

Brussels, 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2017

Dear ECF Members,

As you may be aware ECF President Manfred Neun announced at the ECF Board Meeting at the end of April 2017 and to all delegates at the AGM (June 2017) that, after more than 12 exceptional years of service to our federation, he will not seek re-election at the AGM 2018. The Board subsequently discussed its responsibility to ensure a smooth transition and asked Manfred to share with the Board his experiences to assist with the changeover.

At our last Board Meeting in October Manfred asked us to accept that he intends to step down, effective from December 31st 2017 and the Board has accepted this as his official resignation. In the attached letter to the members Manfred explains his reasons for taking this step.

We are grateful for Manfred's words of confidence about our work and would like to express now our appreciation for his achievements during an extraordinary period of growth and change for ECF. Manfred will be leaving us with a huge legacy, which we will celebrate together with him at the 2018 AGM in Milan where he will be the honoured guest of the Board.

This official statement from the ECF Board will now explain how we intend to navigate the transition period between the 1st of January and the Board elections to be held at the AGM 2018 in Milan on the 19th of May 2018.

The ECF Statutes state that "If the President is unable to fulfil his/her functions, they will be assumed by the longest serving Vice-President." (art. 21.2) As the current President resigns on 31st of December I will assume as "acting President" the responsibilities of the President from January 1st 2018 until the next Board elections.

I am pleased to report that all Board members, in particular the two Vice-Presidents Raluca Fiser and William Nederpelt, are prepared to support me by sharing some of the extra workload that fulfilling the basic presidency duties will entail. Raluca will be the first contact person for the Secretary General concerning daily affairs whenever necessary, and William has offered to prepare for the next AGM together with the Secretary General, with particular

attention paid to Governance and on any suggested changes to the statutes. I would like to thank all my colleagues in advance for their support.

As the ECF President also serves as the President of the global ECF network World Cycling Alliance (WCA) we addressed this role at our last Board meeting. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the WCA state regarding the WCA Steering Board mention "The President of the ECF, acting as President of the WCA". Following the TOR it would be expected that I also, from the 1st of January, fulfil the duties of the WCA President. However, as the WCA Steering Board is currently in the middle of intensified preparations of WCA statutes for the creation of its own legal entity of the WCA, to be launched at Velo-city 2018 in Rio, we are looking for continuity in leadership. Therefore, the Board and I are convinced and have decided that, for practical reasons and the needful continuity of this process, Manfred should continue with his active role in the WCA network. Consequently, I have asked Manfred to serve from the 1st of January 2018 as Acting WCA President until the next ECF AGM in Milan. The decision of how to proceed with the WCA will be up to the AGM 2018, and of course to the newly elected ECF President and Board.

If you have any questions about the ECF Presidency from 1st of January till the AGM 2018 please contact me at [Lars.Stromgren@cykelframjandet.se](mailto:Lars.Stromgren@cykelframjandet.se) or give me a call at +46-736554582.

I look forward to working with you and celebrating Manfred's accomplishments at the AGM 2018.

On behalf of the ECF Board



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ECF Vice-President & Acting ECF President from 1st of January 2018