

EUSA General Assembly elects new board

European University Sports Association (EUSA), continental university sport body for Europe, held their electoral General Assembly this past weekend, held live in the Hungarian capital Budapest.

The event started with the welcome speeches by EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, on behalf of the host – MEFS Executive Committee member Mr Zoltan Rakaczki, FISU Acting President Mr Leonz Eder, as well as video addresses by the President of the European Olympic Committees Mr Spyros Capralos and Head of the Sport Unit of the European Commission Ms Floor van Houdt.

The Assembly delegates adopted modification to the statutes, also allowing proxy representation of member associations who could not attend the event in person due to the special circumstances, as well as having the possibilities to call online and hybrid assemblies. The Assembly confirmed San Marino as its new, 47th member association. Taking into account the newly adopted statutes and proxies, 43 countries have been represented at the event.

Reports from the period 2018-2020 were presented by EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik and Treasurer Mr Lorenz Ursprung, highlighting the sports and educational events in the period, as well as the financial part and accounts, before the outgoing Executive Committee were thanked for their work over the last mandate. Being an electoral General Assembly, new Executive Committee was voted in, re-electing Mr Adam Roczek from Poland as the President.

The Assembly was followed by the EUSA-FISU Strategic Dialogue, which was focused on two main themes - University Sports and the Covid-19 Pandemic: Impact and future perspectives; and the International and European University Sports Calendar 2021-2022. The participants agreed that the pandemic brought many challenges and event postponements, as well as cancellations, but that there is a clear need and desire from student athletes, universities and organisations to restart the sport events. Taking the safety considerations into account, some of the next international university sport flagship events will be the Winter Universiade Lucerne 2021 in December, Summer World University Games Chengdu 2022, Championships and World Cups 2022, as well as the European Universities Games Lodz 2022.

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