



EDBF Women in Sport Commission, 29th July 2019

REPORT - To EDBF Council and Congress Members

The new commission of EDBF “Women In Sport Commission” established on the 27th of August 2018, during the 29th Congress at Beetzsee regatta Course , Brandenburg an der Havel Germany. Elected Chair Holder is Ms Anna Sokratous from Cyprus , a paddler , coach and council member of Cyprus Dragon Boat Federation.

The role of the women in sport commission is to advice the EDBF on the development and implementation of the EDBF women and sport policy. To promote equal opportunities for the girls and women to participate in, benefit from sport and physical activity.

We search among all female members in order to create strong team for empowering and growing the sport for women in dragon boating.

We search for motivated, active and passionate women with vision, ready to cooperate and work together for more even better future.

Prior to presentation at the 1stEDBF Dragon Boat Forum which took place 30th November 2018 to 2nd December 2018 at the Barcelo Hotel close to CEAR in Seville Spain , the EDBF council approve three volunteer members for the EDBF Women in Sport Commission .

- Ms Paola Pochesci from Italy
- Ms Maria Belem Garcia Carrero from Spain
- Ms Pinter Henriette from Hungary

As a team , we work all together and by communicating very often we create very good relation among us.

Following the agenda, the Chair Holder and members of the Women in Sport Commission recommend the appointment of a woman representative within all EDBF Nation Members

We suggest that this member should be part of Board/Council in order to have access to information that we would request in the future.

The chosen representative will be in direct communication with the commission hence must be a willing person to cooperate with us to help us achieve our mission.

We all understand that Sport has the potential to transform the lives of women and girls for the better, yet the opportunities are not always there for them.

We emphasize that we need as much help in order to create a future where everyone can benefit from sport - regardless of gender and create a happier, healthier future for women and girls – to building an even better world through sport.



To place sport at the service of humankind; the fight against doping; the promotion of sports ethics and fair play; awareness of environmental problems; financial and educational support for developing countries; and many other areas.

We can only be the change we wish to see if we rally around our cause and mobilize our skill sets to take action, to enact effective change together.

Only then, every female athlete can fully realize her dreams through sport.

We received so far replies from Ireland, Spain, Ireland, Cyprus, Italy, Hungary, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Serbia and Netherlands.

The remaining nations unfortunately did not reply at all with the exception of Secretary-General of the Lithuanian Dragon boat Federation informing that now they do not have female paddlers but they would be happy to contribute to encourage women in social and sport activity.

We decide not to wait any longer and the first questionnaire is already prepared for circulation. We focus first in statistics and numbers of women registered in all categories as well as what kind of positions they may hold like as coaches / council.

We expecting answers latest by 30th Sept 2019

The plan of course is to continue contacting the remaining countries until we convince them the importunity to cooperative with us.

Starting already with the members of our commission, we collect information of this year's events involving women, which already took place in their countries.

Same we will pass to our Media & Marketing commission to upload and adverting at the same time on EDBF 's platform.

The last few days , during ECCC we had the chance to meet in person many women.

They have opportunity to express their love and enthusiasm of dragon boating but in the sometime, some worries for the future.

All ideas and statements will be analyse by the commission for further action plans.

Our Mission

Our aim is to develop Dragon Boat through female gender regardless of age, sport awareness or class status.

To help, assist, support for all issues raised and prevent others, when possible.

Every sport has the potential to transform the lives of women and girls for the better.

Moreover, Dragon boat gives the opportunity to relate in a team and be part of it.

Aimed to reach the same goal creating friendship and reliance.

Thank you

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