



Chairs Report National Council

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The period of time from June to now has been a very busy time with the AGM, the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, the European Championships being part of the multi-sport event in Munich and the establishment of the GB Table Tennis organisation, all in addition to business as usual.

The Commonwealth Games was an exceptional event. Many of our staff and members were central to the delivery of table tennis as well as being part of the outstanding number of excellent Games Makers. Although our aspirations were set to achieve a significant medals. we should be proud of our mens bronze, silver and gold tally but concerned with level performance of our female representation.

Adrian and I had numerous opportunities to meet with many of our Commonwealth colleagues, as well as our funding partners and the ITTF President Petra Söriling. Dignitaries from the Commonwealth Games Federation and the Commonwealth Games England organisation came to watch the table tennis including the Sports Minister Nigel Huddleston.

The European Championships were part of the multi game event in Munich and followed on almost immediately after the CWG. It was an extremely well organised competition with extensive TV coverage including the BBC. We had representation in the men and women's categories.

The ETTU Congress was held at the Holiday Inn on Saturday August 20th. Simon Mills was our delegate. A number of Constitutional amendments were presented by the Executive Board. There were two significant ones centered around gender equality. It was agreed when two delegates are representing the member nations if possible, they should be from different genders and secondly the ETTU committees will have 30% gender difference.

The Congress also agreed that there would be a constitutional change to move away from an audit review to undertake a full audit of an International standard. There were a number of propositions concerning changes in the events as well as the directive for the European U13 challenge to be upgraded to the U13 Championships.

There has been further consultation with the ITTF in reference to the 2026 Centenary celebrations. It is becoming increasingly clear that the vision is greater than initially anticipated with the potential venue now being EXCEL. The initial project matrix has been sent to the ITTF to enable the latest updates to be presented to all the Executive Committee



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and the Continental Presidents. We have submitted a resolution for the preferred bid status to be heard at the ITTF Summit in December.

As I write my report the election process for the addition elected Board director is progressing. We will be delighted to welcome the successful candidate.

Adrian updated the Board on the strategy and structural reset and this will be presented to council at the meeting.

The latest update on the Competition Review will be presented to councillors by Neil Rogers. In addition, a series of webinars are being held to inform the membership of the findings and proposals as a result of the insight.

I hope National Councillors will sign up to the webinars. They will give you all a clear contextual insight prior to the presentation at the meeting. The dates are published on the website, October 18th and 19th.

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