



Muzzle Loaders Associations International Confederation

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Dear Delegates, Dear friends,

Let me, traditionally, wish all of you a happy, a successful and a healthy New Year 2025.

In my last circular letter early 2024, I expressed my hope that all these military uncertainties, which we are faced with since some time and which are reported daily, will soon be clarified and over. Unfortunately, time has shown us that they became even worse. Let us hope that this military sabre-rattling does not lead to irreversible situations.

Our descendants would deserve it.

Now, I must apologize that my last official circular letter took a little bit longer. Unfortunately, we had quite some (health) problems inside our family and I was concentrating on other things. Now, everything is already much better.

Let me now come to the only official MLAIC sports event of the year 2024.

MLAIC World Championships short range 2024 in Valeggio sul Mincio, Italy:

Our Italian friends of the CNDA had built, in only a very short period of time, a range where our 30th MLAIC World Championships could be held in a dignified atmosphere.

The fact that 5 new world records have been achieved and another 5 world records have been equalized shows that the range was worthy to hold such a major event.

Although, during the whole event, the weather gods meant too well with us, there were not really difficult (or even dangerous) situations and also our older shooters got along with the heat quite well. Well, in Italy it is usually very hot in August.

Minor technical problems, as know from all other international matches could be solved very easily and quickly. The staff was well trained und did support the shooters wherever they could.

Besides that, there was also a perfect supply of high class food and drinks.

In a few words: our Italian host have done everything to make our stay in Italy an event worth remembering - from the opening to the closing ceremony!

As usual, the results as well as some additional information can be found on the CNDA as well as on the MLAIC websites.

Termination of my office as S.G.



The World Championship, however, was also a very significant event to me personally. After two years as a member of the MLAIC Commission and after 8 years as MLAIC Secretary General, I had, due to a number of personal reasons, to step down from that important position. I must admit that it was not really easy for me as I liked very much to work for the federation and finally also for all of you.

The work which had to be done ranged from technical decisions to historical knowledge. It covered subjects from the medical field to international legal situations and contract work. And, besides that, also the human aspects may not be neglected. All of you as well as all of the shooters are human beings and we all have a common hobby. Therefore, sympathy and comprehension are also pre-requisites for that job (at least, I am convinced that this is the case).

During these years, I have tried to do my very best to meet with all requirements of that job. It is absolutely clear that one can never please everybody, however, I always tried to work and to make decisions in fair and neutral way.

But, having said that, it is also obvious that one person alone cannot cope with all these challenges. Therefore, I am very grateful to a great number of people who did support me at any time. First of all, I must express my gratitude to our DSG, my dear friend Ramon Sellés Calabuig. He was by my side at any time and he worked a lot behind the scenes. Thanks a lot! Thanks a lot also to our webmaster Josef Forman, who did and still is doing a great job. But my sincere thanks are also due to others such as the MLAIC Commission members as well as to the members of our various MLAIC committees. We can be proud and happy to be surrounded by such a lot of knowledgeable people. Thanks to all of you for your support and thanks a lot for your friendship!

Finally, I must also give my thanks to the members of the MLAIC Commission as well as to all the delegates who elected me as the new Patron of MLAIC, the highest honour which MLAIC can bestow upon a member. Thanks a lot to the French Federation who had sent the proposal to the MLAIC Commission. Thanks to the MLAIC Commission members who, unanimously supported this nomination and passed it on to the Delegates Meeting. And finally thanks a lot to all the delegates who elected me as the new MLAIC Patron.

Be sure that, also in the future, I shall support MLAIC whenever and wherever I can.

New MLAIC Secretary General

The elections during the Delegates' Meeting brought a new Secretary General, Mrs. Gerda Lejeune from The Netherlands. I must say that she is a very skilled organizer and she has proven it several times when acting as the Match Director in Long and Short Range European and World Championships.



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Besides that, she is very much involved in the Dutch Shooting Federation where she also enjoys very high recognition. She is certainly a very good and worthy successor. And for that reason it is easy for me to hand over this demanding task.

For her time of office, I wish her all the best and may she get the same support and friendship from you as I did.

Finally, let me wish you all the best for the future, health and happiness above all!

Hope to see you (at least the European shooters) in Portugal in August this year and, hopefully, all the others during next year's MLAIC World Championship as well.

All the best also to our long range specialists, who will have their MLAIC World Championship 2025 in the USA. Unfortunately, I cannot be there, but I shall be with you in my thoughts.

Let me now "hand over" business to Gerda Lejeune.

My best wishes to all of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Lang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping tail.

Gerhard Lang

Patron of the:

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