**European Masters Athletics Championships**

Dear EMA Members,

In March 2020 we wanted to organize EMACI in Braga but had to postpone the event to January 2021 in the expectation that the pandemic of Covid19 would be under control very soon – this has not happened yet.

During the last meeting in Braga on September 11th the City of Braga and the LOC of EMACI2020 had to make a clear statement. Indoor Championships in 2021 will be a high risk for the organizer until there is definitely not a 100% chance to go on as planned in 2020. Most governments made it clear that there will be another peak in the development of Covid19 in Winter.

European Masters Athletics Championships are always connected with winter throws (shot put, discus, hammer, weight throw, javelin). Additionally, there will be 1 Mile, 4x800m relay, road race-walking (5k+10k), road running (10k, 1/2M), and cross. The City and the LOC made the offer to organize these events outdoor form 24th – 28th of March 2021.

It is a chance for us to give our athletes the possibility to meet internationally and to participate in a European Masters Athletics Championships.

What nobody is able to tell us,”When can we come back to normal athletics activities?” It is a decision of the governments what needs to be done to protect us from another high peak of Covid19 but it is also a decision from us organizers to find solutions to make international championships safe for athletes, officials, and visitors.

The City and the LOC of Braga will go for EMACI 2023 again. We received the promise to sign the contract as soon as the decision of 2021 Stadia Championship is made by the City of Tampere, the LOC, and WMA/EMA.

EMA General Assembly will be organized in Tampere where a new EMA Council needs to be elected and new proposals of the Members can be presented.

For this year we are looking forward to present European Masters Athletics Championships for Non-Stadia, Mountain and, Trail on Madeira. Those who are able to join us are welcome to discuss ideas and to share real athletics events with us.

With best regards on behalf of EMA Council

Kurt Kaschke

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