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EC LEAD

We are still looking for a Federation to host one European Cup for lead in 2023

If you are able to host, please email europe.events@ifsc-climbing.org

2nd IFSC Climbing Summit

25-26 November 2022. Please use [this link](#) to register

IFSC Europe Plenary Assembly

11 & 12 November 2022

Friday 11 November: Afternoon workshop starting from 4pm, followed by welcome drinks and a dinner

Saturday 12 November: Morning workshop, followed by lunch and the Formal Plenary Assembly.

Evening: Gala Dinner, formal attire required

Have a story you wish to share? Why not get in touch? Email europe.sg@ifsc-climbing.org to be included in the next Newsletter.

AUTUMN IS FAST APPROACHING!

A lot has happened since our last Newsletter; the IFSC Europe Commissions are fully underway and we are very happy to welcome Klifursamband Íslands (KÍ), the Icelandic Climbing Association, as a member of the IFSC, pending GA approval. Not forgetting, some major Sport Events were organized throughout the summer.

Don't forget, if you are not receiving our emails, make sure we have your up-to-date contact details

SPORTS NEWS

European Youth Championships Lead & Speed 2022 Augsburg

The first highlight event of the summer, an EYCH Lead & Speed, took place in Germany. From 8 - 10 July the European young sport climbing elite met in Kletterzentrum Augsburg, with 313 athletes from 29 nations it was a huge climbing "party" with perfect conditions, perfect weather, a lot of spectators and last but not least excellent performances from our young future Olympic candidates.



Photo: DAV / Hannes Kutza

European Youth Championships Boulder 2022 Graz

From 3 – 6 August the EYCH Boulder took place in Graz, Austria where more than 300 athletes from 31 nations came to fight for the medals. The qualification rounds took place in Bloc House, a familiar venue for competitors of past European Youth Cups. Semifinals and finals were carried out on the outdoor wall, built behind Bloc House. The outdoor venue attracted lots of spectators who cheered for the athletes and made an electric atmosphere, especially during finals.

European Championships 2022 Munich

The absolute highlight of the summer was the ECH which took place from 11 – 21 August in Munich, exactly 50 years after the Olympic Games: nine championships under one roof and sport climbing was part of it with four events for the first time ever – Boulder, Lead, Speed and the Paris 2024 Olympic format of Boulder & Lead.

The competition venue was the Königsplatz, one of the most iconic locations in Munich, right in the heart of the city. The competitions were sold out, with around 5000 spectators each day. Creating a fantastic atmosphere and whipped the 190 competitors from 26 nations to peak performance. An unprecedented level of TV and media interest ensured excellent coverage around the world.

The three-time European champion Janja Garnbret said afterwards: “Still reminiscing on all the great things that went on the past week. The venue, the atmosphere, the crowd has been absolutely phenomenal, route setting, I got some hard boulders - I cannot complain at all. Munich, you were a vibe.”



Photo: Jan Virt/IFSC

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION NEWS

The IFSC Europe Sustainability Commission took the ECH in Munich as an opportunity to reach out to its stakeholders as well as extend to others sports. The Commission together with Federico Ferro, in charge of sustainability projects in the IFSC Office, invited its stakeholders to a gathering. Coaches, Judges, Routesetters, Staff, NF Representatives and Athletes shared their viewpoints. Although sustainability revolves around 3 topics - social, environmental, economical -



this gathering was focused on the environmental issues and discussions were held regarding the question: how can we, as a whole, do better for the environment when organising and attending climbing competitions?

“This gathering was just a start, where we as the European Board, through the commissions, open the discussions with all stakeholders on topics that are of concern and where we can collect and discuss ideas in order to make the best decisions. The discussion was a success and we hope to see even more involvement in the future.” said Tjil Smits, IFSC Europe President.

Several forums and meetings were taking place in parallel to the European Championships, such as the Young Leader Forum. After we reached out to the organizers to present sustainability workshops, Robby Tóth gave a presentation on behalf of the Commission. In his own words: “I was very pleased to see the interest of so many young people in the more practical and pragmatic approach of sustainability in sport. We need more practical

solutions that everyone can execute on a daily basis to show the world that change is possible. Only then we can make the steps required to change the tide.”

The positive reactions and outcomes are a big motivation to keep moving forward with our work and to keep the discussions proactive with all its stakeholders.

Charlotte Durif, Chair of the IFSC Europe Sustainability Commission

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION NEWS

The IFSC Europe Development commission would like to understand the current state of European federations, wherever they are in the process of growth. The commissions' role and goal is to facilitate development within and amongst National Federations to further promote the growth of sport climbing at national, continental and international level. Before constructing a clear development plan, we need to understand what support federations may need and identify areas of development, so we can efficiently focus our efforts and provide support in a meaningful way.

The IFSC has collected information about its member associations in a first survey. This survey has been made available to the development commission and based on this a second survey with additional questions has been compiled for the member associations of IFSC Europe. This survey is relatively brief, will target potential areas of growth and designed to get a better understanding of requirements your federation may have and what kind of support can be provided.

An email with the link to the survey will be sent out in a few weeks. We strongly ask you for participation! Thank you so much!

Burgi Beste, Chair of the IFSC Europe Development Commission

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