



WHAT HAPPENED ON DAY 1 OF THE XVI IFSC PLENARY ASSEMBLY

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The XVI Plenary Assembly of the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) opened today with a [video message from International Olympic Committee \(IOC\) President Thomas Bach](#).

In his message, the IOC President congratulated the IFSC and its delegates for overcoming the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and their ability to organise a virtual congress.

“We have seen over the past weeks and months that whether in sport or in life, we are always stronger together. This is why we are happy to have such reliable partners, like the IFSC, at our side,” Bach told the more than 60 National Federations gathered virtually for the annual congress.

The XVI Plenary Assembly was originally scheduled to be held in Limassol (CYP) on March 13 and 14 but was moved online as a result of the pandemic. A Plenary Assembly in writing took place on May 29 – also in the form of a teleconference – for the approval of the 2019 audit and financial reports, and 2020 budget.

IFSC WELCOMES SIX NEW MEMBER FEDERATIONS

The Assembly also ratified the Executive Board decision to include six new Member Federations into the Federation.

The IFSC welcomed two continental members – Sport Climbing Fiji (SCF) and the Uganda Sport Climbing Federation (USCF) – and four full members:

- Malta Sport for All (MSFA);
- Mauritius Sport Climbing Federation (MSCF);
- Nepal Climbing Sport Association (NCSA); and
- Saudi Climbing and Hiking Federation (SACHF).

The SCF and NCSA replace the Fiji Mountaineering and Climbing Association (FMCA) and the Nepal Mountaineering Association (NPA), respectively, when the latter bodies cease their membership in 2021. Also ceasing its membership in 2021 is the Österreich Alpenverein (OAV), representing Austria.

The Plenary Assembly also approved the transition of the Federación Deportiva Peruana de Escalada, representing Peru,



from continental to full membership.

With the aforementioned changes, the IFSC now counts 94 National Federations as members: 8 in Africa, 23 in Asia, 44 in Europe, 3 in Oceania and 16 in Pan America.

IFSC UNVEILS 2020-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

IFSC Secretary General Debra Gawrych presented a long-term roadmap for the future of Sport Climbing.

The 2020-2028 Strategic Plan, which was revised after the postponement of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, is the final outcome of a process that covered most of the 2019 Sport Climbing season, with events such as the XIV IFSC Plenary Assembly in Tokyo (JPN), the National Federations Workshop in Arco (ITA) and the 1st Climbing Summit in Torino (ITA) playing crucial roles in the definition of the vision, mission and key objectives.

The IFSC's Vision is to make the world a better place through Sport Climbing, while its Mission is to grow the Sport Climbing community and to foster the furtherance of Sport Climbing worldwide.

In addition, the IFSC will work to effectively and efficiently govern, develop, showcase and promote Sport Climbing through sustainable events for athletes, Member Federations and key stakeholders.

The IFSC's Key Objectives for the 2020-2028 period are to:

- showcase Sport Climbing through events;
- develop Sport Climbing;
- strengthen membership and governance;
- increase IFSC brand awareness; and
- promote Sport Climbing globally.

BERN TO HOST THE 2023 IFSC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2023 IFSC Climbing and Paraclimbing World Championships will be hosted by the city of Bern (SUI).



Three candidates presented their bids for the 2023 IFSC World Championships during the XVI IFSC Plenary Assembly today. The President of the Swiss Alpine Club Ms Françoise Jacquet presented the bid from the Swiss capital city which emerged victorious after securing 28 votes from the IFSC members. Seoul (KOR) received 9 votes, and Chongqing (CHN) received 7 votes.

The IFSC Climbing and Paraclimbing World Championships is the pinnacle competition of the IFSC calendar and takes place every two years. The last edition in 2019 took place Hachioji (JPN).

The XVI IFSC Plenary Assembly will conclude tomorrow with a second and final session, scheduled from 12:00 to 4:00 PM (UTC+1:00).

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