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Dear members,

As you all know we did face a late cancellation from one of our members with regards to hosting the above-mentioned events. The reason for this cancellation was the fact that there were issues with the registration of the new federation because of the old federation still was registered in Serbia. Without that official registration it was not possible for our member in Serbia to host the event in a proper way. Although it turned out to be very difficult to find a replacement, I want to thank the board of the Serbian federation for all their efforts.



After the final confirmation of the cancellation we did send out a letter to all members and ask if one of our members could help us out for 2019. I want to thank the national federations of Portugal, Poland, Austria and BHR hotel in Treviso for their willingness and efforts to investigate this. Unfortunately, it did turn out that for different reasons it was not possible to have the events in one of these countries and / or locations. Of course, it is not so easy to find a location for a longer period at such short notice.

Together with the IBPF we then had to move quickly, and we did start looking at existing locations where we have a good relationship. At the beginning of February, we did have a first meeting with our partner in Leende, hotel Golden Tulip Jagershorst. After a few meetings it turned out that the only possibility would be to change our current dates in order to have the events in Leende. After checking these new dates, it came to our attention that at the new Euro Tour dates, the EPBF already did sanction an open event in Poland. We did contact the host of this event and asked if the dates could be moved but with no luck. Therefore, it was not possible at the end to have the events in Leende.



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During the negotiations with Leende we did have a short talk with NH Koningshof in Veldhoven. This is the location where we had our jubilee event in 2018. It turned out that NH Koningshof does have free spaces during our planned dates which did end in a next meeting with the management of NH Koningshof.

During this meeting we did evaluate last year and did discuss a possibility for 2019 and onwards. Of course, we as the EPBF board did know what where the short-comings in the hotel last year. Hotel rooms, food and the lack of airconditioned rooms were the biggest issues which of course we did address.

With having in mind that we are forced, due to available time, we did speak openly with the hotel about the feelings we had. After 2 meetings we did manage to make clear agreements on certain important issues. These points are:

1. All rooms used by us in 2019 are in the renovated part which means that all the rooms will have air conditioning, just in case that we do have a “crazy” summer like last year.
2. The hotel will do the best they can with regards to the dinner buffet (Youth EC). The dinner will be included in the hotel price which will be only raised with 3 Euro, this because of the increase in VAT rate that is done by the government.

At the EPBF board meeting in January it was discussed that it seems that there are not many federations and / or hosts who are willing to host the events in July – August. Looking at the current situation it is only Portugal who did express some interest for 2020 but it seems also that it is not easy to find the good locations and requirements needed. Therefore, the EPBF board is looking to make long term contracts (3 years) when it comes to these events in July-August.

Like I said, it is just a discussion now and we certainly want to know what our members think about a certain location. Therefore, we do want to make a questionnaire at the next events in July – August in order to find out what the members think of a location. We will explain that further at the GA and the event in July-August 2019.



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To conclude:

After a long search we are happy to announce that the EC Youth, Euro Tour and EC Seniors & Ladies will be held at the original dates planned and in NH Hotel Koningshof in Veldhoven. We hope that everybody can understand that it is maybe not the best option now in the heads of someone who was present last year, but we hope that together with the hotel we can offer you all proper and nice events in 2019.

The invitations and all further information will be sent soon.

Thanks for your attention.

Regards

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President EPBF