



## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ULTRARUNNERS

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**IAU VIRTUAL CONGRESS 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021. Followed by Election of the IAU Executive Council Posts for 2021-2025. (22<sup>nd</sup> May onwards)**

**To all IAU Member Federations**

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Dear General Secretary.**

We hope all are safe and well in this current unprecedented situation. In January, I wrote to you all about our Executive Council decision to hold a virtual Congress in May as the Congress would have been held in conjunction with the 24H World Championships which is now due to be held in October. I attach that letter for reference. Any “in person” Congress would also have had to be postponed a second time. This would have delayed Congress and elections for over a year.

The Executive Council is responsible to you, our IAU member Federations and should report in timely fashion and the current Executive Council tenure should have expired and should not be extended further than necessary. So, the Executive Council proposed to Federations that we should hold a virtual Congress with electronic Elections. I did not receive any dissent from any federations regarding this proposal by the end of last month, the due date. We are, therefore, moving forward with the Virtual Congress and Elections now with your unanimous agreement.

We will be working entirely within the spirit of our current constitution even though it couldn't anticipate the necessity for virtual working – “force majeure” has caused the change in working practices so that we can report on our activities and seek our federations' views. The agenda and election procedure will proceed with the IAU Constitution principles in force. However the timetable will need to change - see below and we will separately organise an EGM to take place when we can next meet in person to discuss any Constitutional matters arising.

This letter, therefore, gives you the 90-day notice of the IAU Congress 2021 which will take place virtually on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 12.00 GMT.

The draft agenda will be in two parts:

**1. Congress 22<sup>nd</sup> May 12.00 GMT**

1. Opening by the President
2. Agreement of the minutes of 2018 Congress
3. Report by the Executive Council
4. Financial Report
5. Questions and AOB.



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### 2. Elections 22<sup>nd</sup> May 13.30 GMT and subsequent 24 hr time periods

1. Explanation of the electronic procedures
2. Ratification of the Scrutineers
3. Election for the following positions. Each electronic election will be taken sequentially within an approximate 24hr period to allow for all time zones and the result published before the next election takes place.
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. General Secretary
  - d. Other Members
  - e. Area Group Representatives.\*

\*Area Groups are Africa, America, Asia and Oceania, and Europe and each are elected by the member federations of the relevant area.

### Nominations for IAU Executive Council Positions.

Member Federations are now invited to send nominations for the IAU Executive Council and the Area Representative for their area. The current Council can be found on the IAU website.

- All candidates would be expected to have read the WA Code of ethics regarding elections as the IAU follows the WA rules and regulations unless stated otherwise.
- All nominated candidates are asked to provide a CV (maximum size 2 sides of A4) by April 5<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the final circulation of the agenda and papers.

All **nominations** need to be sent to me, the IAU General Secretary, [secretary@iau-ultramarathon.org](mailto:secretary@iau-ultramarathon.org) by **22<sup>nd</sup> March 12.00 GMT** at the latest.

The full list of candidates will be published on the IAU website on **23<sup>rd</sup> March**.

Fuller details of the electronic election procedures and the list of candidates with their CVs will be sent with the final agenda and papers to member federations by **April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021** and will be placed on the website. I will also need **one specific email address for each federation** which will be the email address used for the electronic election vote. This should be separate from the federation generic email address.

Please contact me if you have any questions and I look forward to receiving nominations for the Executive Council.

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Hilary Walker  
IAU General Secretary