



FIL BULLETIN

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear luge friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the **effects and the resulting measures within the FIL due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.**

As you already know, the **FIL office is closed until further notice (for the time being until April 13, 2020).** All employees of the FIL office have been and will remain available for you via e-mail, working from home during this crisis. Daily business thus continues as normal **without major restrictions.**

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The entire Presidium, the Executive Board, as well as the artificial track and natural track directors continue to be reachable and are available to provide answers to questions and information.

All in all, the FIL continues to operate at full capacity due also to technical measures taken.

The only restriction is that personal conversations (face to face) are currently not possible for known reasons.

We would like to bring the following information to your attention:

- ***FIL Commission Meetings Artificial Track, Natural Track:***

Due to COVID-19, the commission meetings will take place as video conferences on the scheduled date (April 17-18, 2020). All IRO motions submitted by the national federations on time as well as applications for the organization of championships will be dealt with by the commissions and subsequently forwarded as draft resolutions to the Executive Board and the FIL Congress if a 2/3 majority is reached.

- ***FIL Executive Board Meeting May 14-15, 2020***

The FIL Executive Board meeting which should have taken place in Lausanne/SUI will also be held as a video conference. All relevant submitted resolutions for the FIL Congress will be dealt with without restrictions.

- ***68th FIL Congress 15.-16.6.2020 in Berchtesgaden/GER***

As stated in the letter accompanying the invitation, we are constantly monitoring the current COVID-19 situation very closely.

The final decision on whether **the date of the congress should be kept in June will be made mid-April. Should it be necessary to postpone the FIL Congress, we will inform you of the new date in May.**

On the part of the FIL office and the FIL management, but also on the part of the BSD, the preparations for the FIL Congress continue according to plan. This means that the link to download the congress dossier with all documents will be sent to you by the FIL office in June 2020.

For all those who are invited or want to participate in the FIL Congress: If you have not already done so, we ask you to please register on time at <https://registration.dokume.net/> by April 20, 2020.

We would like to point out however, that no flights or other means of travel to Berchtesgaden should be booked at the moment!

Important: All deadlines for submissions for motions, awards, election nominations etc. stated in the congress invitation of March 16, 2020 remain the same.

Also due to the special circumstances caused by the COVID-19 virus we would like to point out the following: Motions of urgency to the FIL Congress, no matter if it takes place in June or at a later date, can be submitted according to the valid FIL statutes and have to be dealt with afterwards according to point 8 of the Rules of Procedure.

We very much hope that you personally, all those working in your federation, and your athletes will come through this difficult time well.

As already mentioned at the beginning of this letter - we are still here for you without any major restrictions!

If necessary, we will continue to inform you about current topics per memo or e-mail.

Best regards – and stay healthy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CS', is positioned above the printed name.

Christoph Schweiger
Executive Director