



Dear Delegates,

As always at the beginning of a New Year, let me wish all of you a happy, successful and above all a healthy New Year 2022.

And - as always at the beginning of a new year - let us look back to the old year and let us see what it has brought us - both good and bad.

Unfortunately, a large part of 2021 has again been dominated by Corona. We have to also mourn losses, be it in our families or amongst our friends. Let us all hope that this pandemic will soon be over and may we all return to our "normal lives".

But, every negative thing has also a positive aspect. Under the pressure of Covid, we made a very good decision more than a year ago when we introduced a new format (well-known from the Pacific Zone) for the European Zone Championships, the so-called "Postal Match".

Of course, it is not the same to shoot a championship not shoulder to shoulder - but, under the perspective of either shooting a European Championship or not shooting at all, this was certainly the better or probably the best version!

It even turned out that the postal match has been accepted by the nations very well and we could report several new records with regard to participants, entries etc.

During the 2021 European Championships' Postal Match we had 449 participants with 1,772 entries from 18 countries.

A real success!!

But let us also thank those people who made this possible. In the Pacific Zone, we do have, since some years already, Dr. Corena de Beer who is organizing the P. Z. Championships.

In the European Zone, it was - this year for the first time - our Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Ramón Sellés-Calabuig, who organized everything.

Organizing such an event means, creating and sending out invitations and entry forms, organizing entries, watching the time management, evaluating scores/results and checking targets, producing and distributing medals, diploma etc.. And - finally check the money flow together with our treasurer, Mr. Antonio Ferrerio. And it doesn't matter whether Pacific Zone or European Zone - it is an incredible amount of work!

Thanks a lot from the whole MLAIC-family to all of you.

Let me, at this point ask you to send one or the other photograph to our webmaster, Mr. Josef Forman, for publication on our website as well as on the social media; such as Facebook.

Please, don't send too many! Just a few good pictures will do it. You may send them to:

webmaster@mlaic.org.

Thanks a lot, already in advance.



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May I remind you also, to send some old MLAIC documents (result lists, starting lists, photographs of shooters and officials of the early years of MLAIC etc. etc.) to me. We might need some of these for documentation of the history of MLAIC. Thanks a lot.

Well, at the moment, the Germany Shooting Federation (DSB) is preparing the invitations for the planned World Championship in Pforzheim. These invitations will be sent and published within the next few days. Let us hope, that Corona will not again thwart our plans. Of course, we shall have legal provisions also in Germany which must be complied with. However, there are already some voices which predict the end of the pandemic. Let us all hope the best.

The official date for the MLAIC short range World Championship is:
14th through 20th of August 2022.

As the powder will only arrive on 14th, it will not possible to start on the 13th already. However, those of you who will arrive already on the 13th, may start with inscription and/or firearms control. As soon as you will announce your arrival, everything will be planned and prepared. Questions, which may arise concerning the world championships in Pforzheim/Germany, may be sent to:

wm.mlaic@dsb.de

Concerning the MLAIC long range world championship, I did already inform you that this event will be "downgraded" to a World Cup (limited to 50 to 60 shooters max.). The reason for that is, we must first be fully convinced about the new scoring system (optical system). We have made several tests and it looks really good, however, we would first of all like to make sure that this system does also work with a bigger number of shooters. A certain number of measuring systems have already been bought and I am sure that our Hungarian friends will do their utmost to satisfy the needs of our long range shooters. We shall also be obliged to create some new paragraphs (MLAIC rules) to run the event properly. Once, everything will be successful, we shall put the new rules on the agenda of the delegates' meeting.

The date for the World Cup will remain the same; i.e. August 1st through 7th 2022. The official invitation from the Hungarian federation will come soon.

Let me also try to clarify a situation which occurred recently in connection with the MLAIC Facebook site. There was quite some confusion with regard to structural authorizations, especially concerning the question: "Who is entitled to answer questions on behalf on MLAIC"?

As this site had been created many years ago by the former Secretary General, Mr. David Brigden, he was one of the administrators of that site. Therefore, he could also answer questions by just using the MLAIC logo. This system lead to misunderstandings and to statements of displeasure. Finally, there was even the attempt to establish a new site under the name of MLAIC on another (less transparent) platform, and to attract the MLAIC followers to this "new site".



Let me, at this point underline that platforms like Facebook (or any other) can only be considered as platforms where people/followers may discuss things.

It will never be a platform where decisions can be made or where legal rights can be derived. The correct way for official enquiries is to address to MLAIC directly; either to:

info@mlaic.org

or to:

sg@mlaic.org

or to:

dsg@mlaic.es

If there were technical or legal questions, they (if they cannot be answered by our rules and statutes) will be presented to the MLAIC Commission or to one of the MLAIC Committees (such as S.A.C - L.R.C. or others) or to the MLAIC delegates' meeting. These official bodies of our federation will find results and those results will either be communicated personally or via the official website of MLAIC.

In the meantime, we have determined the following people as administrators of the MLAIC Facebook site:

Mr. Josef Forman and Mr. Leo Mertens (both webmasters of the MLAIC homepage)

Mr. Mike Mc Daniel and Mr. Willy Vanhille (both former administrators of the Facebook site).

As already published on our Facebook site, there will be three possibilities in the future:

1. Facebook page (in general): this page is dedicated to general matters concerning MLAIC
2. Facebook Champs: on this page, there will be the possibility to share information on championships
3. Facebook Group: on this page, you may share experiences and discuss things with your colleagues.

For official and binding information concerning MLAIC there is only the official website:

www.mlaic.org

I do hope that with this information all misunderstandings and any kind of displeasure are now finished. Nevertheless, if there are still open questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Another question, I would like to ask you is concerning local events. Those of you, who carry out local events such as the "Grand Prix of Austria" or the "Grand Prix of Italy", may please give us information which we would publish on our homepage.

All details, to be sent to Josef Forman (email see above) please.



As there have been changes concerning the hosting of international championships in the year to come, please start already now thinking about hosting the:

World Championships in 2024
and the
European Championships in 2025

So far, we only have one more host for the European Championships in 2023, which will be France.

However, from Italy and from Portugal, we do have information that they might be interested in hosting future championships. Perhaps, we could arrange a World Championship in Italy in 2024 and a European Championship in Portugal in 2025?

That is what I had been asked for and it seems fair, as Italy had a lot of work with the preparation of the European Championship in 2020 which, unfortunately due to the well-known reasons, had to be cancelled in the very last moment.

Please think about that situation and send your applications and/or your thoughts until May 2022 to put them on the agenda of the delegates meeting.

Various other issues; such as "Anti-Doping" - "European lead ban" etc. will be discussed in Pforzheim.

Let me, once again, wish all of you a happy, healthy and successful year 2022. In case of questions, please feel free to contact me, Ramón or the members of the MLAIC Commission at any time.

My best wishes to all of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Lang". The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops.

GERHARD LANG

Secretary General of the:

Muzzle Loaders Associations International Confederation