

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES FROM JUNE 2023 TO MAY 2024

CTIF Vice President Nedeljko Vukalović

Dear all,

I am submitting a report of my work and activities as one of the vice presidents of CTIF in period between June 2023. and May 2024.

After being elected to the position of one of CTIF's vice-presidents in June 2023 at CTIF's regular Delegate assembly, which took place in Vienna, Austria, and after consultation within CTIF's Executive Committee, I was given the task to monitor and coordinate the work of three commissions of CTIF;

CTIF Competitions Commission

CTIF International youth leaders Commission, and the newly established commission

CTIF Firefighting Sports Commission

I would like to emphasize that all three commissions are active and that according to their work, plans and programs they perform all the tasks that are in the description and scope of their obligations.

CTIF Competitions Commission

The chairman of that commission is Mr. Klaus-Georg (Pilo) Franke, Germany, and the members of the commission are from the following countries; Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Croatia, Italy, Luxemburg, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Norway, Bulgaria, and Portugal

The meeting of the commission was held on November 25, 2023 in the city of Wels, Austria.

At that meeting we discussed about the new rule book for the international firefighters competitions, whose goal is to ensure a fair judging despite the fact that teams are getting faster in their performances.

It was agreed that the draft of the new rulebook will be presented at the beginning of 2024, and after we discuss it, the final version of the new rulebook should be ready by October 2025.

It was also proposed to change the name of the competition to ; CTIF FIREFIGHTING OLYMPIAD, where the youth competition would be called - international firefighting youth competition, adult firefighter competition - international firefighter competition and firefighting sports competition - international firefighting sports competition.

The next regular meeting of the CTIF Competitions Commission is scheduled to take place in October 2024 in Lisbon, Portugal.

CTIF International Youth Leaders Commission

The chairman of that commission is Mr. Jörn-Hendrik Kuinke, Germany, and the members of that commission are from the following countries: Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Croatia, Slovenia, Poland, Slovakia, Belgium, Switzerland, Great Britain, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Italy, Portugal, Czech Republic and Hungary

This commission held several meetings in the past year:

Three virtual sessions of the commission, in August and November 2023, and in May 2024 and three physical meetings .

The first one was on August 26 2023, the working group of the Commission for International Youth Leaders held a meeting in the city of Pribislav, Czech Republic, where the draft of the new rule book for the young firefighters competition was discussed with the aim that rule book should be prepared for the education and training of firefighter referees (October 2023) who will judge at the upcoming international firefighting youth competition in Italy in 2024.

On September 23, 2023, the regular meeting of the that Commission was held in Lisbon, Portugal, attended by 23 participants from 13 countries.

At that meeting, the preparations for the upcoming CTIF International Youth Firefighter Competition in Borgo Valsugana, Italy, 2024 were discussed, as well as the education/training of firefighter referees, for November 2023.

The content of the new rulebook for firefighting youth competitions was adopted.

The firefighting youth symposium that took place in May 2023. in Croatia was also discussed.

Between the 10th and 12th November 2023. in Linz, Austria, a regular education/training of firefighter referees who will judge at the upcoming international competition of fire marshals in Italy in 2024. was held. A total of 71 persons from 18 countries participated. The training is related to the application of the new rulebook on the firefighting youth competition.

Between the 12th and 14th April 2024., a meeting of the Commission was held in Borgo Valsugana, Italy, and the upcoming international youth firefighting competition was discussed, and the participants of the meeting were informed about all the points of the organization.

The next meeting of the commission for international youth fire leaders is planned for November 2024 in Vienna, Austria.

Of course, we have a big upcoming happening in July this year, the international competition of firefighter youth.

CTIF Firefighting Sports Commission

The newly established Firefighting Sports Commission started its work last year after the CTIF regular Delegate assembly in Vienna, Austria. The chairman of that commission is Zdenek Nytra, Czech Republic, and the members of the commission are from; Czech Republic, Latvia, Romania, Norway, Slovakia, Germany, Serbia, Bulgaria, Estonia, Ukraine, Poland.

The first meeting of the commission was virtual on October 9, 2023, and after that the first physical meeting of the commission took place on February 19, 2024 in Prague, Czech Republic.

At that meeting, the future work of the firefighting sports commission was discussed, and certain guidelines and goals of the commission's work were agreed upon.

Among other things, they discussed the organization of fire sport competitions (expectation: biannual main competition as the European Championship) in the men, women, youth men and youth women (age group 13-18 years) categories, drafting and issuing rules of fire sports competitions, keeping records of referees and their professional training, training of coaches, organization of training camps in the periods between competitions, gradual promotion and organization of competitions in other firefighting sport disciplines.

It was also agreed that the first European championship in firefighting sports would be organized in 2025, and Bulgaria is going to be the host.

The next planned meeting of the firefighting sports commission is planned for September 2024 in Bulgaria.

***XIV. CTIF international firefighting youth competition
Borgo Valsugana, Italy, 2024***

The upcoming international youth firefighting competition will be held from July 21 to 28, 2024 in the Italian town of Borgo Valsugana.

So far, all the planned activities around it have been completed on time and the entire preparations by the host have been done at a very high level.

23 nations are registered for this event, with a minimum of one and a maximum of four competitive groups. 71 referees who will evaluate the competitions have been trained, a program of events has been prepared for all seven days of stay in Borgo Valsugana, and everything should be ready for the start of this big event by June 15.

Sincerely, best regards
Nedeljko Vukalović
vice president of CTIF