RESOUNDING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN EWUF AGAINST IWUF ACTIONS

We are pleased to announce the successful conclusion of our first EWUF Online Congress, held on Saturday 24th April 2021.

The final attendance of the congress was 25 countries with only 3 of our regular members unable to attend.

The meeting was an important one and took account of the difficulties experienced by our Members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A great deal of interest was expressed about future championships and a desire to have physical events as soon as possible. The congress appreciated the need for physical events and the need for the safety of our athletes and officials. The Executive Board will continue to monitor the COVID situation and make appropriate arrangements when it is safe to do so. We shall try to give the athletes as much notice as possible for them to prepare for the next event. We have no expectation that there will be a physical event anytime soon. However if possible we shall try to arrange another online championship.

Discussion and decisions related to the dissident group called EUWUF and the deemed inappropriate actions of the IWUF were decided by voting.

Concerning the EUWUF: It was unanimously agreed that the EUWUF is considered by the EWUF to be a dissident conflicting wushu organization. Therefore any wushu federations being in membership of the EUWUF shall not qualify to be members of the EWUF. As always the EWUF does not want to affect athletes, therefore any athletes that do not associate themselves with the EUWUF may be eligible to participate in future EWUF events as independent athletes.

Concerning the IWUIF: The congress voted unanimously to give a vote of confidence to the Executive Board and Executive Council in their work to deal with the actions of the IWUF.

As a result of the actions of the IWUF the congress decided that it would be best to postpone the election of the executive bodies until later this year to maintain continuity. It is hoped this will give time to resolve the issues, which our team of lawyer are confident will be resolved in our favour.

Since the president shall be retiring and the other UK director of the NPO shall also retire at the same time this leaves the UK based NPO without the structure we would prefer to have. The other EB members felt it was not appropriate for them to become UK directors since they have no links
to the UK. While it is possible to do this the EB prefer to have an EB national represented in the home nation of the NPO, which is also helpful in the management of the bank account. Consequently the congress has agreed to move the NPO and the bank account to Latvia. The process of doing this will now start and be reported to the next scheduled congress in 6 months time. If all is completed within that time frame the move of the NPO shall take place. We shall update our members accordingly.

It was also agreed by congress to close down the dormant companies which currently exist in the UK as they no longer serve any purpose.

This is an overview, many other items were discussed and shall be seen in the minutes when they are published.