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Regional News – AFRICA

IFAA AFRICA

The Africa Region was formally structured in February 2021 and has had three virtual conference calls with the IFAA Executives. Communication channels have been established and the coordination of activities within the region has commenced. The Countries participating is Namibia, South Africa, Zambia as well as Botswana who still needs to finalize their affiliation with IFAA, however, Botswana fully takes part in the regional activities.

The officials elected are Gustav Wessels of Zambia as the Chairperson and Johan Dique of South Africa as the Secretary. The Region is planning its first online Level 1 training in May. A Regional virtual indoor competition is also in the planning stages.

ARFAC 2021 is planned for September 2021 to be hosted by South Africa at the same venue where the Field Nationals took place in March.

The IFAA Codes of archery in South Africa has established itself independent from World Archery where it has been for the past 7 years.

Since January 2021, it is functioning again under the former name of SANIFAA (South African National Indoor and Field Archery Association). All formalities are in place and SANIFAA held its first AGM on the 19th of March 2021. The IFAA Executive has approved its temporary membership which is now awaiting confirmation by the World Council in September.



SANFAC 2021

The South African National Field Archery Competition took place during 20th to 22nd March 2021 at Thabazimbi, a small country town in the Northwest Province. The final scores were proof that archers were not rusted after the time off during lockdown in 2020.

The National Indoor Competition is scheduled to take place from the 23rd to 25th of April. The event will be distributed throughout the country in different venues and consolidated on a virtual basis.

COVID-19 in Africa

The region is considered a hotspot of infections and a third wave is expected. Vaccinations are progressing very slowly and lags far behind. The local production program of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in South Africa has been put on hold until the side effects identified by the World Health Organization have been researched and finalized.

There are various travel restrictions into and out of the region as well as within the region itself. IFAA Africa will recommend that its archers do not to attempt participation in the Estonia event, regardless of the decisions related to its format that is expected at the end of the month.



Regional News – ASIA

FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION OF INDIA - FAAI

The Asia Region consists of Hong Kong and India with the possibility of a third member in the region. The region is considering hosting a regional indoor tournament soon.

Field Archery Association of India (FAAI) successfully hosted their 10th Invitational and FAAI National Field-Indoor Archery Championship at Amritsar in Punjab State from the 26th to 28th of February.

In this COVID-19 Pandemic period, the Association wanted the archers to get back into practice and form whilst boosting the moral of the archers having to isolate and not having practiced since February 2020.

More than 350 archers from 13 states across India attended the event which is remarkable considering India has started with a 2nd wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government of Punjab State demanded strict rules for the event to proceed and FAAI is grateful that the championships was permitted to be hosted.

The Championships focused on six age categories, namely Boys & Girls under 10 (Invitational), Boys & Girls Under 14, Boys & Girls Under 17, Boys & Girls Under 19, Senior Men & Women, and Veteran Men & Women with four Bow styles, namely Indian Round, Recurve Round, Compound Round, and Barebow Round.

Altogether it was great experience for the Association to have a competition with so many restrictions due to the Pandemic.

However, the success of the event can be measured by the great achievement of the archers, the support of the parents, the coaches, managers, officials, and the organisers. To see more photos of the tournament, visit FAAI's [Facebook](#) page.

FAAI is planning to host a Field Archery Championships in the month of May in the Thane District in Maharashtra approximately 150 km from Mumbai.



Regional News – LATIN AMERICA

Uruguay – Federacion Uruguaya De Tiro Con Arco - FUTARCO

Uruguay is a country in South America. It has a South Atlantic Ocean coastline and lies between Argentina to the west and Brazil to the north. The name Uruguay means **river of the painted birds**. Spanish is spoken everywhere. Portuñol (or Brasilerio) is a mixture of Portuguese and Spanish used on the Brazilian border. The local currency is the Uruguayan peso.



FUTARCO has been a member of IFAA since November 2012 as well as World Archery (WA) with a total of 75 archers in good standing. Most Uruguayan archers participate in WA tournaments. There are no official IFAA tournaments scheduled to occur in Uruguay. A marginal number of members attend IFAA tournaments internationally, traveling to Argentina and Brazil.

Juan Morellin -
FUTARCO President



Nelson Daniel Gonzalez
- FUTARCO secretary

5 Interesting Facts About Uruguay

- ❖ Uruguay's national anthem lasts five minutes and is the world's longest in terms of duration.
- ❖ In 2009 Uruguay became the first country in the world to provide every schoolchild with a free laptop and Wi-Fi access.
- ❖ Uruguay is the biggest consumer of beef in the world.
- ❖ Uruguay hosted the 1st World Cup tournament ever (1930).
- ❖ Every single house in Uruguay has its own unique name.



Regional News – EUROPE

European Council Meeting

As the 2020 European Council meeting was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a need to schedule a meeting, especially as the Chairman and Secretary need to be elected this year.

Tournaments have to be discussed. EBHC France has been **postponed** one more year (EBHC 2022). Finland's bid for EBHC 2022 is deferred to 2023 pending a final bid due to be presented and voted on to ratify the event.

Possible proposals for the World Council Meeting will be discussed and selected to be able to submit them in time for the WCM.

Delegates will receive invitations and instructions on how to join the virtual conference call.



EIAC 2022

Registration for the 2022 European Indoor Archery Championships (EIAC 2022) is open.

The tournament is scheduled for 16 to 19 March 2022 and will be hosted in **Seinäjoki**, Finland.

Visit the tournament **webpage** for more information.

