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- GUESTS OF THE IBU

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2022		
All day	Arrival of Delegates	
13:00 - 17:00	Workshops	
18:30	Shuttle bus to the IBU Headquarters	
19:00	Visit to IBU Headquarter followed by Dinner	
22:00 - 23:30	Shuttle bus to the Hotel	
FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2022 DAY 1 OF CONGRESS		
09:00 - 12:00	Reviews of Motions and Rule Changes	
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 18:00	Congress Sessions	
19:00	Dinner	
SATURDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2022 DAY 2 OF CONGRESS		
08:30 - 12:30	Congress Sessions	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 17:30	Congress Sessions	
19:00	IBU Gala Dinner	
SUNDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2022 DAY 3 OF CONGRESS		
09:30 - 12:30*	Congress Sessions (*Depending on the 17 th of September)	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 17:00	Departure / Excursion	

In accordance with Article 4.1 of the IBU Rules of Congress, the Executive Board

of the International Biathlon Union has the honour of inviting you to the

in Salzburg - AUT, which will take place from **15 to 18 September 2022**.

15TH ORDINARY IBU CONGRESS

Olle Dahlin IBU President

Niklas Carlsson

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WORDS OF WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

Dear Presidents, dear Secretary Generals, dear friends,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 15th IBU Ordinary Congress in Salzburg, Austria.

It has been three years since we last gathered in-person for an IBU Congress, and so it will be particularly special to come together once again.

The IBU Congress is always a very important occasion and provides an invaluable opportunity for our biathlon family to discuss our progress and plan for our future.

We have achieved a lot together over the last year. While there have been many challenges, we have continued to advance our sport and make great strides in the implementation of our strategic plan, Target 26.

We delivered a safe and successful season of biathlon while adapting to the new realities presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our athletes showcased the very best of our sport and entertained us with their thrilling performances. Their ability to inspire and capture our imagination has seen an increase in viewer hours in biathlon.

The launch of our official IBU App and new website ahead of last season was one way we have been able to enhance our engagement with our growing fanbase and ensure they are kept closer to the action.

From a governance perspective, we have continued to honour our commitment to sustainability and recently published our first Sustainability Report as we work towards our objective of being climate neutral by 2030 and net zero by 2040.

All of this and more will be discussed at the Congress. We will of course also have the elections of the Executive Board and the Technical Committee.

This invitation includes all the information you will need to attend and participate in the Congress.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us so you can share and contribute to our discussions.

Yours sincerely,

Olle Dahlin IBU President



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INFORMATION ON THE CONGRESS HOTEL

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Wyndham Grand is the official hotel of the 15[™] IBU Congress. For further information please visit: <u>www.wyndhamgrandsalzburg.com.</u>

Wyndham Grand ********

Fanny-von-Lehnert-Str. 7, 5020 Salzburg Phone +43 662 4688 0, email <u>info@wyndhamgrandsalzburg.com</u>

B. ROOMS AND ROOM RATE

We have pre-reserved rooms in the following categories: Standard double room for € 139.00 per night / per room Standard single room for € 119.00 per night / per room

To book your rooms, please use the "**Booking Form**" available on the **IBU-SCOPE** and e-mail it to <u>info@wyndhamgrandsalzburg.com</u> with the subject line "IBU Congress 2022 15-18.09.2022".

C. MEAL OPTIONS

Breakfast is included in the room rate. We will offer a lunch buffet during the conference.

Dinners on September 15, 16 and 17 are part of the congress programme and will be hosted by the IBU.

D. PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please pay for your hotel accommodation upon departure from the hotel, at the latest. You have the choice of paying by credit card.

E. ARRIVAL AND PARKING

Travel by train: Salzburg Main Station (Hauptbahnhof) is located only 450 m from the hotel and therefore within comfortable walking distance.

For participants traveling by car, there is parking available for an additional charge in a parking garage close by.

Travel by plane: Salzburg Airport is located approx. 9 km to the southwest of the hotel.

• Transfer from the hotel to other official congress venues and back will be provided by the IBU.

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INFORMATION ON THE CONGRESS VENUE

Salzburg is unique in every respect. Once you have experienced the magic of Mozart's world-famous city, it will never let you go completely. The harmony of landscape and architecture, the arts and culture and traditional and modern aspects that characterize this small city, makes it particularly attractive.

Salzburg is W. A. Mozart's birth town and the film location of "The Sound of Music". With its narrow streets and large squares, the historic center of the city of Salzburg is on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The famous Salzburg Festival (Salzburger Festspiele), the city's wonderful panorama and many attractions, which the city offers during the Christmas season, make Salzburg a unique work of art.

Salzburg has its own individual charm and is a delight to visit in any season. A wide range of events makes the Festival City a wonderful destination at any time of the year. In addition to the world-famous cultural and music highlights, Salzburg also offers a variety of other interesting and fascinating reasons that will make your visit worthwhile.



VISA ISSUES

Congress participants from countries that are subject to visa requirements need an entrance visa for their trip to Austria.

For more information and to access the visa invitation form, please visit **IBU-SCOPE** and click on "**Application** for Visa Invitation".

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INFORMATION FOR CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS

A. DELEGATES' RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE, REGISTRATION

All provisional and full members may attend the Congress with up to three (3) delegates (Art. 7.2, 15.1-15.3 of IBU Constitution). In the event that an NF Member nominates two or more delegates for a meeting of Congress, there must be at least one delegate of the male gender and at least one delegate of the female gender.

To register your Congress delegates by name, please use the form in **IBU-SCOPE** "Official Registration" Please return the form to the IBU no later than **17 June 2022**.

NOTE: The IBU will contribute financial assistance of € 800 for European, and € 1.300 for non-European member federations to attend this Ordinary Congress. The contribution will be paid by bank transfer after the end of the Congress.

B. RIGHT TO VOTE

Provisional members may attend the IBU Congress and may be heard (Art. 7.2.1 of IBU Constitution). However, according to the IBU Constitution, they are not permitted to file motions or submit nominations, or to vote.

Full members may submit motions to the IBU Congress (Art. 7.1.4), nominate representatives to official functions (7.1.5., 7.1.5.1, 7.1.5.2), and vote (Art 7.1.3).

Each full member has one vote. The head of the delegation exercises the right to vote for them (Art. 15.2). Deferring the right to vote to others (voting by proxy) is forbidden.

A person may not be a delegate for more than one NF Member at Congress. No member of the Executive Board, the BIU Board, or any IBU Staff may be a delegate of an NF Member at Congress (Art. 15.3)

DATE	ACTION
Deadline for submitting 17 June 2022	 Motions to amend or add to the IBU Rules and Constitution Nominations for elections
Deadline for submitting 17 June 2022	Registration form for NF delegation
30 days before Congress latest 16 August 2022	 Dispatch of the digital Congress handbook and Congress agenda

C. OVERVIEW OF DEADLINES FOR CONGRESS APPLICATIONS

D. MOTIONS TO AMEND OR ADD TO THE IBU RULES AND CONSTITUTION

According to Art. 7.1.4 of the IBU Constitution, any full IBU member federation may submit motions to amend or modify the IBU Rules. Please use the form in the **IBU-SCOPE** "**Motions-Rule Amendment Form**" and return it to the IBU no later than **17 June 2022**.

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E. CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

Nominations for election must be submitted in accordance with Article 17 (Executive Board) and Article 26.2 (Technical Committee) of the Constitution and Article 4.1(d) of the Rules of Congress, above. They must be signed by the President or Secretary General of the nominating NF Member, and must be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee. Only persons who have been proposed in writing by a voting IBU member federation 90 days before the beginning of the Congress may be elected to the Executive Board. The personal presence of the candidate is desirable, but not mandatory (Art. 13.1&13.2 Rules of Congress). The persons elected will remain in office until the next elections that will be held at the Congress 2026.

Nominations for the Executive Board can be done for President, Vice President, Treasurer or EB Member. After the vetting has been done, eligible candidates for Executive Board and Technical Committee will receive further information about the election procedure.

Eligibility of IBU Officials Any person who represents and/or works on behalf of the IBU, whether as a result of election or appointment or otherwise, is an IBU Official. To be eligible as an IBU Official the requirements in Article 27 of the Constitution must be fulfilled, including the rules for Vetting. Completed IBU Vetting Documents must be sent together with the Candidate Nomination document. This document can be found at **IBU SCOPE under Motions**

To nominate a candidate, please use the forms in **IBU-SCOPE**, which you are requested to return to the IBU by no later than **17 June 2022**.

CONTACT DETAILS

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