



**28th European IAIDO Championships - EIC,
Belgrade, SERBIA – 29.10.-31.10.2021
Cancellation!**

**To all
EKF Member Federations**

Dear Friends,

The situation regarding the Coronavirus disease / COVID19 has been changing during the last months. While in May/June 2021, when the EKF General Assembly decided to plan the event and the EIC Rules were prepared, there seemed to be a turn to the better, this trend recently was reversed. Countries, including Serbia, to a different degree faced increasing infections and government restrictions. The progress of vaccinations was very different across Europe and seemingly not sufficient to really halt the pandemic. Several countries imposed (again) strict quarantine regimes on travellers returning from high-risk regions. The situation is uncertain for the months to come, to say the least, especially for international events and travelling.

Consequently, during the Pre-Entry, a significant number of Member Federations already declared that they will not participate. During the recent weeks, many more Member Federations withdrew from the event. Therefore, the selection of sufficient referees became impossible. The ranks of the participants greatly diminished, and a meaningful, financially feasible and safe tournament became out of reach. Even for Iaido as a non-contact martial art, the risks appear to be out of proportion.

Consequently, the EKF BO, after the appropriate consultations with the Serbian federation, had to take the decision for

**CANCELLATION of the
28th European Iaido Championships (EIC)
Planned for Belgrade, October 29 – October 31, 2021,
including the attached exams for Iaido.**

We have great sympathy for the Serbian friends, who have put a lot of work and resources into the preparation of this event, even after they suffered a cancellation also last year. We know they did all possible to make the event happen, but the obstacles were overwhelming. We understand the disappointment of those who have prepared and planned for the tournament and exams. As much as we regret this decision, we have no other choice.

We hope that the situation will improve and look forward to meeting you soon at the events we all are missing now for almost two years!

**E. K. F. BO.
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