



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ULTRARUNNERS

Dear General Secretary,

Postponement of the IAU 24H World Championships, Romania and Proposed Virtual IAU Congress and Elections.

Current Situation.

Postponement of IAU 24H World Championships to October 2021.

Today we are announcing that the IAU 24H World Championships, Romania are being postponed from 22/23rd May until October 2nd/3rd 2021. This was agreed with the LOC due to the current situation regarding COVID in Romania and Europe generally. The situation is constraining travel and progress with preparations. The key priority is to safeguard the health of the participating federations.

IAU Congress and elections to go virtual.

IAU Member Federations had been informed that the IAU Congress & Elections 2020 had been postponed to World 24H Championships in Romania due to the Covid-19 situation causing cancellations of IAU Championships in 2020. As the 24H WC has now been postponed until October, the IAU Executive Council (EC) propose to hold a virtual Congress on the original advertised date of 22nd May and the Elections by electronic voting instead. The term of the EC reporting back to Federations at Congress and for elections had already been extended for 8 months. We would stage the elections sequentially (as required in the IAU Constitution) after that date and to cater for the different time zones of our Member Federations.

Proposed Timetable (as per IAU Constitution)

1. IAU Congress will now become a virtual Congress (using an electronic meeting process) at 11 am UTC 22nd May 2021..
2. Elections will take place after the EC reports to Congress in stages with definite time periods for voting.
3. Invitations for Congress and request for EC nominations will be sent by 20th February 2020
4. Subsequent deadlines:



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- a. Nominations for EC positions to be received from IAU MFs by 22nd March 12.00 pm UTC.
- b. Paper for Congress - including nomination statements sent to MFs by 22nd April
- c. Congress 22nd May 11 am UTC
- d. Elections and results in sequence from 23rd – 26th May.

We hope that this meets with our IAU Federations approval, so please let us know if you have any difficulties with this proposal by January 31st 12 pm UTC.

Best wishes to all and stay safe and well.

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Hilary Walker
IAU General Secretary
15th January 2021