

SPORT MEDICINE, PSCHOLOGY and SCIENCE COMMISSION

ACTIVITY REPORT 2019/2020

Dear friends,

this particular situation linked to COVID-19 has unfortunately blocked a large part of the activity in all European countries and as president of the Italian federation I had to make decisions to preserve the health of our athletes that also took into account governmental provisions.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to issue common guidelines from the health point of view, related in particular to boat activities, given the differences in attitude and response times in the various European countries.

For information only, I report how we dealt with the situation in Italy - On February 24, I ordered the interruption of all activities at national level, avoiding the movement of athletes on the territory, in particular in the areas most affected by the pandemic.

In the period April - May, in addition to a safety document to be adopted in the various corporate and regional realities, I also issued guidelines that took into account the social distancing aimed at avoiding the phenomenon of droplets, through the use of individual protective devices, mask and visor.

Arrangement also adopted in the United States.

This allowed to return by boat, in the small boat with two paddlers and in the standard boat with max 5 paddlers. Always taking into account the government provisions regarding team sports and contact sports.

With the spread of the virus, it is now possible to use the small boat with max 5 paddlers and the standard with 10 paddlers using alternate benches.

In the future I hope that, with the use of individual protections, we will be able to return to the normal configuration, always if the sanitary conditions are favorable.

From the end of September until the end of the year, national events are assumed

As chairman of SMEDCOM, I am very satisfied with the completion of the Commission with dr. Andre Hillebrecht (GER), as well as dr. Mariano Feccia (ITA), dr. Dusko Spasovski (SRB) and dr. Leila Ataie (CYP)

I consider the Commission's activity very important on the occasion of the EDBF Forum held in Milan last November, where for the first time four scientific works of great interest for our sport were presented and appreciated by the representatives of the countries that attended.

For 2021, we must continue along this line, tending to deepen topics of common interest which, as I have said many times, should represent a common cultural heritage that goes hand in hand with the policy and choices of the European federation.

In this regard, I reiterate the need for coordination between the commissions, to be entrusted to one of the vice presidents, which acts as a stimulus and liaison between the federal summits and the individual member countries.

Tanks for your attention

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