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June 17 – 18, 2023



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71th FIL Congress

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A G E N D A 71th FIL Congress Bucharest/Romania

Begin: Saturday, June 17, 2023 9:00 a.m.

1. Opening and welcome E. Fogelis / Host
2. Roll call and right to vote D. Bell
3. Approval of minutes from the last congress D. Bell
4. Awards E. Fogelis / D. Bell
5. Admission of new members E. Fogelis
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9.2 Proposed budget (April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024)
10. Control Commission report and release of the executive board Chair of the Control Commission
11. Determination of membership fees P. Trattner
12. Reports Working Groups Strategic Plan Slide 2026 Chair of the Working Groups



Continuation:

Sunday, June 18, 2023

9:00 a.m.

13. Information from the Organizing Committee for the 2026 OWG on the preparation of luge competitions in Milano Cortina, ITA
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15. Presentation of the committees on the FIL Championships 2024 Organizing Committees
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70. Ordentlicher FIL-Kongress

**Hall in Tirol / AUT
June 18-19, 2022**

70th Ordinary Congress of the FIL

**Hall in Tirol / AUT
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Protokoll / Minutes

**Erstellt und übersetzt durch das FIL-Büro in Berchtesgaden, Deutschland.
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Saturday, June 18, 2022	9:00 am
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1. Opening and welcome

FIL President Einars Fogelis extends a very warm welcome to the participants of the Congress and officially opens the 70th FIL Congress 2022. He is glad to be able to greet the delegates in person.

In his welcoming remarks he specifically addresses the city mayor of Hall **Christian Margreiter**, the President of the Austrian Luge Federation **Markus Prock**, and the **FIL Honorary President Josef Fendt**.

Mayor **Christian Margreiter** welcomes the Congress participants and is pleased that the Congress is being held in the city of Hall in Tirol.

Also welcoming FIL Congress participants is **Markus Prock** who is pleased that the Austrian Luge Federation has this opportunity to host the Congress.

President E. Fogelis informs the Congress that unfortunately **General Secretary D. Bell** could not attend for family reasons.

Others who, unfortunately, could not attend the Congress are VP Australia/Oceania **G. Balme**, VP Asia **J. Park**, and Ethics Officer **N. Hiedl**, as well as **FIL honorary member Hartmut Kardaetz** and **Svein Romstad**.

A special welcome also goes out to the **representatives of the national federations**, representatives of the RGS agency, Rudi Größwang, Sr. and Rudi Größwang, Jr., the representative of SportA, Jörg Augustin, the Chairman of the Athletes Commission and Executive Board member **Ch. Mazdzer**, all media representatives, and all other Congress participants.

He congratulates the new and re-elected NF presidents:

Markus Prock (AUT), Velislava Borisova (BUL), Jani Tilvis (FIN), Sorin Buta (ROU), engineer Viera Bachárová Findurová (SVK), Taras Hartsula (UKR), Natalia Gart (RUS),

and General Secretary Ms. Junko Hatanaka (JPN), on their new posts.

Furthermore, he welcomes the representatives of advertisers and event organizers as well as representatives of the commissions.

A moment of silence follows for **quiet reflection** on the **luge functionaries and former athletes** who passed away in the past year.

President E. Fogelis mentioned a few of these persons:

- **Sergey Danilin/RUS**
Silver medalist, 1984 Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo, World Champion in 1981 (total of 5 World Championship medals), European Champion in 1986
- **Adam "AJ" Rosen/GBR**
Died on December 19, 2021 at the age of 37
- **Bob Cole/USA**
Honorary FIL member, founding member of FIL in 1957, died on May 12, 2022 at the age of 91

Moment of silence

President E. Fogelis declared that the invitations and the agenda were delivered to the NFs in a timely manner, and since there were no requests to speak at this point, that the 70th FIL Congress was duly convened.

Executive Director, Ch. Schweiger, informs those present about the further course of the Congress.

2. Roll call of attendees and voting rights

Executive Director Ch. Schweiger welcomes the Congress participants and takes a roll call of attendees. At the time of the Congress opening there are **31 members/NFs with a seat and a vote** in the meeting room.

Participating in the 70th FIL Congress (1st day of the Congress on June 18, 2022) are:

31 national federations with a seat and a vote

0 provisional members

Simple majority = 16

2/3 majority = 21

3. Existing motions for exclusion/suspension of Russia as a member of FIL:

Discussion/drafting of resolution

This agenda item is deleted, since it was already addressed at the FIL Extraordinary Congress held on April 8, 2022 and subsequently by the FIL Court of Arbitration.

4. Approval of the minutes of the previous Congress

Congress resolution 01/22

The minutes of the 69th FIL Congress 2021 in Salzburg/AUT are approved.

-unanimously-

5. Medals of Honor

President E. Fogelis and Vice-President H. Steyrer present the following medals of honor directly to recipients or their representatives:

Gold FIL medal:

- Peter Knauseder/AUT
- Norbert Hiedl/GER
- Atis Strenga/LAT

Silver FIL medal:

- Sandris Berzins/LAT
- Bibi Walden/SWE
- Bo Näsström/SWE
- Volodymyr Vakhrushev/UKR

Bronze FIL medal:

- Xudong Zhang/CHN (to representative)
- Miroslav Jelen/CZE
- Thomas Kirsten/GER
- Hannes Schneider/GER
- Norbert Gatz/GER (posthumously)
- Normunds Kotans/LAT
- Bogdan Macovei/MDA
- Zenon Chornomidze/UKR
- Svitlana Zhydkova/UKR
- Valentin Paperovyy/UKR
- Taras Hartsula/UKR
- Anatoliy Malyshchyk/UKR

6. Acceptance of new members

President E. Fogelis informs the Congress that **Thailand and the Dominican Republic** are being accepted as **provisional members**, since the applications they submitted fulfill the formal prerequisites for this.

7. Working reports of Executive Board members

President E. Fogelis and **General Secretary D. Bell** present their reports to the Congress. A video presentation was received in advance from **D. Bell**.

All other reports of the Executive Board members and officeholders can be read in the Congress dossier. The dossier was provided to all national federations in a timely manner by e-mail/FTP server in advance of the Congress.

7.1 President

You will find the Congress report by *Einars Fogelis* in **enclosure 1**.

7.2 General Secretary – Video message

You will find the Congress report by General Secretary Dwight Bell in **enclosure 2**.

President E. Fogelis thanks **General Secretary D. Bell** for his report as General Secretary and gives the Executive Board the opportunity for supplemental comments.

VP C. DelNegro, VP A. Zöggeler, VP Th. Schwab, VP P. Knauseder, and athletes' representative Ch. Mazdzer also present brief reports to the Congress.

Other reports by Executive Board members

VP C. DelNegro and **VP A. Zöggeler** offer some remarks to the Congress and address, in particular, the SLIDE 2026 strategic plan and its implementation.

VP Th. Schwab:

- Very fast transformation
- Contract extensions were complicated by Covid-19, but we were able to safeguard further implementation of our strategy.
- Shaping our brand – new World Cup logo
- SLIDE 2026 strategic plan

VP P. Knauseder:

- Down-to-earth attitude, tradition, nature, sustainability.
- Luge on natural track since 1893.
- Luge on natural track should retain a place in FIL.
- Thanks for the congenial cooperation over the past years.

Athletes' representative Ch. Mazdzer:

- New generation of athletes.
- E-sports will play a large role in the future.

30-MINUTE BREAK

IRL has joined the Congress, and there are now **32 members/NFs with a seat and a vote** in the meeting room.

Participating in the 70th FIL Congress (1st day of the Congress on June 18, 2022) are:

32 national federations with a seat and a vote

0 provisional members

Simple majority = 17

2/3 majority = 22

8. Discussion on the working reports

E. Fogelis gives the Executive Board and Congress participants the opportunity to ask questions about the reports.

The Congress participants do not have any further questions about the reports.

9. Preliminary discussion of the motions

(Immediate voting on motions that do not require any further discussion)

President E. Fogelis gives the floor to the Chairman of the Legal Committee, **Dr. Ch. Krähe**.

9.1 Motions related to the statutes

Dr. Ch. Krähe explains to the Congress the following motions for change:

- **Motion 1** (WG statutes of FIL/FIL Executive Board) "Motion for extensive changes to statutes" – delegates have exact wording of the changes as a handout
 - *Changes to implementation of the SLIDE 2026 strategic plan: FIL to be opened up to include popular sport – individual changes are discussed*
 - *Includes FIL name change FIL in German and French: Internationaler Rodelverband; Fédération Internationale de Luge*
 - *Neutrality of FIL – adherence to the Olympic Charter*
 - *Gender equality – for legal reasons it is not possible to establish a minimum quota in voting;*
 - *"Emergency paragraph" 4.5.8 to permit appropriate responses to extraordinary events*

Dr. Ch. Krähe once again refers to the Extraordinary Congress and the resolutions made at that Congress.

- *Law and Procedure Regulations: Extension of time limit for making an appeal; this also applies to other proceedings of the Court of Arbitration*

Comments:

Mark Armstrong/GBR: Notes minor errors in the English version (1.3.1; 4.14.2)

Eirik Lundemo/NOR: Asks a question about the motion by Norway to the 2021 Congress regarding gender equality which was deferred due to comprehensive changes to statutes.

Dr. Ch. Krähe: Responds that implementation of all items was not possible due to Austrian law (principle of free choice).

Andrea van Heugten-Hátlová/NED: Was European law also reviewed?

Dr. Ch. Krähe: Yes, the principle of free choice exists everywhere.

Natalia Gart/RUS: Notes her concerns regarding the striking of paragraph 1.6.1 of the FIL statutes.

Dr. Ch. Krähe: In the opinion of an Austrian legal council, it should be removed from the FIL statutes. The Olympic Charter must be protected, and it is part of the FIL statutes.

President E. Fogelis additionally refers to 1.4.3 of the FIL statutes.

Congress resolution 02/22

The Congress resolves to vote on resolutions pertaining to FIL statutes in 2 votes.

- **Vote 1: Motion to change paragraph 4.5.8**
- **Vote 2: all other changes to the statutes**

**- 31 votes for
- 1 vote against**

A 2/3 majority is required for the following resolution:

Congress resolution 03/22

The motion related to paragraph 4.5.8 of the FIL statutes is accepted.

- 22 votes for
- 1 vote against
- 6 abstentions

Comments:

VP Th. Schwab: Notes the cost and effort associated with changing the name of the FIL.

Dr. Ch. Krähe: The name change is necessary to implement the strategic plan and to promote popular sport.

J. Leahy/USA: Why is the time period for appeals being extended?

Dr. Ch. Krähe: The time period of 2 weeks is very short; therefore, we must extend it.

A 2/3 majority is required for the following resolution:

Congress resolution 04/22

The motion for changing the FIL statutes based on the handout is accepted.

- Promoting popular sport (1.3.1)
- FIL name change in German and French
- 1.5.1 is deleted / 1.4.3 adherence to the Olympic Charter remains
- Gender equality
- Law and Procedure Regulations: Time period for actions extended, including for all proceedings of the court of arbitration

- 30 votes for
- 0 votes against
- 0 abstentions

- **Motion 2** (motion by Russia)

N. Gart/RUS withdraws this motion, because the changes are already embedded in FIL statutes based on the change to statutes.

9.2 Motions related to the IRO

All existing IRO motions were approved by at least a 2/3 majority of the authorized expert commission, and motions that need to be handled by the Executive Board were supported unanimously by the Executive Board which recommended that the Congress approve them.

Artificial Track (Motions 1-32)

Sport area

VP C. Del Negro presents the motions of the Sport Commission.

- Motion 1 (pertaining to § 2)
- Motions 2-11 (pertaining to § 3)
- Motions 20-21 (pertaining to § 7 approved by the Executive Board)
- Motions 22-23 (pertaining to § 8)
- Motions 24-26 (pertaining to § 10)

Comments on motion no. 25:

B. Semmler-Dzösch comments and recommends modifying the motion.

VP C. DelNegro: This motion will be voted upon tomorrow with a new proposed change.

Congress resolution 05/22

The Congress resolves that IRO motions 1-11 and 22-26 of the Sport Commission Artificial Track are approved (with the exception of motion no. 25).

- 32 votes for, unanimous

Technical area

VP A. Zöggeler offers a brief summary of the motions by the Technical Commission.

- Motions 12-19 (pertaining to § 5)
- Motion 27 (pertaining to Supplement 1 of the IRO)
- Motions 28-32 (pertaining to Supplement 5 of the IRO)

There is a brief exchange of information on the standardization of doubles sleds.

Congress resolution 06/22

The Congress resolves that the IRO motions of the Technical Commission Artificial Track are approved.

**- 27 votes for
- 0 votes against
- 0 abstentions**

Executive Board (Motions 20-21)

VP Th. Schwab presents to the Congress two motions made by the Executive Board.

- Motion 20: Defining advertising spaces more precisely
- Motion 21: Advertising of alcoholic beverages

The English-language wording of motion 21 (advertising of alcoholic beverages) will be modified again.

Congress resolution 07/22

The Congress resolves that IRO motions 20-21 of the Executive Board are approved.

**- 31 votes for
- 1 vote against**

Natural Track (Motions 1-4)

VP P. Knauseder presents the IRO motions of the Commission Natural Track.

- Motion 1 (pertaining to § 2)
- Motion 2 (pertaining to § 3)
- Motions 3-4 (pertaining to § 5)

Congress resolution 08/22

The Congress resolves that IRO motions 1-4 of the Executive Board are approved.

- 29 votes for
- 0 votes against
- 0 abstentions

9.3 Other motions

Motion 1: Motion by Sweden

J. Ahlberg/SWE presents the motion made by SWE to the Congress.

"Acceleration of work for introducing standard sleds so that they can be put into operation before the 2025-2026 Olympic season. The last season in which nonstandardized sleds will be allowed will be the 2024-2025 season."

VP A. Zöggeler supports this motion.

Congress resolution 09/22

The Congress resolves that the IRO motion by SWE is approved.

- 17 votes for
- 4 votes against
- 5 abstentions

LUNCH BREAK**10. Finances****10.1 Approval of Annual Financial Report (April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022)**

Vice-President Harald Steyrer explains the **Annual Financial Report for 2021/22**. He informs the Congress that the FIL Control Commission met in Reichenau an der Rax on May 6-8, 2022. The report on the conducted audit was submitted to the Congress in a timely manner.

External auditing of FIL assets also took place in May 2022. The related audit report is available upon request, both in printed form and as a PDF document.

VP H. Steyrer gives the Congress the opportunity to ask questions about the annual financial report.

Congress resolution 10/22

The annual financial report for 2021/2022 is approved.

- 32 votes for, unanimous

Afterwards, **VP H. Steyrer** announces the FIL asset balance as of March 31, 2022 and thanks the members of the Executive Board and other FIL officers for their high level of financial discipline.

10.2 Approval of Proposed Budget (April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023)

VP H. Steyrer makes a request to the NFs, asking them to settle their financial obligations to FIL soon.

He explains that costs for the FIL Extraordinary Congress in April 2022 were approx. € 40,000 without any offsetting income. As a result, some existing items in the 2022/2023 budget will need to be eliminated or reduced in scope.

In his comments on the **proposed budget for 2022/2023**, **VP H. Steyrer** urgently notes that it does not allow for much leeway. In creating this budget, priority must be given to keeping net outflows, i.e., excess expenditures over revenues of 2022/2023, significantly under 5 million euros. This is absolutely necessary, because today no official correspondence has been received from the IOC yet indicating how high the total funding to FIL will be after the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. He confirms that the proposed budget for 2022/2023 as presented assures smooth operations for the entire business year 2022/2023, but all officeholders and national associations also need to make efforts towards strengthening FIL financial inflows.

VP H. Steyrer asks the Congress to approve the proposed budget for 2022/2023 as presented.

VP H. Steyrer thanks the Congress for its good cooperation over the past 26 years. He emphasizes that over the past 26 years he has always tried to manage FIL assets as optimally as possible.

Special thanks go out to honorary President J. Fendt, former General Secretary S. Romstad, former Executive Director H. Kardaetz, President E. Fogelis, and General Secretary D. Bell.

He thanks all those who have worked with him as true colleagues and friends over the past 26 years, including ML Rainer, B. Semmler-Dzösch, the entire Executive Board, Executive Director Ch. Schweiger, and the employees in the FIL office.

He appeals to the NFs to elect qualified representatives for the positions to be filled tomorrow.

He wishes the best for FIL and its members in the future.

Comments:

Eirik Lundemo/NOR: Why is the voucher program being reduced?

Executive Director Ch. Schweiger: There are a lot of expenses over which we have no control. FIL must implement savings in the future. The voucher program is currently being revised.

Congress resolution 11/22

The annual budget for 2022/2023 is approved in its proposed form.

- 32 votes for, unanimous

11. Report by the Control Commission and discharge of responsibility for the Executive Board

The chairman of the Control Commission **D. Prentice** offers information on the audit report which emphasizes the professional and diligent management of finances by VP H. Steyrer.

He thanks everyone for their excellent cooperation and makes a motion to the Congress to give discharge to the Vice-President of Finance, the Presidium, and the entire Executive Board.

Management of our resources by the President and the Executive Board is very impressive and is handled in the best interests of athletes, national federations, the tracks, and organizers. The most gold really does come from the sport itself. The finances are very well controlled and organized.

Congress resolution 12/22

The FIL Executive Board is given discharge.

- 32 votes for, unanimous

12. Establishment of member contributions

Congress resolution 13/22

The annual membership fee is set at € 100.00 as previously.

- 32 votes for, unanimous

13. Information from the Olympic Committee on the 2026 Olympic Winter Games regarding preparations for luge events in Milan-Cortina/ITA

A video presentation is played for the Congress.

F. Bazzanello of MICO gives a presentation about the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milan-Cortina. He introduces the MICO organization and emphasizes that Cortina is an important venue for the future. Brief information on track construction will follow. The precise schedule should be provided sometime in the next few weeks.

Comments:

M. Heinzlmaier/BEL: What happens if it is not possible to obtain construction approval?

F. Bazzanello/MICO: Currently, there is no official "plan B."

Athletes' representative Ch. Mazdzer: When will the final track plan be available?

F. Bazzanello/MICO: Information is still being collected, and further meetings will be held to work out the final track plan.

VP C. DelNegro: It is anticipated that FIL will have a test event when the track is completed (Spring 2025). That is why we are requesting that the budget be planned accordingly to cover the luge test event.

14. Information from the Olympic Committee on the 2024 Youth Olympic Games regarding preparations for luge events in PyeongChang/KOR

S.-J. Yang/KOR gives a presentation to the Congress with information on the 2024 Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon/KOR.

A video presentation is played for the Congress.

15. Presentation by the organizing committees for the FIL championships in 2023

There are no presentations by organizing committees for the FIL championships in 2023.

16. Awarding of FIL championships up to max. 2026:

Applicants for organizing the FIL championships up to max. 2026 are:

Artificial track:

- 2026 Juniors W.Ch. for Artificial Track: Altenberg/GER

Natural track:

- 2023 W.Ch. Natural Track: Vatra Dornei/ROU
- 2023 Juniors European Ch. Natural Track: St. Sebastian- Mariazell/AUT

16.1 Presentations by applicants (optional)

There are no presentations by applicants for organizing the FIL championships.

16.2 Vote:

Congress resolution 14/22

The Congress awards the 2026 FIL Junior W.Ch. on Artificial Track to the organizer Altenberg/GER.

- 30 votes for
- 0 votes against
- 0 abstentions

Congress resolution 15/22

The Congress awards the 2023 FIL W.Ch. on Natural Track to the Vatra Dornei/ROU.

- 30 votes for
- 0 votes against
- 0 abstentions

Congress resolution 16/22

The Congress awards the 2023 FIL Juniors European Championships on Natural Track to the organizer St. Sebastian-Mariazell/AUT.

**- 30 votes for
- 0 votes against
- 0 abstentions**

Honoring VP Harald Steyrer

President E. Fogelis and **Honorary President J. Fendt** express their thanks to **H. Steyrer** for his 26 years of service as Vice President of Finance. He was first elected to that post in 1996 at the 45th FIL Congress in Olympia, Greece.

Honorary President J. Fendt directs some personal words to VP H. Steyrer on his departure. Above all, he said he values his mutual trust, respectful interactions with others, and his expert knowledge.

On account of his many years of commendable service for the good of the FIL, **Harald Steyrer** is awarded the **FIL Honorary Membership** and the **FIL Medal of Honor in Gold with DIAMOND**.

In addition, **H. Steyrer** is presented with a gift from the FIL.

H. Steyrer offers his sincere thanks for the awards and presents. He emphasizes that he does not want to miss out on the time, and he thanks all participants for their good cooperative work over the past 26 years.

A. Strenga/LAT also gives H. Steyrer a present on behalf of the Latvian luge federation.

President E. Fogelis closes the first day of the advisory meeting and wishes all Congress participants a pleasant afternoon and evening.

Sunday, June 19, 2022

9:00 am

President E. Fogelis opens the second day of the advisory meeting and welcomes all Congress participants.

Roll call of attendees and determination of voting rights: 2nd Congress day

In a roll call, the **Executive Director Ch. Schweiger** verifies those in attendance. At the time of the opening of the 2nd day of the Congress there are **31 members/NFs with a seat and a vote** in the meeting room.

Participating in the 70th FIL Congress (2nd day of the Congress on June 19, 2022) are:

31 national federations with a seat and a vote

0 provisional members

Simple majority = 16

2/3 majority = 21

17 Resolutions on the motions

17.1 Motions related to the statutes

This agenda item was already handled under agenda item 9.

17.2 Motions related to the IRO

VP C. DelNegro explains the newly formulated motion no. 25 to the Congress: *“Under advise weather forecasts the Race Director, together with the Technical Director, may shorten the start intervals, in coordination with television, to a minimum of 1,30 minutes. “*

Congress resolution 17/22

The modified motion no. 25 on the IRO for Artificial Track is approved (enclosure 3).

- 31 votes for, unanimous

17.3 Other motions

There are no other motions to be handled by the Congress.

18 Elections in accordance with the statutes

President E. Fogelis proposes to the Congress that the following persons be named members of the **election committee**:

- Dr. Ch. Krähe/GER (chairman of the Legal Committee)
- V. Vavruskova/SVK (Control Commission)
- D. Prentice/GBR (Control Commission)

No counter-proposals are made by the national federations.

Congress resolution 18/22

The election committee consists of Dr. Ch. Krähe, V. Vavruskova, and D. Prentice.

- 31 votes for, unanimous

IND is now in attendance at the Congress, and there are now **32 members/NFs with a seat and a vote** in the meeting room.

Participating in the 70th FIL Congress (2nd day of the Congress on June 19, 2022) are:

32 national federations with a seat and a vote
0 provisional members

Simple majority = 17

2/3 majority = 22

President E. Fogelis thanks the previous Executive Board for their trusting cooperation and the NFs for their support of his work. He hands over control of the Congress to the election committee.

The election committee chose **Dr. Ch. Krähe** to be its chief election official.

Dr. Ch. Krähe informs the Congress that it is necessary to obtain a written declaration from those candidates who are not in attendance which confirms that they accept the position if elected.

Each candidate has the opportunity to make a presentation to the Congress (3 minutes).

At the recommendation of the chief election official, the election for positions with just one candidate will be conducted by acclamation. If there are multiple candidates for an elected position, then ballot sheets will be distributed and collected in a ballot box.

18.1 Members of the Executive Board

– President

Einars Fogelis/LAT is re-elected FIL President (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

– General Secretary

Dwight Bell/USA is re-elected Secretary General (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

– Vice President of Finance

Philipp Trattner/AUT is re-elected VP of Finance (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

– Vice President for Marketing

Thomas Schwab/GER is re-elected VP for Marketing (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

– Vice President for Sport Artificial Track

Claire DeNegro/USA is re-elected VP for Sport Artificial Track (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

– Vice President for Technical Affairs Artificial Track

Armin Zöggeler/ITA is re-elected VP for Technical Affairs Artificial Track (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

– Vice-President for Natural Track

There are three candidates:

- Leander Moroder/ITA
- Geoff Balme/NZL
- Sorin Buta/ROU

Both Sorin Buta/ROU and Leander Moroder/ITA present their ideas and visions for the sport of Natural Track A video presentation by G. Balme is played. **Dr. Ch. Krähe** informs the Congress that this election requires a simple majority (50% +1) to be considered elected.

The results of the first round of voting, which was conducted by secret ballot, are:

- Leander Moroder/ITA	11 votes
- Geoff Balme/NZL	5 votes
- Sorin Buta/ROU	16 votes

The results of the first round of voting, which was conducted by secret ballot, are:

- Leander Moroder/ITA	12 votes
- Sorin Buta/ROU	20 votes

Therefore, Sorin Buta/ROU is elected the new VP for Natural Track.

– **Other Executive Board members (2)**

There are eight candidates:

- Markus Prock/AUT
- Alex Gough/CAN
- Harald Rolfsen/NOR
- Geoff Balme/NZL (*unless elected "Vice-President for Natural Track"*)
- ~~Sorin Buta/ROU (*unless elected "Vice-President for Natural Track"*)~~
- Sorina Ticu/ROU
- Natalia Gart/RUS
- Taras Hartsula/UKR

The seven remaining candidates take the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves to the delegates.

The results of the first round of voting (each NF could mark two persons on the ballot):

- Markus Prock/AUT	7 votes
- Alex Gough/CAN	2 votes
- Harald Rolfsen/NOR	5 votes
- Geoff Balme/NZL	2 votes
- Sorina Ticu/ROU	6 votes
- Natalia Gart/RUS	6 votes
- Taras Hartsula/UKR	6 votes

The last candidates received the same number of votes, so once again a second round of voting had to be conducted.

The election committee therefore proposes a new method which is described under 8.3. of the FIL statutes:

- Due to the fact that there are so many candidates on the ballot, a relative majority should be sufficient to be elected in the future.
- All candidates are included in the first round of voting for other members.
- 1st round of voting for the first other member (relative majority)
- 2nd round of voting for the second other member (relative majority)

Congress resolution 19/22

The voting procedure for electing the other members should, in the future, be conducted by relative majority.

- 24 votes for
- 4 votes against
- 1 abstention

VP C. DelNegro asks whether it is possible to modify the election procedure during the election. **Dr. Ch. Krähe** confirms this, because it is possible according to the statutes and the Congress approved it.

The results of the first round of voting (each NF could vote for one person):

- **Markus Prock/AUT** **8 votes**
- **Alex Gough/CAN** **3 votes**
- **Harald Rolfsen/NOR** **4 votes**
- **Geoff Balme/NZL** **1 votes**
- **Sorina Ticu/ROU** **9 votes, elected**
- **Natalia Gart/RUS** **4 votes**
- **Taras Hartsula/UKR** **3 votes**

The results of the second round of voting (each NF could vote for one person):

- **Markus Prock/AUT** **12 votes, elected**
- **Alex Gough/CAN** **5 votes**
- **Harald Rolfsen/NOR** **5 votes**
- **Geoff Balme/NZL** **2 votes**
- **Natalia Gart/RUS** **5 votes**
- **Taras Hartsula/UKR** **3 votes**

Therefore, the following persons are elected as other members of the Executive Board in a secret ballot:

- **Sorina Ticu/ROU**
- **Markus Prock/AUT**

– **Vice President for Asia**

Jieun Park/KOR is re-elected Vice-President for Asia (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

– **Vice President for Australia/Oceania**

Geoff Balme/NZL is re-elected Vice President for Australia/Oceania (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

All elected members of the Executive Board thank the delegates for the trust they have placed in them, and they declare their readiness to make a contribution to the continued development of the international sport of luge with great commitment over the next four years.

18.2 Members of the three expert commissions

The delegates are in agreement with the proposal by the chief election official, whereby in the election of members for the three expert commissions, the three candidates with the most votes are considered elected (each NF can vote for up to three persons).

– **Sport Commission Artificial Track**

There are nine candidates:

- Christian Eigentler/AUT (8)
- Robert Fegg/CAN (8)

- Norbert Loch/GER (15)
- Klaus Kofler/ITA (4)
- Wolfgang Staudinger/KOR (15)
- Atis Strenga/LAT(15)
- Artemy Rodionov/RUS (4)
- Taras Hartsula/UKR (8)
- Mark Grimmette/USA (8)

**Voting takes place within the Sport Commission Artificial Track by secret ballot, and the following are elected:
Norbert Loch/GER (15); Wolfgang Staudinger/KOR (15); Atis Strenga/LAT (15)**

– **Technical Commission Artificial Track**

There are eleven candidates:

- Georg Hackl/AUT (9)
- Peter Penz/AUT (7)
- Duncan Kennedy/CAN (9)
- Christian Thurner/GER (11)
- Oswald Haselrieder/ITA (5)
- Eliza Tiruma/LAT (10)
- Inars Kivlenieks/LAT (5)
- Marek Skowronski/POL (12)
- Mikhail Kuzmich/RUS (3)
- Oleh Zherebetsky/UKR (4)
- Lubomir Mick/USA (13)

**Voting takes place within the Commission for Technical Affairs Artificial Track by secret ballot, and the following persons are elected:
Lubomir Mick/USA (13); Marek Skowronski/POL (12); Christian Thurner/GER (11)**

– **Commission Natural Track**

There are six candidates:

- Gerald Kammerlander/AUT (17)
- Chris Wightman/CAN (8)
- Thomas Niemetz/GER (16)
- Armin Niedermair/ITA (20)
- Geoff Balme/NZL (14)
- Andrei Knyr/RUS (9)

**Voting takes place within the Commission Natural Track by secret ballot, and the following persons are elected:
Armin Niedermair/ITA (20); Gerald Kammerlander/AUT (17); Thomas Niemetz/GER (16)**

18.3 Substitute member of the Control Commission

Günther Beck/LIE is retiring from the Control Commission as part of a regular rotation. In accordance with the statutes, the previous substitute members **Vlasta**

Vavruskova/CZE and Derek Prentice/GBR automatically become ordinary members.

There is one candidate for the election of a substitute member of the Control Commission:

- Günther Beck/LIE

Günther Beck/LIE is elected substitute member of the Control Commission (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

18.4 Court of arbitration

Chief election official Dr. Ch. Krähe informs the delegates of the candidates:

- Ben Heijmeijer/NED as Chairman
- Dr. Richard Moser/ITA as Vice-Chairman
- Dr. Michael Bielowski/AUT as member
- Gennady Rodionov/RUS as member
- Erin Warren/USA as member
- Michal Kuliński/POL as member

Ben Heijmeijer/NED is elected Chairman of the Court of Arbitration (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

Dr. Richard Moser/ITA is elected Vice Chairman of the Court of Arbitration (without opposing candidate) by acclamation.

A relative majority applies to the election of members of the Court of Arbitration. Up to 3 candidates may be elected.

Elected as members of the Court of Arbitration are:

- Dr. Michael Bielowski/AUT	31 votes	as member
- Michal Kuliński/POL	24 votes	as member
- Erin Warren/USA	21 votes	as member

Gennady Rodionov/RUS received 15 votes.

18.5 FIL Committee for Legal Affairs = FIL Ethics Commission

Honorary President J. Fendt is elected substitute member of the Election Commission.

Chief election official Dr. Ch. Krähe yields the chair for this election to **FIL Honorary President J. Fendt**.

There are four candidates:

- Dr. Christian Krähe/GER
- Dr. Andreas Ruetz/AUT
- Klavs Vasks/LAT
- Alexander Shakhnazarov/RUS – No written confirmation was received from Alexander Shakhnazarov that he would accept the position if elected, even though the Russian federation was expressly given the opportunity to submit a

declaration of consent from the candidate indicating his acceptance of the position. Such a declaration was never received, and no explanation was given regarding why a declaration of consent was not submitted. Therefore, his candidature is not allowed according to the statutes.

**- Dr. Christian Krähe/GER
- Dr. Andreas Ruetz/AUT
- Klavs Vasks/LAT
are unanimously elected by acclamation.**

18.6 FIL Ethics Officer

Chief election official Dr. Ch. Krähe informs the delegates that there is only one candidate (Dr. Jochen Fritzweiler/GER) for this position.

Dr. Jochen Fritzweiler /GER introduces himself to the Congress.

Dr. Jochen Fritzweiler/GER is elected (without opposing candidate) as the new FIL Ethics Officer by acclamation.

18.7 Members of the Youth/Development Commission Artificial Track

The delegates agree with the proposal by the chief election official, whereby in electing members for the Youth/Development Commission, the two candidates with the most votes are considered elected (each NF can vote for up to two persons).

There are seven candidates:

- Sandra Lembert/AUT (12)
- Hans-Jürgen Köhne/GER (15)
- Mark Hatton/GBR (18)
- Zintis Saicans/LAT (1)
- Dmitry Kasatkin/RUS (2)
- Anders Söderberg/SWE (7)
- Zianibeth Shattuck-Owen/USA (5)

A secret ballot is conducted for the election of members of the Commission Youth/Development:

Mark Hatton/GBR (18); Hans-Jürgen Köhne/GER (15)

The newly elected Executive Board members take their places on the stage.

19 Selection of the Congress venue for 2024

The Congress transfers to the Executive Board the right to change the 2023 Congress venue (currently: Lviv/UKR) at an Executive Board meeting in Fall 2022. There are no applications yet for organizing the 72nd FIL Congress in 2024.

20 Miscellaneous

The General Secretary of the Austrian luge federation, Helmut Ruetz/AUT, is awarded a present, and he also accepts a present for Sandra Mariner/AUT. These two persons deserve a special thanks for their help in organizing this Congress.

President E. Fogelis expresses his thanks for the discipline of all Congress participants which made it possible to hold this FIL Congress. He wishes everyone a good start in the new season and, above all, good health.

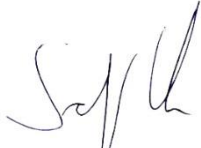
He thanks all Congress participants, A. Fischer, and the FIL office for its excellent organization, and the interpreters for their excellent work. Flower bouquets are given to A. Fischer, B. Wegscheider, and D. Springl, and presents are given to the interpreters.

President E. Fogelis officially closes the 70th FIL Congress in Hall in Tirol/AUT.

We will see you again at the 71st FIL Congress in 2023!

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Christoph Schweiger
Executive Director of FIL

President



Einars Fogelis

3 enclosures

70th FIL Congress
Hall in Tirol
18th June 2022

Dear friends and colleagues,

When we adopted our SLIDE-2026 strategy two years ago, we spoke clearly about our goals in the context of global activities to develop luge sport around the world. We were clearly aware that the world was changing rapidly - generations, technology, behavior. In the virtual world, our habits change every day. Faster than we are sometimes able to integrate it all into our daily lives.

We need to lead sport to people and people to sport.

We have a clear process for planning our strategy and a clear vision for putting it into practice.

I have devoted both, my time and my efforts, together with you, into planning. But it must be said that the real "World Order" over the past years has been and still is a serious challenge in achieving the goals of our Federation.

The public was hit by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. It made us look at the existing order differently. Introduced new regulated daily life, additional strength to PR sessions and searching for solutions to develop our new way of life. Especially, when it came to our overall health and safety.

Under these circumstances, we paved the qualifying path in preparation for the Olympic Games - Beijing 2022. This, once-in-four-year high in two seasons, was achieved thanks to united team work - 106 of our athletes achieved their goals in the world's largest sports event - the Olympic Games. Of course, sports can be cruel, but also beautiful and interesting. Probably not everyone from Beijing returned with full satisfaction, but together we - athletes, coaches, organizers, FIL team, all our supporters - managed to give a great performance to fans from all over the world. We demonstrated that we are not only the fastest sport on ice, but also one of the most intriguing. This is clearly shown by the growing number on TV and social media.

We could certainly continue on this positive note. Especially at the end of the Olympic Games, at the invitation of IOC President Thomas Bach to the political leaders of the countries, clearly outlining our mission in relation to sport and the Olympic spirit – “Give peace a chance”

Life has introduced new adjustments to the order of our globe since February 24, when a brutal military attack in Ukraine was launched under the leadership of Russia's political leaders. It is clear that what has happened has affected more than just the current political and economic order in the world's regions. This war has affected and is affecting the international sports movement. It cannot be questioned or ignored. Our Federation, its Board, following its conscience, as well as our colleagues in other sports organizations, have clearly expressed our opposition to such aggression, in clear solidarity with the Ukrainian people, with all democratic people around the world and, in particular, with our colleagues at the Ukrainian Federation. Thank you to everyone who provided both moral and material support. This once again demonstrates the strength and cohesion of our Federation outside the sports arenas.

FIL expressed a clear position on the future organizational policy of the competition, thinking about a safe future of our sport, its people and events. Sports relevance in society today has grown so much that we cannot escape our duty and our responsibility. A unifying factor for all of us – sports movement has always built bridges between different worldviews, always standing for peace. It is clear today that there is no place among us for those who support aggression in any form and glorify war.

After the election, this will be the first job of the new FIL Ethics Commission. To address with full sternness those individuals whose activities we have seen on the mass and social media recently, supporting violence and deviating from the basic principles and values of sport.

Over the past period, we have worked very intensively with the FIL Legal Commission and the additional legal forces involved, to prepare the amendments and additions to the FIL Statutes. They were previously submitted to you, in order to respond

as quickly and efficiently as possible to our members and to implement our SLIDE -2026” Objectives.

We are responsible for the security of our sport and for the protection and safe development of our sporting members at the start of the new Olympic cycle.

We are currently actively working with the IOC and the organizing committee "Milano - Cortina 2026" and the joint cooperation of seven international winter sports federations (AIOWF) which is very important in this work. Issues that affect us all are actively discussed with our colleagues –

- Future for Olympic Games, Agenda 2020+5
- Quotas for participants and development for our sports;
- Obligations and rights of the IF;
- Funding cooperation between IF AND IOC;
- Policy in the media space, in particular the expansion of TV and live streaming.

It is in this area that a very heavy workload falls on the shoulders of my colleagues in FIL Presidium Dwight Bell, Harald Steyrer, Christoph Schweiger and I would like to thank them very much for the excellent teamwork.

Strategically, it is very important for us to strengthen and expand our presence in the Olympic Artificial Track program. It is currently undergoing intensive work on gender equality, while presenting possible new disciplines that would allow our athletes to compete not only for new sets of medals, but also for additional time in the media room. In the coming days, we will receive IOC approval for the new Olympic program. I hope that our sport will have addition by at least one set of medals at the world's largest sports event. At the same time, after receiving signals about the possible support from Milano-Cortina 2026, we are resuming the discussion with my IOC colleagues, sending all the necessary documentation regarding the Natural Track and the venue for the Olympic Games.

In this section, seeing our strategy, we must definitely take the next steps in the direction of Public Sledging. Increasing the number of people involved, while thinking about the attractiveness of sports. Accessibility among young people is vital. Together with the IBSF and the IBU, we launched research into e-sports, which, in a balanced way, is another tool for attracting audiences, but not a substitute for real sports.

I am pleased that the set course on WADA policy has been adhered to. In the context of the ITA, our Federation is undergoing a thorough audit of this activity. I thank all the National Federations for their professional work in this field. We have not had any positive cases in recent years, and especially at the Olympics! I wish that the principles of fair play will continue to be held in such high regard!

One of the most important points of our support is to ensure a stable income flow through our company partners IOC, event organizers, TV contracts signed SPORT-A, Olympic Channel, our supporters and sponsors Hargassner, Eberspächer, BMW, Infront, RGS, UVEX. Without you, dear friends, we would not have achieved so much. We would not be able to shape our future development.

In order to balance everything with our needs and annual budget, a big thank you goes to our colleagues in FIL Executive Board. Thanks to their work, we have created a solid foundation for support programs in preparation for the next Olympic period.

Today, however, the venue Cortina, work planning schedules at our disposal are a concern. I hope that the recent involvement and active contribution of our colleagues on the part of the Milan Cortina Organization Committee will bring positive results in the near future. For our part, we have provided our partners with all the necessary information to ensure the long-term sustainability and legacy plan of this Olympic facility. It is strategically important for our federation to acquire another sports facility in central Europe, enabling it to attract additional young people, especially from nearby regions. We are seeing the success of such projects on the track commissioned last year in Bludenz (Austria). Certainly, the involvement of our federation in this project is highly valued.

A very important part of this plan are our development programs. They will give an actual support to you - NF's. They are being actively developed in the new work cycle in cooperation with the International Olympic Committee. I am convinced that this cooperation will succeed at the forthcoming Youth Olympics in Gangwon 2024 Korea.

At Commissions meetings, we have taken a broad step in this direction by discussing how to make sport more available, more financially accessible and more convincing, following our strategy "Slide 2026"

I am certain that the reports, prepared by the FIL commissions and working groups, will be a good basis for the development of our sport, especially in terms of our place and role in the Olympic Movement.

I hope that, once life becomes active again, we will be able to become more involved in regional programs. The development there has been severely restricted in the last two years due to circumstances beyond our control. It is very important for us to keep all the regions active, including the great and interesting sports complex Yanjing, where the Beijing 2022 Olympic Games were held until recently.

Together we can achieve a lot in this difficult world. We need to show a strong stance in the interests of sport and society. Only together we can learn the right lessons for the future.

We can clearly see that sport is not always and everywhere separated from politics today, but unfortunately it is increasingly being used as a political tool. We will do our utmost to join forces for a better future society.

"Faster, higher, stronger - together"

Thank you, colleagues, for your contribution and cooperation!

Respectfully, Einars Fogelis

Thank you to each and every one of you for your contribution to a better society.



Report of the General Secretary

June 16, 2022

Dear Colleagues, as I write this report, the 70th FIL Congress is going to take place in Hall, Tyrol, Austria in just a few days. It will mark the first time that I will not be with you in person since I attended my first FIL Congress held in Albertville, France in 1989. It would of course take something extraordinary for me to miss the Congress. A few weeks ago, my wife and I had our youngest daughter get married and now our oldest daughter is getting married on the same weekend as the Congress, so I am very thankful for you all excusing my presence this weekend.

And now for my report, last year I reported that 2020-21 was perhaps the most challenging year in the history of the FIL. But little did we know, that the 2021-22 season would be even more challenging. Once again, because of Covid-19, extreme pressure was put on our entire Luge family. World Cup races were once again cancelled in North America and Asia. The international training weeks for the Beijing 2022 Games, which are essential for fairness and safety in our sport, were compressed into a three-week time frame in November of 2021, not long before the Olympic competition in February of 2022. This presented immense challenges to the FIL and the National Federations due to the covid restrictions present in China. The FIL implemented the use of a charter flight to assist with the travel logistics. As the FIL was one of the first Winter International Federations to conduct such training and a world cup race, we were testing all the covid protocols that were put in place by Beijing 2022 and the IOC, this proved to be very challenging and a real strain on all our athletes, coaches, officials, and stakeholders. And then, with over 30 sled boxes being held up leaving China, the FIL family had the unprecedented challenge, of having to share sleds and equipment between the national federations and our officials had to get creative to execute training and races. This cooperation between teams highlighted the very definition of sportsmanship and fair play.

The pressure continued on our Luge family all the way to the Olympics as we had to make do with protocols, positive covid tests limited participation from key members of

our family leading up to and including the Olympic competition, and a compressed Olympic qualification process.

But despite all these challenges, the athletes, coaches, officials, and FIL staff persevered, driven by a passion for our sport. By all accounts the Beijing 2022 Olympic Luge competition was successfully held without incident and with a lot of exciting competition. On behalf of the FIL, I want to thank you all for this amazing achievement. Congratulations to all and a sincere thanks from the FIL. The season concluded with the Sepp Benz Memorial Race in St. Moritz, Switzerland. In addition to honoring our dear friend and colleague, Sepp Benz, this race offered an opportunity for our Luge family to unwind and relax in a wonderful setting. The weather and atmosphere were superb and a nice way to end the season in a positive way. Thanks to Swiss Sliding for hosting us.

Only a few days after the Beijing 2022 closing ceremonies, we were presented yet another challenge as the government of Russian invaded the sovereign country of Ukraine. The human suffering and destruction being imposed on Ukraine by Russia is incomprehensible. When the invasion began, the FIL Executive Board moved swiftly and for purposes of safety and security, cancelled the Natural Track Luge world cup race in Moscow and got all teams and personnel out of Russia as soon as possible. A special thanks to Executive Director, Christoph Schweiger for leading this effort. Throughout the sporting world, all International Federations are grappling with how best to respond to this situation from a human suffering, safety, and security perspective. As was decided by the FIL Executive Board, the FIL condemns this invasion in the strongest terms, and the FIL stands in solidarity with our friends in Ukraine.

I want to also thank our partners at the IOC for standing by us during this challenging season. The financial support and full complement of support services from the IOC was a huge help to us this season.

With the leadership of President Fogelis, the FIL continues to implement the FIL's strategic plan-Slide 2026 which was approved by the Congress last year. The FIL has hired a full-time Development Director to assist our national federations as well as help develop and coordinate public sledding activities. Under the guidance of VP of Finance-Harald Steyrer, we have now hired a full-time accounting manager that will be stationed in the FIL head office. Steve Harris has now completed a rigorous curriculum with the IOC and will graduate in September and will become the FIL Safeguard Officer. Thanks to Steve for agreeing to serve us in this important role. To further the FIL's commitment to gender equality, Erin Warren has been appointed the Chair the FIL Gender Equality and Women in Leadership Working Group. These are just a few examples of the new steps being taken by the FIL to grow and strengthen our organization for the future.

Speaking of the future, preparations are already underway for the 2024 Gangwon Youth Olympic Games, where Luge will be featured on the PyeongChang track. The FIL is also turning its attention to the Milano-Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. A new track is planned to replace the historic track that was built over 100 years ago and used for

the 1956 Olympics. The Town of Cortina d'Ampezzo and the Veneto Region are teaming up to build and maintain this new track. The FIL supports this track as it will become a core long term facility for many FIL sanctioned events and also a national sliding center for the Italian program. As the timeframe to build this new track has compressed, it will be essential that the officials in Italy move forward as soon as possible for it to be completed in time for official training and pre-Olympic activities. The FIL is getting deeply involved in assisting our partners in Italy along with our friends at the IBSF.

The FIL has also made an application to the IOC to add Women's Doubles Luge to the program in 2026 to reach gender equality and allow women to compete in this exciting event. Last year, at the FIL Congress, a decision was made to not make an application for Natural Track Luge based on the IOC Executive Board resolution limiting new events to existing venues and no additional athlete quota for 2026. But with the encouragement of key stakeholders, including South Tyrol and Italian sports officials, the FIL also applied to add Natural Track Luge to the 2026 program. A decision will be made by the IOC Executive Board on these applications in July.

I want to thank all of you for allowing me the honor to serve you and the FIL as General Secretary. We have faced the challenges of the past several years together. I wanted also to thank President Einars Fogelis for his leadership this past year and his focus on implementing Slide 2026. Thanks also to the FIL Executive Board and Executive Director Christoph Schweiger and our entire FIL team for the hard work and dedication to the FIL. I would also like to express our appreciation for our sponsors, suppliers, TV partners, and key stakeholders.

And now, finally, I wanted to offer a very special thank you to outgoing VP of Finance, Harald Steyrer, for your decades of service and dedication to the FIL. You have earned the right to hand off the baton and enjoy retirement. We will not let you get too far away, as you will still be forever part of the FIL family.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Bell

General Secretary

IRO Amendment 2022



Artificial Track Natural Track

Applicant: Sport Commission

§ 10, 1.4

Motion No. 25

Old text:

1.4 Start Intervals

- Only one sled may be on the run at any one time; exception: Team Relay competition (§ 3, 6.7).
- The start leader may allow the athlete to start only if the "Track is clear" statement has been relayed to the start leader from the finish.

New text:

1.4 Start Intervals

- Only one sled may be on the run at any one time; exception: Team Relay competition (§ 3, 6.7).
- The start leader may allow the athlete to start only if the "Track is clear" statement has been relayed to the start leader from the finish.
- **Under adverse weather forecasts the Race Director, together with the Technical Director, may shorten the start intervals, in coordination with television, by 10 second increments up to a minimum of 1, 30 min.**

Reason:

The Race Director, together with the Technical Delegate, must have the ability to shorten the start intervals for the upcoming competition days to ensure a better level playing field for all participating athletes.

The number of participants of the seeded groups shall be adjusted according to the proposals of the Sport Commission meeting.

Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

§ 3, 6.1.1

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No Motion for Admission as Member
of the FIL available

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2023 Congress Report

Vice President of Sport, Artificial Track

Dear Members of Congress,

This past season for the FIL saw the launch of a new quadrennium as we head toward Milan-Cortina 2026. It has been my pleasure these past months to work with the new Executive Board and newly formed Committees and Commissions as we strive to keep our sport viable in this new cycle.

A critical work during the first half of 2023 is the development our qualification systems for the 2026 Milano-Cortina Olympic Games. With the addition of the Women's Doubles into the Olympic program, but without any increase in quota allowance, we will have some challenges to create a system that allows for global representation while ensuring that our top Olympic caliber athletes will continue to have the chance to qualify and compete. These qualification standards are a constant balancing act and FIL plans to continue to pursue the request to IOC to increase our overall athlete quota for future Games.

Women's Doubles will be making its debut at the Olympic Games in 2026 and we continue to follow our planned organic progression with this discipline. It was executed in the General Class successfully this past season and this season it will be introduced in test format into the Team Relay. One of FIL's main goals, both desired and required, is to have gender equality in our athlete participation. We hope with our growth in this area we will soon reach our goal. An interesting side note is that while we are pursuing this goal by incorporating women's doubles, the number of women's singles participants was higher than men's at every World Cup, except one, this past season.

The newly formed Sports Commission met in March with the elected and appointed members coming together for the first time in the new quadrennium. In this interim year between IRO changes, we used our time to have healthy discussions and interesting debates and arrived at proposed initiatives that were forwarded to the Executive for consideration. Many thanks to the new Commission members, a healthy mix of new and experienced members, a combination which is sure to generate good motions for our sport over this next four-year cycle. Additionally, the Sport Working Group met to hand over recommendations to both the Sport and Technical Commissions as we look toward fulfilling the planned goals of the Slide 2026 Strategy Plan.

The highlight of our season was the World Championships in Oberhof. By all accounts, it was an excellent race with great successes and record numbers of spectators. Many thanks to the organizers for setting such a high standard for our marquee event and we look forward to next season already with the Championships upcoming in Altenberg. It was our first season introducing the Youth A Continental Cup race series. The Youth Commission gave a good evaluation of this inaugural series and will further evaluate after another season and before any new IRO adaptations at the 2024 Commission meeting. The fourth Youth Olympic Games in 2024 in PyeongChang is upcoming and we continue the qualification period with a four race series this November and December 2023. After a successful training period and race last season, we look forward to returning to the track in Korea and will work closely with the organizers to have successful races for the youth of our sport.

In early May, I attended the Olympic Results and Information Services meeting along with our Sports and Technical Directors to prepare the systems needed to deliver our sport to multiple digital platforms for the 2026 Milano-Cortina Olympic Games. In my role on the Board, I also continue to oversee the Development program in conjunction with our Development Director, Fred Zimny. The programs continue to improve under Mr. Zimny's guidance, and he continues to work closely with new nations who are interested in implementing programs to launch the sport of luge in their respective countries. Many thanks to all of our FIL coaches for their efforts and their continued hard work.

In closing, I would like to highlight the excellent work of our Sport Director, Maria-Luise Rainer, and our Technical Director, Andris Sics. Their hard work is recognized and supported by myself and the Executive Board, and I thank them personally for their work. I also welcome Matthias Böhmer to the team in the running of our World Cup and Championship series. In our Youth and Juniors, I would like to thank Hans Juergen Köhne and Maria Jasencakova. All These critical staff positions continue to ensure that our sport has a consistent high level of professionalism throughout the season at all of our events.

Many thanks to the representatives of each National Federation, the FIL Executive Board, the athletes, coaches, officials, event organizers, the numerous volunteers, our Executive Director, Christoph Schweiger, and the FIL office staff, for their ongoing support of my work and their tireless efforts on behalf of our sport. It is my pleasure to serve in this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire DelNegro

Vice President of Sport

71st FIL Congress
Congress Report Vice President Technical Matters

Dear Congress Participants,

After being constantly accompanied by the Corona pandemic in recent sport years, we were finally able to return to normality. Under the cheers of the numerous spectators, competitions and events could be held again to the great joy of the athletes and coaches.

Thus, in the general class, 9 World Cups, 6 Team Relay World Cups, 3 Sprint World Cups, the Continental Championships and the season highlight, the World Championships in Oberhof could be held.

Unfortunately, the World Cup opening race planned in Igls had to be postponed at short notice due to the holding of the Soccer World Cup in November/December and thus the World Cup opening race took place with a week's delay.

A positive aspect is certainly the first-time staging of the WC races in women's doubles. I believe this discipline has developed and presented itself better than many expected in advance. One can easily speak of a positive enrichment for the sport of luge.

The juniors competed in 6 WC races, the Continental Championships and the season's highlight, the Junior World Championships in Bludenz.

Youth A was divided into two parts. 3 races took place on European tracks, 1 race each was held in South Korea, USA and Canada. At the end of the season they met again at a race in PyeongChang, which was also used as a dress rehearsal for the 2024 Youth Olympics, which was also confirmed by the remarkable number of participating nations.

Also in the past sports season, thanks to the proven good cooperation with the organizers as well as the OC teams, absolutely fair competition conditions could be offered to the participants.

In the past season, the new IRO regulations were applied for the first time in the men's double sleds. The feedback of the nations was mostly positive. However, the relatively short time for the implementation of the regulations was criticized.

The next step will be the implementation and introduction of the standard sleds (components) for women's and men's singles as well as men's doubles.

Due to the failure to order on time, there have been some delays in the delivery of the women's doubles sleds.

In the past season, no major accidents were reported and also few disqualifications.

In order to maintain the positive image of the sport of luge, it is necessary to continue the excellent, joint cooperation as before. Therefore, I would like to thank everyone; athletes, coaches, technical staff, judges, experts, referees, commissions, organizers, national federations for their commitment.

A special thanks also goes to the Medical Commission, which monitors during the season the strict requirements as well as the compliance with the WADA regulations as well as the Anti-Doping Code and the Anti-Doping Principles.

I would like to thank the new Technical Director Andris Sics, Sports Director Maria Luise Rainer and Matthias Böhmer as well as the team in the FIL Office for their helpful and competent support.

Armin Zöggeler
Vice President Technical Matters Artificial Track

71st FIL Congress

Congress Report Vice President Natural Track and Public Sledding

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

An eventful year in the sport of natural track luge has come to an end. It was a year with many hurdles to overcome and with many changes. First of all, I would like to thank you all for the trust you have placed in me. After my election as Vice-President Natural Track and Public Sport in June 2022 in Hall in Tyrol, we immediately started our work. It was not easy for me to get an overview at the beginning, but together with the sports director Andreas Castiglioni we were able to start the preparations and prepare the season.

After the big personnel changes in natural track, we had problems at the beginning to organise the development programme and to fix the race calendar. The position of the development manager for natural track has also changed, many contacts to the nations have been lost. Fred Zimny, together with the Sports Director Andreas Castiglioni, managed to put together a small coaching team and a FIL group by the beginning of the season. Here I would like to emphasise the good work of this group, there were some very good placements in some races of athletes from the development programme. Slyusar Anastasiya from the Ukraine was able to show consistent performances again, including two top ten placements in the World Cup. There were also surprises in the men's competition, with Isa Guzeloglu from Finland achieving a ninth place for the first time at the World Cup finals in Umhausen (AUT). The athletes from the USA, CAN, FRA, KOR, etc. were also able to improve over the course of the season and achieve good results. It is also astonishing that nations that have been in the second row, now have been able to increase their level strongly. For example, Switzerland, France and the Slovenians has some athletes who race always in the top 15 in the World Cup. Young strong athletes are pushing forward, and you can feel a generation change, among the top athletes. This is the result of the excellent youth work in the national federations.

A total of 16 nations took part in the races last winter and the number of participants was as strong as in previous years. Even though the third strongest nation in natural track was not eligible to participate.

We can look back on a very good season, all FIL events could be held. Of course, there were also postponements of races or changes in the venue, but that is part and parcel of an outdoor sport in nature. The winter was not the coldest and also not very snowy, which makes the efforts of the organisers to always create perfect track conditions all the more remarkable. The events in Jaufental, Deutschnofen and Umhausen deserve special mention, they were again perfectly organised and great pictures were sent out into the world.

With the support of the FIL and the organisers, a TV production including a live stream could be set up. The presence on the local TV stations was very good, especially in Italy and Austria. Also in Germany there were some reports due to the good performances of the German athletes. The cooperation with Servus TV was extended and there were 7 highlight shows and several short reports. We also put a lot of emphasis on the social media channels and pushed them with many short clips, action videos and photos. The numbers in social media could be increased again, you can see that luge is gaining interest in the world.

There are also a lot of new faces in the commission. When appointing the commission, we paid special attention to the broad distribution of the members, who come from different nations, from different areas and with different skills. A mixed bunch of experts from the sport of luge, who work very well together. We have had a few online and face-to-face meetings of the commission over the last few months, trying to come up with ideas for concepts for the future. It will still take a while until we can present concrete results, but we are on the right way. Just to mention a few topics:

- For example, we are in the process of developing a new luge sled that works on several surfaces, ice, snow, etc., which looks the same from the outside as a recreational sled, which can be easily and inexpensively copied/constructed, but is still a racing sled. The first prototype was presented at the commission meeting this year, which will be further developed and tested over the summer.
- The natural track sport itself is being rethought, we want to try to unite the different types of sledding in order to reach a wide range of sledders and thus strengthen the sport of racing.
- The aim is to strengthen the sport of luge in the core countries and then build up further nations. In the medium term, the goal must be to race in more different nations.
- We try to make our sport more accessible, because if the barrier to the sport is lower, we will have more participants. By hurdle to the sport, I mean a piece of sports equipment that looks the same for everyone (e.g. like skis) and is not too complex, a piece of sports equipment that can be skied on different surfaces, so there is no longer a need for fixed structures with ice slopes, but a ski slope can also be used for races.
- Perhaps we will also succeed in making natural track luge suitable for the whole year, as roller lugging is becoming more and more popular.

As you can see, ladies and gentlemen, we are working on many issues and I am convinced that we are now on the right way. With your help, dear National Federations, we will manage to further develop the sport of natural track luge and make it more attractive in your countries. Luge is one of the original sports and is enjoying greater popularity again, so this is now our chance to make the sport great.

In this sense, I would like to thank everyone for their support in the field of natural track luge from the bottom of my heart, especially the Presidium, the Executive Board, and the Sports Director for the good cooperation.

With sporting greetings

Sorin Buta

Vice-President Natural Track and Public Sledding

Report VP Marketing

April 2023

Foreword

After a successful Olympic season in 2022, international luge was already facing the next big challenge. The economic crisis caused by the Russian war did not exactly make the implementation of the new marketing concept easier. In particular, this concerned the extension of contracts with existing partners as well as, of course, the generation of new partners for the FIL. In addition, the World Cup took place during the winter months and thus took up a time slot that is normally reserved for winter sports.

During the summer months, all details of the new marketing concept had to be coordinated with all partners and sponsors. This required a large number of different coordination processes, which were associated with a very high administrative effort. At the same time, the design development for our new World Cup logo/branding took place in cooperation with our agency in front.

The competition season did not always run smoothly either, as there was always a need for coordination regarding the new marketing concept. In the end, it was mostly a matter of minor details that had no relevance for our sport in terms of their external impact.

The highlight of the past season was the World Championships in Oberhof. The competitions, which appeared in the new splendor of the renovated track in Oberhof, were not only excellently organized, but with the presentation of many outstanding athletic performances of our athletes, in their impact on the public, a reputation for our sport.

1. New FIL Marketing Concept

The new marketing concept was implemented in the past season. Since the exact distribution of rights required considerable coordination and therefore took a very long time, the event organizers of our events were somewhat hampered in their sponsor acquisition, for which I would like to apologize again at this point. In the end, however, the implementation of the new marketing concept was a complete success. The FIL represented its events in a completely new appearance/design, which was very well received by all spectators and fans. Equally positive feedback came from our sponsors who saw this new appearance of the FIL very positively.

Due to the situation that the company Hargassner, in contrast to its predecessor - the company Viessmann - uses its under-ice advertising, this space, which we otherwise passed on to the organizer, was initially lost, which caused corresponding displeasure. To compensate for this, the FIL obtained from SportA that a third under-ice area was made available for the tourism partner or an internal promotion - such as for the "World Championships Oberhof".

Since this solution is still not satisfactory for our event organizers, the FIL will try to make a third sub-ice surface available for the event organizer during negotiations with SportA. Looking at the visibility of this surface in the season evaluation, it is hardly noticed anyway. Possibly we should also discuss other possible compensation proposals in this context.

2. Event organizers/events

In the first year after Corona, all our events were again attended by many spectators. The overall spectator interest could be increased, but there are still a number of venues where the interest in our sport is limited. On the one hand this is due to the success of the home teams, on the other hand it has to be stated that the general interest in our sport has limits. To improve this situation, we need spectator-friendly races that do not last more than six hours. In addition, we need attractive race formats such as the team relay, which can draw special interest from spectators.

In general, we can confirm that the event organizers of our events did a very good job. The races were all very well organized and professionally handled.

3. TV images

After the criticism from previous years, the TV images could be improved in many broadcasts. Our TV coordinator Britta Semmler has done a very good job here, repeatedly optimizing critical camera positions and settings in close coordination with myself.

This topic will probably accompany us permanently, as there will always be a need for optimization. In the summer months, a cross-section of all images should again be viewed in order to draw conclusions for further improvements to the TV production.

Ultimately, however, financial aspects also play a role in the optimization of TV images, since the technology required for this is usually very expensive. Personally, I was very impressed by the images from the FIS World Ski Championships in Meribel/Courchevel. Here, a large part of the TV images was produced with a drone. These images almost gave viewers the feeling of skiing down the slope themselves. The extent to which this technology is suitable for our sport should be urgently investigated. If possibilities arise in this area, a test run should be aimed for in the coming season.

With the launch of its own FIL YouTube channel (FIL Studio), the FIL has taken another important step in expanding its digital media presence. The FIL Studio in connection with the streaming of our races results in a great overall concept for the viewer to broadcast our events. After the evaluation of the first year, the concept should be worked out even more precisely with regard to viewer interests. Thanks also to Kate Hansen, who presented the FIL Studio in her congenial manner.

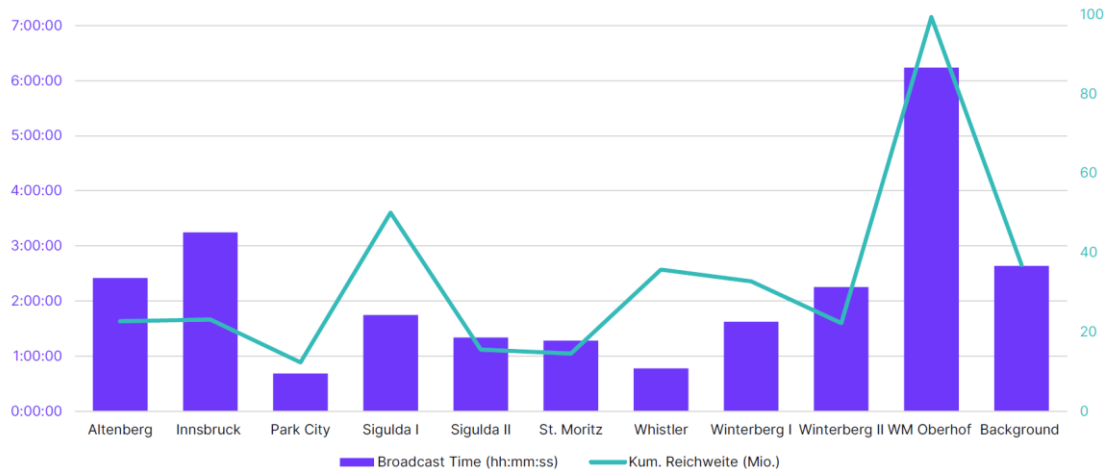
4. Media Analysis Market Value

The FIL, together with the BSD, has commissioned a study to evaluate the media data of its sponsors in a proven manner. The analysis of the figures shows that the advertising value for our partners is in a very good relation to our revenues.

Likewise, the figures show that due to the post-Olympic season and because of the World Cup, which took place in winter, the broadcasting times of our sport have decreased. On the other hand, the figures also express very well that despite the decrease in broadcasting time, the visibility for our partners has grown significantly. This also refutes the concerns that came from many quarters that by expanding our marketing concept with another partner, we would lose visibility with existing partners. The analysis also shows that the presentation of our partners must have been successful, otherwise their visibility would have to drop to the same extent as it did during the transmission times. This good result can therefore definitely be credited to the new marketing presence.

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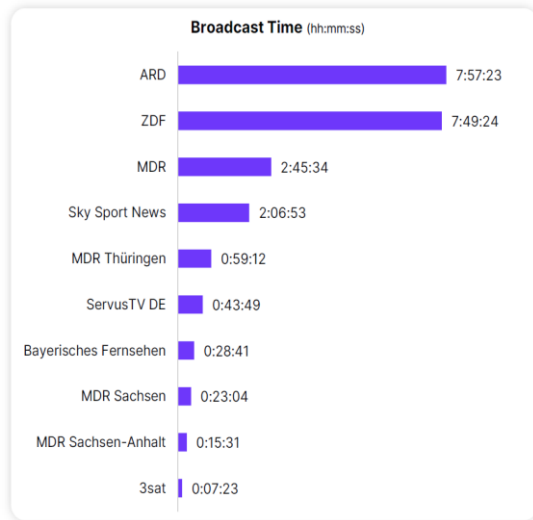
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The graph shows that there has been a clear disparity in viewer interest between the broadcasts in Europe and in North America. If the FIL wants to meet its goals for developing its coverage, the races in Europe will continue to be of very high importance.

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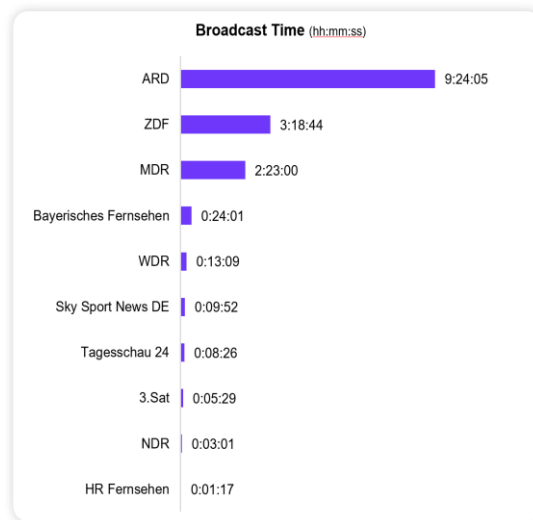
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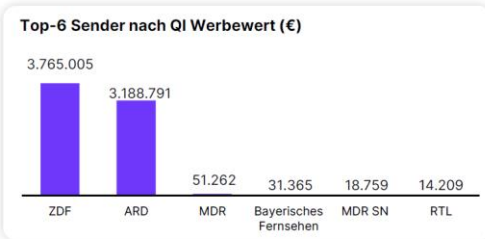
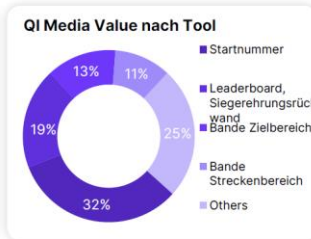
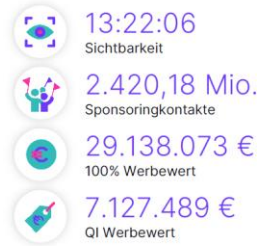
A comparison of broadcast times on German TV shows a decline of around 6 hours compared with the previous season.

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Überblick Eberspächer



Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoring-kontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
Startnummer	3:17:24	585,25	7.046.286	2.311.441
Leaderboard, Siegerehrungsrückwand	2:33:49	431,63	5.049.378	1.351.633
Bande Zielbereich	2:30:15	421,43	5.117.724	939.791
Bande Streckenbereich	1:18:46	284,85	3.483.971	760.351
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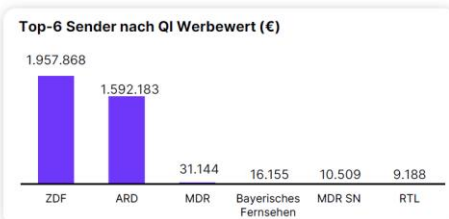
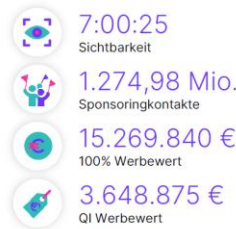
Despite fewer broadcast times, Eberspächer's visibility almost doubled compared to the previous year. In addition, QI advertising value rose from 5.1 million to 7.1 million.

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Überblick BMW



Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoring-kontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
Leaderboard, Siegerehrungsrückwand	2:29:14	418,10	4.894.133	1.382.547
Bande Zielbereich	2:13:06	382,89	4.653.441	932.719
Bande Streckenbereich	0:55:31	190,67	2.326.619	539.376
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Rodel	0:23:34	62,78	762.538	162.523



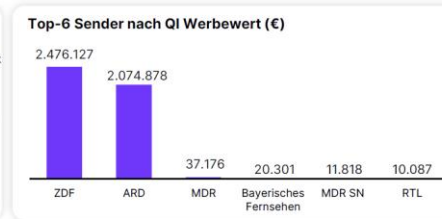
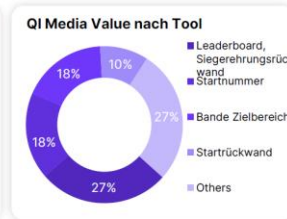
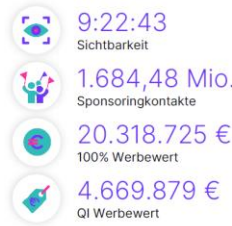
The same can be observed at BMW. Here, too, visibility has almost doubled and the QI advertising value has grown from 2.7 million to 3.6 million.

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Überblick Hargassner



Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoring-kontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
Leaderboard, Siegerehrungsrückwand	2:26:30	391,54	4.573.165	1.259.879
Startnummer	1:21:42	216,88	2.618.285	835.651
Bande Zielbereich	1:59:00	356,26	4.348.677	821.789
Startrückwand	1:05:55	222,60	2.716.748	464.942
Bande Streckenbereich	0:47:44	171,47	2.098.212	446.310



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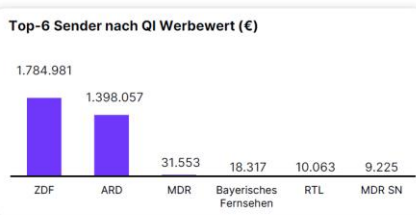
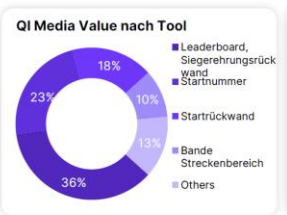
Hargassner also performed significantly better than in the previous year. Visibility also nearly doubled, and QI advertising value rose from 3.6 million to 5.5 million.

TV SPONSORENANALYSE

Überblick Engelbert Strauss



Top-5 Tools nach QI Werbewert	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoring-kontakte (M)	100% Werbewert (€)	QI Werbewert (€)
Leaderboard, Siegerehrungsrückwand	2:18:55	367,55	4.290.703	1.191.486
Startnummer	1:22:20	201,08	2.406.742	760.742
Startrückwand	1:19:34	273,98	3.361.281	573.073
Bande Streckenbereich	0:38:17	120,34	1.467.877	336.272
Bande Startbereich	0:22:26	76,35	972.151	168.103



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Our smallest advertising package with Engelbert Strauss also achieved astonishing values. Here, too, values have been achieved that were not foreseeable in this form.

A similar trend was also seen among the organizers' advertising partners. Here, too, the market values are likely to have increased significantly, which is probably related to the new presentation of our advertising materials. At this point, I would also like to thank RGS, which is responsible for the FIL's advertising presentation.

From a final point of view, the step towards a new appearance in connection with a new marketing concept has likely been worthwhile for the FIL and its partners. If the trend remains the same, the market value of our sports should have increased by approx. 20 - 25 %.

Social Media

Together with our agencies, we are increasingly observing a trend away from the high reach of TV broadcasts toward social media, which have a much lower reach. This trend is due to the strong digitalization of the media and also to the fact that a younger audience should increasingly be reached via digital media. Here, the FIL was able to develop very well in cooperation with our press officer Margit Dengler-Paar. Margit succeeded in positioning the FIL with different cooperation partners in such a way that in the end the social media coverage increased significantly compared to the years previous. However, in order to take a further step here, FIL has to invest even more.

5. Sponsors

Eberspächer

Last winter, the Eberspächer company presented itself as FIL title sponsor for the second season. Despite the generally difficult economic situation, the company Eberspächer has shown itself to be a loyal partner. We may assume that this partnership will last for a long time.

Hargassner

The company Hargassner joined the FIL last winter as main sponsor and has become visible as one of our most important partners. Due to the good media values, Hargassner also wants to extend its commitment, which we are very happy about.

BMW

BMW AG is also a main sponsor of the FIL through our involvement with infront. BMW is Presenting Partner of the Team Relay World Cup and the Team Relay World Championships, furthermore BMW supports the FIL at all World Cups as mobility partner.

The cooperation with BMW through the agency infront is secured for the current Olympic cycle.

Engelbert Strauss

The company Engelbert Strauss has joined as a new partner of the FIL World Cup and the World Championships last winter. The extent to which this commitment will remain depends on the evaluation of the media data. However, the authenticity of Engelbert Strauss to our sport should be very high, as the athletes work a lot on their sleds and this image should fit to the company. From my point of view, all that is needed here is a stronger activation of sponsoring in order to better establish this perfect connection.

Seiz

The company Seiz is already the second season as an advertising partner on the start number (logo on the shoulder straps). This commitment should be maintained together with the extensive equipment of our officials with caps, hats and gloves.

Outfitter

Texspo /GTS is a stable partner for the FIL for the production of the racing shoes. The company also produces our thermal clothing and equips the federation extensively.

With the introduction of the standardized helmet by Uvex, the FIL has had a stable contractual relationship with the company for over 35 years. To this day, the helmet is a guarantee for a high level of safety for our athletes.

6. Natural Track

Unfortunately, it was not possible to extend the contract with South Tyrol last season. The TV production depending on this had to be cut back accordingly, so that the media presence of natural track luge also suffered. In order to improve the situation, the FIL will endeavor to place the marketing

of natural track luge for the coming season and beyond in the hands of a suitable agency. First steps in this direction have already been initiated.

7. Structural reform / new strategic plan

Within the framework of my task as head of the working group "FIL Sport - Attractive for Media and Spectators ", I have carried out an evaluation of the objectives achieved so far together with my working group members:

1. TV

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| 1.1 Increase competencies TV coordinator | implemented |
| 1.2 Introduction of central camera plans, uniform direction partially | implemented |
| 1.3 Introduction of new TV technology (rope camera, on-board cameras, etc.) | failing so far due to finances |
| 1.4 Introduction of FIL TV | implemented |
| 1.5 New visual appearance of FIL | implemented (still open: website) |

2. Events

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| 2.1 Increase attractiveness of events | not implemented |
| 2.2 Events towards a big event | implemented in part |

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Unfortunately, we have not yet got into a noticeably better situation in the event sector. Our races are still very lengthy for the spectators on site. This is primarily due to our competition formats, which stretch out over the entire day for spectators. To make progress here, we need reform of our sport. In addition, the inflation rate following the Russian war of aggression on Ukraine is putting a strain on the budgets of our organizers, so there is not much money left for investments in the spectator sector.

Nevertheless, there are successes in this sector as well. If you look at the past World Championships in Oberhof, it was clearly visible that the infrastructural measures that were made there for the spectators created a great event character.

At the end of my report, I would like to thank my colleagues from the executive board and especially the staff of the FIL office, especially Babett Wegscheider. Babett unfortunately left the FIL in March of this year. She gave me great support in my work and especially in the development and implementation of the new marketing concept. I wish her all the best and much success for her further professional and private future.

Thomas Schwab
VP Marketing

Report from Vice President of Asia

FIL Vice President of Asia

Jay Jieun Park

After dealing with pandemic in the past a couple of seasons, finally, it seems that everything gradually comes back to normal. Korea Luge Federation (KLF) has been managing tremendous luge-related-projects for the past season.

As a Vice President of Asia, I have always been deeply considering ways to attract more people to sport of luge in Asia. As you may know, Asia has very few countries that are actively involved in luge. However, some of athletes from those countries are quite enthusiastic and passionate about this sport. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to present what I did to grow popularity of luge in Asia.

First of all, last December, we hosted 8th Asian Championship along with 1st Youth A continental cup at the Olympic sliding center, which is a great legacy of 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic. For 8th Ach, 4 nations (KOR, JPN, CHN, THI) with 25 athletes competed and for the 1st Continental Cup, 14 athletes participated. As a head of event organizer, I asked my staff to offer them as many training run opportunities as possible. Most importantly, for inexperienced athletes, always safety comes first. As a result, they all safely trained for 2 weeks with no cost and received practical welcome-gift packages from KLF.

Secondly, for the first time since 2018, KLF has also hosted a 2024 YOG luge test event, (2nd Youth A continental Cup) with nearly 150 athletes and coaches from 18 nations. With cooperation of FIL and 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic legacy foundation, we have provided excellent services to all nations, which includes 2 weeks of free training runs, free shuttle service, free weight training facilities and etc. I have tried to give every single of participant best possible services.

Thirdly, As a Vice President of Asia, this has been an ongoing project for KLF to support some of the Asian nations that have nearly no infrastructure for sport of Luge. Last spring, along with 2018 legacy foundation, we have recruited young prospect athletes from Thailand and started to properly train those to the level where they could single-handedly slide from start 3 height, which is exactly 2024 YOG start point. It was a challenging mission at first, however, with all these continuously intensive training; they have all surprisingly managed to slide down with great performance. In fact, one of these athletes finished 3rd place in the race and we were all unspeakably proud.

Lastly, Korea Luge Federation (KLF), along with 2024 Youth Olympic Game organizing committee (2024 YOG) has been working closely for success of 2024 YOG event. Since we hosted test event well at the end of last season, KLF and 2024 YOG committee are immensely confident that 2024 Gangwon Youth Winter Olympic will certainly be great with your supports and interests.

I wish you all best of luck and see you soon.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

FIL Vice President of Asia

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REPORT FROM VP FOR OCEANIA TO 2023 CONGRESS

The 2022/23 international season was a difficult one for many of the athletes from Oceania. The blanket removal of flight support by the FIL along with the global increase in travel costs, including insurance, and the reduction to the participation subsidies severely impacted the athletes from Oceania.

Olympian Alex Ferlazzo (AUS) competed in the World Championships (29th place) and 6 World Cup races with a best result of 6th and placing 19th overall.

USA based athlete Grayson Laughler (AUS), who trains in Lake Placid, competed in 1 Junior World Cup race placing 29th.

Due to lack of finances no artificial track or natural track athletes from New Zealand trained or competed internationally during the 2022/23 season. As a consequence of this New Zealand has submitted motions to the Congress to reinstate targeted travel support and to extend participation subsidies to Youth A athletes.

The rationale for these motions is as follows. With most races in all classes taking place in Europe the nations and athletes from outside Europe incur significantly greater costs in order to be able to compete in international races. This includes travel costs (flights to Europe and transport in Europe), along with accommodation, meals, medical insurance for every day while in Europe. For athletes from a continent without a suitable track international travel is even more essential. For athletes from outside Europe travel to Europe is essential for a worthwhile season whereas athletes from Europe can have a worthwhile season without leaving Europe because of the large number of races in Europe. With most of the races being in Europe and with limited media coverage outside Europe, commercial opportunities for non-European athletes are extremely hard to secure. Athletes from outside of Europe are clearly disadvantaged from a cost perspective. To remain a global sport there needs to be an increased level of support for nations and athletes from outside of Europe. Our sport is better for many reasons when a good number of athletes from outside Europe are competing in all classes

The Naseby Luge Track in New Zealand operated for its 15th winter and thanks to support from the FIL we were able to have Italian Sport Luge athlete Peter Preindl in New Zealand as our coach. After the interruptions from Covid-19 we had a good season with 32 athletes competing in our races – 5 junior women (< 15 years old), 5 senior women (> 15 years old), 14 junior men (< 15 years old) and 8 senior men (> 15 years old). Along with Peter Preindl our international athletes coached each other, the younger athletes and the general public. Peter will be coming back to Naseby for our 2023 season.

The after effects of Covid-19, the cost of living crisis and the increased cost of travel has so far prevented New Zealand Luge and Luge Australia establishing an annual Oceania training camp and competition. It has also hampered the proposed development of a 2nd track in New Zealand at a new ski area that is being developed.

Looking ahead to the 2023/24 season Luge Australia will see Alex Ferlazzo and Grayson Laugher both continuing to train and compete internationally. It is also hoped that new Youth athletes could travel to New Zealand to experience ice luge then progress to the proposed Luge School in Korea and ultimately the 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

In 2023/24 New Zealand Luge plans to have 3 artificial track athletes training and competing internationally – Delta Cox (2020 YOG athlete) plans to compete a full season as a Senior, Hunter Burke (2020 YOG athlete) part of the season as a Junior and Maggie Dowling (NZ Women's Champion) as a Youth A athlete. Delta is targeting the 2026 OWG and to be the first female luge athlete from Oceania since 2010 and Maggie the 2024 YOG where she might be the only luge athlete from the Southern Hemisphere.

In addition to artificial track athletes New Zealand hopes to have at least two natural track athletes training and competing overseas.

The success of New Zealand's motions to the Congress for athlete support is essential if more Oceania athletes are going to continue to train and compete internationally. We hope that the Congress will support these motions along with our motions relating to the Strategic Plan and Sponsorship.

As a consequence of Covid-19 and my personal health issue last year, this will be the first Congress since 2019 that I can attend in person. I very much look forward to catching up with my international luge colleagues and to work together to continue to develop our great sport.



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Report for the 71th FIL Congress, 16-19 June 2023, Bucharest
Sorina Ticu – member of FIL Executive Board

I am an active person who travels a lot for work. I'm never home!

With the utmost confidence I enjoyed your direct vote to occupy the position of FIL executive member at the moment of June 2022.

Now, a year has passed, in which the stated goal was to contribute to the development of luge activity.

The international activity carried out included elements intended to maintain the standard of our sports. There were plans for a new approach, but that did not materialize with new facts. In practice, we graduated together the competitive year 2022-2023 with new challenges, in a little differently way than in the past. But this is not enough. We were all marked and lived the effects together.

We were influenced by the increase of high prices in general and we are marked by the decrease in the main indicators for our international sports activity.

Taking stock, in front of the FIL Congress, now at the end of the first year of the Olympic cycle for the Milan/Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics Games, as a specialist, leader of winter sports in Romania and as a president of Romanian Bobsleigh and Luge Federation, I want to share with you, responsibly, only 3 from the factors we achieved in the 2022-2023 sports year:

The medals of the luge competitions are won by several nations. Reasons: the increased number of young athletes, two series of competitions for juniors and the effects, still few, of the standardization of competition materials.

The voice of athletes, with major implications in performance. Objectives: we must put their ideas into practice. Because the athletes are the image that represents the work of the coaches and the efforts of the administration.

Specialists: involved and devoted. They want to share much more of their own experience, they are *THE GUARDIANS* of our sports, both artificial and natural track, who want to pass on the *SECRETS* of a successful career.

At the same time, the young coaches, among whom there is a greater number of women, have a new vision of success and together with the new generation of athlete are support the standardization on several levels.

Congratulations and many thanks to the organizers of the competitions, the volunteers for the work done in the sports year 2022-2023. More creativity is needed at the level of human resources.

I will continue to support the team, which, must be promoted as a team that is united by common goals. In my opinion, by planning and adopting a strategy, based on a scientific foundation, great results can be obtained even by simple people.

Yours Sincerely,

Sorina Ticu

Member of FIL Executive Board

Congress Report

Dear Members of Congress,

I am pleased to look back at a successful 2022/23 FIL luge season. This season was marked as the first “normal” season after the Covid-19 pandemic, it was great to see spectators back at the track and with them the excitement and energy we have all missed.

The highlight of the season was the 51. FIL Luge World Championships in Oberhof which attracted a great number of fans and people in general. The atmosphere was truly amazing and led to boosting athletes to competing at their best and have some close racing as expected from our sport.

Moreover, I want to take the chance and acknowledge the improvement of what has been made in terms of how we present ourselves. The newly implemented FIL studio well received by athletes, family and fans and it allowed people to have a look behind the scenes and engage more closely with our sport. Additionally, moving the FIL livestream over to YouTube was a game changer in making it easier to follow our racing from all over the world.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to FIL social media and content creation team which did a phenomal job and achieved a substantial growth rate by sharing our beloved sport on the digital platforms.

Thank you to all members of the FIL luge community and I look forward to another successful upcoming season.

Sincerely,

Leon Felderer

Executive Director's Report to the 71st FIL Congress 2023

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends of our sport,

The past reporting year is marked by a positive event - that we were able to experience a "normal" competition season without COVID-19 measures - and under a large shadow: The still ongoing war of aggression of Russia against Ukraine with all its terrible facets, which also have a great impact on the sport. Unfortunately, we will have to address this topic again at this year's FIL Congress.

The ending of the COVID-19 pandemic has brought a return to a normal workflow, which is also reflected in the large number of meetings in the FIL office, as far as the work processes in the FIL office but also those working externally for the FIL are concerned.

I have mentioned it several times in the past and I do it again:

The FIL office with its staff and directors is YOUR service point, valued delegates and stakeholders.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need assistance.

Below I would like to highlight a few projects that have been completed in the past year, or are still in progress, but are not as well known to the public. Without exception, these are projects which only indirectly have something to do with our sport of luge, but which have become indispensable for an international Olympic sports federation:

- ***WADA Code Compliant Questionnaire (CCQ)***

In the past year, the FIL had to answer an extensive questionnaire from WADA, which examined all facets of our anti-doping measures, as well as those of our member federations. We can proudly announce that we passed this CCQ without any major corrections on our part. Here I would like to thank not only the International Testing Agency (ITA), but also my colleague Diana Springl and our Chairman of the Legal Commission, Dr. Christian Krähe, for their months of commitment in this matter.

One consequence of the CCQ, however, affects all our athletes with FIL licenses: It is strongly recommended that everyone must provide proof of successfully completed anti-doping education before the FIL license is issued. The topic "Anti-Doping Education" has the highest priority at WADA. A corresponding motion has been submitted to the FIL Congress for resolution.

- ***Good Governance- questionnaire from the Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF)***

In summer/fall 2022, a labor-intensive questionnaire from the AIOWF on the topic of "Good Governance" had to be worked through again, the results of which are also known to the IOC, among others. These questionnaires change every 2 years and are extended with new topics. Here we can also report that the FIL has again succeeded in further increasing our overall score. We are solidly in the midfield among all Olympic winter sports federations.

A big thank you to all those who have worked on this – at the helm, the FIL office with Anja Fischer, Diana Springl, and again Dr. Christian Krähe, together with my colleagues in the FIL Presidium.

It must be stated here that it is almost impossible for a relatively small Olympic Winter Sports Federation to implement all these "required" measures. These would lead to further administrative costs or are not feasible. An example of this is "Gender Equality" in the leadership areas - unfortunately there are still only a few women who are willing to take on leadership positions in the FIL.

- **Data protection**

Although a small Olympic sports federation, the FIL has to position itself in the same way as a large federation in terms of data protection. In recent years, investments have been made in technical precautions that should prevent a remote cyber attack - but there is no 100% protection!

Not least due to the European Data Protection Regulation (EU-DSGVO), to which the FIL with its headquarters in Austria is subject, we have decided to commission an external company with a data protection audit. This audit serves on the one hand to independently check the existing technical parameters for a secure data environment, and on the other hand to standardize workflows and documents, which are necessary for the daily work with data within and outside the FIL, also due to legal regulations.

This audit will cover a period of about 2 years and will certainly influence all our future workflows in one direction or the other.

- **Electronic License**

Announced several years ago, then postponed due to COVID-19: Since last season, the electronic FIL licensing system for athletes is now a reality.

We are aware that this means more work for the member federations compared to issuing the "paper license" in the past.

Again, I must ask for your understanding and assistance: The required signed documents for the issuance of the license are unfortunately absolutely necessary, and/or these also change again and again.

However, this system offers a great relief for our sport directors as well as for the organizers of FIL events: They now have the certainty that only athletes with a valid electronic license are registered for FIL events. The FIL registration system is directly linked to the licensing system. I would like to thank my colleague Anja Fischer and the company DokuMe, who have been in charge of this project and continue to support it.

- **SLIDE 2026**

The strategic plan SLIDE 2026 also includes the adaptation of the FIL organizational structure in the direction of modern corporate management. In the last 12 months, some trend-setting topics could be worked out, which among other things are reflected in a renewed specification of the FIL Statutes (proposal for this has been submitted to the Congress). Not least due to a minimization of risks for the FIL as a whole and here for the FIL Presidium in particular, the foundation of a non-profit corporation according to Austrian law is being considered. The areas "Events" and "Rights Contracts of the FIL with Third Parties" are to be outsourced to this corporation, in which the FIL will hold 100% of the shares.

Especially the area "Events" with all the associated costs and risks (cancellation of one or more events, TV production costs, cancellation of associated sponsor payments,...) can be financially secured much better by a non-profit corporation. At this point, I would

like to sincerely thank our outgoing Vice President for Finance Philipp Trattner for his preparatory work and especially for arranging talks with Austrian experts on this.

- ***Bookkeeping in the FIL office***

With the beginning of the 2022/23 business year, accounting was moved to the FIL office. With Ms. Sanela Rekić, we were able to gain a very experienced and well-versed accountant. In this context, new accounting software was also purchased, which should significantly ease the work such as the preparation of the annual financial statements, the balance sheet, etc. in the future. Unfortunately, there were massive technical problems with the implementation of the software, which were beyond our control. This has also significantly delayed the payments of participant grants to the federations and the payments of athlete prizes, for which we sincerely apologize. Everything should now work properly for the 2023/24 financial year and these problems should therefore be a thing of the past.

- ***“Marketing” department in the FIL office***

Our long-time employee Babett Wegscheider resigned from the FIL as of 31 May 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Babett for her many years of dedicated service to the FIL and wish her all the best for the future.

Together with the VP Marketing of the FIL we are currently in the process of defining the future direction of "FIL Marketing". Our partners such as agencies but also organizers will be involved in this process. The newly appointed Sport Director Artificial Track, Mr. Matthias Böhmer, will take over some areas for the area "Events Artificial Track" outside of the competition season, as he is the first contact person for our organizers as well as agencies during the winter. Among other things, the specifications and the evaluation scheme for artificial track events will be completely revised.

We at the FIL office want to pay special attention to the area of natural track and popular sports: It is well known that the marketing of the Natural Track World Cup series and the strategic orientation of natural track luge in general is a difficult terrain. Unfortunately, we have recently received another refusal from a very renowned sports and sponsoring agency to support us in this matter.

My colleagues in the FIL Presidium and the responsible vice-presidents and directors will provide information on all other sport-related topics in their reports.

As always, I would like to conclude my report by thanking

- our **president, Einars Fogelis**, for the excellent and daily cooperation,
- our **secretary general, Dwight Bell**, who is a great support for me in the administrative processing of the increasingly extensive tasks - he takes a lot of work off my shoulders,
- our outgoing **vice president, Philipp Trattner**, who has been a great professional support for me in the past 12 months.
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I would also like to **thank**

- all **representatives of the national federations** as well as your athletes and coaches for your support,

- the **event organizers and their officials, the FIL agencies and partners as well as the FIL officials** for the excellent and in all aspects constructive cooperation,
- all **members of the executive board** for their cooperation in a spirit of partnership and for their support in this governing body of the FIL.

I would like to thank my **colleagues in the FIL office, the Directors of Artificial Track and Natural Track, the Development Director, the FIL Press Officers, the TV Coordinator and the members and experts of the FIL Commissions and Working Groups** for their commitment at all times.

For the coming months I wish all athletes an accident-free preparation, the coaches and support staff good planning.

At this point, I would like to ask again for your goodwill and support in the fulfillment of my responsibilities!

Christoph Schweiger
Executive Director

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Report Sportdirector AT

The following report refers to the FIL Luge World Cup season 2022/2023.

For the first time since 2020, the World Cup season was not dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Although there were still signs of offshoots in terms of planning and implementation, however the past season could be carried out without any restrictions or positive reports of Covid-19 cases. Likewise, the "Covid protocol" with "on-site" tests among other things, which had been decisive in the previous two seasons, was completely dispensed with.

The post-Olympic seasons are traditionally faced with smaller fields of participants in the disciplines. This could also be observed in the past season. Furthermore, a strong decrease in the number of participants after the 5th World Cup in Altenberg can be recorded. In principle, this can be attributed to the financial savings of some nations and the lack of relevance of the races.

After the departure of Christian Eigentler as technical director, an ideal successor was found in the former world-class doubles-slider Andris Sics. During the training of the 1st World Cup in Igls, all participants were given sufficient time for technical inspections by Andris Sics. This was taken up by all nations with large attendance and thus all participants could adjust to the way of the technical measurements of the new TD.

Furthermore, we had the difficult task of integrating the women's doubles discipline from the original starting heights and into the world championships program. We were successful in both.

Below you will find an overview of the focal points and individual events of the past competition season in the general class.

Training Conditions:

- The training for all events was coordinated between the event organizer or race management and sport director prior to the event. Team captains were informed accordingly at an early stage;
- The number of training runs specified by the IRO could be adhered to on all tracks;
- The very good cooperation and coordination with those responsible led to very good training sessions on all tracks;
- The women's doubles discipline was offered an additional training run at all World Cup events. Furthermore, all participants of the World Cup St. Moritz / SUI were offered an additional training session;

Track Conditions:

- Very good track conditions were found on all tracks in terms of ice profile and ice quality;
- The cooperation with the track workers and those responsible from the FIL was without any problems for all event organizers;

Medical Service:

- The medical service was present at all tracks during training and competitions and was up to the demands;
- All crashes ended with a good outcome, there was one serious injury (F. Malleier/ITA, WC in Sigulda);
- Strikingly inconspicuous this season were the number of concussions. To better check the athletes after a crash, an examination by the race doctor should be included in the IRO as a mandatory measure;

Doping Inspections:

- Doping inspections were performed at 8 different FIL competitions:
WC Innsbruck/AUT, WC Whistler/CAN, 2 x WC & EM Sigulda/LAT, WM Oberhof/GER, WC Altenberg/GER, WC Winterberg/GER, WC St. Moritz/SUI;

Protests:

In the 2022 / 2023 season, the appointed FIL juries could not record any protests;

Online-Registration:

A proper online registration for the World Cup races was always given by the NFs;

The switch to the DokuMe registration system can be seen as a stroke of luck. Some suggestions for improvement from the track operators have already been sent to the FIL office;

FIL-Sled-Transport:

With DB Schenker, a reliable partner was gained for the past season. The organized overseas tour could be carried out without major delays. Only the return transport was difficult due to the short time window for Christmas and the weather chaos in the USA, so that some nations were only able to receive their transport boxes on December 23.

Despite the perfect handling, cooperation with other transport service providers should still be left open. Furthermore, the cheaper transport variant bulky luggage, especially with regard to smaller nations, should be discussed.

Race Judges:

- After the restrictions of the past seasons, you could feel a lot of enthusiasm and motivation from everyone involved.
- On a weekly basis, the FIL officials carried out further training for the judges at the respective venue.

Outlook:

Women Double's:

In the upcoming season it is particularly important to integrate the women double's into the team relay. The starting order of the disciplines in the respective season should be critically discussed.

Furthermore, it requires an extensive support program on the part of the FIL for the women double's discipline to increase the number of participants in the discipline itself but also to generate more potential team relays among the nations. The final impact on Team Relay starting fields remains to be seen.

Schedule:

In order to enable track operators, race organizers, but also nations and athletes to plan better and save money in the long term, future calendar planning should be planned two years in advance in close coordination with IBSF and published by the world cup final of the previous season at the latest.

52nd World Championships Altenberg:

In the 2023/2024 season, the 52nd FIL World Championships will take place in Altenberg/GER. The preparations have already begun and so we can look forward to February 2024 with great anticipation.

Race starting time:

In the future, when agreeing on race times, consideration should be given not only to the media-relevant ranking but also to the athletic placement.

FIL Sled Transport:

In addition to the offers for cargo transport, the possibility of carrying the equipment as bulky luggage should also be examined for financially disadvantaged nations. This could give those same nations the opportunity to participate in overseas events with lower expenses.

Report Technical Director AT

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear sports friends,

In the following words I would like to give you review of the past luge season 2022/2023, as well as thank everyone who helped me prepare for this responsible job and trusted me to perform these duties of the Technical Director AT.

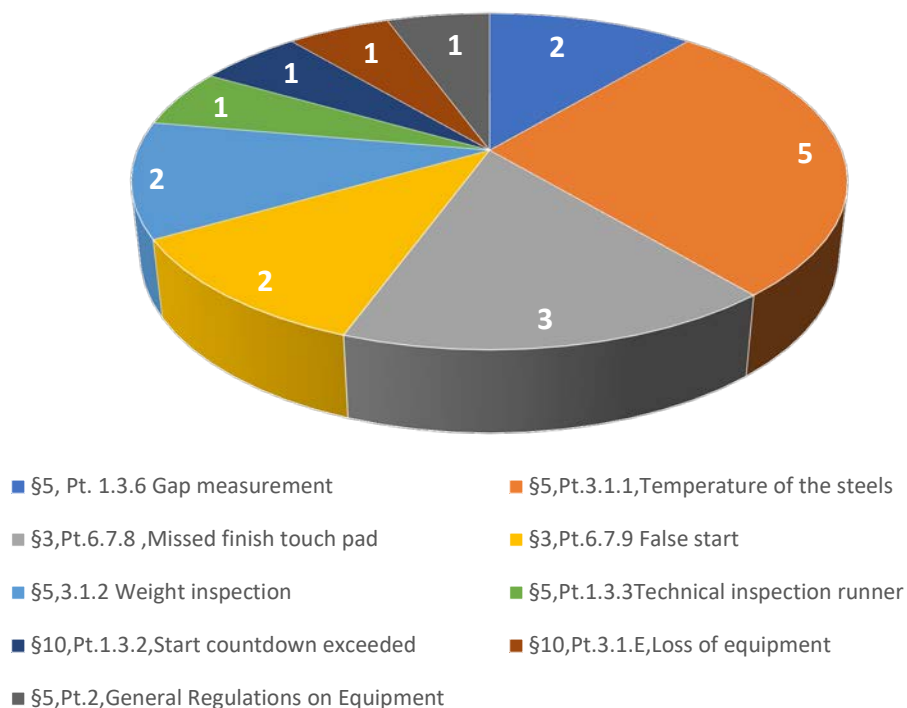
The previous luge season was my first season as a Technical Director and thanks to great support from very knowledgeable and professional people, I was able to prepare and perform my duties starting with the first stages of the World Cup. Last season there were a lot of changes in the IRO, which was very challenging for all National Federations to prepare the competition equipment in time.

In the 2022/2023 season there were 9 luge World Cups, 6 Team Relay World Cup, 3 Sprint World Cups, the Continental Champions (Race in Race), and as season highlight, the 51st FIL World Championships in Oberhof/ GER on the program.

In addition to the permanent technical delegate (TechDir), another two technical delegate and 3 Jury members were nominated for all competitions in consultation with the event organizers and the FIL. The assigned tasks were implemented to the fullest satisfaction. The technical inspections were carried out at all venues according to the 2022 IRO, with the pre-inspection being offered weekly.

Thanks to the very good cooperation between organizational teams and track operators, excellent and fair training and competition conditions could be offered at all venues.

The technical inspections were carried out according to the 2022 IRO at all venues with the weekly offer of pre-checks. In the season, 18 rule violations were detected.



Luge shoes

Last season, in cooperation with the company Rass, test training shoes were created, which were intensively tested by athletes from different countries and gave their feedback on what is good and where improvements are needed in order to create safer and more reliable shoes.

Overall, the feedback was very positive on the new improved training shoe and the direction for improvement is correct.

All information has been immediately sent to the RASS company for further improvement and development of the shoes so that a new test model can be developed as soon as possible and handed over to the athletes for testing and feedback.

Runner's bending measurements machine

After getting acquainted with the changes in the rules adopted by the Technical Commission for the previous season, it was necessary to carry out bending measurements machine of the double sled runners(kufens) in the 2022/2023 season. In consultation with experts, a prototype device was created so that these measurements could be performed and the necessary information could be collected for further actions. In order to perform the measurements, in consultation with the TK members, the strength of the measurements and also the measurement distance where the measurements are made were adopted.

Measurements were taken at the midpoint of the double sled runners between the bridges as well as 25 cm forward of the center of the front bridge box with a force of max 2 Nm.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire Presidium and Executive Board of the International Luge Federation, the members of the TC Artificial Track, all organizers with their teams, coaches and athletes and the Sports Director for their very good cooperation.

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Report Sports Director Natural Track 2022/23 Season

This 2022/23 season was a very intense and challenging one for everyone. There were many changes, which caused us some starting difficulties.

The preparations for the 2022/23 season started in April with the commission meeting and from June with the preparation and organization of the winter. At the commission meeting some IRO changes were decided which were already applied in the last season.

The congress took place in June 2022 in Hall in Tirol, elections were again on the program, Peter Knauseder did not stand for election anymore. Sorin Buta prevailed in the election against Leander Moroder and was elected vice president for natural track and public sledding.

The new leadership started working very quickly, as some items had to be prepared for the executive board in September, such as race calendar, appointment of the commission and working groups, etc.

The start was very difficult because there were a lot of new people and everyone had to find their tasks first.

I only visited some of the venues. The meetings with the event organizers took place mostly virtually via the medium Zoom. Many telephone calls and many video conferences in the preparation brought the hoped-for success in the organization.

The event organizer meeting, where the event organizers of WC, JWC and Championships were informed about the specifications, took place in September in Imst.

The support of Servus TV was pleasing and the highlight shows after the World Cups were well received. For me, the short clips by Eugen Cela were also very important and essential, they have a very large media reach. Thankfully, we were able to make a TV production and live stream at the World Cups possible again with special support from the FIL and with financial participation from the organizers. This was very important for our natural track sport.

A big work site until late in the fall was the FIL group. Unfortunately, the new FIL Development Director had difficulties implementing his program at the NL. Only with the help of everyone was it possible to set up a FIL group with a coach. I would like to emphasize the performance of Christina Götschl, who led and organized the FIL group during the winter.

Due to the many changes and the aftermath of the decision not to apply for the Olympics, there was a lot of uncertainty and demotivation. To get this situation under control again and to restore the motivation so that a regular schedule could take place in the winter was a great challenge that cost a lot of energy.

The effort in this winter was again enormous for me, with the warm winter there were again postponements and program changes. However, this is also part of our sport, we are an outdoor sport, a sport in nature! All FIL events, with the exception of a JWC and the FIL Youth Games, which overlapped with a World Cup, were held in my presence and under my supervision.

I will not go into detail about each race in this report, in summary it can be said:

- The season opener in Winterleiten was successful, track conditions and the organization were good. Also the pursuit worked well, this format is especially well received by the spectators.
- It was already planned, that if Mariazell should not be able to organize the 2nd WC, Jaufental would take over. So it happened and with a change of program the 2nd and 3rd World Cup were held in

Jaufental. I think such a format is promising, a weekend with excitement, night races and compact results. The race itself was perfectly organized with livestream, highlight show, report Servus TV and distribution. The club also managed to attract many spectators to the track. Jaufental was the positive turning point for me, from that race on, NT was on the way up again.

- The 4th World Cup in Deutschnofen was as usual well organized, also there we could present again nice images and an exciting race.

- Unfortunately we had to look for a substitute venue for the WCH in Romania. Fortunately we managed to win Deutschnofen for this big event. They organized everything perfectly within 2 weeks and held a great WCH. I would like to thank the responsible persons of the luge and winter sports in Italy for the fast and uncomplicated support.

- The 5th World Cup was held on the same weekend with the World Cup Final in Umhausen. Also there the same system as in Jaufental was used and despite double plus degrees two fair races could take place. A highlight was the final race of the three athletes who ended their career, we could market this well. Also the closing ceremony of Thomas Kammerlander and the award ceremony of the World Cup overall standings was associated with goose bumps moments and is probably unprecedented in this scope.

In summary, I would like to say that it is important that the World Cup races have a live broadcast, the small, short clips with the highlights from the day have been maintained. The media presence of the events must be increased to better showcase our sport.

The Junior World Cup had 5 nice competitions, which were handled very well. In my opinion, we must perhaps pay more attention to the juniors in the future and perhaps make the competition concept for the juniors a little more modern and youth-oriented.

My personal highlight was the WCh in Deutschnofen, because we saw again what is possible when everyone pulls together. It was also important for NT that the President, the Executive Director, the Vice President of the natural track, another executive board member and the Honorary President of the FIL were present.

What also pleased me very much is that nations such as Switzerland, Finland, Ukraine, Slovenia, etc. made it into the top 10 at the events.

Technically the races worked very well, the cooperation between the different areas, TD, jury, timing, TV, livestream, social media, press, photos, publicity coordinator etc. was again commendable. A TEAM has now developed that sticks together and works in a solution-oriented manner!

The working group material has now built a prototype for a new luge and has also already made the first tests. It still needs further development and some changes, but the tests results are positive. You can find more details about the new sled and the results in the report from the vice president, Sorin Buta.

The past season was accompanied by a lot of effort, planning uncertainty and bureaucracy, looking back we can all be proud of ourselves, we rocked "natural track" against all odds. Therefore, I would like to thank everyone, from the bottom of my heart!

I would also like to thank the Presidium, the Executive Board, the Commission members and especially the Vice President Sorin Buta for the trust they have placed in us!

Best regards,
Andreas Castiglioni, Sport Director Natural Track

2023 Report Commission Youth and Development AT

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear friends of our sport,

After the 2022 Congress approved the separation of Youth A and Junior World Cup, we can look back on a first successful season in the new format.

Youth/Development Commission:

The Youth/Development Commission met in Berchtesgaden on March 18, 2023.

By invitation, Marie-Luise Rainer (Sport Director) and Andris Sics (Technical Director) fortunately attended the meeting to discuss the overlaps between the junior and general classes.

I would like to briefly elaborate on the following point.

Evaluation 1st season Junior World Cup and Continental Cup

The first season with separate Junior World Cup and Continental Cup for Youth A can be evaluated as very positive. The fields of participants of both race series were as planned in advance. Therefore the 12 planned training runs could be carried out. The training as well as the race days could all be carried out calmly and in a reasonable time frame, this has provided a great relief for all but especially for the event organizers.

It was clear in advance that the fields of participants in Asia and North America would not be the same as in Europe, but they were also within the planned framework.

It is also positive that the Continental Cups are open to all nations on all continents, e.g. the USA participated in two Continental Cups in Europe (Sigulda and Bludenz) and thus gained experience on the European tracks.

This separation will have a positive effect on future development.

After the 2023/24 season, a conclusion will be drawn for the Continental Cup and possible adjustments will be made.

Continental Cup Pyeongchang:

The ITW and the Continental Cup as a pre-event before YOG 2024 was a good test and an important event for the FIL and the event organizer the Korean Luge Federation (KLF) to assess the sports venue and all facilities and to test them with a view to YOG 2024.

With 19 nations, 81 sleds and 7 teams in the team relay, there was a large number of participants.

For the athletes and coaches, these 2 weeks were very important to get to know a new track and to be able to work on it in peace, to gain experience and thus to arrive well prepared for the YOG 2024.

For the KLF, the race management, judges and NTO's, this event was important to gather experience in the organization and race procedures. All involved did a competent and very good job

The working relationship with all involved, Gangwong 2024, KLF, race director, 2nd TD, judges and NTO's was very good and cooperative.

The track crew did a very good job and provided a track with a very good ice profile. During the ITW, some minor work still had to be implemented in the ice. The ice master responded quickly and easily to all requests and desired changes and implemented them.

Special thanks to KLF Lee Young and Hyunjun Park who did a great job from airport pickup to room reservation and local transportation, also KLF covered the full transportation costs from the airport and back. Another thanks goes to the Pyeongchang 2018 Legacy Foundation who covered the all training runs.

I would also like to thank Maria-Luise, who organized the complete sled transport with DB Schenker (Markus Kotkowski) and that also during the season.

The sled transport worked very well, only some nations need to be better organized and adhere to agreements, then this will run even more smoothly in the future.

Note:

It should be noted that the development in the doubles of the juniors and youth A males is stagnating or declining (see table) and from my point of view the FIL must take measures here. It should be considered whether the standard double sled should also be used here.

The development in the female doubles is more stable here, but also here the promotion must be continued, as with the training course in Sigulda this season.

Especially looking ahead to the 2026 Olympic Games, and also beyond.

Number of sleds and nations doubles female and male

Juniors				Youth A			
Nations		Nations		Nations		Nations	
Female	Number	Male	Number	Female	Number	Male	Number
AUT	1	GER	3	AUT	2	AUT	1
CZE	2	LAT	2	GER	3	CZE	1
GER	2	SVK	2	ITA	1	GER	3
ITA	1	UKR	1	KOR	1	ITA	1
LAT	2	USA	2	LAT	1	KOR	2
POL	1			POL	1	LAT	1
URK	1			UKR	2	POL	1
				USA	2	UKR	1
7	10	5	10	8	13	8	11

Preview

The 2023/24 season includes six Junior World Cups, one Continental Cup in Pyeongchang, three Continental Cups in North America, and four Continental Cups (Youth A World Cups) in Germany, in these four races the quota places (qualification races) for the 4th YOG in Pyeongchang will be contested. Then follows from 14.01. to 23.01.2024 with the 4th YOG in PyeongChang/KOR, the season highlight for the Youth A and at the end of the season with the Junior World Championships in Lillehammer the season highlight of the Juniors.

Closing

On behalf of the Youth/Development Commission, I would like to thank the event organizers and track operators for staging the races despite many a rough patch and thank the organizations involved for their goodwill in organizing races for youth. In this thank you, I would like to include all the team captains with their athletes, who have been very disciplined and cooperative in supporting the Youth A/Junior World Cup. A big thank you goes to all the track workers and the helpers who worked in various functions for the hours of tireless assistance during training and races in an honorary capacity.

I would like to thank all the officials, team captains, and support staff for their excellent cooperation during the past season. I would like to thank my team for their great commitment, for the constructive discussions, and the great time spent together.

A special thanks goes to the Presidium and the Executive Board with President Einars Fogelis at the helm, who always have an open ear for the youth and for the trust given to me in my work for the youth of the FIL.

April 2023
Hans-Jürgen Köhne
Chairman Commission Youth/Development

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Report of the Ethics Authority

In 2022, the Ethics Officer had to handle two cases for alleged violations of the Ethics Code,

--first a complaint of the Russian Luge Federation dated 13. April 2022 against the Secretary General of the UKR Zhukov and Ukrainian luge athletes (1.) ,

furthermore
--various statements in chat messages on social media accounts (Instagram) by Russian athletes, which were discovered with the help of FIL press officers (2.) :

1.The violations of the Secretary General alleged in the advertisement Zhukov are based on a public statement with hate speech on his Facebook account.

On his Facebook account, furthermore the athletes signed an open letter to all international luge athletes of the FIL, calling for a boycott of the competitions if Russia is not excluded from the competitions.

2.The violations of 7 Russian athletes alleged in the postings are alleged to have been committed by statements about the Russian war.

The Ethics Officer examined both cases with the allegations in detail and found in part violations of the FIL Ethics Code and therefore submitted corresponding motions with reasons to the responsible FIL Ethics Committee.

Burghausen, 15.09.2022

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Report TV Coordinator 2022/23 (Artificial Track)

After two difficult winters due to the pandemic, TV productions in the 2022/23 season were much more relaxed than in the previous two years, even though hygiene regulations were only cautiously lifted. The spectators who were allowed at the tracks again and the staff of the involved TV stations involved, who were again increasingly deployed on site, largely conveyed normality.

TV Exposure

With a total air time of 356 hours and a total of almost 327 million viewers, the Eberspächer Luge World Cup 2022/23 and the 51st FIL Luge World Championships were again well represented in the international broadcasting coverage, even though the number of broadcasting hours was significantly lower and the viewing figures were slightly below those of the previous year. The main reason for the decline in broadcasting hours was the fact that there were no TV broadcasts in Russia (*Match TV*, *Match Strana*, *Match Arena* and *Match Igra*) and China (*CCTV*), where almost 200 broadcasting hours were generated in winter 2021/22, accounting for 32 percent of the season's broadcasting time. In addition, there was no coverage on *Olympic Channel* (previous year: 60 hours).

The most important TV market remains Germany, where 99 percent of the ratings were generated in the past winter. The majority of live or delayed broadcasts on *ARD* and *ZDF* reached more than two and in some cases more than three million viewers, with market shares of up to 23.9 percent and an average of 17 percent. Once again, luge coverage ranked in the top 10 of all *ARD* and *ZDF* broadcasts on the respective days and, according to German TV, came in third overall behind biathlon and ski jumping in the ranking of the most-watched sports of the season.

Similar to previous years, regular, extensive coverage was also provided live, delayed or as highlights on *ORF* and *ORF Sport+* (Austria). A decrease in broadcasting time was recorded in the USA, in Canada *CBC Sports* reported live from the doubles event in Whistler, all races of the season could be watched on *CBC Live Streaming*.

A growing challenge is the competition with other sports for TV airtime and ratings. As more and more disciplines are being added and the goal of equalizing the competitions for men and women is increasingly being pursued, it is no longer possible to include all sports in TV coverage in the usual way, since broadcasting time for sports cannot be expanded at will. Attractive and, above all, compact formats are required in order to remain in the favor of the broadcasters (and ultimately the viewers). In Luge, the consistent introduction of the women's doubles discipline could be integrated into the competition program last winter due to the manageable number of participants. However, this is likely to become problematic as the number of starters is supposed to increase. In order to ensure the best possible flexibility in the organization of the competition times and programs, it should be considered if the number of participants can be reduced, at least in the second runs. This would also allow better planning if not all starting places are used, as was the case in 2022/23 due to the ban on the Russian athletes or the withdrawal of National teams after the World Championships.

A detailed TV evaluation is included in the Congress Dossier.

Live-Streaming

After the "last minute" cancellation by Olympic Channel to re-broadcast all luge competitions as in the 2021/22 season, the FIL again carried out the live streaming with English commentary and video on demand on its own, which, with the consent of the rights holders (*ARD/ZDF*), could be carried out via the

FIL YouTube channel for the first time. It was an advantage that the commentators were on site again after the pandemic-related restrictions had been lifted. Numerous international athletes again supported Tim Singer and Bree Schaaf as co-commentators during all live streamings and gave valuable input on the respective races. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved for their contribution to the successful realization of the event.

Special thanks go once again to JFM Sports and Digotel, who created the personnel and technical prerequisites and thus ensured that this offer - geo-blocked only for Germany (partly), Austria and Latvia due to TV agreements - could be used worldwide. For the coming winter, the rights holders have held out the prospect that geo-blocking could probably be relaxed somewhat in parts.

Luge fans in more than 70 countries followed the races on the *FIL YouTube* channel. Compared to the previous year (Olympic Channel), the evaluation of this FIL service shows a significant increase in use, especially in Germany (due to geo-blocking here mainly use of VoD), Italy and the USA.

As in previous years, the 25 to 34 aged accounted for the largest share of users, at just under 20 percent, followed by the 35 to 44 and 45 to 54 age groups. 47 percent followed the races on mobile devices, but computer and TV users accounted for the longest time spent.

FIL Studio

To complement the linear TV broadcasts and FIL Live Streaming, the FIL, supported by JFM Sports and Digotel, launched *FIL Studio*, a second YouTube channel in the 2022/23 season, on which background information, analyses, interviews and much more were broadcasted in English language. After the premiere at the Whistler World Cup, FIL Studio broadcasted live at all remaining events for about 30 minutes before the start of the race, in between the runs and after the end of the race. Many thanks to Kate Hansen, former athlete of the U.S. National Team, who did a great job presenting the program, as well as producer Chris Rawes and cameraman Curtis Janot.

Finally, I like to thank the FIL Presidium and the FIL Executive Board, the team in the FIL Office, the FIL officials and partners, agencies, national federations, athletes and coaches as well as organizers and track operators for the pleasant cooperation during the past winter.

I am looking forward to continuing the cooperation in the 2023/24 season.

Britta Semmler-Dzoesch
FIL TV Coordinator

The 2022/23 season highlights are available for download on the FIL FTP server from mid June:

<https://ftp.fil-luge.org:9090>

User: TV_Highlights

Password: qKXx2Y

The use of the footage is strictly limited to internal purposes. Any kind of public presentation, website use or use in any kind of social media, use for advertising or promotion activities, duplication, sale or passing on to others is not authorized.
The footage was produced with the kind support of German Television ARD and ZDF as well as the FIL national federations and the organizers of the individual races.

Successes in FIL Communication

From March 2022 to March 2023, 468 posts were posted on FIL's **Facebook** channel. With 38,355 followers, the number **increased by 16.53 percent** over the twelve months. On Instagram, the number of followers increased by **13.14 percent**. The reaches and increases are purely natural. Attractive reels, competitions (weekly betting game and raffle of a high-quality luge sled and Olympic bibs with autographs) were the measures to increase the number of followers on Instagram. In 12 months, 236 Instagram **posts** (without reels) and a total of 187 Instagram **reels** were published.



In 483 **tweets** last year, mainly links to FIL press releases, the website as well as winner postings and competition results were distributed. In addition to targeted **press releases** to a personal, English-speaking and separate German-speaking press distribution list, Twitter is an important medium for the distribution of FIL news. Preliminary reports for the new race week as well as race reports are published weekly on the FIL website and sent to the media. **Press services** for the season opener, championships and statistics were sent out.

Due to the live streaming of our races and the new channel with "FIL Studio Live", the number of subscribers on the FIL **YouTube** channel increased by 83 percent in 2022. To complement the linear TV broadcasts, the FIL launched a **digital offensive in sports coverage** during the second race weekend in Whistler, Canada. For the first time, live streaming was available via the FIL YouTube channel and, in addition, a

second channel, "FIL Studio Live," was set up on which background information, analyses, interviews and much more could be viewed in English.



The premiere of "FIL Studio Live" was a great success. "I was very nervous, but it was great fun. The live studio is a great way to explain our sport and bring it even closer to the viewers with interviews at the start or finish line," said Kate Hansen, former Olympic participant of the U.S. national team and the face of the FIL-Studio.

2022 RedTorch analysis documented FIL successes on social media

The RedTorch analysis on the Social Media Ranking of International Sports Federations annually evaluates the social media work of Olympic World Federations (IFs) according to its performance on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and TikTok.



It is particularly pleasing that the FIL is highlighted on pages 19 and 38 of the 2022 Report as the International Federation with the highest growth rates on Facebook and YouTube.

The FIL communications team grew for the 2022/23 season. A new product, FIL Studio, was introduced and communications work expanded. The success in the RedTorch analysis for 2022 gives hope for further growth rates in the future.

April 20, 2023 / Margit Dengler-Paar

Report on the FIL Development Program for 2022-2023

Fred Zimny, FIL Development Director

The 2022-2023 FIL Development Program was a success despite being faced with several challenges. Two of these included significant budget cuts and a reduction in the number of athletes participating as part of FIL Group 1, which is typical in a post-Olympic season. But regardless of these issues, there were still many more positives than negatives, as outlined below.

Just as every nation is a team, so is the FIL and there are a number of individuals who played a defining role in making the FIL development program a success in 2022-2023. Most notably, Claire DeINegro, FIL Vice President of Sport and Christoph Schweiger, FIL Executive Director should be recognized for her knowledge and guidance throughout the season.

FIL Coaches

Leading the FIL groups was a cadre of coaches with a mix of experience and youth. Ioan Apostol (ROU) returned to the FIL as Head Coach of FIL Group 1, but unfortunately his colleague and Assistant Coach Yuriy Hayduk was unable to leave Ukraine due to the ongoing war. Petr Kinzel and Tomas Kinzel (CZE), continued their long standing positions as Head Coach and Assistant Coach respectively with FIL Group 2. And overseeing the Youth A Group was Head Coach Bogdan Macovei (ROU) and newcomer Martins Lozbers (LAT). The FIL is lucky to have such a skilled, professional and experienced crew guiding the athletes participating in the FIL development program.

FIL Groups

The FIL Groups have long been a safety net for National Federations with few athletes, little funding and no luge facilities of their own. This season, joining the long-standing Group 1 (General Class) and Group 2 (Junior Class) was the Youth A Group, which consists of young athletes who are either brand new or have very little experience. These athletes trained under the guidance of FIL coaches during scheduled training weeks and if ready, competed in the newly formed Continental Cup race series.

	Nations	Athletes	M/F	Participating nations	Age range	Total runs
Group 1	4	6	5M/1F	CZE, FIN, IRL, TPE	21-24	667
Group 2	5	14	8M/6F	AUS, CRO, CZE, PUR, SLO	15-20	1334
Youth A	10	24	17M/7F	BUL, CZE, FRA, GEO, IRL, NED PUR, SLO, SVK, THA	13-16	1149

Luge School

The annual FIL Luge School took place October 14-24 in Sigulda. The school was fully funded for all participants, *including* one coach from each nation thanks to an IOC Olympic Solidarity Grant (more details below). The school was an overwhelming success with 30 athletes from 12 different nations taking part. All logistic arrangements and equipment were provided by the FIL. Following the school, several of these first-time sliders went on to join the FIL Youth A Group for additional training and racing. A breakdown of the participation at the school is as follows:

Nations	Athletes	Age range	Coaches	Participating nations	Total runs	Runs per athlete
12	30	12-16	16	BUL, CZE, GEO, IRL, NED, POL,	853	33
	15F/15M			PUR, ROU, SLO, SVK, THA, UKR		

NF Programs

Funding was allocated to numerous National Federations for specific development related projects with a goal of increasing participation in their domestic luge programs. Budget limitations affected how many projects could be funded, but in total, €50,000 was allocated amongst 13 different nations.

New Nations

The 2022-2023 season saw the re-emergence of several recently inactive nations as well as several brand-new nations seeking membership in the FIL. Nations that saw an injection of new young athlete(s) into their program

include EST, FRA, IRL, NED, PUR and THA, most of whom participated in the FIL Luge School and then joined the FIL Group for further training. New nations currently in the process of seeking FIL membership include MGL, NGR and TUN.

Olympic Solidarity Grants

Thanks to the IOC Olympic Solidarity Grant program, the FIL was able to secure two grants focused on nations identified as underrepresented in the last Winter Olympic Games. The first grant targeted the FIL Luge School and covered the accommodations, meals, training fees, coaching and equipment costs for the 12 nations, 15 coaches and 30 athletes participating in the school. The second focused on preparation for next year's Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon, Korea.

Partnerships

The popular FIL Partnership Program, in which a smaller developing nation is partnered with a larger, established nation, was again a success in 2022-2023. The FIL supported the program with an allocation to the host nation of €300 per athlete per race, for a maximum of 1M, 1W, 1 MD and 1 WD sled per nation.

Host	GER	USA	AUT	ROU	CAN
Guest NF	ARG, POL, SUI	JPN, SVK	SWE	IRL	AUS

Vouchers

Another popular program that continued this season was the allocation of track vouchers. Valued at €25 per voucher, many nations received a quantity of vouchers based on number of athletes, length of participation and need. Because of the budget situation, the decision was made to not allocate vouchers to nations that have a home track.

Summer Camp

In order to better prepare athletes for the grueling physical toll luge athletes must endure, a summer camp took place in 2022 in Smerzovka, CZE and Oberhof, GER. In Smerzovka, development athletes from the FIL groups took part in physical testing, physical training and wheel sled training. This was followed by 3 days in Oberhof which focused on start practice on the Oberhof refrigerated start ramp. In recent years, the coaches have observed that many athletes participating with the FIL group have not been properly physically prepared for the stresses involved in the sport of luge. For both safety and performance reasons, it was determined that young athletes should be taught the basic off-season physical training skills needed to perform to their highest potential in-season. The summer camp addresses these skills.

Conclusion

The season following an Olympic Games can be somewhat challenging, especially in the General Class category, as athletes retire or step back for the first year of the new quadrennium to pursue personal interests. Such was the case with the 2022-2023 season as the numbers in FIL Group 1 were significantly lower than the season before. Conversely, participation in the first year of the FIL Youth A/Continental Cup Group were encouraging, as athletes started the qualification process for the 2024 Gangwon YOG.

Some initiatives that will be focused on in the coming season include:

- As mentioned, athletes being better physically prepared for competition.
- The inaugural Asia luge school
- Assisting underrepresented NFs with YOG qualifications.
- Updating of existing equipment.
- Encouraging NFs to be more disciplined with advanced planning.
- Increased participation in the FIL summer camp.
- Working with indigenous winter nations who currently have low participation to increase their involvement.
- Increase fall run volume for FIL Group athletes.
- Assist in creating a development pipeline for nations new to the FIL.

Report on the FIL Natural Track Development Program 2022-2023

Fred Zimny: FIL Development Director

The 2022-2023 season was a transitional year for the FIL Natural Track Development Program. Budget reductions and changes in personnel created challenges that required creative solutions to provide NFs in the FIL group with the quality support they've been accustomed to. An overview of some of those challenges is detailed below.

But first, several individuals must be acknowledged for their assistance and expertise in the planning and execution of the natural track program this past season. This includes Sorina Ticu, FIL Executive Board member; Claire DelNegro, Vice President of Sport; Sorin Buta, FIL Vice President of NT & Andreas Castiglioni, FIL Sport Director for NT. Their knowledge was invaluable to the implementation of the program.

Personnel

Staffing changes led to challenges finding skilled, knowledgeable (and available) coaches to oversee the athletes participating with the FIL NT group. Ultimately, Renzo Mariano Atance Conde (ARG) and Christina Goetschl (AUT) stepped up to fill the coaching and management roles of the group for the often weather challenged season. Other international coaches also helped fill gaps in the coaching coverage on occasional weeks.

FIL NT Group

Because of the difficulty securing qualified coaches, junior and senior athletes were combined into one group and traveled together throughout the season. A total of 8 nations participated with the group for either a portion of, or the entire season's schedule. Most notable are the teams from CAN and the USA, whose athletes participated in virtually every week of the season. Below are statistics regarding participation in the FIL NT Group:

Nations	Athletes	Male	Female	Nations
8	18	15	3	CAN, CZE, FIN, FRA, KOR, ROU, SLO, USA

NT Luge School

The FIL NT Luge School took place Dec 26-Jan 1 in Jaufental. The luge school was fully funded by the FIL for accommodations, meals & track fees for all athletes. Participation was smaller than expected with 3 NFs taking part. Statistics for the school are as follows:

Nations	Athletes	Male	Female	Nations
3	5	4	1	CZE, SLO, USA

FIL NT Support

While budgetary changes had a significant impact on programming, there was still meaningful support available to nations participating with the FIL Group. This included:

Full funding of the FIL school, €2000 to each NF that had at least one athlete participating in the full season of events, two full time FIL coaches, 2 weeks of training paid for each athlete, FIL equipment as needed, vehicles/ground transportation, logistics assistance, the purchase of new equipment for future use and of course available prize money based on results.

Conclusion & Planning

Despite budgetary challenges and less than expected participation within the FIL NT Group, the 2022-2023 season can still be considered a success. The athletes participating with the FIL Group still received a high level of services and financial support was still available, albeit to a lesser extent than in recent years.

Looking forward to next season, the goal is to start logistical planning (booking track time, accommodations, vehicles etc.) much sooner so that all plans are in place well before the season begins. One of the major problems hindering last seasons planning was the lack of, or last minute communications on the part of some of the nations participating with the FIL group. Next season, hard deadlines will be communicated to the NFs if they desire to again be part of the FIL Group. It will also be recommended that if a nation has 2 or more athletes in the FIL Group, that there must be at least one female and one male.

The coming season will likely again see one combined FIL Group comprised of junior and senior athletes. A minimum of 2 (preferably 3), full time coaches will be employed to oversee the group. It is critical that at least one of these coaches be an expert in equipment set up and preparation.

As always, the level of support and subsidies that can be provided to the NFs will be dictated by the yet to be approved 2023-2024 budget. But also as always, any available funding will be distributed in the most equitable manner possible.

Report 2022/2023 Season, Luge on Natural Track.

The 2022/2023 season was one of the most difficult seasons ever for sports, athletes, and venues. The disappointment over not submitting an application for inclusion of natural track luge in the Olympic program was too great and put a great strain on the athletes and support staff of the entire World Cup field.

The World Cup opener took place on schedule in Winterleiten, Austria, and once again, in addition to the World Cup on Saturday, a race on Sunday was successfully held in pursuit mode. After Winterleiten, there was a double World Cup in Jaufental, Italy, with a night competition, followed by a World Cup and the World Championships in Deutschnofen and finishing with a double World Cup in Umhausen.

The 4th Junior World Cup and the Junior European Championships were also held successfully, which were very exciting. Maybe for the future we could plan a more modern and especially more youth-oriented organization of these races.

Unfortunately, we were forced to realize early in the season that some athletes of the FIL group were not able to participate in all competitions due to the newly regulated and thus also reduced support measures on the part of the world governing body FIL, and thus, with the exception of the World Championships in Deutschnofen, there was a reduced number of participants almost without exception. This was aggravated by the lack of competitors from Russia. As far as the support of the FIL athletes is concerned, we have to praise Ms. Christina Götschl who, despite difficulties within the FIL, was able to take care of the preparations and the organization for the winter months in a very short time.

Very pleasing were the live broadcasts and the short videos, which were accessed very often on social media. Also pleasing was the support of SERVUS TV, which broadcast the highlights of the races.

The exceptionally high temperatures also caused problems for the organizers and event organizers of the races, so that there were also postponements. Nevertheless, it can be said that the World Championships in Nova Ponente (where there were also some surprises in the top ranks, with nations such as Slovenia, Switzerland, Finland, and Ukraine among the top 10) and the World Cup in Val d'Isarco were a highlight of this year's season, attracting many spectators to the course and creating a great atmosphere.

This year, among other things, work was done on a new sled for the year 2026, which will certainly be one of the core topics of the next seasons in our sport. While some people involved would like to stick to the concept of a combination of today's luge and the sporty "Bockrodel" known in popular sports, others involved would build the new sports equipment on the basis of the current sports equipment. The goal must be to enable racing on ice as well as on snow in order to get closer to the popular sport.

Despite very poor conditions, with a lot of diligence and a lot of teamwork, it was possible to hold a World Cup season that was in line with the circumstances, and for this we would like to thank all the people involved for their commitment on behalf of all the athletes.

Best regards,

The Athletes' Representatives

Anastasiya Slyusar and Stefan Federer

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FIL Executive Board Resolution 23.09.2022

The FIL Executive Board decides on the basis of paragraph 4.5.8 of the FIL Statutes:

In view of the war of aggression currently being waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the suspension of all rights to participation of athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials of the Russian Luge Federation in FIL-sanctioned competitions is ordered until further notice in order to ensure safe, peaceful, and upright athletic competitions.

The presence of Russian athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials from the Russian Luge Federation during the staging of FIL-sanctioned sport competitions is associated with the high risk that the safety, peacefulness and integrity of these competitions and their participants (including those of the Russian Federation itself) are gravely endangered. This risk is based on the causal personal involvement of the named persons in these FIL competitions and cannot be replaced by a less drastic measure, so that the suspension of participation is proportionate if and as long as the hostilities in Ukraine continue as a reason for this measure.

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FIL Statutes 2022

(Status following the 2022 Congress)
Approved on June 18, 2022



1 Basics

1.1 Name, structure, and headquarters

Based on the present Statutes an association named “Fédération Internationale de Luge”, “International Luge Federation”, “Internationaler Rodelverband” exists under Austrian Law. The National Luge Federations/National Federations (hereafter named NFs) which agreed to the Statutes and have been accepted as members are thus affiliated with the FIL.

The official abbreviation for the name International Luge Federation shall be FIL in all languages.

The Federation was founded in Davos, Switzerland on January 25, 1957.

The FIL headquarters are located in Salzburg-Wals, AUT.

1.2 Goal

The FIL, whose activities are not for profit, aims:

to develop the sport of luge worldwide, to supervise it, to promote it, and to direct it. to represent the sport of luge in the Olympic Movement.

1.3 Means of achieving the goal

The goals of the FIL are to be achieved through the non-material and material resources listed below:

1.3.1 Non-material means:

- Supporting the objectives of the NFs in the form of aid in theory and practice;
- Cooperation with other international sports organizations and organizations involved in the sport of luge;
- Organization and promotion of the sports movement;
- Staging World Championships, Continental Championships, World and Continental Cups, as well as other competitions approved by the Congress or by the Executive Board;
- Functioning as the highest court of appeals for protests and other legal issues of international luge competitions, as well as for all questions relating to the FIL statutes and regulations;
- Promoting the exchange of experiences and lessons from the development of the sport of luge at the international level;
- Setting binding rules for all luge disciplines as well as recommendations for the sport of luge in general;
- Recognizing international luge competitions, which are conducted in accordance with the statutes and regulations of the FIL;
- Implementation of necessary measures to ensure that the applicable statutes and regulations are complied with at the competitions of the FIL;
- Implementation of effective measures to prevent accidents;
- Consideration for the environment;
- Guaranteeing the principle of "Fair Play";
- Comprehensive documentation of the sport of luge, in particular through the storing and safeguarding of film, video, and audio materials;
- Advertising for and with the sport of luge;
- Promoting the sport of luge as public sledding; (**change only in German wording*)
- ~~Operating all accident prevention measures in the most effective manner possible;~~
- Fighting against doping and manipulation in sports competition.

- 1.3.2. Material means:
- Resources from International Olympic Committee (IOC), specifically through the marketing of the Olympic Games;
 - Marketing of luge events specifically by entering into advertising and sponsorship agreements;
 - Production of film, video and audio material and their marketing;
 - Licensing fee income;
 - Membership fees;
 - Income from asset management, in particular from capital assets including income from interest and securities, and from investments in legal entities and corporations.

1.4 Responsibility

- 1.4.1 The FIL is the highest authority in all questions which concern the sport of luge. It is the sole representative of the international sport of luge and represents all interests in the sport of luge worldwide. The FIL recognizes artificial track luge and natural track luge including popular sport.
- 1.4.2 The FIL is the sole luge federation acknowledged by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) with all of its disciplines.
- 1.4.3 The FIL acknowledges the Olympic Charter ~~which and it~~ is an integral part of the FIL Statutes.

1.5 Principle of non-discrimination and code of conduct

- 1.5.1 The FIL will not tolerate political, racist, religious, or any other discrimination towards its direct or indirect members.
- 1.5.2 The FIL recognizes the principles and rules of the IOC Code of Ethics. On its own autonomy, the FIL has defined a framework of moral principles including a code of conduct, an integral component of the Statutes, the Ethics Code.

1.6 Languages and written form

- 1.6.1 The official languages of the FIL are German and English.
- 1.6.2 The Congress can determine further languages as working languages.
- 1.6.3 For the interpretation of the Statutes, Regulations, and resolutions as well as for translations in other languages, the German wording is decisive. Regarding the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures, the English wording is binding.
- 1.6.4 The written form is also granted by e-mail and/or fax. Proof of delivery can be provided by an electronic acknowledgement of read receipt (e-mail) and/or transmission confirmation (fax).

2 Membership

2.1 Ordinary membership

- 2.1.1 Each NF with the aim of promoting the sport of luge may become an ordinary member.
- 2.1.2 Only a legal entity may become an ordinary member.
- 2.1.3 A nation may only be represented by a single NF regardless of its internal structure and sphere of activity. The NF must be recognized by its National Olympic Committee or its nation's highest sports authority.
- 2.1.4 A NF, which wishes to become a member of the FIL, must submit a written letter of application to the Executive Board. The letter of application shall include a copy of the statutes and the luge competition regulations of the NF in German ~~and/or~~ English, in order to prove that these meet the Statutes of the FIL.
- 2.1.5 The Congress decides on the acceptance in the FIL. Admission requires a two-thirds majority.

2.2 Extraordinary Members

- 2.2.1 Extraordinary members of the FIL include:
- Supporting members (individuals or organizations);
 - Honorary members.
- 2.2.2 The Congress decides on the admission of the supporting members, **which may also be made dependent on financial obligations.**
- 2.2.3 Honorary members are nominated in accordance with the Code of Honor.
- 2.3. Rights and Obligations of Ordinary Members**
- 2.3.1 Ordinary members have the same rights and obligations.
- 2.3.2 Ordinary members have the right to participate and vote in the Congress, submit motions to the Executive Board and to the Congress. However, at the request of the Executive Board, the Congress can withdraw the right to vote when membership fees have not been paid over at time period of at least three years.
- 2.3.3 Each ordinary member has only one vote in the Congress. Each NF will designate a single voting candidate to the Congress in writing. The delegate must be a citizen of the member nation.
- 2.3.4 The ordinary members have the right:
- To be heard in all questions regarding their NF and to appeal,
 - To propose members of their NF for a position in the FIL,
 - To register its athletes for all FIL competitions, in agreement with the nomination regulations for these competitions,
 - To organize and stage FIL competitions.
- 2.3.5 The ordinary members are obliged to obey the Statutes and the respectively binding Regulations and Resolutions. The members are obliged to ensure that the sports clubs and athletes associated with them obey the Statutes and Regulations within the frame of FIL activities. Furthermore, they are obliged to stage the competitions awarded by the FIL according to the requirements stipulated by the FIL.
- 2.3.6 Ordinary members must pay their annual membership fee by December 31.
- 2.3.7 Further rights and obligations of the ordinary members are regulated by the Rules of Procedure.
- 2.4 Termination of Membership**
- 2.4.1 Ordinary membership terminates
- Upon loss of pre-requisites for membership,
 - Upon resignation,
 - Upon expulsion.
- 2.4.2 The expulsion of an ordinary member may be dictated by a two-thirds vote of the Congress upon motion by a national federation or by the Executive Board if a serious violation of the FIL Statutes by the implicated national federation is established. **Within two weeks after the Congress Resolution the expelled member can appeal to the FIL Court of Arbitration. The expelled member may challenge this Congress resolution within a period of one month upon receipt of the Congress minutes by appealing to the FIL Court of Arbitration.**
- 2.4.3 Extraordinary membership ends
- upon demise or liquidation,
 - upon resignation,
 - upon deprivation.
- 2.5 Provisional Membership**
- 2.5.1 A provisional member can be a NF which is in the process of formation and still has no associated clubs or individual athletes. Its goal must be to build up the sport of luge and train athletes for participation in FIL competitions.
- 2.5.2 Based on criteria established by the Executive Board, the admission of provisional members will be decided by the Executive Board.

3 Organization of the FIL

- 3.1** In accordance with the regulations of the IOC, the FIL is a voluntary, non-profit, international organization of national federations of individual states.
- 3.2** The NFs abide by their own statutes. They are autonomous; however, they are bound to the Statutes and Regulations of the FIL as well as to the resolutions of the FIL Congresses and the Executive Board. In particular, this applies to the currently valid version of the FIL Anti-Doping Code.
- 3.3** The FIL may not interfere with the internal operations of the NFs nor may the FIL interfere with the relationship between individual NFs beyond the context of the FIL Statutes and Regulations.
- 3.4** Any membership of the FIL in another federation requires congressional approval.
- 3.5** If the appointment to organs or other bodies of the FIL depends on the affinity of the official with a NF, then they belong to that NF of which they are a member or for which they are active in an honorary or paid function. If they do not belong to a NF and is not working for it in an honorary or paid function, the nationality is decisive. With multiple nationalities their actual official place of residence is decisive.

4 Executive Bodies of the FIL

4.1 The FIL includes the following executive bodies:

- 4.1.1 The Congress
- 4.1.2 The Executive Board
- 4.1.3 The Presidium
- 4.1.4 The Expert Commissions for artificial track luge and natural track luge/public sledding
- 4.1.5 The Control Commission
- 4.1.6 The Court of Arbitration
- 4.1.7 The Legal Committee
- 4.1.8 The Ethics Commission
- 4.1.9 The Ethics Authority
- 4.1.10 The Youth/Development Commission Artificial Track
- 4.1.11 The Athletes' Commission
- 4.1.12 The Medical Commission
- 4.1.13 The Track Construction Commissions Artificial Track and Natural Track
- 4.1.14 Working Groups

4.2 The Congress

- 4.2.1 The Congress is the highest authority of the FIL and consists of:
- The ordinary members;
 - The members of the Executive Board;
 - The Members of the Control Commission;
 - The Chairpersons of the Expert Commissions mentioned in Section 4.1
 - The Chairperson of the Legal Committee;
 - The Chairperson of the Ethics Commission;
 - The Chairperson of the Court of Arbitration;
 - The Ethics Authority.

The right to a voice at the Congress is limited to those specified in this Section, in Section 4.1, and to those invited by the Executive Board to make a report.

- 4.2.2 Ordinary Congresses are held annually, and if possible in June. Motions regarding changes of the IRO are only discussed every two years (in even years).
- 4.2.3 NFs are entitled to vote. NFs which have not paid their membership fees for at least three years can have their right to vote withdrawn (2.3.2).
- 4.2.4 If the preceding Congress failed to make a decision as to the time, agenda, and place of the next Congress, this decision will be made by the Executive Board. **The Executive Board may decide to hold the Congress in the form of a videoconference or in a hybrid form if the technical conditions ensure proper execution as well as the active participation and electronic exercise of the voting rights of all members not present.** The President summons the Ordinary Congress by written notice at least three months before the date of its meeting.
- 4.2.5 The Congress concerns itself with general issues and elects the Executive Board, the Court of Arbitration and the number of members of Commissions every fourth year in the year of the Olympic Winter Games. Working Groups can be formed at every Congress.
- 4.2.6 The agenda of the Congress must include the following items:
- opening of the Congress
 - confirmation of members entitled to vote (roll call)
 - awards
 - approval of the minutes from the previous Congress
 - reports by the Executive Board members
 - annual closing of accounts and budget proposal
 - report by the Control Commission
 - discussion of reports and release of the Executive Board
 - elections (in every fourth year; the substitute member of the Control Commission every second year)
 - election of the members of the Executive Board (4.5.1) with the exception of the Executive Director
 - election of the chairperson, their representative and the members of the Court of Arbitration (4.9.4)
 - election of the substitute members of the Control Commission (4.8)
 - election of the Ethics Authority
 - election of the members of the Legal Committee
 - election of the members of the Ethics Commission
 - election of commission members to be elected by the congress
 - determination of membership fees
 - motions
 - awarding of FIL Championships for a maximum of four years in advance
 - determination of time and place of the next Congresses
 - admission of new members
- 4.2.7 Motions for the Congress may be brought forth by the NFs, the Executive Board, the Expert Commissions according to 4.7.1, and by the Control Commission according to 4.8.3. They must be submitted to the President in writing and with substantiation at least ten weeks prior to the Congress with the exception of motions by the Executive Board, the Control Commission, and the Expert Commissions. Motions regarding IRO changes and supplements to the IRO must be submitted to the President in writing and with substantiation four weeks prior to the beginning of the commission meetings with the exception of motions by the Executive Board and the Expert Commissions.
- At least four weeks prior to the opening of the Congress, a summary of the motions will be sent to the members in German and English by the Secretary General; for the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures forwarding in English is sufficient.
- 4.2.8 Motions regarding changes to the IRO, as far as they do not concern §§ *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the *Supplements Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and *Supplement Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track may be presented to the Congress only after approval by the appropriate commission according to Section 4.7.1. If the appropriate commission has rejected a motion regarding an IRO change, the entity submitting the proposal may appeal to the Executive Board for submitting it to the Congress for the passing of a resolution, citing convincing reasons. The

Executive Board may determine that the proposal to change the IRO should be included on the agenda of the next Congress.

4.2.9 Motions regarding changes to §§ *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the *Supplements Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and *Supplement Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track may be presented to the Congress by the Executive Board for the passing of a resolution. NFs are entitled to propose changes to the quoted paragraphs of the IRO to the Executive Board.

4.2.10 The Congress does not decide on amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures, as far as these amendments are restricted to adjustments to the WADA World Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures.

4.2.11 The Congress can allow athletes to participate in its meeting, if necessary.

4.3 Extraordinary Congress

4.3.1 An Extraordinary Congress may be called by petition of at least one tenth of the NFs or upon a resolution by the Executive Board.

4.3.2 The Executive Board determines the time, place, and agenda of the Extraordinary Congress which must be held within six weeks of receipt of the petition. **The Executive Board may decide to hold the Extraordinary Congress in the form of a videoconference or in hybrid form, if the technical conditions ensure proper execution as well as active participation and electronic exercise of the voting rights of all members not present.** Written notice of the meeting must be sent to the members at least four weeks prior to the Extraordinary Congress.

4.4 No Confidence Vote

Upon a motion by an ordinary member or by the Executive Board which passes by a two-thirds majority of the Congress, a vote of no confidence may be expressed against a member of an executive body which results in that person's dismissal from duties.

4.5 Executive Board

4.5.1 The Executive Board includes:

- with seat and vote and elected by the Congress;
 - the President (*)
 - the Secretary General (*)
 - the Vice President for Finance (*)
 - the Vice President for Marketing
 - the Vice President for Sport - Artificial Track
 - the Vice President for Technical Affairs - Artificial Track
 - the Vice President for Natural Track and Public Sledding
 - two additional members
 - the Chair of the Athletes Commission (declaratory confirmation)
- with seat but without vote and elected by the Congress
 - a Vice President for those continents which are actively engaged in luge and which is represented by at least 2 National Federations as ordinary members of the FIL and is not already represented by at least one member on the Executive Board
- with seat only
 - the Executive Director

(*) The President, the Secretary General, and the Vice President for Finance must belong to different NFs.

4.5.2 The members of the Executive Board serve in a voluntary capacity with the exception of the Executive Director.

4.5.3 The members of the Executive Board (exception: Executive Director) are elected for a period of four years corresponding to the Olympic Winter Games. Candidate proposals have to be mailed to the Executive Director no later than six weeks prior to the opening of the election Congress. After expiration of the deadline, the Executive Director will then inform the NFs in writing of the candidate proposals received. If there are no candidates for functions, the

Congress can – upon motion of the President or a NF – pass a resolution, that those candidates for the election into the Executive Board can be admitted who are proposed by a NF in writing during the election Congress and within a certain extension of time.

- 4.5.4 Should a person resign from an elected position during the course of the term of office, a successor will be elected at the next Congress for the remainder of the term until the next statutory election.
- 4.5.5 The Executive Board fulfils its duties in accordance with the Statutes. It carries out the resolutions made by the Congress and takes care of all other tasks of the FIL, as far as these are not explicitly reserved for the Congress, the Presidium, or another body of the FIL and as far as the Congress did not regulate them by means of a resolution. The Presidium and as needed in consultation with the respective Vice Presidents and Directors passes a resolution regarding the award of the FIL competitions (with the exception of FIL Championships), and regarding amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code including its enclosures, as far as the Congress has no authority of resolution according to 4.2.10, and confirms the Events Schedules. Regarding the assignment of tasks, the Executive Board issues the business responsibilities' overview, on which the NFs have to be informed.
- 4.5.6 The Executive Board can make decisions, which are actually reserved for the Congress according to paragraph 4.2.5 of the Statutes (including the approval of the approval of the annual statement of accounts and the budget proposal as well as changes and additions to the IRO, but excluding the elections of the organs), provisionally in urgent exceptional cases, if due to an imminent danger these decisions cannot be postponed until the next ordinary Congress. The Executive Board is to submit the urgent decisions taken by it to the next Congress for a definitive resolution.
- 4.5.7 If required, the Executive Board can consult athletes and other experts during the decision-making process.
- 4.5.8 In the following cases, which lie outside the sphere of influence of the FIL, such as in particular
- Terrorism, violent persons, riot, revolution, offensive or defensive war, civil war, strike, boycott, blockade, fire, embargo, sabotage, hostage taking, nuclear or chemical poisoning hazards,
 - Natural disasters of any kind, including floods, earthquakes, thunderstorms, volcanic eruptions, and temperatures and precipitation that affect health,
 - Pandemic, epidemic, and other community-harming health risks,
- the Executive Board can take appropriate measures to ensure safe, peaceful, integrity and rule-abiding activities, especially at FIL-sanctioned athletic competitions and at meetings of all FIL organs and other FIL bodies, if necessary, in place of the Congress or another competent FIL organ.

Appropriate organizational measures in this sense may include but are not limited to:

- Suspension of all statutory rights of member federations, clubs, athletes, coaches, officials, or other persons in the FIL or in its affiliated member federations and clubs for a definite or indefinite period of time with regard to individual or all activities for the FIL.
- Withdrawal of the rights to hold FIL-sanctioned competitions at individual or all sports venues of a country as well as to hold other events of FIL bodies at individual or all venues of a country or to relocate FIL events to another time and / or to other venues or to another country after the awarding of these events.
- other measures that the Executive Board deems appropriate to ensure the safety, integrity and fairness of FIL events or FIL meetings and the fulfillment of the purposes of the Federation in accordance with the Statutes.

The measures can only be taken if the persons concerned can be proven to have had a causal personal responsibility/support/assistance/participation in the cases described above and if the measure is proportionate.

In the event of an occurrence that has given rise to the adoption of measures in the above cases, the Executive Board may involve the Ethics Commission in the assessment of any organizational measures to be imposed.

The Executive Board is obliged to immediately revoke the measures it has taken if the reason for the measure taken no longer exists. If the measure is still valid until the next ordinary Congress, the latter shall decide on the continuation of the measure or its amendment or repeal. The Congress shall vote on this measure without regard to compliance with the formal requirements for the summons and agenda.

4.6 Presidium

- 4.6.1 The Presidium consists of the President, the Secretary General, the Vice President for Finance (with vote), and the Executive Director (with no vote).
- 4.6.2 The Presidium carries out all day-to-day business of the FIL and takes care of additional tasks assigned by the Executive Board.
- 4.6.3 All members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, individually represent the FIL in public. Limits on this authorization can be decided internally.

In order to be valid, written FIL documents require the signature of a member of the Presidium, who is entitled to vote. The Executive Director can be authorized by the members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, to sign individual or all business correspondence. Accounts payable for an amount up to Euro 10,000 must be signed by a member of the Presidium, who is entitled to vote. However, the Executive Director can be authorized by the members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, to sign for accounts payable up to Euro 10,000.

Accounts payable representing an amount of more than Euro 10,000 must be signed by the Vice President of Finance and a further member of the Presidium (including the Executive Director). Should the Vice President of Finance be indisposed, another member of the Presidium may stand in their place. In this case the permission of the Vice-President of Finance has to be obtained immediately (by telephone, fax or e-mail).

Legal transactions between one or more members of the Presidium and the FIL require the approval of another member of the Presidium with voting rights.

Authorization for parties to represent the FIL externally on its behalf is issued exclusively by the Presidium. The authorization can be revoked at any time by the Presidium. This also includes the authorization granted the Executive Director according to paragraph 2 and 3.

- 4.6.4 In emergencies and when time is of essence the President is authorized to make unilateral decisions in matters normally under the sphere of the Congress and Executive Board. However, approval from the respective FIL body is required.

4.7 Expert Commissions

- 4.7.1 The tasks of the following Expert Commissions arise amongst others from their areas of responsibility as specified below:

Sport - Artificial Track

- IRO
- Statistics
- Training of Judges
- Training programs, courses, solidarity

Technical - Artificial Track

- IRO
- Sleds
- Equipment
- Tracks
- Safety and medicine

Natural Track and Public Sledding

- IRO
- Events Schedule
- Statistics
- Training of Judges
- Training programs, courses, solidarity
- Youth / Development
- Technical
- Sleds
- Equipment
- Tracks

- Safety and medicine

The Expert Commissions deal with all motions regarding IRO changes except *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the Supplements *Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and Supplement *Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track, and within this scope are entitled to present motions regarding IRO changes to the Congress for the passing of a resolution. For this purpose, a two thirds majority within the respective Expert Commission is required.

- 4.7.2 The members of the Sport Commission Artificial Track will be:
- the Vice President for Sport Artificial Track as Chairperson,
 - the Sport Director as Deputy Chairperson, who does not have a vote and is appointed by the Executive Board,
 - three members elected by the Congress,
 - up to four members which upon the recommendation of the Vice President for Sport Artificial Track after agreement from the respective NF, are appointed by the Executive Board and must belong to an NF which must have either an artificial track homologated by the FIL or at least one athlete with a FIL World Cup license.
 - an athletes' representative in accordance with section 4.12
 - the chairperson of the Commission Youth/Development Artificial Track without the right to vote

Among them there must be at least two female members and at least two male members. The members of the Commissions must belong to different NFs. However, the Chairperson, the Sport Director, and the Athletes' Representative are not affiliated with an NF in this respect.

- 4.7.3 The members of the Technical Commission Artificial Track will be:
- the Vice President for Technical Matters Artificial Track as Chairperson,
 - the Technical Director as Deputy Chairperson, who does not have a vote and is appointed by the Executive Board,
 - three members elected by the Congress,
 - up to four members which upon the recommendation of the Vice President for Technical Matters Artificial Track after agreement from the respective NF, are appointed by the Executive Board and belong to an NF which must have either an artificial track homologated by the FIL or at least one athlete with a FIL World Cup license.
 - an athletes' representative in accordance with section 4.12
 - the Permanent Technical Delegate for Juniors/Youth A Artificial Track without the right to vote

Among them there must be at least two female members and at least two male members. The members of the Commissions must belong to different NFs. However, the Chairperson, the Technical Director, and the Athletes' Representative are not affiliated with an NF in this respect.

- 4.7.4 The members of the Commission Natural Track and Public Sledding will be:
- the Vice President Natural Track and Public Sledding as Chairperson,
 - the Director for Sport and Technical Matters Natural Track and Public Sledding as Deputy Chairperson, who is appointed by the Executive Board and has no vote,
 - three members who are elected by the Congress,
 - up to five members which upon the recommendation of the Vice President for Natural Track and Public Sledding and approval of the NFs will be nominated by the Executive Board,
 - two athletes' representatives in accordance with section 4.12

Among them there must be at least two female members and at least two male members. Two members of the commission at most may belong to the same NF. However, the Director for Sport and Technical Matters and the Athletes' Representative are not affiliated with an NF in this respect.

- 4.7.5 The Executive Board can also remove those members of the Expert Commissions which they appointed. The resolution for removal does not require the approval of the respective NF. The

members whose NF affiliation is determined according to 3.5, stay in office in the respective commission until the next election also if their NF affiliation changes during their term of office.

4.7.6 The Commissions may not propose IRO changes to a Congress held in odd years.

4.8 Control Commission

4.8.1 The Congress elects a Control Commission, consisting of two ordinary members and a substitute, who belong to three different NFs which do not have members in the Executive Board

4.8.2 The longest serving member of the Control Commission retires after two years. Automatically the substitute member becomes an ordinary member of the Control Commission. The new substitute member has to be elected by the Congress. A retired member can be re-elected. At least two of the three members elected must have professional competence in accounting.

4.8.3 The duties of the Control Commission are to:

- provide for the auditing of the budget and the examination of the annual records,
- report to the Congress on the annual audit of the financial records,
- present the motion to release the Executive Board.

4.9 Legal Bodies

4.9.1 The Court of Arbitration, the Legal Committee, the Ethics Commission and the Ethics Authority are the legal bodies. The members of the Court of Arbitration, the Legal Committee, the Ethics Commission and the Ethics Authority are elected for four years for the same time period as the members of the Executive Board.

4.9.2 Upon motion by a NF, the Executive Board, the Presidium, or a person concerned, the Court of Arbitration makes a decision in the case of violations by the members of the FIL bodies and the settlement of disputes. Furthermore, it decides on all other cases provided in the Statutes as well as in the case of complaints against sanctions and penalties of the Executive Board.

4.9.3 The Court of Arbitration decides under exclusion of ordinary legal proceedings.

4.9.4 The Court of Arbitration includes one Chairperson, his representative and three assessors who are elected by the Congress. The Chairperson should have completed a juristic education. The members of the Court of Arbitration must not be members of the Executive Board and the Legal Committee. In general, the Court of Arbitration decides in triple manning with their Chairperson, respectively their substitute and two assessors. In special urgent cases, the Chairperson, respectively their substitute, can make decisions by themselves for preliminary measures.

4.9.5 Under exclusion of ordinary legal proceedings an appeal can be made to the Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (TAS)/Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) based in Lausanne on the basis of the Code of Sports-related Arbitration, as far as the FIL Law and Procedure Regulations does not contain any specifications for the appeals procedure.

4.9.6 The Law and Procedure Regulation which as enclosure is a component of the Statutes, regulates the Court of Arbitration proceedings to be adhered to.

4.9.7 In the Law and Procedure Regulations it is determined in detail, that the members, bodies and authorized representatives (for example coaches and judges) of the FIL, all participants in FIL Competitions as well as all other persons, who are - according to membership law or contractual law - subordinated to the Statutes, Regulations, Resolutions, and Rulings of FIL bodies, can be punished in the case of violation against the mentioned Regulations and Resolutions.

The following punishments are permitted:

- Reprimand
- Bans from half a month to up to two years
- Expulsion of athletes from official training or from competition effective immediately
- Suspension from being a Judge for the period of half a month up to two years
- Deletion from the Judge list
- limited ban from six months up to twenty-four months or permanent ban of the right to hold an official function with the Federation

- Fines of minimum € 100 up to € 7.000,00
- Expulsion

For doping infractions, solely the proceedings, elements of offence, and sanctions regulated by the Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures are valid. By the decision of all procedures carried out according to the Law and Procedure Regulations or the FIL Anti-Doping Code, the costs of all procedures may be imposed on the persons involved in them either completely or partially.

- 4.9.8 In the first place, the Executive Board decides on violations against FIL Regulations and against resolutions and rulings of FIL bodies. An appeal against the Executive Board's decision can be made to the FIL Court of Arbitration, unless according to 4.9.2 an immediate appeal to the Court of Arbitration is stipulated.
- 4.9.9 The Legal Committee includes one Chairperson and two other members. The members of the Legal Committee will be elected through Congress. The elected members vote a member to be Chairperson. The regular term of office is 4 years corresponding to the term of office of the Executive Board. The Chairperson must have completed a juristic education. The special tasks of the Legal Committee include the consultation of the Executive Board in all legal affairs as well as the legal judgement of Congress resolutions.
- 4.9.10 The Ethics Commission includes one Chairperson and two other members, who will be elected through Congress. The elected members vote a member to be Chairperson. The Chairperson must have completed a juristic education. At the request of the Executive Board, all members of the Legal Committee can also be members of the Ethics Commission.

The Ethics Commission monitors the implementation of and the compliance with the Ethics Code. Its members are all in contact with standing FIL persons, organizations, and institutions as section 1 of the Law and Procedure Regulations.

They are authorized, in the event of violations of the Ethics Code, to request an arbitration tribunal with the following penalties:

- Exclusion from competitions,
- Withdrawal of the right to organize events,
- Reprimand or warning,
- Declaration of a cease-and-desist obligation,
- Fines of €1,000.00 to €20,000.00
- Temporary or permanent release from functions or tasks,

A suspension of probation is permitted.

In cases of especially serious violations of the Ethics Code, the Ethics Commission can provisionally suspend the parties concerned from their position and duties for a maximum period of 90 days and/or prohibit them from other activities. In urgent cases of suspected contest manipulation, or a serious violation of the Ethics Code, athletes can be provisionally banned. Further details can be found in the Ethics Code.

4.10 **Youth and Development Commission Artificial Track**

The Youth and Development Commission Artificial Track consists of the following members:

- a Chairperson selected by the Executive Board,
- the permanent Technical Delegate Juniors without a vote,
- two members elected by the Congress,
- additional members appointed by the Executive Board,
- one member from the FIL coaches without a vote.

The Youth and Development Commission meets before the Expert Commissions and is authorized to submit motions to the Chairpersons of the Expert Commissions.

4.11. **Medical Commission**

The Medical Commission is a body appointed by the Executive Board with the aim to advise, support and control the sport of luge, represented by the FIL, regarding any medical matters. The Executive Board has to obtain the consent of each corresponding national federation

before appointing any person into the Medical Commission. The Executive Board appoints a Chairperson of the Medical Commission. The tasks of the Medical Commission are stipulated in the "Regulations for the Medical Commission" to be confirmed by the Executive Board.

4.12 Athletes' Representatives (Athletes' Commission)

4.12.1 The athletes who participate in FIL competitions in both artificial track and natural track luge will nominate candidates to the Athletes Commission, of which there must be a minimum of one male and one female. Athletes can nominate candidates from their own NF or other NFs. In both artificial track and natural track, the male and female athlete with the most votes will be elected to the Athletes Commission. In addition to those four members a 5th member from artificial track will be added who will be the male or female with the highest total votes outside of the athletes currently elected.

4.12.2 By the closing date of the first World Cup of the particular season, each athlete will be asked to nominate one candidate for the election positions according to section 4.12.1 in writing and to send or give their nomination to either the FIL office or to the FIL representative for this World Cup. The list of candidates will then be put in circulation by the FIL prior to January 1st of the election year. The election will take place at the World Championships of the post-Olympic season for the athletes who will serve on the Athletes Commission. The athlete with the highest number of votes for the respective position is the athletes' representative for the entire election period. In the event of a tie, an additional round of voting will be conducted by secret written ballot according to 4.12.4. Should this again result in a tie, then the vote will be decided by a drawing of lots

4.12.3 The athletes' representatives to the Athletes Commission must be active in the FIL World Cup or FIL Nations Cup/European Cup and have never received any WADA sanction. An athlete is considered active if at the time of their nomination they have participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL championships within the past 24 months. They lose their status as an active athlete if it is determined at the end of each competition season that they have not participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL championships within the past 24 months unless an injury as determined by the FIL has caused them to do so. If an athletes' representative has lost their status as an active athlete, they may still serve on the commission. In the situation that there are more than two non-active athletes there will be a new election of an athletes' representative determined by the FIL Athletes Commission that will be held at the next opportunity according to 4.12.4. Until the election of a new athletes' representative their predecessor will remain in office.

4.12.4 The election will take place in writing and votes will be counted by the FIL representative or Chairperson of the Jury attending the competition. The term of office for the respective athletes' representatives is four years starting with their election. Athletes' representatives, who take over for their predecessor during a legislative period, hold the office until the end of the original term of office.

4.12.5 The elected members of the Athletes' Commission elect a Chairperson from their own ranks, who must belong to one of the Olympic luge disciplines.

4.12.6 The Athletes' Commission will be invited to participate at the Expert Commissions at the expense of the FIL. The athletes commission will vote amongst themselves for which athlete will have a vote in the sports commission and technical commission (Artificial Track) and natural track commission for the whole term of their elected period. The additional athlete is invited to participate in the Artificial Track Commissions as an expert but will have no vote. The Athletes' Commission chair will be invited to participate at all FIL Executive Board Meetings at the expense of the FIL. The chair athlete will be invited to the FIL Congress as well as one Commission Natural track athlete at the expense of the FIL. The Athletes' can submit motions to the Executive Board, which can be explained by the chairperson at the Executive Board meeting directly before the Congress.

4.12 Track Construction Commission

4.13.1 Track Construction Commission Artificial Track

The Track Construction Commission Artificial Track supervises the reconstruction of existing artificial tracks and the construction of new tracks. As needed, it can consult external experts and exchange experiences and plans with the associations responsible for bobsleigh and skeleton sport, in particular the IBSF.

The Track Construction Commission Artificial Track is under the supervision of the Vice President for Technical Matters – Artificial Track. The Chairperson and the members of the commission are appointed by the Executive Board.

4.13.2 Track Construction Commission Natural Track

The Track Construction Commission Natural Track supervises the reconstruction of existing natural tracks and the construction of new tracks. As needed, it can consult external experts. The Track Construction Commission Natural Track is under the supervision of the Vice President Natural Track. The Chairperson and the members of the commission are appointed by the Executive Board.

4.14 Working Groups

4.14.1 As needed, the Congress, the Executive Board, or the President can set up working groups. The FIL body which set up the working group appoints and removes the Chairperson and the members of the respective working group.

4.14.2 The Chairperson of the working group must submit a written report to the body it was formed by.

5 Finances of the FIL

5.1 The finances of the FIL include:

5.1.1 Membership fees of the NFs,

5.1.2 Subsidies from public or private institutions,

5.1.3 Donations, gifts, inheritances or other contributions of any kind,

5.1.4 Income from renting, leasing, sale or other rights of use of land and land rights as well as from the operation of sports facilities,

5.1.5 Income from FIL competitions and Olympic Winter Games,

5.1.6 Income from the marketing of FIL events including broadcasting rights for television and radio,

5.1.7 Remuneration for the granting of licensing rights, advertising and distribution rights as well as sponsorship services,

5.1.8 Remuneration for the holding of courses, instruction, training, courses, examinations and other participation fees,

5.1.9 Income from the administration of FIL assets, in particular from capital assets including interest and securities, from participations in legal entities and corporations.

5.1.10 The funds can also be acquired through the involvement of a corporation controlled by the FIL, provided that the non-profit status of the FIL is not endangered by this.

~~5.1.1 Annual membership fees paid by the NFs~~

~~5.1.2 Donations~~

~~5.1.3 Revenue of FIL competitions~~

~~5.1.4 Other income~~

5.2 Management of finances is governed by the Financial Regulations.

5.3 Use of Financial Means

5.3.1 Possible profits may only be used for purposes according to the Statutes. The NFs do not receive shares of the profit and in their capacity as members they do not receive other financial payments by the FIL; this is also applicable for the work of the Executive Board members and members of other FIL bodies.

5.3.2 Upon retirement or in case of dissolution of the FIL, no member has a right to obtain shares of the Federation's assets.

- 5.3.3 No person may benefit from administration expenses, which are unrelated to the purpose of the Federation or from reimbursements which are disproportionately high.
- 5.3.4 Within the frame of the purpose of the Federation cash expenses made by the members of the Executive Board and other executive bodies are reimbursed according to receipts or lump sum amounts permitted by law.

6 Dissolution of the FIL

- 6.1 The Congress may dissolve the FIL with a four-fifths majority vote with at least half of the NFs present.
- 6.2 In case of dissolution of the FIL or in case that its purposes so far no longer exist, the assets will fall to a similar, non-profit sports organization, which has to use them immediately and exclusively for non-profit purposes. Resolutions on the future use of the assets may only be realized after obtaining the approval of the competent Financial Authorities.

7 Voting

- 7.1 Resolutions in all bodies of the FIL will be decided with more than one half of the valid votes (simple majority) as long as one third of the voting members with of the bodies are present. If the alternatives provided do not receive the simple majority during a vote, then at the next voting process, the alternative which received the least votes will be rejected.

Exceptions:

- 7.1.1 Acceptance of a National Federation (2.1.5) or expulsion of a National Federation (2.4.2) may only be enacted by the Congress and requires a two-thirds majority with at least a third of the NFs present.
- 7.1.2 Changes in the Statutes may only be decided by the Congress and need a two thirds majority with at least a third of the NFs present. This does not apply for amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures in terms of 4.2.10.
- 7.1.3 Proposed changes to the IRO with the exception of §§ 1 *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the *Supplements Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights and Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and *Supplement Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track for the IRO Natural Track require a two thirds majority of the according to 4.7.1 appropriate Commission before they may be submitted to the Congress for the passing of a resolution (4.2.8).
- 7.2 All votes are open. If one third of the voting members request a secret ballot, this request must be granted. **Votes to be conducted electronically do not have to be open.**
- 7.3 Invalid votes, votes not cast, and abstentions are not counted when determining the majority of votes.

8 Elections

- 8.1 Basically, elections must be held in the order stipulated under 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, and 4.10.
- 8.2 Only NFs are authorized to make proposals for all elective functions.
- 8.3 The candidate who receives a simple majority of eligible votes (more than 50% of the valid votes) is elected. At the request of the Executive Board or the election director, the Congress can resolve that a relative majority is sufficient if more than two candidates stand for election for the office to be elected.
- 8.4 The validity of an election requires the quorum of the Congress according to 7.1. Apart from this, the procedure for elections is regulated by the General Rules of Procedure.

9 Enclosures and by-laws

- 9.1 **Coequal part of the Statutes** is the FIL Anti-Doping Code (FIL Anti-Doping Rules) including its enclosures, the International Standards, especially **the Standards Prohibited List, Code**

Compliance by Signatories, Education, Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs), Testing and Investigations, Laboratories, Results Management, Protection of Privacy and Personal Information. ~~the Prohibited List, the International Standards for Testing and Investigations (ISTI), for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ISTUE), for Protection of Privacy and Personal Information (ISPPPI) and for Laboratories (ISL).~~

9.2 Supplemental regulations to the Statutes are:

- 9.2.1 The IRO - International Luge Regulations for Artificial Track and Natural Track – including supplements
- 9.2.2 The General Rules of Procedure
- 9.2.3 The Finance Regulations
- 9.2.4 The Code of Honor
- 9.2.5 The Law and Procedure Regulations
- 9.2.6 The Ethics Code

9.3 The Business Responsibilities' Overview is passed by the Executive Board and is to be announced to the NFs.

10 FIL Emblem

Only upon written approval by the Executive Board, are all individual and legal entities associated with the FIL by means of their membership or by contract, allowed to use the FIL Emblem.

11 Amendments to the Statutes

- 11.1 Amendments to the Statutes can only be enacted by an Ordinary Congress. This is not valid for amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code including its enclosures in the terms of 4.2.10.
- 11.2 Amendments are to be announced on the agenda in advance.
- 11.3 Motions of urgency concerning changes in the Statutes (excluding IRO changes) and regarding dissolution of the FIL are not possible.

12 Date of Validation

These Statutes take effect upon resolution by the **71th** FIL Congress and replace the Statutes which were valid until now.



Amendment FIL Statutes 2023

Applicant: Executive Board

**Rules of
Procedure §12.1**

Motion No.: 02

Old text:

- 12.1 Minutes must be kept of all meetings. Copies of the minutes must be delivered within four weeks to the meeting participants, to the members of the appropriate Executive bodies and to the Executive Board.

New text:

- 12.1 Minutes must be kept of all meetings. Copies of the minutes must be delivered within **six** weeks to the meeting participants, to the members of the appropriate Executive bodies and to the Executive Board.

Reason:

Time needed also for translation

Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?



Amendment FIL Statutes 2023

Applicant: Executive Board

Code of Honor
Regulations §2.1.2

Motion No.: 01

Old text:

2.1.2 Honorary Vice-President

- On Vice-Presidents who have carried out this function for at least three election periods and are retiring from active participation.
- Posthumous award

New text:

~~2.1.2 Honorary Vice-President~~

- ~~• On Vice-Presidents who have carried out this function for at least three election periods and are retiring from active participation.~~
- ~~• Posthumous award~~

Reason:

Almost all sports federations only have an honorary president and an honorary member. The FIL would like to conform

Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?

9



General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: Czech Luge Federation

Motion No.: 1

Motion:

Following to §1 Supplement No.5 of IRO, for the doubles disciplines Youth A women and Juniors and women all standard sleds (V1,V2) and components must be used from the manufacturer named by the FIL. This manufacturer is Kästle company from Austria. The price of some parts (especially the runners and bridges) has increased dramatically this year, and the total price of the V2 sled without steels is EUR 9,000 without VAT. Our motion is about regulating the price of sleds and parts so that they are affordable for all national federations.

Reason:

A significant increase in the price of sled parts without the option of choosing a supplier.



General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: New Zealand

Motion No.: 2

Motion:

Participation Subsidies

1. Participation Subsidies for Artificial Track to include Continental Cup/Youth A races (1 sled per discipline).
2. For each season the maximum number of Participation Subsidies for each nation (General, Junior and Continental Cup/Youth A classes) cannot exceed the equivalent of 4 Participation Subsidies for the World Cups and World Championships General and Junior classes.

Reason:

Participation Subsidies should include Continental Cup/Youth A races to support the development of this class and to support the opportunity for Youth A athletes to develop and get international competition experience.

The second part of the motion means that the overall cost to the FIL remains unchanged while giving the opportunity for nations not having 4 sleds in the General and Junior classes to receive Participation Subsidies for Continental Cup/Youth A athletes.



General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: New Zealand

Motion No.: 3

Motion:

Sponsorship

A very high priority for the FIL should be to secure a world-wide sponsor that is prepared to work with the FIL to support member nations in a meaningful way in their local market through promotional opportunities and financial support.

Reason:

Luge is a good story (e.g. speed, adrenalin, risk, aerodynamics, smoothness, beauty, OWG, WYOG, uniqueness etc) and there needs to be a mechanism to enable the FIL to work with member nations in their markets. The right world-wide sponsor could be this mechanism.

While our Slide 2026 Strategic Plan includes many objectives, other than finding sponsorship for Natural Track, it doesn't include any other objectives around sponsorship or growing the financial resources of the FIL and its member nations. It should!



General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: New Zealand

Motion No.: 4

Motion:

Strategic Plan – Growing Revenue Strategic Priority

A further strategic priority – Growing Revenue – be added to the Slide 2026 Strategic Plan along with appropriate objectives.

Establish a Working Group to consider this strategic priority and develop appropriate objectives.

Reason:

While our Slide 2026 Strategic Plan includes many objectives, other than finding sponsorship for Natural Track, it doesn't include any other objectives around sponsorship or growing the financial resources of the FIL and its member nations. It should!

Without growing our revenue we will be unable to deliver many of the priorities and objectives in the Slide 2026 Strategic Plan.



General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: New Zealand

Motion No.: 5

Motion:

Strategic Plan

A consolidated report on progress with delivering the Slide 2026 Strategic Plan should be made to each Congress (beginning in 2023). The report should include any revisions or changes to the strategy or timeline for delivery.

Reason:

Current reporting on Slide 2026 is disjointed and does not provide an overall report on progress being made. A consolidated formal report to each Congress will recognize the importance of Slide 2026 to the on-going development of the FIL.



General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: New Zealand

Motion No.: 6

Motion:

Travel Support – Artificial Track

Travel support to travel to Europe be provided for 1 sled in each discipline for General, Junior and Continental Cup/Youth A classes up to a maximum of 8 travel subsidies each season in total across all classes as follows:

- For nations from the American and Asian continents – €1,000 per sled.
- For nations from the Oceania continent – €1,500 per sled.

Reason:

With most races in all classes taking place in Europe the nations and athletes from outside Europe incur significantly greater costs in order to be able to compete in international races. This includes travel costs (flights and transport in Europe), accommodation, meals, travel and medical insurance (for every day while in Europe). For athletes from a continent without a suitable track international travel is even more essential. For athletes from many nations travel to Europe is essential for a worthwhile season whereas athletes from Europe can have a worthwhile season without leaving Europe because of the large number of races in Europe. Unfortunately with most of the races being in Europe, with limited media coverage outside Europe, commercial opportunities for non-European athletes are extremely limited.

Athletes from outside of Europe are clearly disadvantaged from a cost perspective.

To remain a global sport there needs to be an increased the level of support for nations and athletes from outside of Europe. Our sport is better for many reasons when a good number of athletes from outside Europe are competing in all classes.



General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: New Zealand

Motion No.: 7

Motion:

Travel Support – Natural Track

Travel support to travel to Europe be provided for 1 sled in each discipline for General and Junior classes up to a maximum of 4 travel subsidies each season in total across all classes as follows:

- For nations from the American and Asian continents – €1,000 per sled.
- For nations from the Oceania continent – €1,500 per sled.

Reason:

With all races in all classes taking place in Europe the nations and athletes from outside Europe incur significantly greater costs in order to be able to compete in international races. This includes travel costs (flights and transport in Europe), accommodation, meals, travel and medical insurance (for every day while in Europe). For athletes from outside Europe travel to Europe is the only option for international competition. Unfortunately with all of the races being in Europe, with limited media coverage outside Europe, commercial opportunities for non-European athletes are extremely limited.

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General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: Sweden

Motion No.: 8

Motion:

Allow foiled visors to get more space for sponsors.

Reason:

A foiled visor is spectacular and is used in Formula 1. It could be used in luge too to make the helmets look more cool and to allow sponsors to use this space.



General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: Sweden

Motion No.: 9

Motion:

Make the presentations of the sport more exciting and alive. Such as:
Improve the presentations of the athletes before the race.
Visualize graphics during the ride with speed, g-force and so on.
Bobsleigh already has this and it looks much more interesting.

Reason:

A short video of all athletes improves the feeling of knowing the athletes. The athletes can show more of her or his personality.

Luge is a high-tech sport. This will make it more interesting for the spectators to watch the race and will help them understand which athlete that gain or lose speed.



General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: Sweden

Motion No.: 10

Motion:

Introduce live commentator also on the junior and youth a circuit

Reason:

The FIL-channel on YouTube is a success!

With a live commentator it will attract more viewers which also makes it more attractive for sponsors.



General Motion to the 2023 FIL Congress

Applicant: Sweden

Motion No.: 11

Motion:

Improve the tv view with small cameras in the ice.

For instance, make a small jump on a straight away and be able to film the sleds from behind.

Reason:

New and spectacular angles will make the race more attractive for the viewers which makes it more interesting for the sponsors.

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Artificial Track Natural Track

Applicant: FIL Executive Board

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Motion No.:

Old text:

none

New text:

e) the athlete has participated in at least one anti-doping education course specified by the FIL before the start of the season. A corresponding certificate must be presented for the license application.

Reason:

As WADA defines the proof of "Education" (programs) as one of the top priorities, in the future an anti-doping education must be completed before the start of the season. There are enough Education Programs & Webinars available in different languages. Which anti-doping course has to be completed will be specified by the FIL in cooperation with the ITA.

Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?



Urgent motion to the FIL Congress 2023

Applicant: WG Olympic Rules/Executive Board

Application No.: 1, Supplement 1

Motion:

Supplement 1

Commissioning

The FIL Executive Board decides on official recognition and approval of an artificial luge track for OWG, FIL Championships and FIL competitions.

Supplement 1

Commissioning

The FIL Executive Board decides on official recognition and approval of an artificial luge track for OWG, FIL Championships and FIL competitions **which must take place at least one year prior to the first international competition held on this track.**

Reason

On every newly built track/facility, deficiencies (including safety-related ones) have been identified during pre-homologation, which had to be subsequently rectified.



Urgent motion to the FIL Congress 2023

Applicant: WG Olympic Rules /Executive Board

Application No.: 2, Supplement 4

Motion:

Supplement 4

1.10 International Training Courses on the Olympic Track

- a) The event organizers of the Olympic luge competitions are obligated to offer in the pre Olympic and the Olympic season altogether two International Training Weeks for all NFs.
- b) At least 6 training days and a maximum of 10 training days, with at least 3 training runs per day are to be made available in each week.
- c) The same number of training runs must be made available to all NF's.
- d) Cancelled training runs must be replaced.

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Reason

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Annual Statement of Accounts

April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

1. INCOME

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Budget €</u>		<u>Income €</u>	
1100	Income from 2021/2022 Budget		0,00		80.554,00
1200	Annual Membership Fees from National Federations		3.000,00		3000,00
1300	Return on Investment, Dividends, Interests		140.000,00		218.436,83
1400	<u>IOC Subsidies</u>		62.000,00		106.337,90
1410	Olympic Solidarity	62.000,00		106.337,90	
1411	AIOWF Strategic Projects			77.444,70	77.444,70
1500	<u>Television and Advertising Revenues</u>		1.542.000,00		1.555.000,00
1600	<u>Sales</u>		1.500,00		293,00
1610	Helmet and Visors	1.500,00		293,00	
1700	<u>Miscellaneous Income</u>		0,00		0,00
2022/2023 Total Regular Income		EURO	1.748.000,00	EURO	2.041.066,43

2. EXPENSES

Account Number		Budget €	Expenses €
3100	<u>Management President</u>	36.600,00	36.600,00
3110	Official Functions Expenses	30.000,00	30.000,00
3130	Lump Sum Telephone Costs	6.600,00	6.600,00
3200	<u>Admin. Expenses Secretary General</u>	25.000,00	25.000,00
3210	Official Functions Expenses	22.000,00	22.000,00
3230	Lump Sum Telephone Costs	3.000,00	3.000,00
3310	<u>FIL Office Berchtesgaden</u>	478.500,00	467.626,21
3311	Wages	274.000,00	249.955,22
3312	Additional Costs of Wages	134.000,00	149.082,00
3313	Support Staff	5.000,00	3.878,00
3314	Rent	4.500,00	4.494,51
3315	Operating Costs, Additional Costs	5.000,00	13.092,00
3316	Postage, Teleph., Fax, Office Material	20.000,00	20.525,62
3317	Internet	1.000,00	505,40
3318	Maint. Costs, Equipment, Furniture	20.000,00	21.313,82
3319	Transportation and Custom Fees	5.000,00	0,00
3320	Miscellaneous Expenses	10.000,00	0,00
3321	EDV Data Protection	0,00	4.779,64
3400	<u>FIL Office Salzburg (Operating Costs, Office Material)</u>	4.000,00	3.826,29
3500	<u>Administrative Expenses VP Finance</u>	71.500,00	71.243,42
3511	Official Function Expenses	16.500,00	16.500,00
3512	Operating Costs, Postage, Tel., Fax, Office Material	5.000,00	5.000,00
3513	Bookkeeping, Accounting	50.000,00	49.743,42
3600	<u>Lump Sum Admin. Expenses VPs, Executive Board Members</u>	32.000,00	32.000,00
3631	7 x € 4.000,00	28.000,00	28.000,00
3632	2 x € 2.000,00	4.000,00	4.000,00
3800	<u>Expenses for FIL Commissions / WG</u>	95.000,00	105.407,44
3810	Sport Commission AT	12.000,00	11.893,23
3820	Technical Commission AT	10.000,00	9.897,93
3830	NT Commission	5.000,00	5.001,04
3850	Development WG, Youth WG	8.000,00	9.901,84
3860	Miscellaneous Commissions and WG	60.000,00	68.713,40
3900	<u>Travel Expenses Executive Board and Officials</u>	120.000,00	157.364,69
4100	<u>Translation Expenses</u>	8.500,00	3.263,47

4200	<u>FIL Meetings</u>		220.000,00		158.990,05
4210	FIL Congress	130.000,00		76.392,90	
4215	Extraordinary FIL Congress	40.000,00		40.685,48	
4220	Executive Board / Presidium Meetings	50.000,00		41.911,67	
4300	<u>Fees (SportAccord, Fair Play, etc.)</u>		4.500,00		4.000,00
4400	<u>Advertising, Public Relations Work</u>		510.000,00		501.483,05
4405	Advertising, Public Relations Work	175.000,00		177.962,22	
4406	Marketing Expenses	97.000,00		89.052,66	
4407	Media Guide	19.000,00		5.598,25	
4408	Looking after Guests of Honor	15.000,00		18.024,35	
4410	Advertising Material, Honorary Gifts	10.000,00		11.219,86	
4420	Flags, Pennants, Badges	2.000,00		1.852,14	
4460	Press Relations WC AT (cent. press off.)	90.000,00		85.697,01	
4465	Press Relations WC NT	10.000,00		8.588,30	
4467	Marketing, TV Production WC NT	90.000,00		103.488,26	
4480	Poster Contest	2.000,00		0,00	
4490	<u>Social Media, Internet</u>		131.000,00		130.349,00
4491	Social Media	130.000,00		80.205,00	
4492	Internet	1.000,00		1.279,85	
4495	Social Media NT			48.864,15	
4500	<u>Various Publishing Costs</u>		3.000,00		3.484,32
4600	<u>Trophies, Medals (AT, NT)</u>		40.000,00		51.278,27
4700	<u>Magazines, Specialized Literature, Subscriptions</u>		3.500,00		2.269,36
4800	<u>FIL Magazine</u>		32.000,00		34.431,68
4810	Printing Costs, Distribution	24.000,00		24.653,79	
4820	Lump Sum Expenses	6.600,00		9.018,89	
4830	Miscellaneous	1.400,00		759,00	
5000	<u>Athletes Subsidy Championships</u>		517.000,00		372.550,00
5031	WCH NT 2023		0,00	7.200,00	
5100	<u>Athletes Subs. 2023 JWM AT</u>		0,00		
5110	<u>Athletes Subs, 2022 JEM NT</u>		0,00	4.400,00	
5200	<u>Athletes Subsidy WC AT incl. 4 Disc.</u>		250.000,00	217.750,00	
5300	<u>Athletes Subsidy JWC</u>		185.000,00	95.000,00	
5400	<u>Athletes Subsidy World Cup NT</u>		50.000,00	30.6000,00	
5450	<u>Athletes Subsidy JWC NT</u>		32.000,00	17.600,00	

5500	<u>Prize Money</u>		756.000,00		741.750,00
5510	Prize Money WC AT, Team, Sprint	560.000,00		534.950,00	
5520	Prize Money World Cup NT	61.000,00		70.200,00	
5535	Prize Money WCh AT	103.000,00		103.300,00	
5536	Prize Money WCh NT	17.000,00		16.800,00	
5540	Uvex Prize Money	15.000,00		16.500,00	
5600	<u>DopingTests</u>		250.000,00		329.483,29
5700	<u>Subsidies for Organizers of WC and Championships</u>		961.000,00		967.926,58
5710	Sponsor Share WC AT, Team, Sprint	750.000,00		784.525,51	
5720	Sponsor Share WC Natural Track	72.000,00		49.515,90	
5731	WCh Artificial Track Oberhof 2023	120.000,00		120.000,00	
5740	WCh Natural Track Deutschnofen	12.000,00		10.902,00	
5750	WC NT, additional accomm. costs	7.000,00		2.983,17	
6100	<u>Expenses for Permanent TDs/Directors</u>		237.000,00		298.440,72
6110	AT Sport Director	85.000,00		108.254,58	
6115	AT Technical Director	90.000,00		81.625,15	
6166	Assistant Sport and Technical	0,00		39.560,39	
6120	TD AT Juniors	18.000,00		18.808,46	
6130	NT Director	20.000,00		25.000,00	
6131	NT Director Travel Expenses	10.000,00		12.743,70	
6135	TD NT	2.000,00		2.000,00	
6136	TD NT Juniors	2.000,00		2.000,00	
6140	Technical Equipment	8.000,00		6.556,08	
6150	Special Activities Track Inspections NT	2.000,00		1.892,36	
6200	<u>Subsidies for Organization</u>		151.000,00		162.800,00
6210	Junior World Cup AT	90.000,00		55.000,00	
6211	Continental Cups AT	0,00		50.000,00	
6220	Confirmed international races AT	15.000,00		14.800,00	
6230	Junior World Cup NT	12.000,00		12.000,00	
6230	FIL Youth Games	4.000,00		7,000,00	
6240	JWCH AT + JECH NT	30.000,00		24.000,00	
6300	<u>Development Program Artificial Track</u>		554.000,00		525.275,61
6310	Training Camps, NF Programs	80.000,00		177.776,56	
6311	Rental cars development AT	0,00		21.454,60	
6320	Fee Manager	60.000,00		60.000,00	
6330	Fee for Temporary Coach	90.000,00		89.159,50	
6340	Postage, Tel., Fax Coordinator	3.000,00		3.000,00	
6370	Material and Equipment	66.000,00		21.355,50	
6371	NF Program	50.000,00		40.333,50	
6381	Vouchers Programm	200.000,00		106.209,77	
6390	Service vehicle and crew	5.000,00		5.986,18	
6400	<u>Development Program Natural Track</u>		84.000,00		90.516,45
6410	Development Program incl.NF Prog.	40.000,00		49.820,51	

6420	Fee FIL Coaches	20.000,00		23.163,94
6430	Travel a. Accom.Costs FIL Coaches	1.500,00		1.500,00
6440	Postage, Tel., Fax FIL Coaches	2.500,00		2.500,00
6450	Material and Equipment	20.000,00		13.532,00
6605	<u>Special Costs Strategic Plan SLIDE 2026</u>		50.000,00	6.100,00
6630	<u>Development standard components AT</u>		10.000,00	0,00
6700	<u>„Patenschaft“ Programs AT</u>		35.000,00	31.200,00
6800	<u>Flight a. Travel Subsid., Transp. Costs For National Federations</u>		80.000,00	54.829,00
7100	<u>FIL Vehicles</u>		50.000,00	15.682,13
7120	Insur., Taxes, Maint. Costs (Car, Bus)	50.000,00		15.682,13
7200	<u>Purchase of Helmets</u>		39.270,00	41.566,70
7300	<u>Insurances</u>		15.000,00	20.423,26
7400	<u>Bank Charges</u>		4.000,00	2.512,01
7401	<u>Fund Management Fee</u>		80.000,00	61.197,21
7402	<u>Costs of Financing FIL Office</u>		12.000,00	10.635,64
7450	<u>Description of Buildings and Equipments</u>		65.000,00	65.573,49
7460	<u>Inventories movements</u>		0,00	0,00
7500	<u>Agent Responsible for Television</u>		75.000,00	77.739,31
7510	Fee, Additional Costs, Support Staff	75.000,00		77.739,31
7550	<u>TV Expenses</u>		690.000,00	1.022.360,54
7600	<u>Expenses form 2020/2021 season (Payables)</u>		30.000,00	30.000,00
7700	<u>Unforeseen Expenses</u>		2.000,00	2.000,00
7710	<u>Costs COVID-19 actions</u>		30.000,00	557,05
7800	<u>Allocation of hardship fund</u>		10.000,00	10.000,00
2022/2023 Total Expenses		EURO	6.602.370,00	EURO 6.729.736,24

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as of 11 May, 2023

Annual Budget
from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

1. Income (in EURO)

Account No.

1100	<u>Income from 2022/2023 budget (receivables)</u>		-
1200	<u>Annual Membership Fee from National Federations</u>		3.000,00
1300	<u>Return on Investments, Dividends, Interests</u>		200.000,00
1400	<u>IOC Subsidies</u>		235.000,00
1410	Olympic Solidarity	45.000,00	
1411	IOC Development Programme	65.000,00	
1412	AIOWF	45.000,00	
1412	IOC (YOG 2024)	80.000,00	
1500	<u>Television and Advertising Revenues</u>		1.590.000,00
1600	<u>Sales</u>		1.500,00
1610	Helmets, Visors and Miscellaneous	1.500,00	
1700	<u>Miscellaneous Income</u>		-
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	2023/2024 Total Income		2.029.500,00
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2. Expenses (in EURO)

Account No.

3100	<u>Management President</u>		53.000,00
3110	Official Function Expenses	50.000,00	
3130	Lump Payment Telephone, Internet	3.000,00	
3200	<u>Administrative Expenses Secretary General</u>		43.000,00
3210	Official function expenses	40.000,00	
3220	Lump payment telefon, internet	3.000,00	
3300	<u>FIL Office Berchtesgaden</u>		585.800,00
3311	Wages	280.000,00	
3312	Additional costs to wages	155.000,00	
3313	Support staff	5.000,00	
3314	Rents (office, stock)	4.800,00	
3315	Operating costs, additional costs	15.000,00	
3316	Postage, Telephone, Fax, Office Material	20.000,00	
3317	Internet	1.000,00	
3318	Maintenance costs, equipment, furniture	20.000,00	
3319	Transportation and custom fees	5.000,00	
3330	Data protection	15.000,00	
3350	Bookkeeping, accounting	60.000,00	
3320	Miscellaneous Expenses	5.000,00	
3400	<u>FIL Office Salzburg (Operating Costs, Office Material)</u>		4.500,00
3500	<u>Administrative Expenses VP Finance</u>		23.000,00
3511	Official function expenses	20.000,00	
3512	Lump payment telefon, internet	3.000,00	
3600	<u>Lump Sum Adm. Expenses Executive B. Memb. (except Pres.)</u>		40.000,00
3631	4 x € 6.000,00 (VPs)	24.000,00	
3632	3 x € 4.000,00 (Ex. board members, athletes rep)	12.000,00	
3633	2 x € 2.000,00 (Continental VPs)	4.000,00	
3800	<u>Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups</u>		147.000,00
3810	Sport Commission AT	12.000,00	
3820	Technical Commission AT	10.000,00	
3850	Commission Youth/Development	10.000,00	
3860	Other Commissions, Working Groups, Legal advice	65.000,00	
3865	FIL Integrity Unit	50.000,00	
3900	<u>Travel Expenses Executive Board Members and Officials</u>		100.000,00
4100	<u>Translation Expenses</u>		5.000,00
4200	<u>FIL Meetings</u>		140.000,00
4210	FIL Congress	100.000,00	
4220	Executive Board Meetings/Presidium Meetings	40.000,00	
4300	<u>Fees ("Fair Play" etc.)</u>		2.000,00

Account No.

4400	<u>Marketing/Public Relations Work AT</u>		319.000,00
4405	Advertising, public relations, services ST	130.000,00	
4406	Marketing expenses	90.000,00	
4408	Support service guests of honor	10.000,00	
4410	Advertising material (honorary gifts, flags, etc.)	7.000,00	
4420	Flags, pennants, pins	2.000,00	
4460	Press relations WC AT (centr. press officer) + WM	80.000,00	
4470	Media Seminar	-	
4490	<u>Social Media</u>		80.000,00
4491	Social Media	80.000,00	
4500	<u>Various Publishing Costs</u>		3.500,00
4600	<u>Trophies, Medals (AT)</u>		30.000,00
4700	<u>Magazines, Specialized Literature, Subscriptions</u>		2.500,00
4800	<u>FIL Magazine</u>		16.000,00
4810	Printing costs, distribution	12.000,00	
4820	Lump sum expenses	3.300,00	
4830	Miscellaneous	700,00	
5200	<u>Athletes Subsidy WC AT including 4 Disciplines</u>		220.000,00
5300	<u>Athletes Subsidy Junior WC Artificial Track</u>		100.000,00
5500	<u>Prize Money</u>		678.000,00
5510	Prize Money WC AT (including Team Relay)	560.000,00	
5530	Prize Money World Championships AT (incl. Sprint)	103.000,00	
5540	Uvex Prize Money	15.000,00	
5600	<u>Doping tests</u>		280.000,00

Account No.

5700	<u>Subsidies for Event Organizers AT</u>		885.000,00
5710	WC Artificial Track, Team Relay, Sprint	765.000,00	
5730	WCh Kunstbahn Altenberg 2024	120.000,00	
6100	<u>Expenses for Directors, Permanent TD's, etc.</u>		276.000,00
6110	Sport Director Artificial Track General Class	85.000,00	
6115	Technical Director Artificial Track General Class	90.000,00	
6116	FIL Director Milano Cortina 2026	75.000,00	
6120	TD AT Juniors	18.000,00	
6140	Technical equipment	8.000,00	
6200	<u>Subsidies for Event Organization AT</u>		120.000,00
6210	Junior World Cup AT	55.000,00	
6215	Continental Cup AT	50.000,00	
6220	Approved International Races AT	15.000,00	
6300	<u>Development Program Artificial Track</u>		514.000,00
6310	Training Camps	80.000,00	
6315	Rental vehicles development program AT	20.000,00	
6320	Fee for Manager	55.000,00	
6330	Fee for Temporary Trainer	65.000,00	
6335	Travel expenses temporary trainer	25.000,00	
6340	Postage, Tel., Fax Manager	3.000,00	
6370	Material and Equipment	40.000,00	
6380	NF Programs	40.000,00	
6381	Vouchers Program	180.000,00	
6390	Service Vehicle and Staff	6.000,00	
6400	<u>Program Natural Track - lump sum</u>		442.000,00
6700	<u>Partnership Programs AT</u>		35.000,00
6800	<u>Flight and Travel Subsidies, Transportation Costs</u>		80.000,00
7100	<u>FIL Vehicles</u>		18.000,00
7120	Insurance, taxes, maintenance costs (car, van)	18.000,00	

Account No.			
7200	<u>Purchase of Helmets</u>		42.000,00
7300	<u>Insurances</u>		20.000,00
7400	<u>Bank Charges</u>		4.000,00
7401	<u>Fund Management Fee</u>		65.000,00
7402	<u>Finance Costs New Office</u>		12.000,00
7450	<u>Assets Depreciation</u>		65.000,00
7500	<u>Agent responsible for Television</u>		80.000,00
	7510	Fee, additional costs, back staff	80.000,00
7550	<u>Television Expenses</u>		-
	7555	TV production AT incl. live streaming	650.000,00
	7560	FIL Studio AT	50.000,00
X	7565	TV production NT	
7600	<u>Expenses from the 2021/2022 season (Payables)</u>		30.000,00
7650	<u>Extra expenses YOG 2024</u>		100.000,00
7700	<u>Unforeseen Expenses</u>		2.000,00
7710	<u>COVID19 Actions</u>		-
7800	<u>Allocation Hardship Cases Fund</u>		10.000,00
2023/2024 Total Expenses Annual Budget x)			6.372.300,00
Less 2023/24 Total Income Annual Budget			2.029.500,00
RELEASE OF RESERVES 2023/2024 from Annual Budget			4.342.800,00

Wals-Siezenheim, May 11, 2023

Philipp Trattner

Vice President of Finance of the FIL

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FIL Audit
Vlasta Vavruskova
Günther Beck

**To the 71st FIL Congress 2023
in Bucharest /ROU**

AUDIT REPORT of May 7th, 2023

We, the undersigned, members of the Control Commission, in accordance with our mandate and in the period from May 05 to May 07, 2023, in FIL office in Berchtesgaden/GER , examined the accounts, the annual financial statement for March 31, 2023 and all transactions for the business year 2012 / 2023.

We find that:

1. the accounts were correctly kept in accordance with the legal requirements,
2. all documentary evidence and bank statements are available and agree with the account entries.
3. we have checked the assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2023 for any impairment and established that they were correct on that date.
4. the annual financial statement for March 31, 2023 and the balance sheet for March 31, 2023 are in agreement with the figures in the accounts.

The annual financial statement for March 31, 2023 shows:

Revenues	EUR	2,041,066.43
Expenditures	EUR	6,729,736.24

Net outlay of resources	EUR	4,688,669.81
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The financial management in the financial year 2022/2023 corresponded very exactly to the budget in essential budget items, so that detailed explanations in written form are not necessary. Significant deviations only occurred in the area of TV expenses, due to inflation-related price increases and the introduction of the "FIL Studio". The other variances in individual cost center areas are allocation-related and have no significant impact on the budget targets in the overall. Details of the financial statements as of March 31, 2023 will be explained verbally at the FIL Congress anyway.

The random check of the inventory assets of the FIL with status March 31, 2023 showed agreement of the items to hand with the records.

Comments on the audit

We find that, beyond the business transactions already discussed, there are no noteworthy changes relative to the estimates for 2022/2023 to be discussed.

Dear Delegates, we once again find that, in the year 2022/2023, now ended, our FIL Vice-President for Finance, Philipp Trattner, has managed the FIL's assets extremely professionally, prudently and, together with the FIL Presidium, with more than usual commitment, successfully, to the benefit of the entire FIL family.

All documents required for our audit were made available for our work freely, in full and collated.

We find that the collaboration between the FIL office in Berchtesgaden and the Vice President for Finances works outstandingly well.

We would like to thank our staff in the FIL Office, headed by Executive Director Christoph Schweiger and the staff member responsible for accounting, Sanela Rekić, for the excellent work they have done.

For the year now ended, 2022/2023, it is therefore our earnest wish to thank the FIL Presidium with President Einars Fogelis at its head, and especially the Vice-President for Finances Philipp Trattner, the whole Executive, the commissions and all officials and employees of the FIL for their outstanding and untiring work for the worldwide sport of luge.

Based on the audit that we have carried out, we recommend that Congress grant release with thanks to the Vice President for Finances Philipp Trattner, the Presidium of the FIL, the whole Executive Board and the Control Commission.

For the Control Commission:

Vlasta Vavruskova
Chairperson



Berchtesgaden, May 07, 2023

Günther Beck
Member



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**Compilations of the motions and recommendations of the sport Commission AT
for the Executive Board Meeting in Lausanne, SUI**

Application to host the FIL World Championships in 2027

FIL World Championships 2027

- Innsbruck, application AUT
- Lake Placid, application USA

From a sport point of view, both organization have the necessary infrastructure and experience and are able to meet the requirements of the FIL World Championship due to the alignment of many FIL competitions/events.

Application for the organization of the Junior World Championships 2025

Junior World Championships 2025

- St. Moritz-Celerina, Application Switzerland

Application to host the Junior World Championships 2027

Junior World Championships 2027

- Winterberg, Application Germany

From a sporting point of view, both hosts, St. Moritz-Celerina/SUI as well as Winterberg/GER, have the necessary infrastructures and experience and, due to the organization of many FIL events, are able to meet the requirements of hosting the Junior World Championships.



Bid to host FIL Championships - Artificial Track Luge -

USA Luge
National Federation:

2027 World Championships
Designated Championships:

Olympic Regional Development Authority - Mount Van Hoevenberg, Lake Placid, USA
Planned Venue:

1. Benefits granted to teams during the international training week:

(such as costs for accommodation for a certain number of athletes; using the track without paying fees or receiving a reduced price; for organizing a party for athletes)

Please see attached.

2. Benefits granted for teams during the Championships:

(such as costs for accommodation for a certain number of athletes; for organizing a party for athletes)

SEE ATTACHED

3. Will the television production be provided and financed by a television station from the host nation?

(please mark with a cross)

to 100 %	yes	<input type="radio"/>	no	<input type="radio"/>
to 50 %	yes	<input type="radio"/>	no	<input type="radio"/>

subsidies in Euro SEE ATTACHED

4. Will at least one adequate video screen be in use (suitable for daylight use)?

(please mark with a cross)

Yes	<input type="radio"/>
No	<input type="radio"/>

5. Will a VIP tent be available during all competition days? - SEE ATTACHED
(please mark with a cross)

Yes (if yes: approximate number of seats:)
No

6. Will there be any special areas arranged for VIP guests / Will stands be set up?
(please mark with a cross)

Yes SEE ATTACHED
No

7. Which measures are planned in order to secure a high number of spectators?

SEE ATTACHED

8. Which main activities will be staged as a fringe program for participants, thus transforming it into an „event“?

SEE ATTACHED

9. Have naming rights for the venue been granted to a sponsor?

Yes
No SEE ATTACHED

If yes: Name of the sponsor: _____

Appointed name of the venue: _____

The FIL expressively states that any naming right for the venue granted after the awarding of the event must be approved by the FIL. In particular, the FIL reserves the right to not use the name for this event.

10. Championships staged in the past 5 years

Year of Event: Championships concerned:

SEE ATTACHED

With your signature, you are confirming that

- **the IRO will be acknowledged, especially**
 - the „*Book of Requirements for Event Organizers Artificial Track*“ (will be sent),
 - the „*Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights*“ (IRO 2022)
 - the § 6 of the IRO „*Medical Service*“ (IRO 2022)

- **at least 60 minutes of the Championships will be broadcasted on public television of the host nation (only valid for World Championships).**

- **the possibility for participation by the athletes of all National Federation of the FIL is guaranteed.**

3.24.23
Date

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Signature of President
or NF Secretary General

Bid Questions:

1. Benefits Granted to teams during International Training Week
 - a. Free track time
 - b. Off-ice facilities, weight room training, running track, start facility (per diem use fee), additional training to ITW as requested
 - c. There is a large selection and variety of housing options in and around Lake Placid with a variety of price points to accommodate all teams. The USOPTC remains an option for teams to have an all-encompassing package that provides housing, meals and weight training facilities
 - d. There will be a party at the conclusion of the training week leading into the competition at the Olympic Center and Museum. This would be a social gathering for the participating federations, officials and ORDA management. It will include a tour of our recently renovated Olympic Museum highlighting the 1932 and 1980 games held in Lake Placid.

2. Benefits to teams during Championships
 - a. Lake Placid has hosted a number of FIL events over the years, and as such, is well-versed in making athletes, sponsors and fans feel the excitement of the Championships.
 - b. Lake Placid hosts large events on a regular basis and the athletes enjoy the Olympic Town atmosphere that Lake Placid provides through its small shops, dining, and fun winter activities like toboggan, cross-country skiing, ice skating, alpine skiing.
 - c. There is a large selection and variety of housing options in and around Lake Placid with a variety of price points to accommodate all teams. The USOPTC remains an option for teams to have an all-encompassing package that provides housing, meals and weight training facilities at a reasonable rate.

3. TV Production financed by TV outlet from host country? 50%
 - a. Amount of Subsidy in Euros 108,000 Euros

4. Will at least one adequate video screen be in use (suitable for daylight use)?
 - a. YES – ORDA owns one large format video screen for event usage but likely will have at least one additional on site for viewing. In addition, the track features screens in locations along various sections of the track to enhance viewing.

5. Will a VIP Tent be available all comp days
 - a. VIP Room in Lodge Yes

6. Special Areas arranged for VIP areas? Stands set up?
 - a. We will have a friends and family and VIP area set up at Start 1 (Men's Start) and Start 5 (Junior Start)

7. What measures are planned in order to secure a high number of spectators
 - a. Promotion through USA Luge, ORDA
 - b. Tie-ins with sponsors including I Love NY
 - c. Multiple other avenues to create awareness through Social Media, PR, Television, USA and Canada

- d. ORDA has had recent success in other sports targeting European communities in the US that have a high interest in winter sport. We intend to continue that initiative with luge moving forward.
8. Which main activities will be staged as a fringe program for participants, thus transforming it into an event?
- a. Athlete Hospitality Area at Lake Placid Conference Center (centrally located for all housing options)
 - b. Welcome Ceremony at Downtown at Bandstand, events may include
 - i. Bands
 - ii. Arts festival
 - c. Closing Event – Ice Ball – Celebration of Luge
 - d. Interactive Zone at Track allowing for Fan engagement especially with students and younger fans
 - e. Sponsor Activation Zone
9. Have naming rights for the venue been granted to a sponsor
- a. No
10. No championships in the last 5 years. The last Championship was hosted in 2009.

Questionnaire for Bidder of FIL Championships – Artificial Track

- 1) Which international competitions were carried out by the bidder in the past 5 years (General Class and Junior Class)?

Covid transformed the World Cup schedule in the last five years. We would have hosted an event in 2020 and likely 2021, but these did not happen due to Covid.

 - a. General Class
 - i. World Cup, 2018
 - ii. World Cup, 2019
 - iii. Awarded 2020 but cancelled and 2021 not scheduled due to Covid
 - iv. World Cup will be hosted 2023, along with discussions on an ITW
 - b. Junior Class
 - i. Continental Cup coming 2023

- 2) Which efforts were made by the bidder in the last 5 years in order to transform FIL competitions into “events”?
 - a. New 80 million Lodge with Hospitality, Guest Services, Media Services, Event Services and Athlete Service Areas, Improved All Areas of Food, and Beverage. New Award Plaza
 - b. New TV Compound with Direct Fiber Connection to Track
 - c. Downtown area has undergone substantial upgrades
 - d. USOPTC has significant upgrades to the building infrastructure housing the dormitory
 - e. Athlete Medical Area has been completely remodeled
 - f. TV Production (Global Distribution) / Domestic TV Distribution

- 3) Which contributions were made from bidding nation for past 5 years to the FIL Development Program and Sponsoring Program (Patenschaft Program)?
 - a. USA Luge partnership (Patenschaft) with Slovakia (2018 to present), Japan (2021 to present), Australia (2020-2022), and Venezuela (2018-2019).
 - b. ORDA/USA Luge has offered International Training in the off-season to multiple countries

- 4) What has been done by the bidding nation in the past 5 years development of the sport in areas of youth, junior, General class?
 - a. Full Development Program from beginner to Olympic Level:
 - i. Slider Search / Luge Challenge
 1. These two programs aim to recruit young athletes (8-12 years old) into the sport of luge.
 2. Athletes from these two programs are invited to Lake Placid to try the sport on ice.
 3. Then the best athletes are selected to the D Team.
 - ii. Luge D team
 1. USA Luge maintains a team of 35 athletes in Lake Placid of ages 10-13 years old.
 2. This team’s goal is to gain experience sliding to understand position, driving, and to develop their situational awareness on the track.

- iii. Luge C Team
 - 1. This team of about 20 athletes consists of Youth A Class age sliders.
 - 2. This team trains to refine their sliding skills and begin racing in international competitions.
 - iv. Luge Junior National Team
 - 1. This team includes 16-20 athletes of Junior Class age athletes. This team competes and trains worldwide.
 - v. National Luge Team
 - 1. The National Team competes in the General Class World Cup circuit and has about 16 members.
 - b. Utilization of Lake Placid venues for training for all levels
 - i. The teams training in Lake Placid utilize the Olympic Training Center on a daily basis.
 - ii. Wheeled training at Ski Jumps and occasionally on the luge track.
 - iii. Flat-ice Training at USA Rink at Olympic Center.
 - iv. Occasional training at the trampolines at the Ski Jumping facility.
 - v. Start Facility at USLA Headquarters.
 - c. USOPTC Lake Placid is utilized for Sports Medicine, Nutrition, Sports Psych
- 5) When was the last homologation of the track operated by the bidder?
- a. 2021
- 6) Which measures are planned to improve the track infrastructure in preparation of the Championships that you are applying for?
- a. NY State has invested in all of the venues / infrastructure of nearly \$800M, since 2019 – no other region around the world has made this kind of expenditure without having a Games bid attached
 - b. Planned improvements this summer include upgrades to all track fiber with built out media pedestals for easy TV infrastructure including upgrades to Sound System and In House Camera System
 - c. Upgrades to the Ammonia System to are planned beginning this summer and continuing over the next 2 years
 - d. Curve 7 and other sections of the track will be resurfaced to improve ice quality and system efficiency
- 7) Security Questions
- a. Closed circuit TV system? YES
 - b. Telephone system along the track? YES
 - c. Room for medical first care? YES
- 8) General Questions
- a. Is there a ranking display visible for athletes at the finish run? YES
 - b. Is the lighting good enough for television broadcasts in the evening? YES
 - c. Do you have enough manpower (i.e. by snow fall) YES



Antrag auf Ausrichtung von FIL-Meisterschaften

- Bereich Kunstbahn-Rodeln -

Österreich (AUT) _____

Nationale Föderation:

Kunstbahn Rodel Weltmeisterschaften 2027 _____

Vorgesehene Meisterschaft:

Olympia Eiskanal Innsbruck/Igls _____

Geplanter Austragungsort:

1. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams in der Internationalen Trainingswoche:

(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Nutzung der Bahn ohne Gebühren oder mit Preisnachlass; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Hungerburgbahn - Tarifvergünstigungen bei Bahnbenützung _____

Innsbruck Tourismus - Vergünstigungen bei Veranstaltungen (Stadtführung, Museumsbesuche, etc...) _____

Innsbrucker Verkehrsbetrieb (IVB) - Vergünstigungen bei Busshuttle _____

2. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams bei den Meisterschaften:

(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Durchführung eines Sportlerabends _____

Hungerburgbahn - Tarifvergünstigungen bei Bahnbenützung _____

Innsbruck Tourismus - Vergünstigungen bei Veranstaltungen (Stadtführung, Museumsbesuche, etc...) _____

Innsbrucker Verkehrsbetrieb (IVB) - Vergünstigungen bei Busshuttle _____

3. Wird die TV-Produktion durch eine TV-Anstalt des Ausrichterlandes erstellt und finanziert? (Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

zu 100 % Ja

Nein

zu 50 % Ja

Nein

Nach Zuschlag seitens der FIL zur Ausrichtung der WM 2027 kann mit einer TV Anstalt über die Finanzierung der TV-Produktion verhandelt werden.

Zuschuss in Euro _____

4. Kommt mindestens eine leistungsfähige Videowand (für Einsatz bei Tageslicht geeignet) zum Einsatz?

(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja

Nein

**5. Steht an allen Wettkampftagen ein VIP-Zelt zur Verfügung?
(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)**

Ja (wenn ja: ungefähre Anzahl der Sitzplätze:250.....)
Nein

**6. Werden für die VIP-Gäste spezielle Zonen geschaffen / Tribünen aufgebaut?
(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)**

Ja
Nein

7. Welche Maßnahmen sind zur Sicherung einer hohen Zahl von Zuschauern vorgesehen?

Es ist im Zuge der behördlichen Bewilligung der Veranstaltung ein Sicherheitskonzept auszuarbeiten
und vorzulegen. Dabei wird es eine enge Zusammenarbeit mit der Sicherheitsbehörde (Polizei)
geben. Es werden ausreichend Ordner/Security bereitgestellt, das Gelände in verschiedene Zonen
eingeteilt, Verkehrssicherungsmaßnahmen wie Absperrungen ect platziert werden und es müssen
ausreichend Fluchtwege (teils schon vorgegeben) am Gelände vorhanden sein.

8. Welche nennenswerten Aktivitäten werden als Rahmenprogramm für die Teilnehmer stattfinden (Gestaltung der Veranstaltung zu einem „Event“)?

Der Umbau des Olympia Eiskanal in Innsbruck/Igls zu einer neuen Sportarena ermöglicht dem
Veranstalter ein exklusives Rahmenprogramm am Gelände der Eisarena zu veranstalten.

- Eröffnungsmesse in der Wiltener Basilika
- Vip Lounge
- Livebands am Gelände
- Kulinarik (heimische Produkte)
- Familien- und Kinderanimation

9. Besteht eine Vereinbarung mit einem Sponsor bezüglich Namensrecht am Austragungsort?

Ja
Nein

Wenn ja: Name des Sponsors: _____

Vereinbarter Name des Austragungsorts: _____

Die FIL weist ausdrücklich darauf hin, dass nach der Vergabe abgeschlossene Vereinbarungen über ein Namensrecht am Austragungsort von der FIL genehmigungspflichtig sind. Insbesondere behält sich die FIL ein Recht zur Nichtverwendung des Namens für diese Veranstaltung vor.

10. Durchgeführte Meisterschaften in den letzten 5 Jahren

Jahr der Durchführung:

2017

2019

2023

Welche Meisterschaften:

Kunstbahn Weltmeisterschaft Innsbruck/Igls

Kunstbahn Junioren Weltmeisterschaft Innsbruck/Igls

Kunstbahn Junioren Weltmeisterschaft Bludenz

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 - das „Pflichtenheft für Ausrichter Kunstbahn“ (wird nachgeschickt),
 - die „Regelung der Rechte für audiovisuelle Medien“ (IRO 2022)
 - § 6 der IRO „Medizinischer Dienst“ (IRO 2022)

- **von den Meisterschaften im öffentlich-rechtlichen Fernsehen des Landes mindestens 60 Minuten übertragen werden (gilt nur WM).**

- **die Möglichkeit einer Teilnahme von Athletinnen und Athleten aller Nationalen Verbände der FIL garantiert wird.**

23.03.2023

Datum

Stempel

**Unterschrift des Präsidenten
bzw. des Generalsekretärs der NF**
Markus Prock / Präsident ÖRV



Dipl. Ing. Helmut Ruetz / Generalsekretär ÖRV

Fragebogen für Bewerber von FIL-Meisterschaften – Kunstbahn

1. Welche internationalen Wettbewerbe wurden vom Bewerber im Zeitraum der vergangenen 5 Jahre (allgemeine Klasse und Junioren) durchgeführt?

2018/2019: 1. Weltcup Allgemeine Klasse, Junioren WM

2019/2020: 1. Weltcup Allgemeine Klasse, 2. und 3. Jugend A Weltcup

2020/2021: 1. und 8. Weltcup Allgemeine Klasse

2021/2022: 5. Weltcup Allgemeine Klasse, Junioren EM

2022/2023: 1. Weltcup Allgemeine Klasse, Junioren WM, Jugend A Continentalcup

2. Welche Bemühungen wurden in den vergangenen 5 Jahren vom Bewerber unternommen, um FIL-Wettbewerbe zu Events zu entwickeln?

Bei der Durchführung der Weltcup Wettbewerbe wurden die Veranstaltungen mit Side-Events aufgewertet.

- Zuschauerzelt mit Entertainer und Musikgruppen
- Brauchtumsgruppen, Musikkapellen

In den vergangenen 2 Jahren konnten die Side-Events aber Corona bedingt leider nicht stattfinden

3. Welche Beiträge wurden in den vergangenen 5 Jahren von der Bewerbernation zu den Entwicklungs- und Patenschaftsprogrammen der FIL geleistet?

Patenschaftsprogramm mit Schweden - seit mehreren Jahren

4. Wie hat sich die sportliche Entwicklung der Bewerbernation in den vergangenen 5 Jahren in den Bereichen Jugend, Junioren und allgemeine Klasse vollzogen?

Der ÖRV hat seit vielen Jahren ein Scoutingprogramm, welches in den letzten zwei Jahren durch eine personelle Verstärkung des Teams weiterentwickelt wurde. Dadurch wird eine konstante Anzahl an Nachwuchssportlern im Jugendbereich gewährleistet. Es wird viel in die Nachwuchsförderung investiert, und es ist gelungen gut ausgebildete und erfahrene Trainer zu engagieren. Die Erfolge im Bereich der Jugend und Junioren sind in Summe sehr gut

5. Wann hat die letzte Homologierung der Bahn des Bewerbers stattgefunden?

Mai 2019

6. Welche Maßnahmen zur Verbesserung der Infrastruktur der Bahn sind in Vorbereitung der beantragten Meisterschaften vorgesehen?

Es ist ein Umbau des Olympia Eiskanal in Innsbruck/Igls geplant und zwar eine Neuerrichtung der Zielkurve und des Auslaufs samt neuen Gebäuden.

7. Sicherheitsfragen

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7.1 Ist eine Video-Überwachungsanlage vorhanden? | <input type="checkbox"/> ja | <input type="checkbox"/> nein |
| 7.2 Existiert eine Streckentelefonanlage? | <input type="checkbox"/> ja | <input type="checkbox"/> nein |
| 7.3 Existiert ein Raum für medizinische Erstversorgung? | <input type="checkbox"/> ja | <input type="checkbox"/> nein |

8. Allgemeine Fragen

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| 8.1 Gibt es im Zielauslauf eine für die Athleten gut sichtbare Platzanzeige? | <input type="checkbox"/> ja | <input type="checkbox"/> nein |
| 8.2 Reicht die Lichtstärke für TV-Übertragungen bei Dunkelheit? | <input type="checkbox"/> ja | <input type="checkbox"/> nein |
| 8.3 Stehen genügend Arbeitskräfte z.B. bei Schneefall bereit? | <input type="checkbox"/> ja | <input type="checkbox"/> nein |



Antrag auf Ausrichtung von FIL-Meisterschaften

- Bereich Kunstbahn-Rodeln -

Swiss Sliding
Nationale Föderation:

Juniorenweltmeisterschaften 2025
Vorgesehene Meisterschaft:

St. Moritz - Celerina
Geplanter Austragungsort:

1. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams in der Internationalen Trainingswoche:
(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Nutzung der Bahn ohne Gebühren oder mit Preisnachlass; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Bahnabfahrten kosten im Normalfall CHF 39 (pro Abfahrt). Während der ITW werden diese um Euro 35 (pro Abfahrt) angeboten.

2. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams bei den Meisterschaften:
(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Ein Anlass für die Teams ist geplant.

3. Wird die TV-Produktion durch eine TV-Anstalt des Ausrichterlandes erstellt und finanziert?
(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

zu 100 %	Ja	<input type="radio"/>	Nein	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
zu 50 %	Ja	<input type="radio"/>	Nein	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Allerdings wird ein selbst produzierter Livestream angeboten.

Zuschuss in Euro ----

4. Kommt mindestens eine leistungsfähige Videowand (für Einsatz bei Tageslicht geeignet) zum Einsatz?

(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	es gibt drei neue Videowände
Nein	<input type="radio"/>	

5. Steht an allen Wettkampftagen ein VIP-Zelt zur Verfügung?**(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)**

- Ja (wenn ja: ungefähre Anzahl der Sitzplätze:)
- Nein

6. Werden für die VIP-Gäste spezielle Zonen geschaffen / Tribünen aufgebaut?**(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)**

- Ja
- Nein Geplant wären eigene Bereiche entlang der Bahn
bzw. in der Riders Lounge im Zielbereich

7. Welche Maßnahmen sind zur Sicherung einer hohen Zahl von Zuschauern vorgesehen?

Massnahmen über die eigene Webseite, schweizweite Plakat-Kampagnen,
 Livesystems/Nau (in allen regionalen Bussen/Zügen), Radio, Printmedien und Social
 Media, Gewinnspiele (Social Medias, Radio etc.).
 Informationen über Webseite, Newsletter, App und Social Media.

8. Welche nennenswerten Aktivitäten werden als Rahmenprogramm für die Teilnehmer stattfinden (Gestaltung der Veranstaltung zu einem „Event“)?

geplant sind:

- * F&B am Start und im Horse Shoe
- * musikalische Unterhaltung an den Renntagen
- * zusätzliche Unterhaltung durch Maskottchen und Kinderbobbahn

9. Besteht eine Vereinbarung mit einem Sponsor bezüglich Namensrecht am Austragungsort?

- Ja
- Nein

Wenn ja: Name des Sponsors: _____

Vereinbarter Name des Austragungsorts: _____

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10. Durchgeführte Meisterschaften in den letzten 5 Jahren

<u>Jahr der Durchführung:</u>	<u>Welche Meisterschaften:</u>
2020	Olympische Jugendspiele
2021	Juniorenweltmeisterschaften Bob und Skeleton
2022	Europameisterschaften Rodeln, Bob und Skeleton
2023	Weltmeisterschaften Bob und Skeleton

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 - die „Regelung der Rechte für audiovisuelle Medien“ (IRO 2022)
 - § 6 der IRO „Medizinischer Dienst“ (IRO 2022)

- von den Meisterschaften im öffentlich-rechtlichen Fernsehen des Landes mindestens 60 Minuten übertragen werden (*gilt nur WM*).

- die Möglichkeit einer Teilnahme von Athletinnen und Athleten aller Nationalen Verbände der FIL garantiert wird.

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 bzw. des Generalsekretärs der NF

Fragebogen für Bewerber von FIL-Meisterschaften – Kunstbahn

1. Welche internationalen Wettbewerbe wurden vom Bewerber im Zeitraum der vergangenen 5 Jahre (allgemeine Klasse und Junioren) durchgeführt?

Rodeln: 2020 wurden die Olympischen Jugendspiele, 2021 das Weltcupfinale, 2022 die Europameisterschaften und das Weltcupfinale und 2023 der Weltcup durchgeführt. Zudem organisierte der Olympia Bob Run jahrelang die internationale Sun Trophy und seit 2021 das Sepp Benz Memorial.

2. Welche Bemühungen wurden in den vergangenen 5 Jahren vom Bewerber unternommen, um FIL-Wettbewerbe zu Events zu entwickeln?

Generell wurde / wird versucht den Rodelsport in der Schweiz mehr ins Rampenlicht zu rücken - z.B. mit gemeinsamen Events im Verkehrshaus der Schweiz oder in Schlieren bei Zürich.

Bei den Veranstaltungen selbst wurde versucht jedes Jahr "grösser" zu werden: F&B im Horse Shoe, Kinderbobbahn, Anreiseangebote für Zuschauer, Maskottchen etc.

3. Welche Beiträge wurden in den vergangenen 5 Jahren von der Bewerbernation zu den Entwicklungs- und Patenschaftsprogrammen der FIL geleistet?

*Die Schweiz ist in einer Patenschaft mit Deutschland, der Verband wie auch der/die Athlet*in können enorm von der Patenschaft profitieren.*

4. Wie hat sich die sportliche Entwicklung der Bewerbernation in den vergangenen 5 Jahren in den Bereichen Jugend, Junioren und allgemeine Klasse vollzogen?

In der allgemeinen Klasse machten wir mit unserer Athletin den Sprung in die erweiterte Weltspitze. Bei der Jugend und Juniorenabteilung sind wir noch nicht Int. am Start, jedoch laufen einige Projekt um dies in den nächsten Jahren zu ändern.

5. Wann hat die letzte Homologierung der Bahn des Bewerbers stattgefunden? Saison 2022/23

6. Welche Maßnahmen zur Verbesserung der Infrastruktur der Bahn sind in Vorbereitung der beantragten Meisterschaften vorgesehen?

Neue Screens, neue Kameras, Asphaltierung Start- und Zielbereich, Renovierung der Garderoben, Wasserschächte und -anschlüsse

7. Sicherheitsfragen

7.1 Ist eine Video-Überwachungsanlage vorhanden?

ja 0 nein

7.2 Existiert eine Streckentelefonanlage?

0 ja nein geht über Fu

7.3 Existiert ein Raum für medizinische Erstversorgung?

ja 0 nein

8. Allgemeine Fragen

8.1 Gibt es im Zielauslauf eine für die Athleten gut sichtbare Platzanzeige?

ja 0 nein

8.2 Reicht die Lichtstärke für TV-Übertragungen bei Dunkelheit?

0 ja nein

8.3 Stehen genügend Arbeitskräfte z.B. bei Schneefall bereit?

ja 0 nein



Antrag auf Ausrichtung von FIL-Meisterschaften

- Bereich Kunstbahn-Rodeln -

Deutschland
Nationale Föderation:

Junioren Weltmeisterschaft 2027
Vorgesehene Meisterschaft:

Winterberg
Geplanter Austragungsort:

1. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams in der Internationalen Trainingswoche:
(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Nutzung der Bahn ohne Gebühren oder mit Preisnachlass; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

2. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams bei den Meisterschaften:
(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

3. Wird die TV-Produktion durch eine TV-Anstalt des Ausrichterlandes erstellt und finanziert?
(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

zu 100 %	Ja	<input type="radio"/>	Nein	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
zu 50 %	Ja	<input type="radio"/>	Nein	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Zuschuss in Euro _____

4. Kommt mindestens eine leistungsfähige Videowand (für Einsatz bei Tageslicht geeignet) zum Einsatz?

(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Nein	<input type="radio"/>

5. Steht an allen Wettkampftagen ein VIP-Zelt zur Verfügung?
(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja (wenn ja: ungefähre Anzahl der Sitzplätze: 150)
Nein

6. Werden für die VIP-Gäste spezielle Zonen geschaffen / Tribünen aufgebaut?
(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja
Nein

7. Welche Maßnahmen sind zur Sicherung einer hohen Zahl von Zuschauern vorgesehen?

~~Radiospots und Werbung in Printmedien~~

Werbung in Printmedien und Social Media!

8. Welche nennenswerten Aktivitäten werden als Rahmenprogramm für die Teilnehmer stattfinden (Gestaltung der Veranstaltung zu einem „Event“)?

Live-Musik im Kreisel!

9. Besteht eine Vereinbarung mit einem Sponsor bezüglich Namensrecht am Austragungsort?

Ja
Nein

Wenn ja: Name des Sponsors: Veltins

Vereinbarter Name des Austragungsorts: Veltins Eisarena

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10. Durchgeführte Meisterschaften in den letzten 5 Jahren

Jahr der Durchführung:

2019

2021

Welche Meisterschaften:

Weltmeisterschaft

Junioren Weltmeisterschaft

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 - § 6 der IRO „Medizinischer Dienst“ (IRO 2022)

- von den Meisterschaften im öffentlich-rechtlichen Fernsehen des Landes mindestens 60 Minuten übertragen werden (*gilt nur WM*).

- die Möglichkeit einer Teilnahme von Athletinnen und Athleten aller Nationalen Verbände der FIL garantiert wird.

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Datum

Stempel

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Fragebogen für Bewerber von FIL-Meisterschaften – Kunstbahn

1. Welche internationalen Wettbewerbe wurden vom Bewerber im Zeitraum der vergangenen 5 Jahre (allgemeine Klasse und Junioren) durchgeführt?
2018 Weltcup allgemeine Klasse 2019 Weltmeisterschaft / Junioren Weltcup
2020 Weltcup allgemeine Klasse 2021 Junioren Weltmeisterschaft
2022 Weltcup allgemeine Klasse / Junioren Weltcup
2023 Weltcup allgemeine Klasse
2. Welche Bemühungen wurden in den vergangenen 5 Jahren vom Bewerber unternommen, um FIL-Wettbewerbe zu Events zu entwickeln?
musikalische Unterhaltung für Zuschauer im Kreisel
Zusatz Tribünen im Zielbereich
Zusätzlich Videowände im Zielbereich
3. Welche Beiträge wurden in den vergangenen 5 Jahren von der Bewerbernation zu den Entwicklungs- und Patenschaftsprogrammen der FIL geleistet?
Patenschaftsprogramm mit Schweiz, Polen, Argentinien
4. Wie hat sich die sportliche Entwicklung der Bewerbernation in den vergangenen 5 Jahren in den Bereichen Jugend, Junioren und allgemeine Klasse vollzogen?
5. Wann hat die letzte Homologierung der Bahn des Bewerbers stattgefunden? 2020
6. Welche Maßnahmen zur Verbesserung der Infrastruktur der Bahn sind in Vorbereitung der beantragten Meisterschaften vorgesehen?
Instandsetzung ELA-Anlage
Instandsetzung Beleuchtung
Installation PV-Anlage
Instandsetzung Kälteanlage
7. Sicherheitsfragen
 - 7.1 Ist eine Video-Überwachungsanlage vorhanden? ja nein
 - 7.2 Existiert eine Streckentelefonanlage? ja nein
 - 7.3 Existiert ein Raum für medizinische Erstversorgung? ja nein
8. Allgemeine Fragen
 - 8.1 Gibt es im Zielauslauf eine für die Athleten gut sichtbare Platzanzeige? ja nein
 - 8.2 Reicht die Lichtstärke für TV-Übertragungen bei Dunkelheit? ja nein
 - 8.3 Stehen genügend Arbeitskräfte z.B. bei Schneefall bereit? ja nein



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Attention: Christoph Schweiger – Executive Director

Dear Christoph

NOMINATION FOR THE ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE

Please accept the nomination of Geoff Balme for the position of Vice President for Finance.

See next section for German text / Siehe nächster Abschnitt für deutschen Text

For many years Geoff has worked tirelessly for the sport of luge including as FIL Vice President for Oceania. During this time he has developed the sport of luge in New Zealand, built the only ice luge track in the Southern Hemisphere and ensured that New Zealand athletes have regularly competed in FIL competitions in both artificial and natural track. He has also contributed to the governance of the FIL with financial and investment advice, and was involved in the development of the FIL's Slide 2026 Strategic Plan.

For the following reasons we believe that Geoff is a strong candidate for the role of Vice President for Finance:

- Geoff is a professional accountant and has held senior financial, management and director roles in commercial, public sector and sporting organisations (including the New Zealand Olympic Committee). He has the skills and experience to successfully undertake this role of Vice President for Finance, including the ability to grow revenue opportunities.
- As President of New Zealand Luge and FIL Vice President for Oceania Geoff has a good understanding of luge at the national and international level.
- The recent appointment of a bookkeeper responsible for accounting in the FIL Office has changed the day to day role of the Vice President of Finance. This together with the modern capabilities of e-commerce means that much of the role of Vice President for Finance can be undertaken remotely from the FIL Office.
- For several years Geoff was a member of an informal FIL investment committee with then General Secretary Svein Romstad and Vice President for Finance Harald Steyrer.
- Currently as Vice President for Oceania, Geoff and the Vice President for Asia, are non-voting members of the Executive Board. They only attend the Executive Board meeting held in conjunction with the annual Congress which means that their contribution to the business of the Executive Board is very limited. The election of Geoff as Vice President

for Finance would mean that a third continent would have a vote at the Executive Board improving the governance of a global sport whose voting members currently only come from Europe and America.

- Geoff is an advocate for several specific actions that would make the FIL and its member nations stronger. He wants to make luge more global and grow the revenue opportunities for our sport. Geoff believes that every country that receives snow can have an active domestic luge program. He believes that some form of snow based luge (e.g. alpine luge in Sweden) is essential to make luge a truly global sport that is more popular with the public and therefore attractive to a world-wide sponsor. He also believes that to remain a global sport the FIL must recognise that the current largely European based race program disadvantages non-European nations and so those nations must receive additional financial support. Geoff can better advocate for these actions as a voting member of the Executive Board.
- In addition to his professional skills and experience, Geoff is a successful fundraiser and proven developer and deliverer of successful business strategies. His election as Vice President for Finance would add considerable value to the Executive Board.

We respectfully request votes for Geoff Balme as Vice President for Finance.

German text / Deutscher Text

Seit vielen Jahren arbeitet Geoff unermüdlich für den Rennrodelsport, unter anderem als FIL-Vizepräsident für Ozeanien. In dieser Zeit hat er den Rennrodelsport in Neuseeland entwickelt, die einzige Eisrodelbahn der südlichen Hemisphäre gebaut und dafür gesorgt, dass neuseeländische Athleten regelmäßig an FIL-Wettbewerben auf Kunst- und Naturbahn teilnehmen. Er hat auch mit Finanz- und Anlageberatung zur Governance der FIL beigetragen und war an der Entwicklung des Strategieplans Slide 2026 der FIL beteiligt.

Aus den folgenden Gründen glauben wir, dass Geoff ein starker Kandidat für die Position des Vizepräsidenten für Finanzen ist:

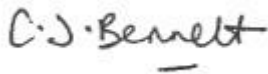
- Geoff ist Steuer- und Wirtschaftsberater und hatte leitende Finanz-, Management- und Direktorenpositionen in kommerziellen, öffentlichen und Sportorganisationen (einschließlich des neuseeländischen Olympischen Komitees) inne. Er verfügt über die Fähigkeiten und Erfahrungen, um diese Rolle des Vizepräsidenten für Finanzen erfolgreich zu übernehmen, einschließlich der Fähigkeit, Umsatzmöglichkeiten zu steigern.
- Als Präsident von Neuseeland Rennrodeln und FIL-Vizepräsident für Ozeanien hat Geoff ein gutes Verständnis für Rennrodeln auf nationaler und internationaler Ebene.
- Die kürzliche Ernennung eines Buchhalters, der für die Buchhaltung im FIL-Büro verantwortlich ist, hat die tägliche Rolle des Vizepräsidenten für Finanzen verändert. Zusammen mit den modernen Möglichkeiten des E-Commerce bedeutet dies, dass ein Großteil der Rolle des Vizepräsidenten für Finanzen vom FIL-Büro aus wahrgenommen werden kann.
- Geoff war mehrere Jahre Mitglied eines informellen Investitionsausschusses der FIL mit dem damaligen Generalsekretär Svein Romstad und dem Vizepräsidenten für Finanzen Harald Steyrer.
- Gegenwärtig sind Geoff als Vizepräsident für Ozeanien und der Vizepräsident für Asien nicht stimmberechtigte Mitglieder des Vorstands. Sie nehmen nur an der Vorstandssitzung teil, die in Verbindung mit dem jährlichen Kongress stattfindet, was bedeutet, dass ihr Beitrag zu den Geschäften des Vorstands sehr begrenzt ist. Die Wahl von Geoff zum Vizepräsidenten für Finanzen würde bedeuten, dass ein dritter Kontinent eine Stimme im Vorstand hätte, was die Führung eines globalen Sports verbessern

würde, dessen stimmberechtigte Mitglieder derzeit nur aus Europa und Amerika kommen.

- Geoff ist ein Verfechter mehrerer konkreter Aktionen, die die FIL und ihre Mitgliedsnationen stärken würden. Er möchte den Rennrodelsport globaler machen und die Einnahmemöglichkeiten für unseren Sport steigern. Geoff glaubt, dass jedes Land, das Schnee bekommt, ein aktives nationales Rennrodelprogramm haben kann. Er glaubt, dass eine Form von schneebasiertem Rennrodeln (z. B. alpines Rennrodeln in Schweden) unerlässlich ist, um Rennrodeln zu einem wirklich globalen Sport zu machen, der bei der Öffentlichkeit beliebter und daher für einen weltweiten Sponsor attraktiv ist. Er glaubt auch, dass die FIL, um ein globaler Sport zu bleiben, erkennen muss, dass das derzeitige, weitgehend europäisch basierte Rennprogramm außereuropäische Nationen benachteiligt, und diese Nationen daher zusätzliche finanzielle Unterstützung erhalten müssen. Geoff kann sich als stimmberechtigtes Vorstandsmitglied besser für diese Maßnahmen einsetzen.
- Neben seinen beruflichen Fähigkeiten und seiner Erfahrung ist Geoff ein erfolgreicher Fundraiser und bewährter Entwickler und Anbieter erfolgreicher Geschäftsstrategien. Seine Wahl zum Vizepräsidenten für Finanzen würde den Vorstand erheblich bereichern.

Wir bitten respektvoll um Stimmen für Geoff Balme als Vizepräsident für Finanzen.

Yours sincerely



Camilla Bennett
Secretary
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To the
Executive Director of the Fédération Internationale de Luge
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Innsbruck, 04.05.2023

Subject: Vice President of Finance

Dear Mr. Executive Director, dear Christoph!

After Vice President for Finance Philipp Trattner has informed us, that he had to step down for personal reasons, the Austrian Luge Federation hereby submits an election proposal for the FIL Congress in 2023 within the period prescribed.

The Austrian Luge Federation nominates Mag. Gerhard Habtmann for the function of Vice President for Finance.

Mr. Gerhard Habtmann has worked for the Austrian Luge Federation as a coach for the national team and as sports-coordinator of the association from 1989 until 1995.

After ending his function for the Austrian Luge Federation Gerhard Habtmann started a career in the banking sector, where he achieved the function of a head of department in an international banking group, which was associated with leadership responsibility for 3.500 employees, revenues of 1,2 billion Euros and profit before tax of 150 – 200 million Euros.

After leaving the banking sector 2012 Gerhard Habtmann started his own company (Habtmann Restructuring GmbH – www.habtmann.at) in January 2013. This company is active in the field of management consultancy and supports corporate clients in strategic management and restructuring.

Mr. Habtmann holds university degrees in Anglistics/Americanistics and classical philology (Mag. phil), a university diploma in strategic business management, a diploma in banking and financing as well as the authority for business- and financial- management consulting.

He is married in second marriage to the historian Dr. Ulrike Zimmerl, has two adult sons and lives in Tirol an Vienna.

With Gerhard Habtmann a well qualified candidate is available for the position of the Vice President for Finance, for which reason he is nominated by the Austrian Luge Federation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Markus Prock', written in a cursive style.

Markus Prock

Präsident ÖRV

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2023/2024 - FIL SPORT CALENDAR

(General Class)



2023		NOVEMBER	2023		DECEMBER	2024		JANUARY	2024		FEBRUARY
KW 43	23		KW 48	27		KW 01	Jan 01	Travel day	KW 05	29	Travel day
	24	ITW Altenberg		28			02			30	
	25			29			03			31	
	26			30			04	Eberspächer WC # 3	Feb 01	Eberspächer WC # 5	
	27		Dec 01		ITW Lake Placid		05	Winterberg/GER		02	Altenberg/GER
	28			02			06	Team Relay		03	Team Relay
	29			03			07			04	
KW 44	30		KW 49	04		KW 02	08	Travel day	KW 06	05	Travel day
	31	ITW Sigulda		05			09			06	
Nov 01				06	Eberspächer WC # 1		10	Eberspächer WC # 4		07	
	02			07	Lake Placid /USA		11	55. Ech		08	Eberspächer WC # 6
	03			08	Sprint		12	Innsbruck/AUT		09	Oberhof/GER
	04			09			13	Team Relay		10	Team Relay
	05			10	Travel day		14			11	
KW 45	06		KW 50	11	Travel day	KW 03	15	Travel day	KW 07	12	Day off
	07			12	Travel day		16			13	
	08	ITW Innsbruck		13	Eberspächer WC # 2		17			14	
	09			14	13. JAPCh		18	ITW		15	Eberspächer WC # 7
	10			15	Whistler/CAN		19	Altenberg/GER		16	Oberhof/GER
	11			16	Team Relay		20			17	Sprint
	12			17			21			18	
KW 46	13		KW 51	18		KW 04	22		KW 08	19	Travel day
	14			19			23			20	Travel day
	15			20			24	52. FIL-WM		21	
	16			21			25	Altenberg/GER		22	Eberspächer WC # 8
	17			22			26			23	Sigulda/LAT
	18			23			27			24	Sprint
	19			24			28			25	
KW 47	20		KW 52	25		General class competitions			KW 09	26	Day off
	21			26		09 Weltcups				27	
	22			27		6 Team Relay Weltcups				28	
	23			28		3 Sprint Weltcups				29	Eberspächer WC # 9
	24			29		52. FIL-WM Altenberg/GER				01	Sigulda/LAT
	25			30						02	Team Relay
	26			31						03	

2023/2024 - FIL SPORT CALENDAR

(Junior Class)

Bestätigt Exekutive, März 2023
 M.L.Rainer, **Update 09.04.2023**

2023		NOVEMBER	2023		DECEMBER	2024		JANUARY		2024		FEBRUARY		
KW 43	23		KW 48	27	<i>Day Off</i>	KW 01	01 Jan			KW 05	29	JWC # 6 St. Moritz/SUI		
	24			28			02				30			
	25			29			03				31			
	26			30	JWC # 1 & 2		04			Feb 01				
	27			Dec 01	Park City/USA		05				02			
	28			02			06				03			
	29			03			07				04		<i>Travel day</i>	
KW 44	30		KW 49	04	<i>Travel day</i>	KW 02	08	<i>Travel day</i>		KW 06	05	<i>Travel day</i>		
	31			05			09				06			
	Nov 01			06			10	JWC # 4			07			
	02			07	JWC # 3		11	Winterberg/GER			08	ITW		
	03			08	Whistler/CAN		12				09	Lillehammer/NOR		
	04			09			13				10			
	05			10			14	<i>Travel day</i>	<i>Travel day</i>		11			
KW 45	06		KW 50	11		KW 03	15			KW 07	12	<i>Day Off</i>		
	07			12			16				13			
	08	ITW		13			17	JWC # 5			14	39th JWCh		
	09	Innsbruck/AUT		14			18	Bludenz/AUT			15	Lillehammer/NOR		
	10			15			19		Opening C.		16			
	11			16			20				17			
	12			17			21				18			
KW 46	13		KW 51	18		KW 04	22			KW 08	19			
	14			19			23		IV. YOG 2024		20			
	15	ITW		20			24	52. FIL WCh	PyeongChang		21			
	16	Bludenz/AUT		21			25	Altenberg/GER	KOR		22			
	17			22			26				23			
	18			23			27				24			
	19			24			28				25			
KW 47	20		KW 52	25		6 Junior World Cups				KW 09	26			
	21			26		IV. YOG 2024 PyeongChang/KOR					27			
	22	ITW		27		39th JWCh Lillehammer/NOR					28			
	23	Park City/USA		28		52. FIL WCh Altenberg/GER					29			
	24			29							01			
	25			30							02			
	26			31							03			

2023/2024 - FIL SPORT CALENDAR

(Continental Cup, Youth A)

Bestätigt Exekutive, März 2023

M.L.Rainer, 20.03.2023

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KW 43	23		KW 48	27		KW 01	01 Jan		KW 05	29		
	24			28	Continental /		02	Continental Cup # 5		30		
	25			29	Jugend A WC	Continental Cup	03	Bludenz/AUT		31		
	26			30	# 1 & 2	PyeongChang/KOR	04	Continental Cup	Feb 01			
	27			01	Winterberg/GER	09th ACh	05	# 1 & 2		02		
	28			02			06	Lake Placid/USA		03		
	29			03			07			04		
KW 44	30		KW 49	04			KW 02	08		KW 06	05	Travel day
	31			05	Continental /			09			06	
	01			06	Jugend A WC			10			07	
	02			07	# 3 & 4			11			08	ITW
	03			08	Oberhof/GER			12			09	Lillehammer/NOR
	04			09				13			10	
	05			10				14			11	
KW 45	06		KW 50	11			KW 03	15	Tr.	KW 07	12	Day Off
	07			12				16	Tr.		13	
	08			13				17	Tr.		14	39th JWCh
	09			14				18	Tr.		15	Lillehammer/NOR
	10			15				19	Opening C.		16	
	11			16				20			17	
	12			17				21			18	
KW 46	13		KW 51	18			KW 04	22		KW 08	19	
	14			19				23	IV. YOG 2024		20	
	15			20				24	PyeongChang		21	
	16			21				25	KOR		22	
	17			22				26			23	
	18			23				27			24	
	19			24				28			25	
KW 47	20		KW 52	25			Continental competitions		KW 09	26		
	21			26			Continental Competitions in 3 contin			27		
	22			27			39th JWCh Lillehammer/NOR			28		
	23			28			4th YOG 2024 PyeongChang/KOR			29		Continental Cup
	24			29						01		# 3
	25			30						02		Whistler/CAN
	26			31						03		

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2022/23

TV Analysis

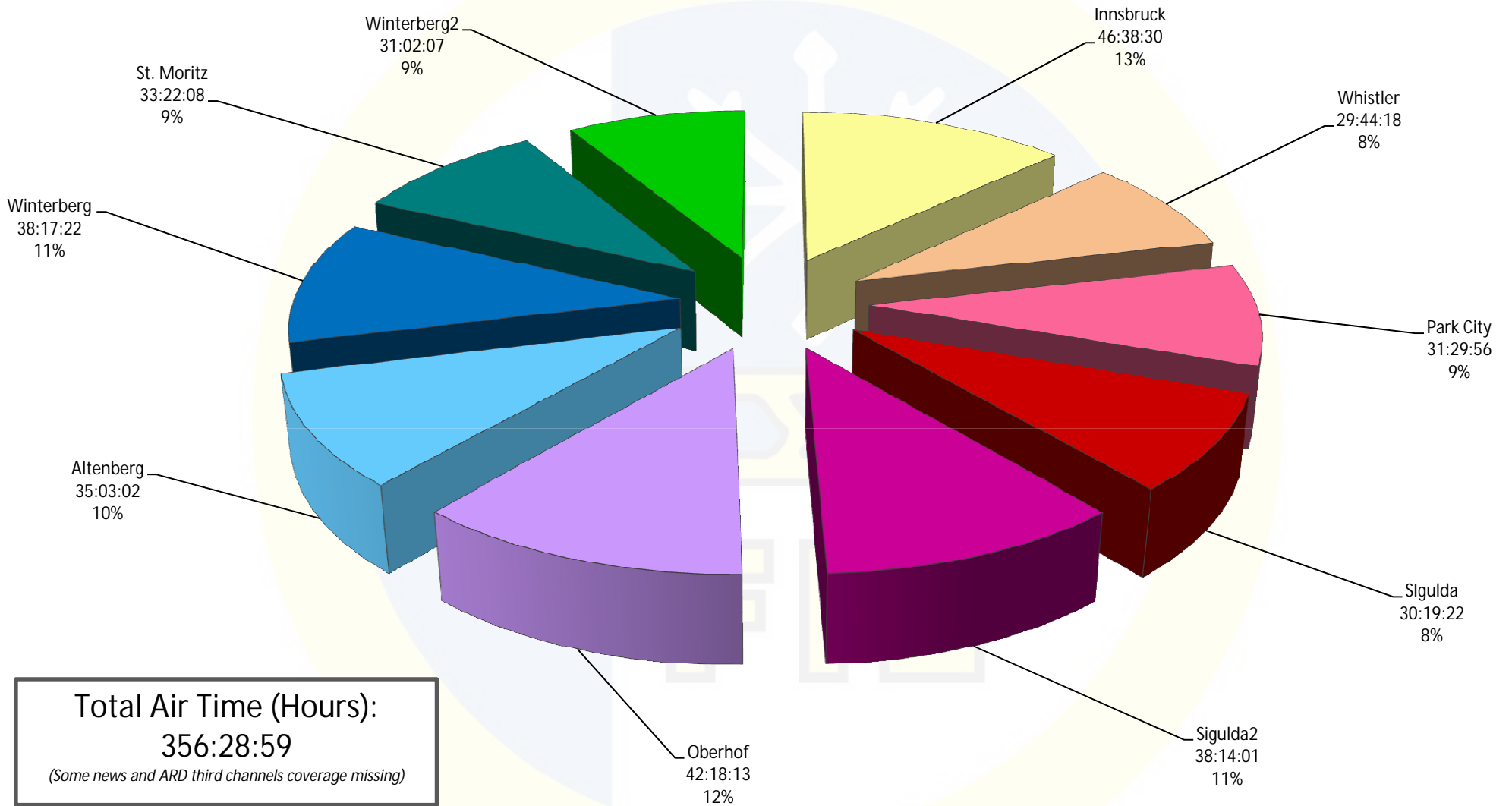
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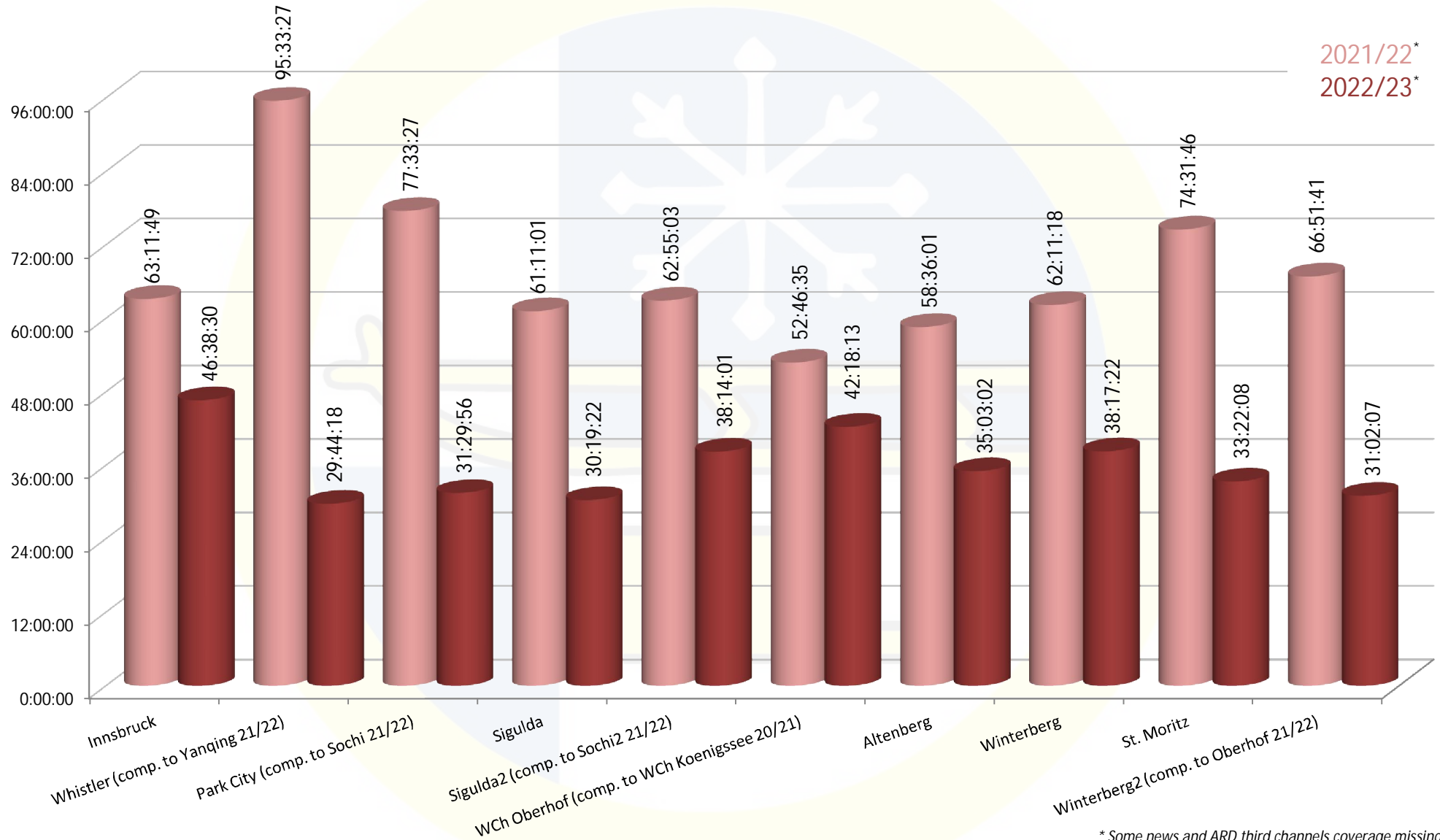
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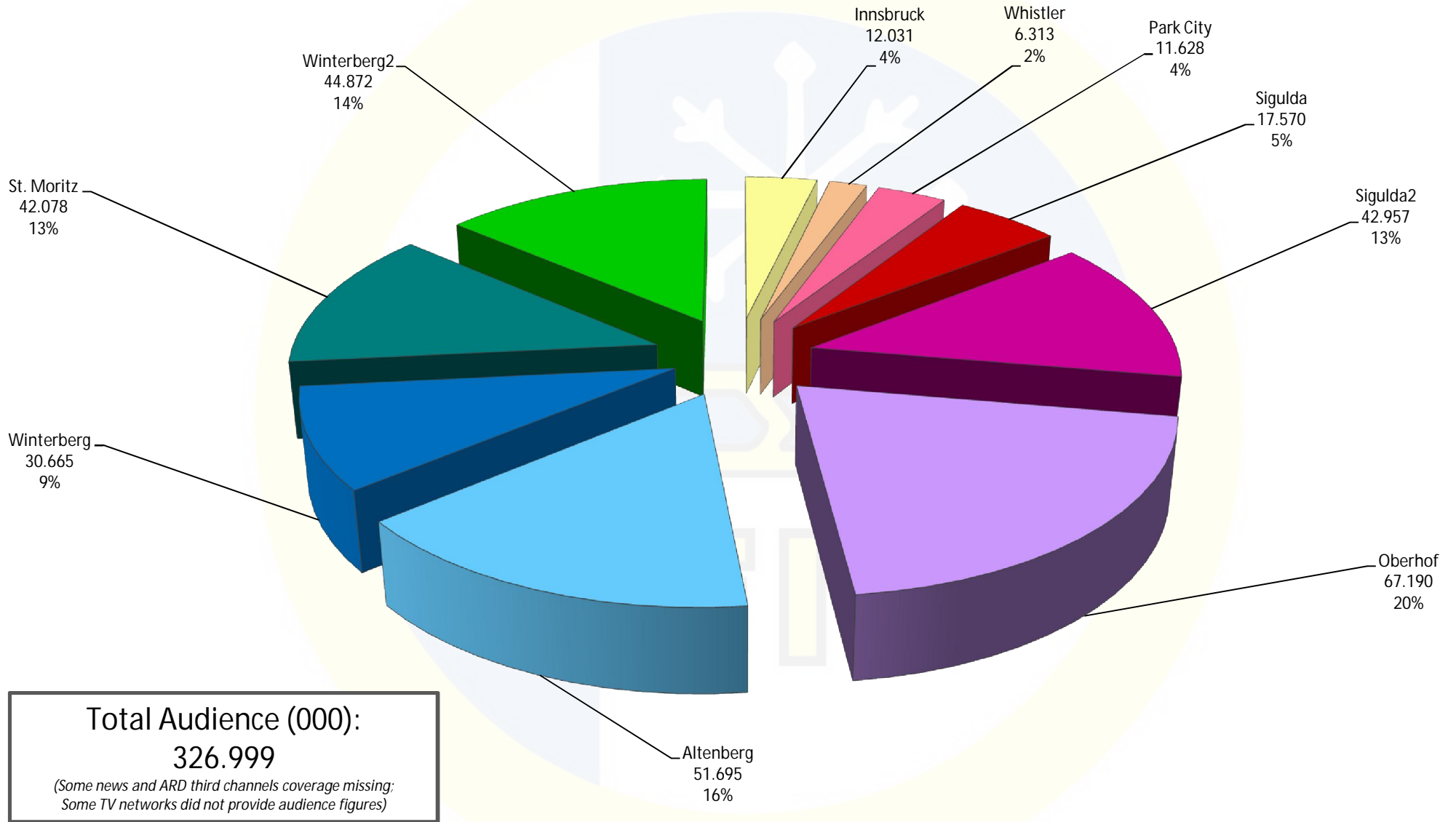


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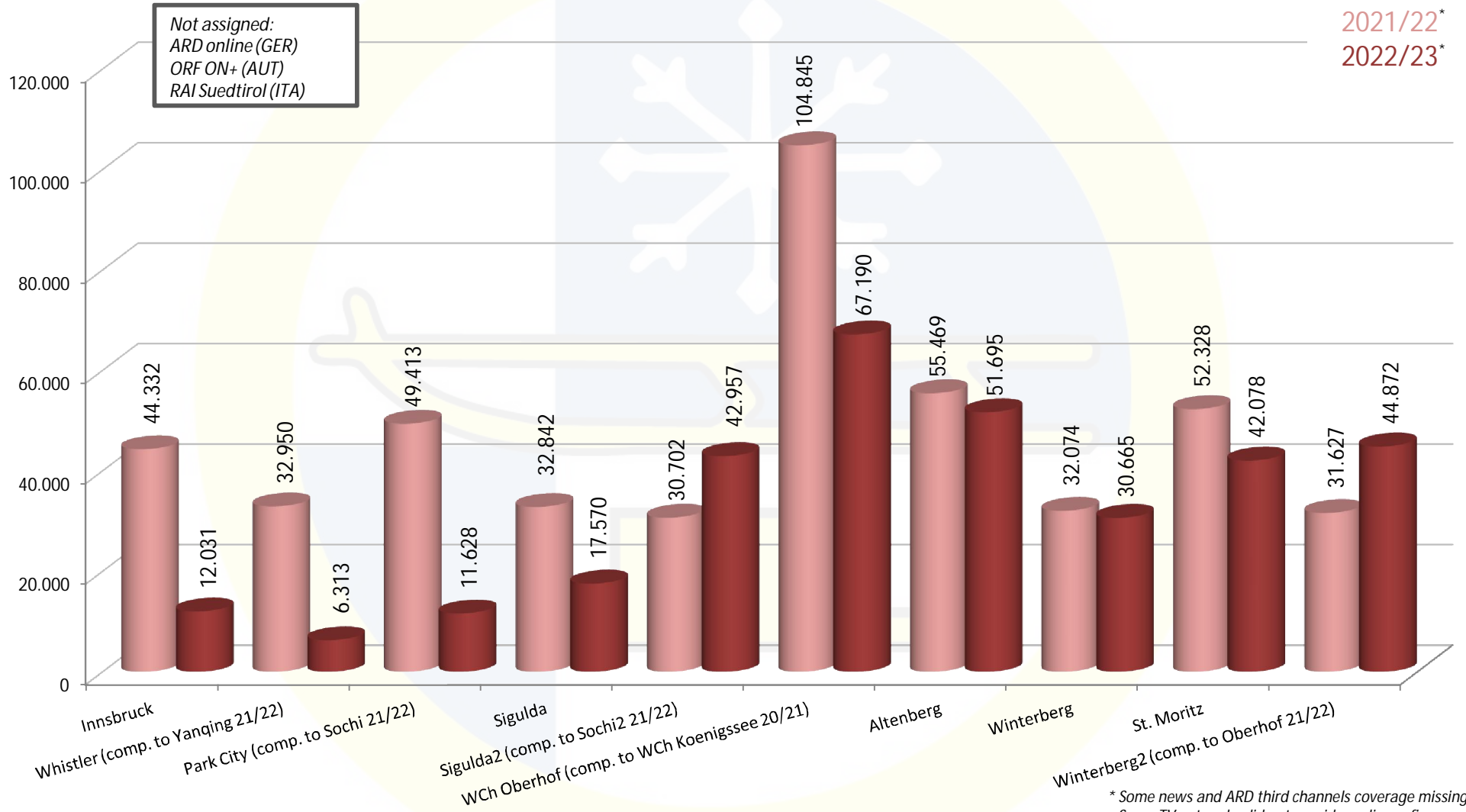


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TV Exposure 2022/23: Audience by Event (000)



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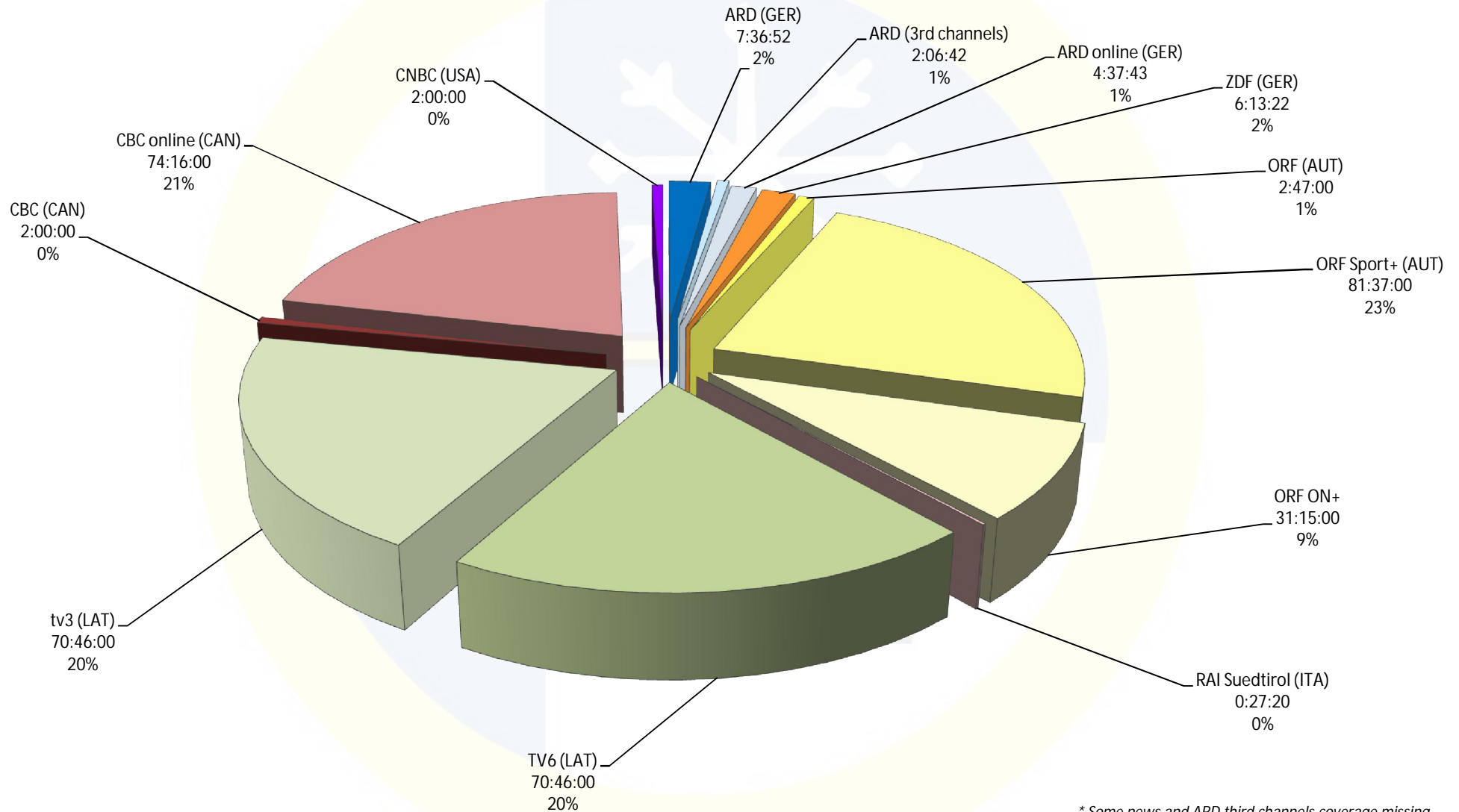


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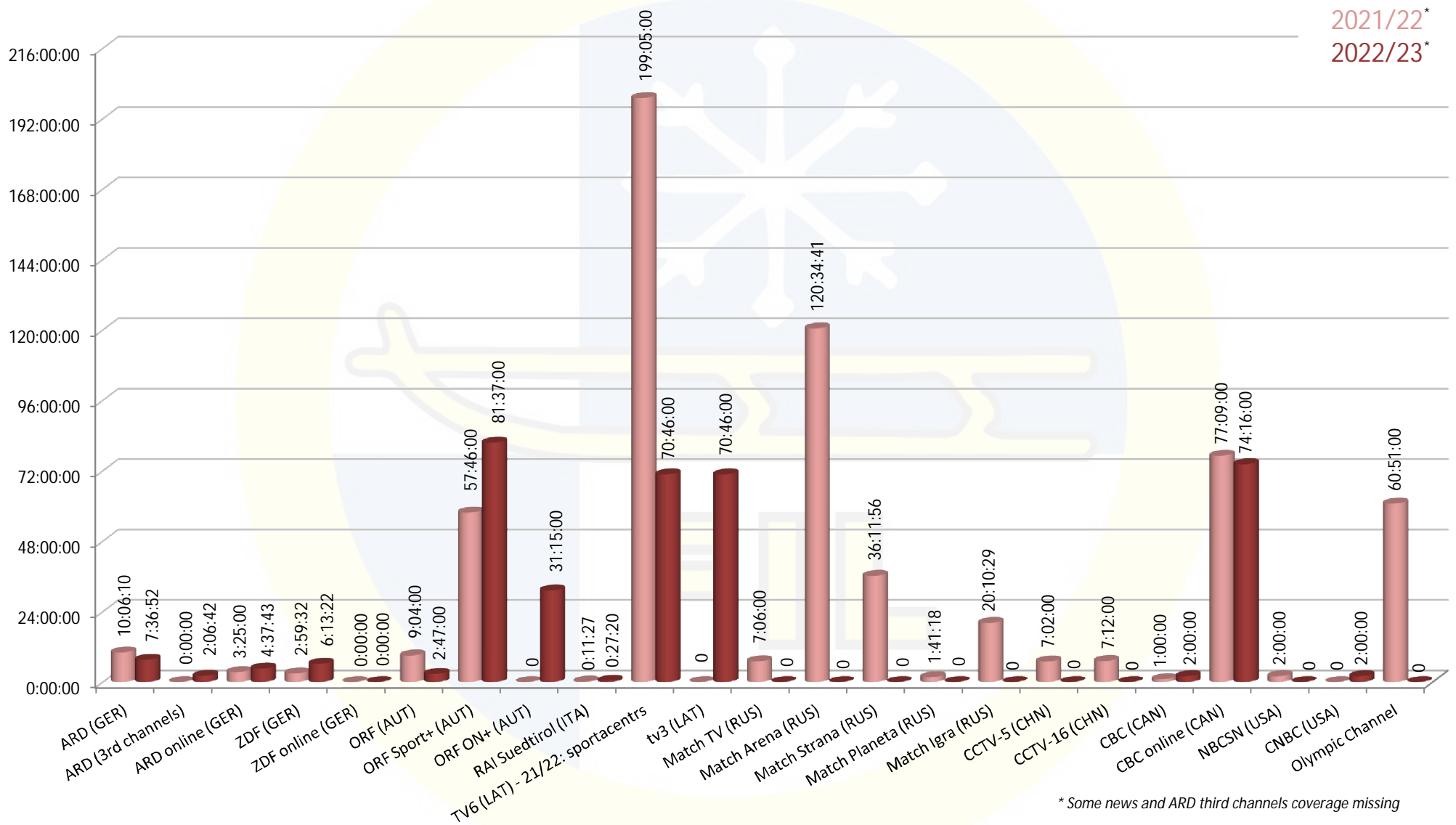
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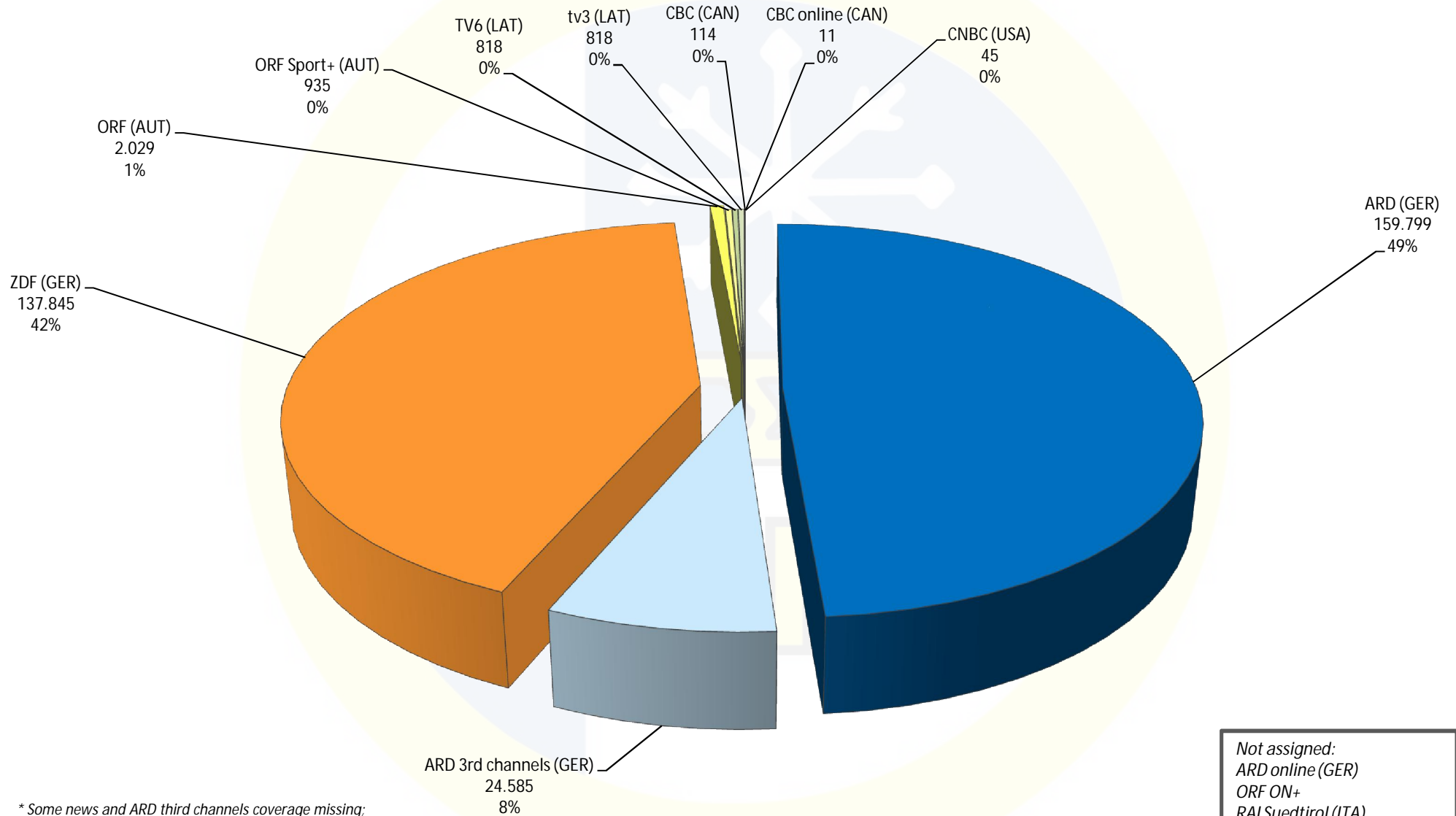
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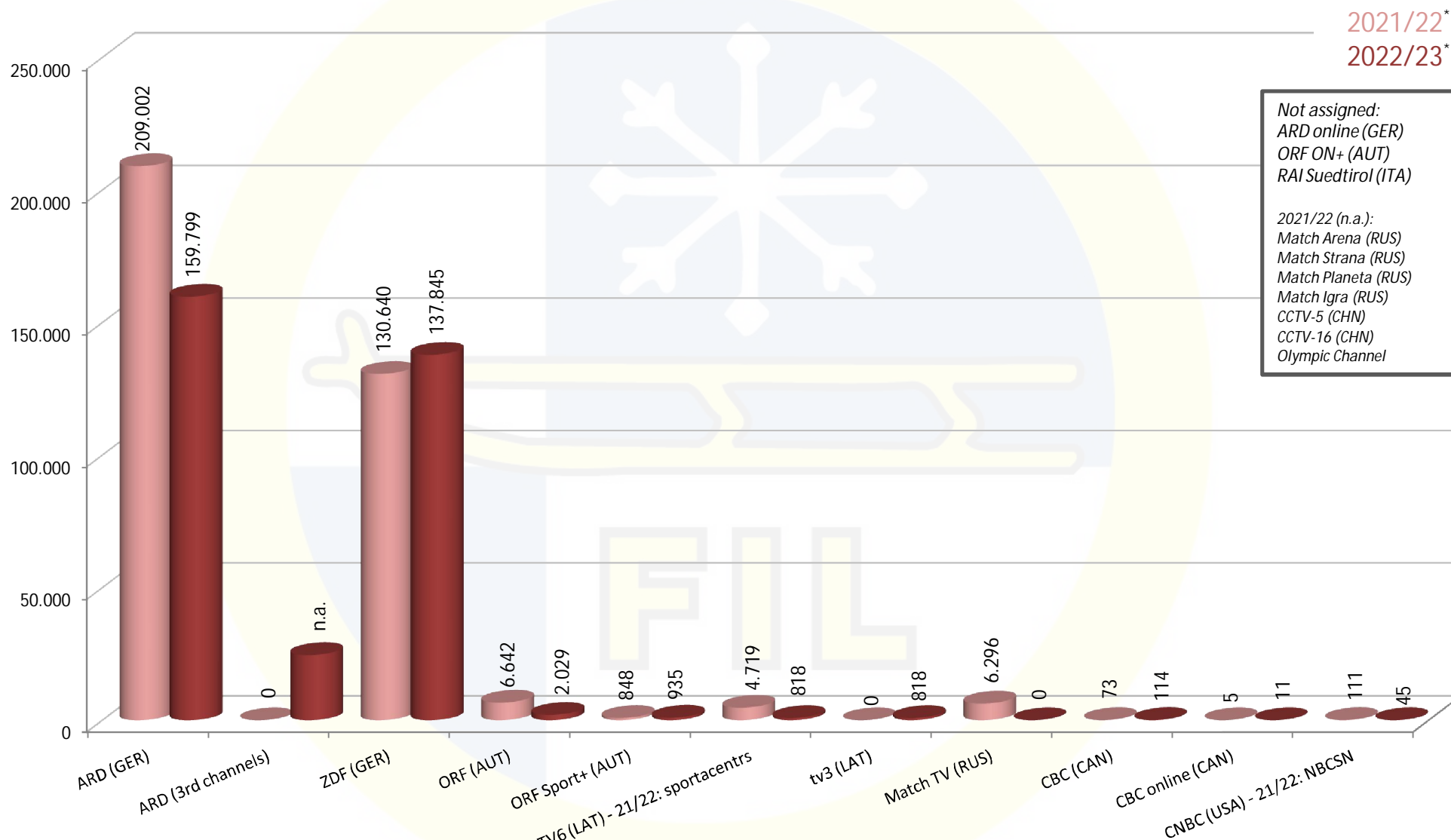
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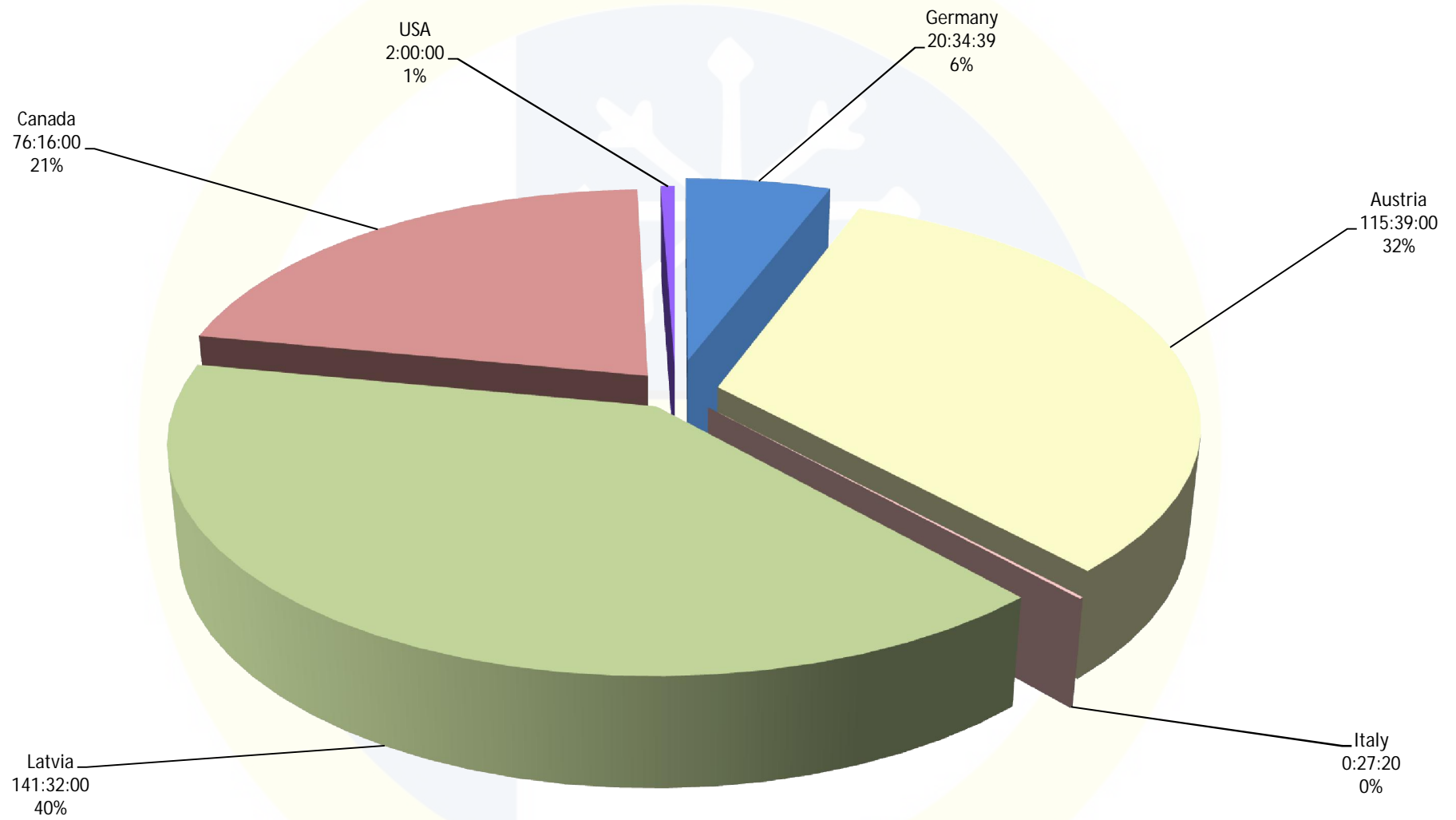
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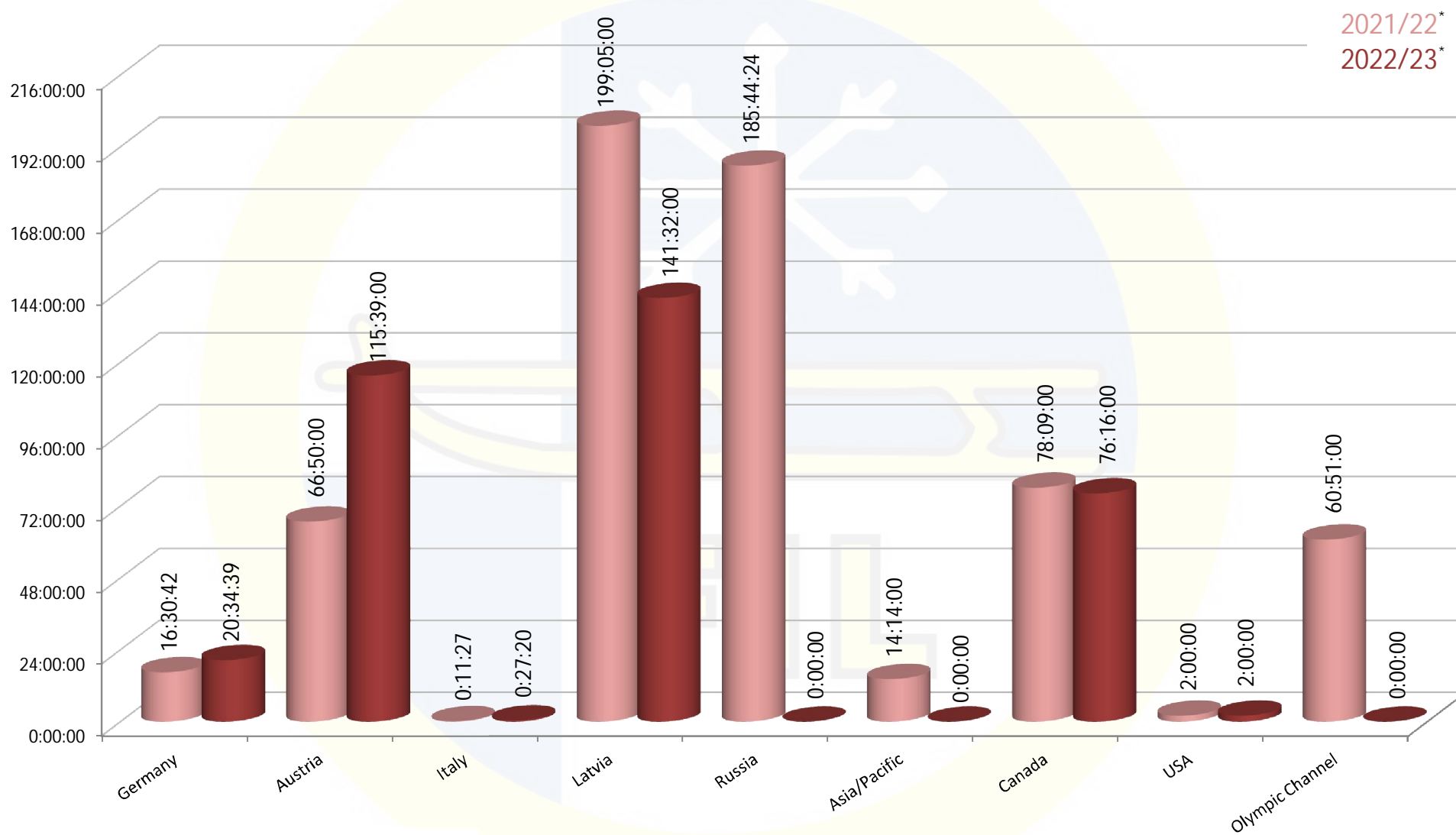
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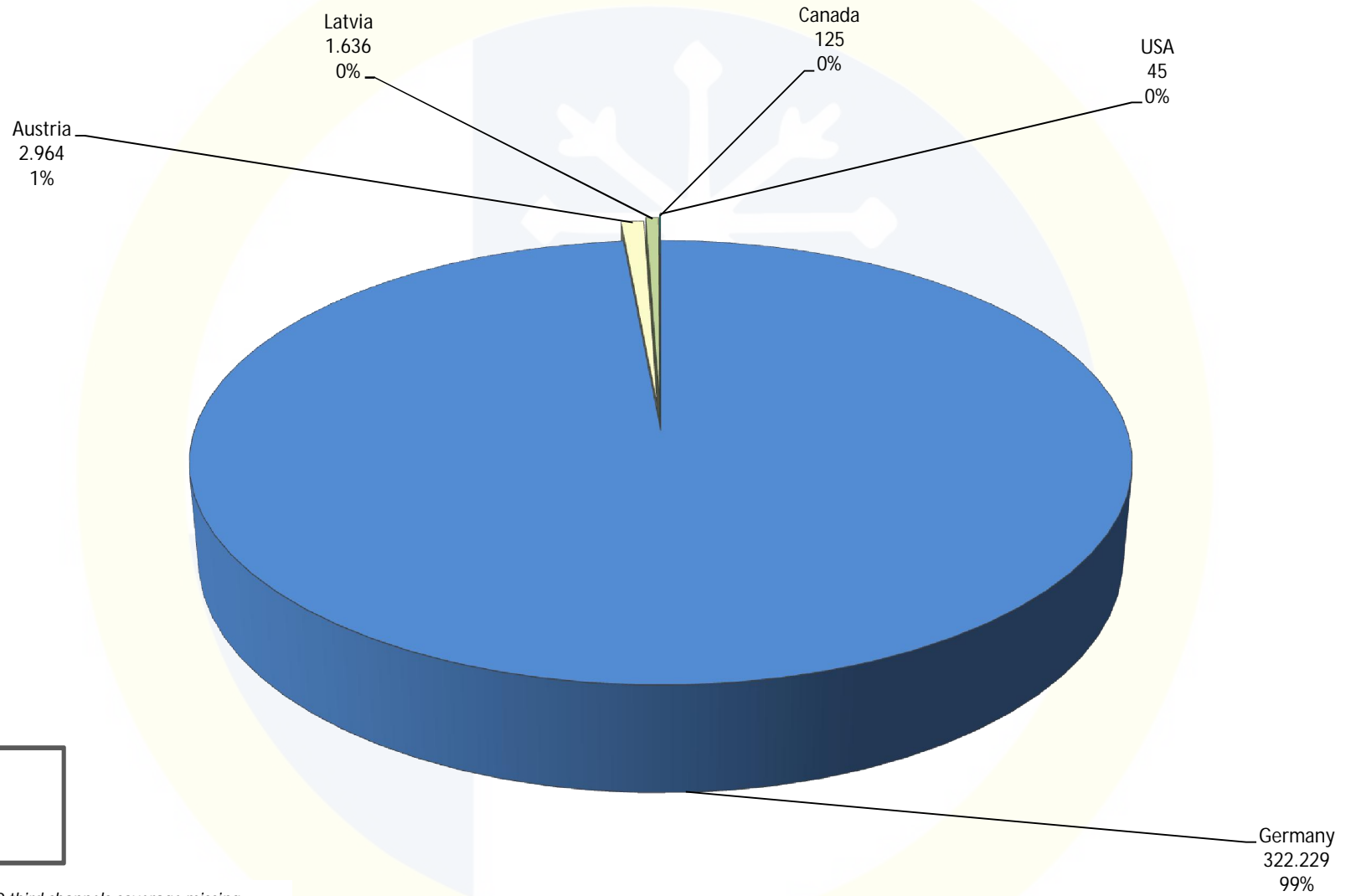
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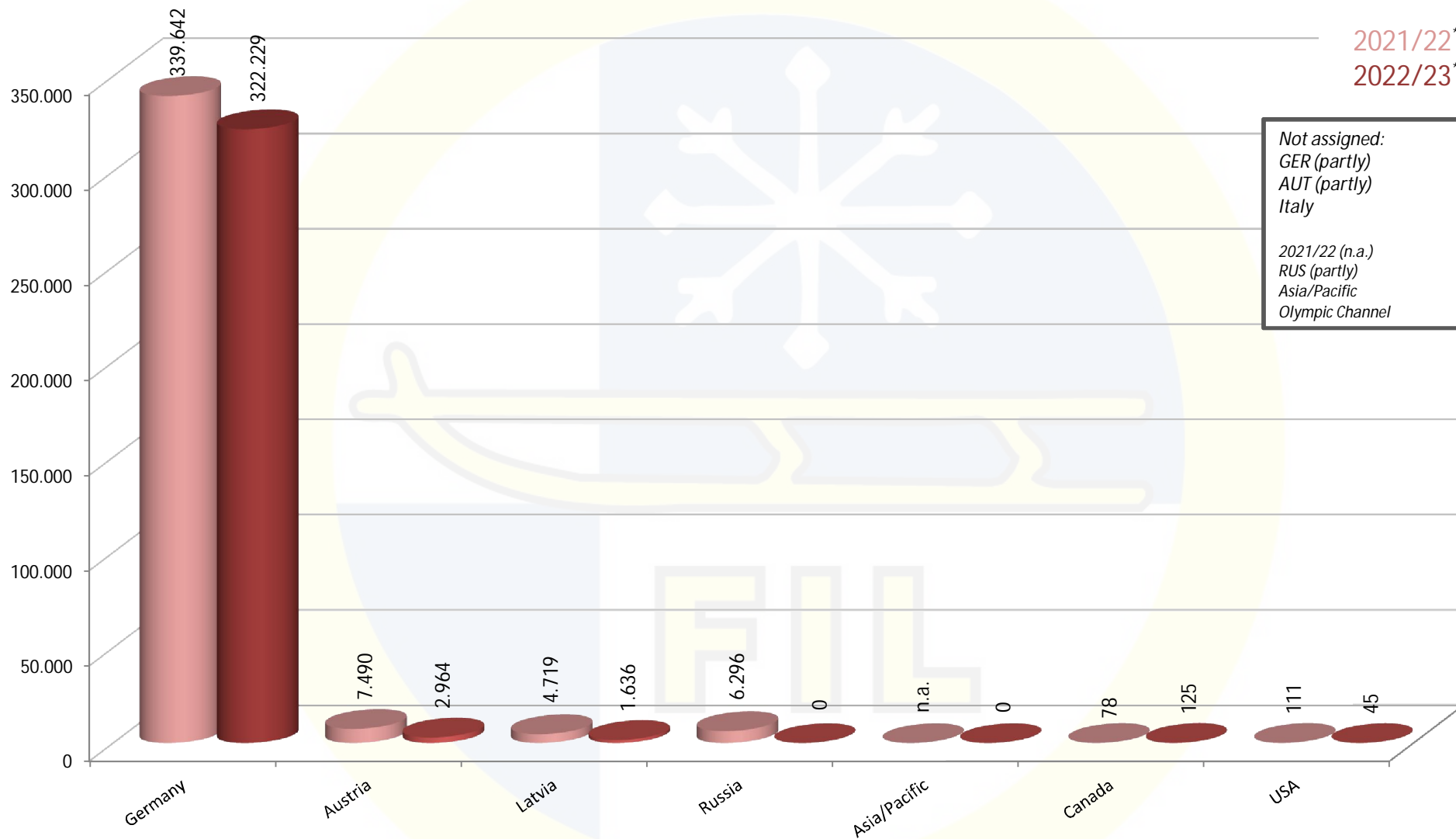


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Italy

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FIL Congresses

Financial and organizational expenditure for the host of a FIL Congress

- **Date:** in the middle / at the end of June
- **Total number of attending persons: approx. 120**
(NF representatives, Executive Board, other FIL officials, media, agencies, OWG host, bidders for championships, organizers of championships in the upcoming season, guests)
- **Meetings:**
 - Wednesday: Presidium (4 persons)
 - Thursday: Executive Board (approx. 15 persons)
 - Friday and Saturday: Congress
- **Congress room:** if possible in the hotel, in which the delegates are staying / presentation equipment must be available.
- **Expenses to be covered by the Congress host:**
 - Taking over of expenses for one delegate per NF from Thursday to Sunday morning (approx. 34 persons),
 - Providing meeting rooms (Congress: approx. 110 persons; Executive Board meeting: approx. 15 persons; Presidium: 4 persons),
 - Manufacturing and/or providing one banner and a lectern ,
 - Guaranteeing simultaneous interpreting in German and English
 - Guaranteeing transportation to and from airport / train station,
 - Providing a small office with two assistants (copying and fax machines, telephone, PC),
 - Organization and financing simple accreditations for the participants of the Congress,
 - Welcome-Dinner für all Congress participants on the day of arrival (Thursday evening)
 - Organization of a program of cultural events (usually on the first day of the Congress in the afternoon and/or evening).

May 2023