



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN MER

Dear Presidents,
Dear members of the national federations,
Dear friends,

It is at the end of a year marked by the pandemic that I would like to address you this message. Our daily and social living conditions have changed since the beginning of the year when the health crisis forced us to cancel all our fishing activities and our friendly meetings.

But it is with hope that I signal our desire to resume our fishing activities in 2021 and to renew our contacts. Not like "before" of course, but by acting with caution, responsibility and solidarity.

The health constraints will of course impose the nature, the pace and the conditions of implementation of the activities that we will be able to propose in 2021. Wearing a mask and respecting the social distances - things we are starting to get used to, still remain the basic rules which we will have to respect as long as the vaccines have not begun to show results.

The FIPS-M committee together with member federations has established rules of good conduct in view of resuming our fishing activities. Of course, these organizations always depend on local health conditions or international arrangements. These World Championships will therefore surely not be the same as we have known them before.

Huge efforts by scientists all over the world have made it possible to produce vaccines against the Corona virus. I hope that the possibility of getting vaccinated will quickly lead us back to a "normal" life, perhaps a life more aware and responsible towards others and towards nature.

In January 2021, the FIPS-M committee will make the final decisions on the dates of the championships at the start of the year.

I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family as well as to all the members of your federations.

Gilbert Zangerlé
President of FIPS-M