technical / sporting aspects.

Despite this particular year we have managed to work, forcibly in virtual mode, constructively and with excellent results.

Allow me a special thanks from the WKSF management, to those who worked in the "back stage", I refer to Eduardo Fonseca, Franco Gianella, Ivan Denisov, Andriy Yaremus, Enrique Quesada Sanchez, Giovanni Messina, Per Olhans, Mikalai Kaitan and other colleagues with whom we have continued to talk during the year for various projects that will lead our wonderful sport and the federation to grow more and more.

I conclude my third annual report by reminding everyone that, despite the difficulty of the exceptional situation in which we found ourselves and in which we still are, in this 3rd year of life of WKSF we have managed to organize:

- ✓ The WKSF ONLINE WORLD CUP, with the participation of 30 countries and the presence of 240 athletes
- ✓ The WKSF ONLINE NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP, with the participation of 3 countries and the presence of 28 athletes
- ✓ The WKSF ONLINE ASIA & OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP, with the participation of 8 countries and the presence of 52 athletes
- ✓ II WKSF ONLINE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, with the participation of 21 countries and the presence of 229 athletes



Many official WKSF member countries have organized traditional, field, and online events in their countries.



Both types of competitions, virtual and traditional, have always been held in an atmosphere of friendship and healthy sporting competition and the hope is that this positive climate will continue into the future.

➤ FINANCIAL 2020

I provide, in full transparency, the data for 2020:
 Income € 13,925.00 - Expense € 20.586,.00 (minus € 6.661,.00)

Choice of location for the WKSF World Championship 2021 and TAFISA World Games, WKSF European Championship 2021, WKSF Asia Championship 2021, WKSF Open Cup North America 2021, WKSF Open Cup South America 2021 and WKSF Open Cup Oceania 2021:

- *WKSF World Championship 18-24 June 2021 in Portugal (Lisboa) and TAFISA World Games.
- *WKSF European Championship 20-24 October in Sweden (Falun).
- *WKSF Asian Championship 11-12 December in China (Shanghai).
- *WKSF Oceania Open Cup 13-14 August in Australia (Brisbane).
- *WKSF North America Open Cup 16-17 October in USA (Sarasota, Florida).
- *WKSF South America Open Cup 30 October-01 November in Brasil (San Paolo).

Our main goal is to grow and to have an ever better organization and we will only be able to do it if we all really want to and if we all move in unison to achieve the goals we have agreed upon and which, again, we will define in the future.

Trusting in a new year that will help us to leave behind the difficulties of this 2020, I wish you

Happy New Year 2021 !!!!

President WKSF, Oleh Ilika



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A MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2021**

