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European Zone Postal Matches

Dear Shooters,
Dear Delegates,

It is almost two years now that we are faced with an invisible enemy called "COVID" and still, there is not yet the famous "light at the end of the tunnel".

Due to this pandemic, we were forced to cancel the European Championships in Italy last year and to postpone the World Championships in Germany this year. No one knows what will be in future!?

However, the love for our sport lead us to the decision to create, similar to the Pacific Zone, also for the European Zone a format, which allows to shoot competitions via postal matches; i.e. not in the well-known "shoulder to shoulder"-mode.

Although the very idea of meeting friends from so many countries came off badly, we, at least, took the chance to shoot an international championship and to "filter out" our European champions. But almost every negative situation has also a positive aspect. This positive aspect was the participation in our European Zone postal match. Approximately 450 shooters from 18 countries participated in this championship. A number which has, according to our knowledge, never been registered before.

Let me, at this point, thank all people who have contributed to this success. Thanks to all the delegates and team captains who have accompanied and who have looked after their teams. But also, and above all, thanks to our friend Ramón Selles-Calabuig (D.S.G. of MLAIC) who has organized and supervised the whole event for the past seven months. An incredible work for just one person!

But, at the same time, congratulations to all the participants, especially those of you who have been able to achieve their objectives and who have won medals and/or diplomas. Although these medals and diplomas will "only" be sent by mail, we hope that the winners of the same will be honoured in a worthy setting.

At the end of this letter, let me wish you all a quiet and a peaceful Christmas time. I sincerely hope to see you all, in the best of your health, during next year's World Championships in Pforzheim/Germany.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Lang".

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