Continental Report Europe

IJRU General Congress 2021

Fürnschuß – 05.12.2021



Organisational activities

At the ERSO Annual General Meeting on 28.11.2020, the majority of the ERSO member countries have accepted the new bylaws, now referring to IJRU as the World Governing body.

With the accepted changes only IJRU members can be ERSO members. Therefore, we had to say goodbye to Estonia, The Netherlands, Czech Republic and Russia. The ERSO member associations from Czech Republic and Russia have been different to the members of IJRU. Therefore these 2 countries are currently missed amongst the ERSO members.

At the IJRU Board meeting on 05.12.2020, the IJRU Board of Directors voted to recognise the European Rope Skipping Organisation as the official European representation of IJRU.

With this step, the two IJRU members Portugal and France applied for ERSO membership and are welcomed back in the ERSO family. The Netherlands, now being an IJRU member as well, also returned as ERSO member. These three countries have been ratified during the ERSO AGM on 04.12.2021, counting now 14 European countries as members of the ERSO.

At the AGM on 04.12.2021, the ERSO Board members Liv Murmark (Sweden) and Pieter Himpe (Belgium). A big thank you goes to them for their hard work in the last years.

Marina Jalkell (Sweden) has been voted in as a new member on the ERSO Board.

The last Board position stays empty, waiting for a motivated and Rope Skipping / Jump Rope interested person to join the ERSO Board of Directors.

Events

Education – **EUROPE**

In spring 2021, a series of **EUROPE** Webinars took place with the topics "Keep youngsters involved", "Talent development" and "Research in Rope Skipping".







The **EUROPE** Holidays, planned for the first week of August 2021, had to be cancelled due to the unsecure Covid situation. The plans for holding this educational event in 2022 are in process.

Also, the **EUROPE** Coaches course, first planned for April 2020, now for January 2022 in Finland has been cancelled twice due to Covid.

We are trying to find suitable dates in the first half of 2022 for both events.

Competition

Having had to cancel the above mentioned educational events, it was a great pleasure for us to be able to hold the 4th ERSO Show Contest on 04.12.2021 in Mechelen (Belgium). With around 150 participants

and 19 teams showcasing their performances in the Stadsschouweburg theatre, the event was a success, even with the Covid-19-measures that had to be followed. The entire community was excited to meet again after the last competition in summer 2019.



It is also a pleasure for us to announce the 5th European Rope Skipping Championsships, combining the 21st European Team Championships and the 14th European Masters, to be held end of July in Bratislava, Slovakia.

More information about the detailed dates and packages to be announced soon. Stay tuned!