



39th USPE Kongress/Congress/Congr s

VIDEO CONFERENCE

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The USPE, which was founded in 1950 by sports enthusiastic police officers, celebrates its 70th birthday this year. An honourable age of which its members can be proud.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 39th USPE Congress took place for the first time as a Video Conference on 13th November 2020.

Unfortunately, it could not be carried out as planned in Vienna with personal meetings and discussions. However, the Video Conference proved to be a good alternative and was very important, especially with regard to the current global situation, to reflect on the past year and discuss the future of the USPE.

A total of 71 colleagues from 25 European countries took part. Due to the good preparation, technical problems were solved in advance, so that the President was able to guide the Congress through the 16 agenda items without any problems.

The most successful police athletes of the last two years, who have been honored with the USPE's highest Award for their performances during a European Police Championship (EPC) in the categories "best female athlete", "best male athlete", "best team" and "Fair Play" were presented by video.

As the Awards could not be traditionally presented during the Congress this year, the USPE Office made every effort to ensure that the handovers were made beforehand in an appropriate and ceremonial setting by the respective authorities of the athletes.

This was of great concern to the President and the Secretary General, because our athletes are the first priority of the USPE.

The COVID-19 virus had a major impact on all aspects of social life this year, including sport and the USPE activities.

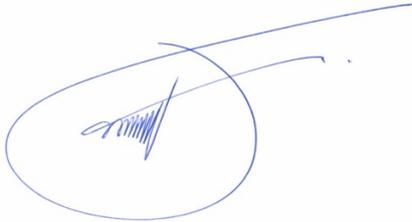
Although in the history of the USPE all necessary measures were always taken to prevent the final cancellation of EPC, this was not possible now due to the extraordinary situation in Europe. In order to contribute responsibly and to protect the health of everyone involved with top priority, all championships for 2020 had to be cancelled.

Therefore, with extensive involvement of the committees and member countries, the USPE Sports Calendar was adapted so that all EPC are programmed, usually with a one-year delay.

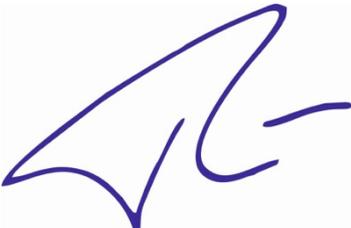
Next year, the competitions will not start until June with the EPC Football Women in Norway. This gives the organisers time to observe and assess the global situation. Various member countries have already committed to host a total of 16 EPC in the years 2021 to 2023.

In summary, the 39th Congress was a success. The USPE made every effort to overcome the major crisis, provided stability and showed that it is a vibrant and resilient organisation looking to the future.

The President and the Secretary General would be very pleased if the USPE family can come together again in 2021 for sports events - not only to compare performances, but also to build and strengthen bridges of friendship and cooperation.



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