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Report of the FIPS-M General Assembly

April 27, 2023

44th CIPS Congress in Rome - Italy

Presences: M. Gilbert Zangerlé (President); M. Attilio La Porta (Secretary General), M. Alberto Marchi (Vice-President), M. Carlos Baptista (Vice-President), M. Juan Antonio Barreda (Vice-President), M. Carlos Vinagre (Technical Commission).

Excused: M. Arthur Van Tienen (Technical Commission), M. Fethi Bayar (Technical Commission), M. Louis Morvan (Treasurer).

The President Mr. Gilbert Zangerlé welcomes all the representatives of the different member federations and opens the FIPS-M 2023 General Assembly. He thanks all the members of his committee for the support they have given him and for the work they did.

2. Quorum

For a General Assembly to be validly constituted and representative, it is necessary, according to our statutes, that 2/3 of the member federations are present or represented. Of the 41 member nations (federations) in 2022, 29 federations are present or represented, which constitutes more than 2/3 of the member federations.

The 2023 General Assembly is therefore legally constituted

3. Acceptance of the agenda

The agenda proposed by the FIPS-M office is accepted unanimously.

4. Reports

All reports were previously sent by mail to all member federations.

a) **Report of the General Assembly of Acapulco Mexico (May 13, 2022)**

Secretary General M Attilio La Porta summarizes the main points of the 2022 General Assembly report.

b) **FIPS-M 2022 Activity Report**

The President informs the Assembly in detail of the meetings and the work of the Board during the year.

c) **Report of the Technical Commission**

The report of the Technical Commission presented by Mr. Carlos Baptista, summarizes the work that has been done throughout the year. The details of the “rules changes” will be discussed under point 7.

d) **Environmental Report**

The report on the environment, presented by Mr. Alberto Marchi describes actions that must be adopted during our competitions to avoid pollution by plastic materials.

e) **Youth Report**

The report on youth policy, presented by Mr. Juan Antonio Barreda, informs the assembly about actions, also at CIPS level, to encourage National Federations to develop the training and participation of young people.

f) **Finance Report**

The balance of the 2022 accounts was done and closed by the delegate treasurer, Mr. Louis Morvan. After the presentation, Mr. Victor Otal, President of the auditors, takes the floor and confirms the impeccable management of the accounts and consequently proposes to give discharge of their management to the Treasurer and to the board of the FIPS-M.

5. Discussion and acceptance of the reports

The President asks the assembly if anyone would like explanations or additional information on the reports. As no one takes the floor, the assembly votes separately for each report. Reports a, b, c, d, e, f, of item 4 of the agenda are accepted unanimously.

6. FIPS-M Statutes

The President informs that the legal version which will be deposited in the register of commerce and companies in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg will be in French. The statutes have been in force since 2016. It has been noted that certain points are no longer correct and articles concerning certain procedures for the transmission of documents, etc., need to be updated. The assembly, which received the proposed changes by email, is agrees on the President's proposal to examine only the articles to be modified. In article 8 it is fixed that the general assembly is only validly constituted if 2/3 of the member federations are present or represented in the first session, or, after another convocation, in the second session with 50% of the presence. It should be considered that if the general assembly takes place in another continent the travel expenses can penalize the participation and it is necessary to modify the old article and to make valid the assembly with the present federations which will decide by majority. The

modification is accepted unanimously. We also discuss point 13 of the same article to have the possibility, during the General Assembly, to discuss urgent motions even if they are not on the agenda. After various interventions the assembly approves this modification with the precision that the modification of the agenda must be approved with the majority of the votes by the general assembly. Point 19 of article 8 to be modified concerns the election of the board, which is currently done by a rising of hands. It is proposed to carry out the election of the board by ballot which guarantees the secrecy of the vote. The assembly approves unanimously. Also, the candidatures must be sent in written form by the national federation which submits the candidature and which will receive an acknowledgment of receipt by the FIPS-M secretariat. On point 20, the assembly approves the modification that the decisions of the General Assembly must be taken by a simple majority of the delegates present or represented, with the exception of the following decisions, regulated by the Luxembourg law on non-profit associations:

- a) Modification of the statutes
- b) Exclusion of a FIPS-M member
- c) Dissolution of the FIPS-M

In the article 9 the President proposes to remove the sentence that the Secretary General is liquidator of financial affairs. It is also proposed that the treasurer must be external to the office, competent and have the confidence of the office which will propose him to the general assembly for approval. After discussions and after having considered the various proposals on this subject, the President proposes to the General Assembly to modify this point of the statutes in the sense that the treasurer must be elected, he will be an integral part of the board and that the condition for to apply must be very clearly defined in terms of his quality, accounting experience and professional title.

At point 7 of the same article it is proposed to delete the sentence concerning the secretary of the Technical Commission. This position is no longer necessary as there is a vice-president responsible for this commission in the board and who must coordinate the activity of the commission and proposes, if necessary, each year adaptation of the FIPS-M rules.

On the other hand, the board is in favour of replacing this secretary with a responsible who deals with social media and also manages a YouTube channel in a constructive manner. He will participate in the board meetings in an advisory capacity. The modification is approved unanimously.

The President also specifies that each place where records are mentioned will be eliminated (with the exception of the records for the Long Casting of Sea Weights).

In article 13 it is proposed to remove the sentence on the need for double signature since currently payments are made online. The assembly approves this unanimously.

In article 18 it is proposed to eliminate the need to consult three members of the board for disciplinary measures. If a jury cannot resolve or make decisions, it must send the documents to the board to make the final decision. The assembly approves this point unanimously.

For article 19 it is proposed to simplify the question of anti-doping and write only that the rules of WADA are in force. The assembly approved this provision unanimously.

Article 20. It is specified that FIPS-M has never had the need to have a permanent appeal commission and therefore it is proposed to modify this article in the sense that, if necessary, an appeal commission will be elected during the next general meeting. The assembly approves unanimously.

In article 21 it is specified that the modification of the statutes and the dissolution of the FIPS-M will be done according to the law of the non-profit associations of Luxembourg. The assembly approves unanimously.

Finally, the president proposes to the general assembly that the modifications which have been approved today will be written in good form in the French language and sent to all our member

federations with a deadline for the response of one week, for possible small spelling mistakes but not for major changes. After various interventions the assembly declares that the proposal of the president is not necessary and confirms the total confidence in the FIPS-Mer committee for the good writing of the modifications of the Statutes approved during this general assembly

7. Modifications et adaptation of the rules

The proposals of amendments of all the rules have been sent by mail to all member federations

Clarification of the FIPS-Mer 2023 rules

In force after the General Assembly in 2023

*in **RED** what should be removed from the regulations
in **GREEN** what needs to be added to the rules (specify)
in **BLUE** = explanations*

General Rules

Page 14 art. 1.31
Eliminate as no longer necessary. **Catch or score cards should be sent to the general secretary of FIPS-M.**

Page 14 art. 2.03
When registering a team, a national federation ensures that the team members are medically **and physically** fit to participate at a FIPS-M championship. **(FIPS-M Board decision 15.8.2018)**

Page 15 art. 205 Add Light Tackle, 2 national teams (A and B)

Page 15 art. 2.07 Change last point; Big Game club, **3** teams from different clubs.

Page 17 art. 3.04
Boat Angling Light Tackle 3 days + 1 day reserve 6 hours minimum

Modify last point on sea weight casting. It must be considered that we could have the case of the impossibility of casting all the categories of weight even by using the reserve day. (Proposal: If at least 50% of the weight categories have been achieved, the championship is valid)
Also 50% for the trials (e.g. with 6 throws the validity = 3; with 5 throws the validity = 3)

A competition is only valid, if 50% of the scheduled time is completed. For Long Casting: **if all casters have completed half of the casts in all weight categories. If at least 50% of the weight categories have been completed, the championship is valid. At least 50% of the scheduled trials in a category must be completed for the category to be valid (e.g. with 6 throws the validity = 3; with 5 throws the validity = 3).**

Page 18 art. 4.01
In case of conflict of interest of a member **main** jury, this member must be replaced by one of the elected substitutes.
Delete: In case of a shortage of candidates for the International Jury then the nationality of the FIPS-Mer delegate is not considered. And replace by: The nationality of the FIPS-M delegates must never be considered.

Page 19 art. 4.06
Delete as no longer necessary. The organizer is obliged to publish the daily results at the latest 3 hours after having established the classification.

Page 20 art. 4.16 point 9
Under the supervision of the respective steward, a team captain, assistant-captain or the reserve angler **(not in pair competitions)** may take contact with the angler during shore angling. Only one captain or reserve angler can enter the angling area at any given time. **For pair competitions only the captain and the assistant-captain may enter this area.**

Page 22 art. 7.02

The angling zones and angling sectors have to be defined before the start of the competition and have to be communicated to the FIPS-M member nations in the registration file of the event. **The zones must be confirmed on the arrival of the teams.** The zones cannot be changed, **except in the case of written security arrangements ordered by the local authorities.** **In any case the confirmation of the zones or the modifications will have to be communicated to the FIPS-M secretariat for publication on the website one week before the beginning of the championship.**

Big Game

Art.2.4 page 3

The permitted breaking strain of wire will be fixed by the host nation considering the species of fish caught in the area where the competition takes place. The breaking strain of the wire must be mentioned in the specifications and the program of the competition. However, it may not exceed 37 kg (80Lb) **with a maximum tolerance of 5%.**

Art 2.5 page 4

Only one rod per angler can be taken on board. No other rod, **wire**, or reserve reel will be accepted on board. The skippers must remove all their own rods from the boat before departure. **As the steward must take 10 metres of line for each fish, spare line must be allowed.**

Art 5.8 page 6

If strong winds or a storm are predicted by the national weather service, the jury alone has the right to cancel an event. However, he may indicate alternative zones where fishing conditions are more favourable. In special cases, for instance in cases where people's life or the safety of boats is threatened, the jury has the right to suspend the competition. **If a team is fighting with a fish at the time of suspension, they will have a maximum of 15 minutes to retrieve, measure and release the fish.**

Participants will be informed by radio about this decision. In this cases, each skipper has to confirm the receipt of the "Radio" call and announce the number of fish registered. The jury decides about the the classification for this part of the competition.

Point 6.2 page 7

For safety reasons, measuring with a measuring stick is forbidden for all fish with a rostrum (marlin, swordfish etc..). For these fishes points will be fixed by species.

Art 9 page 8 : Draw of the boats

The draw of the boats will be done using the FIPS-M program. In case of lack of Wi-Fi or other computer problems, the draw of the boats will be done according to the manual draw (see annex).

Point 4 page 11

During the competition it is allowed to change **twice (2X)** the anchorage place once, unless it interferes with another competitor and only upon request of the latter, it must change its position. If the anchor drags and the boat is drifting unintentionally, it must return to its initial anchoring place announced to the competition management. **This manoeuvre will not be considered as a change of place.**

All position changes must be communicated by radio to the jury. The lost time will not be recovered.

Point 5. Double line page 14

To add point 5.8: In the case that a team does not use the double line but only a junction knot, the total measurement (including the leader plus the knot) shall be limited to 4.5 metres for light equipment competitions and 9 metres for heavy equipment competitions.

Boat

Chap. C: Art 3 page 5

For Boat Angling a maximum of three single hooks are permitted on the trace, **or 1 single hook and a double hook, or one triple hook.**

Chap. C : Point 14 page 6

If the rope is released when the boat is anchored, this will be considered as a change of position of the boat.

Page 7 point 32 (new)

Only one container per angler is allowed for storing fish.

Measuring the fish page 15

When a fish reaches the minimum size (12 cm in the Mediterranean resp. 18 cm in other seas) the fish is valid. In the case

of the measurement system, the centimetres to be allocated must be rounded up, i.e., to 13 cm. This also applies to all subsequent measurements.

Light tackle Rules

Page 14 point 15

For the Light Tackle competitions, each angler can use his teammate's equipment and help him to catch a fish.

Page 14 point 29

If strong winds or a storm are predicted by the national weather service, the jury alone has the right to cancel an event. However, he may indicate alternative zones where fishing conditions are more favourable.

In special cases, for instance in cases where people's life or the safety of boats is threatened, the jury has the right to suspend the competition. If a team is fighting with a fish at the time of suspension, they will have a maximum of 15 minutes to retrieve, measure and release the fish.

Participants will be informed by radio about this decision. In this cases, each skipper has to confirm the receipt of the "Radio" call and announce the number of fish registered. The jury decides about the classification for this part of the competition.

To add: RULES FOR KAYAK FISHING

Shore Angling

Page 3-point A3

Establish the space (distance for spectators) behind the fishing area

Add: The corridor behind the fishing area must have a maximum width of 3 meters

Page 5-point 8

It is forbidden to glue feathers and other materials to the pearls.

(This increases the buoyancy of the pearls)

Page 7 point 36

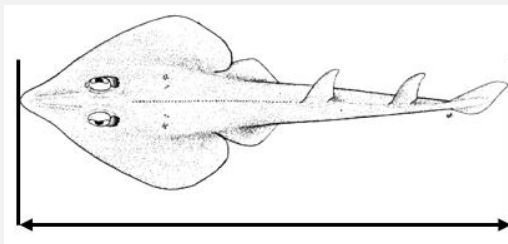
Competitions must end before dark (at sunset)

Page 7 point 42 (new)

The steward must update the table in the middle of the sector only with the number of catches of the past hour, without adding the catches of the previous hours.

Page 10

add the image of the guitar fish measurement (in all rules)



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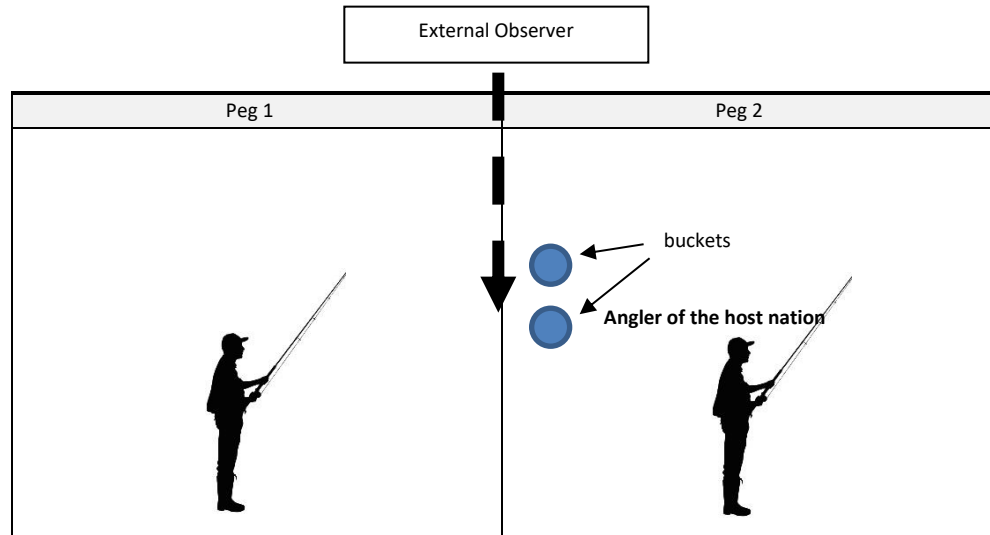
Page 13 art. 8 point c (new)

c. For pair competitions only the captain and the assistant captain (not the reserve anglers) may enter the fishing area and make contact with the members of the pair

General Rules : Page 19 point 4.08 (add a new point " Function of the Stewards (for Shore Angling)

+ add in the Shore Angling Rules

The measurement must be done in the presence of the competitor **or his captain and of an external controller for the competitor of the organizing nation**, within the time foreseen so that the competitor has the possibility to control it. **The only role of the controller will be to observe the measurement and to countersign the measurement written on the scoring card by the steward.**



**Proposed Amendments to the 2024 Rules
submitted to the General Assembly
In force in 2024 after acceptance by the General Assembly**

General Rules

Page 8 art. 1.02

Before an event can be organised, the member federation must have participated in 3 competitions of the same discipline **in the previous 6 years** (FIPS-M statutes, art. 7).

Annex: It is recommended that the winning Nation/Team or Club defend their title the following year.

Page 9 art. 1.09

Foresee a 10% increase in participation prices for 2024

	full package	without hotel
• Shore Angling	880 €	400 €
• Shore Angling for Clubs	880 €	400 €
• Shore Angling for Pairs / Pair 1600 €.....	1760 €	800 €
• Shore Float Angling	630 €	260 €
• Boat Angling:	1100 €	660 €
• Boat Angling for Clubs	1100 €	660 €
• Boat Angling with Artificial Lures	880 €	400 €
• Boat Hand Angling:.....	630 €	300 €
• Light Tackle Boat Angling	1320 €	1320 €
• Big Game Fishing:.....	1650 €	1210 €
• Big Game Fishing Clubs	1650 €	1210 €
• Long Casting of Sea Weights:	715 €	210 €

Page 12 art. 1.25

At the captains' meeting, each nation present and participating has only one vote (1) for resolutions. If several championships are held at the same time (e.g., Shore Angling Seniors and Ladies or Youth and Junior Boats) and if there is

a single International Jury for these championships, each nation has only the right to one (1) vote (regardless of the number of teams or clubs from that nation). Approved unanimously.

Page 18 new Article 3.05

The ranking of the training day will be used, to make valid the Shore Angling, Boat Fishing, Big Game and Light Tackle championships in case it is impossible to establish a final ranking, i.e., if less than 50% of the events could be completed.

The classification will be done according to our normal rules. Approved by majority with the abstention of Senegal.

Page 25 art 9.06

Deliberate mutilation or improper handling of all fish will result in disqualification.

The use of the disgorger is prohibited in all cases. Approved unanimously.

Page 29 Case of disqualification

In the Big Game, Pairs and Light Tackle competitions, the disqualification of one angler will result in the disqualification of the whole team or pair. Approved unanimously.

Big Game Rules

Page 10 art 10.07 (new)

The ranking of the training day will be used to validate the championship in case it is impossible to establish a final ranking, i.e., if less than 50% of the events could be completed. The ranking will be done according to our normal rules.

Approved by majority with the abstention of Senegal.

Shore Angling Rules

Page 11 art 5 point E (new)

The ranking of the training day will be used to validate the championship in case it is impossible to establish a final ranking, i.e., if less than 50% of the events could be completed. The ranking will be done according to our normal rules.

Approved by majority with the abstention of Senegal.

Boat Angling and Light tackle Rules

Page 19 art 6 point E (new)

The ranking of the training day will be used to validate the championship in case it is impossible to establish a final ranking, i.e., if less than 50% of the events could be completed. The ranking will be done according to our normal rules.

Approved by majority with the abstention of Senegal.

The Italian delegate intervenes with questions for the FIPS-M board regarding the rules:

Eliminate one day of competition and review the program of the Masters, Pairs and Youth and Junior shore angling championships to reduce participation costs. The President answers that Italy had already asked the same question in writing and, after discussion in the FIPS-M board, they received a written answer that the proposal was not accepted.

To regulate the participation in the championships of the same discipline of a federation which applies to organize championships. The answer is, that this rule is already in force from 2023.

Increase of the number of FIPS-M medals at the championships to recognize the work of the leader who stands on the podium with the winning team. It is answered that FIPS-Mer already awards 8 medals for each team on the podium, 5 for the team, 1 for the reserve, 1 for the captain and 1 for the vice-captain.

For shore fishing at the beginning and end of the fishing zone register an external angler to limit the advantages for the head angler. This proposal will be discussed at the next meeting of the Technical Commission

8. Admission of new member federations

Three new federations have applied to become member of FIPS-M

South Korea: Application for membership as an Ordinary Member.

Malta: Application for membership as an Ordinary Member

The President informs that the documents that we received by South Korea and by Malta are in order and asks the assembly for the agreement to propose to the CIPS these applications. The assembly approves unanimously.

Northern Ireland:

The President informs that all the four provinces of Ireland, including that of Northern Ireland, are already represented in the Irish Federation and the application for membership presented is a political question. The assembly unanimously agreed not to accept this application for membership.

9. International Calendar

The Secretary General presents for approval the candidacies for the championships until 2026

BOAT ANGLING

World Championships Boat Angling (Seniors)

- 2023 CROATIA - 58th World Championship
- 2024 IRELAND - 59th World Championship Seniors
- 2025 MONTENEGRO - 60th World Championship Seniors

World Championships Boat Angling Juniors (16 to 21 years)

- 2023 IRELAND - 22nd World Championship
- 2024 IRELAND - 23rd World Championship Juniors
- 2025 MONTENEGRO - 24th World Championship Juniors

World Championships Boat Angling Clubs

- 2023 PORTUGAL - 15th World Championship Boat Angling for Clubs
- 2024 FRANCE - 16th World Championship
- 2025 SPAIN - 17th World Championship
- 2026 MONTENEGRO - 18th World Championship

World Championships Light Tackle Boat Angling

- 2024 SOUTH AFRICA - 2nd World Championship Light tackle Boat Angling

SHORE ANGLING

World Championships Shore Angling (Men and Women)

- 2023 ITALY - 39th World Championship Seniors and 30th World Championship Ladies
- 2024 SPAIN - 40th World Championship Seniors and 31th World Championship Ladies
- 2025 PORTUGAL - 41th World Championship Seniors and 32th World Championship Ladies

- 2026 NETHERLAND - 42nd World Championship Seniors and 33rd World Championship Ladies
- *** 2027 CANDIDATE BRAZIL - 43rd World Championship Seniors and 34th World Championship Ladies
- *** 2028 CANDIDATE ITALY - 44th World Championship Seniors and 35th World Championship Ladies
- *** 2029 CANDIDATE FRANCE - 45th World Championship Seniors and 35th World Championship Ladies

World Championships Shore Angling YOUTH (U16) - JUNIORS (U21)

- 2023 NETHERLAND 31st World Championship YOUTH and 22nd World championship JUNIORS
- 2024 IRELAND 32nd World Championship YOUTH and 23rd World championship JUNIORS
- 2025 SPAIN 33rd World Championship YOUTH and 24th World championship JUNIORS
- 2026 ITALY 34th World Championship YOUTH and 25th World championship JUNIORS
- *** 2027 CANDIDATE FRANCE 35th World Championship YOUTH and 26th World championship JUNIORS
- *** 2027 CANDIDATE PORTUGAL 35th World Championship YOUTH and 26th World championship JUNIORS

7. World Championship Shore Angling Clubs

- 2023 SPAIN 30th World Championship in Peniscola Castellon
- 2024 FRANCE - 31st World Championship
- 2025 PORTUGAL 32nd World Championship
- 2026 CYPRUS - 33rd World Championship
- *** 2027 CANDIDATE ITALY - 34th World Championship

World Championship Shore Angling Masters (over 55)

- 2023 MEXICO 6th World Championship for Masters
- 2024 CYPRUS - 7th World Championship for Masters
- 2025 FRANCE - 8th World Championship for Masters
- 2026 ITALY - 9th World Championship for Masters
- *** 2027 CANDIDATE PORTUGAL - 10th World Championship for Masters

World Championship Shore Angling Pair Angling

- 2023 ITALY 5th World Championship Shore Angling Pair Angling
- 2024 SPAIN 6th World Championship Shore Angling Pair Angling
- 2025 ITALY - 7th World Championship Shore Angling Pair Angling
- 2026 FRANCE - 8th World Championship Shore Angling Pair Angling
- *** 2027 CANDIDATE PORTUGAL - 9th World Championship Shore Angling Pair Angling

European Championship Float Angling

- 2023 ITALY 16th European Championship Sea Float Angling
- 2024 GREECE 17th European Championship Sea Float Angling
- 2025 FRANCE - 18th European Championship Sea Float Angling
- 2026 PORTUGAL - 19th European Championship Sea Float Angling
- *** 2027 CANDIDATE ITALY - 20th European Championship Sea Float Angling

BIG GAME

World Championships Big Game Fishing

- 2023 SENEGAL - 31st World Championship B.G.F. (Trolling)
- 2024 MEXICO - 32nd World Championship B.G.F. (Trolling)
- 2025 FRANCE - 33rd World Championship B.G.F.
- 2026 ITALY - 34th World Championship B.G.F.

African Championship Big Game Fishing

- 2023 SENEGAL - 1st African Championship B.G.F. (Trolling)

LONG CASTING OF SEA WEIGHTS

World Championships Long Casting of Sea Weights

- 2023 TUNISIA - 25th World Championship Long Casting of Sea Weights (Seniors) and 9th World Championship Long Casting of Sea Weights (Ladies)
- 2024 ITALIA - 26th World Championship Long Casting of Sea Weights (Seniors) and 10th World Championship Long Casting of Sea Weights (Ladies)
- *** 2025 CANDIDATE ARGENTINA - 27th World Championship Long Casting of Sea Weights (Seniors) and 11th World Championship Long Casting of Sea Weights (Ladies)

For the organizations of the European float fishing championships, the President informs the assembly that he has received a proposal from Greece (Island of Crete) to also organize a pair float championship in 2026. This interesting proposal will be discussed by the board because it will be necessary to establish whether the two championships will take place in the same year or alternately.

Also, for the discipline of Long Casting of Sea Weights, after consultation with the federation of Argentina, a continental championship of South America can be foreseen in 2025.

The updated international calendar is unanimously approved. It can be downloaded from the website (<https://www.fips-m.org/international-calendar>)

10. Motions and other Questions

As at point 10 of the agenda we have not received any motions, we move on to miscellaneous.

The first point concerns the project of the Dutch federation which has invested a lot of time in studying and finding alternatives to the lead used for fishing.

Mr Paul Peters presents this project and informs the assembly that the samples will be displayed this evening during the meeting for the youth.

As a second point the federation of South Africa presents a video on the Light tackle boat angling championship 2023 This to promote the championship 2024 which will take place at the end of the CIPS Congress in Cape Town.

10. Handing over of the diplomas to the member federations

The FIPS-M office has awarded diplomas to the different member countries whose anglers have obtained a medal in 2022 during a championship.

Italy (21), Spain (18), Portugal FPPD (3), France (8), Croatia (8), Argentina (4), Paraguay (1), Slovenia (1), Belgium (1), Tunisia (5), Germany (1), Montenegro (1), Portugal Boat (2).

11. Closing

After thanking all the delegations for their presence and their constructive discussions, the Italian Federation of Sport Fishing and Underwater Activities for their logistical support during the assembly as well as the translators, the President closes the 2023 General Assembly.

President
Gilbert Zangerlé



General Secretary
Attilio La Porta

