

NORDIC FENCING UNION CONGRESS 2021



Date: Friday 22.10.2021 at 17:30 (Finnish time)
Place: Radisson Hotel, Espoo
Host: Finnish Fencing and Pentathlon Federation

PARTICIPANTS:

Denmark	Jan Sylvest Jensen, President Louise Sejbaek, Board Member	
Estonia	Indrek Paal, President Kaja Hanstein, Board Member Erkki Susi, Board Member	
Island	Nikolay Mateev, President	Teams
Latvia	Erika Aze, President	
Lithuania	Vytautas Polujanskas, President	
Norway	Bjørn Faye, President	Teams
Sweden	Ana Valero-Collantes, Vice President	Teams
Sweden	Pia Björk, Board Member	
Finland	Joonas Lyytinen, President	
Finland	Lena Tallroth-Kock, Secretary General	

ABSENT:

Sweden Otto Drakenberg, President

AGENDA / MINUTES

1. Validation of present member federations and proxies

President of Finnish Fencing Federation, Mr. Joonas Lyytinen open the congress at 17:35.
All member federations present.

2. Approval of the agenda

Approved.

3. Issues regarding membership

None



4. The annual report of the board

NFU President Erika Aze's report for the Congress:

1. Welcome.

Welcoming the new president of Estonian Fencing Association, Indrek Paal. Congratulating Ana Volero-Colantes and Nikolay Matvejev with re-election in Executive Committee of European Fencing Confederation.

2. Competitions and results.

There were Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020 (2021) and World Championships for juniors and cadets in Cairo. With exceptional success the Estonian women team epee: Katrina Lehis, Julija Beljajeva, Erika Kirpu and Irina Embrich - won the olympic gold medal! Katrina Lehis also won a bronze medal in individual competition. And for cadets there is – Susanne Lannes, who won a bronze medal at World Championships.

3. Nordic Fencing Camp.

For many years NFU has organised a training camp for epee men. This year NFU received a support from Foundation "For the Future of Fencing" of 8 000 EUR and from the European Fencing Confederation – 4 000 EUR. Last year this camp was cancelled, because of the COVID 19 pandemic. Invitation to organise the dates for the camp.

4. Support to Veterans from the Foundation.

Reminder to apply for the financial support to the veterans who are experiencing health issues.

5. Future projects.

The Physiotherapy Project and Nordic Fencing Festival.

6. Conclusion.

Gratitude to the Swedish, Danish and Finish fencing federations for organising the Nordic Fencing Union Championships.

Gratitude to Jan Sylvest Jensen for organising the medals.

Best wishes to Nordic Fencing Union.

5. Proposals

- Discussion regarding referee need for NCH and a possible future NFU rule change (Jan Sylvest Jensen)

Decision: A new working group will work on this and come with a suggestion:

Members Kaja Hanstein (chair), Terho Mustonen, Hans Wahl (Tomasz Goral) and Jan Sylvest Jansen. Decision at extra congress in January 2022.



6. Selection of the hosts of the Nordic Championships two years ahead.

YEAR	EPEE sen vet	EPEE U20 U17 etc.	FOIL all	SABRE all	NFU Congress
2023	EST Haapsalu	EST Haapsalu	EST Haapsalu	EST Haapsalu	EST
2022	DEN Copenhagen	DEN Copenhagen	DEN Copenhagen	DEN Copenhagen	DEN
2021	SWE Malmö	FIN Espoo	DEN Copenhagen	FIN Espoo	FIN Espoo/Teams
2020	-	-	-	-	FIN Teams
2019	FIN Turku	NOR Sandefjord	LAT Riga	ISL Reykjavik	NOR Sandefjord
2018	FIN Turku	LTU Vilna	DEN Copenhagen	SWE Lund	LTU Vilna
2017	SWE Malmö	EST Haapsalu	DEN Copenhagen	NOR Kristiansand	EST Haapsalu
2016	SWE Malmö	LAT Daugavpils	DEN Copenhagen	DEN Roskilde	LAT Daugavpils
2015	SWE Malmö	LTU Kaunas	DEN Copenhagen	ISL Reykjavik	LIT Kaunas

2022 Copenhagen city and dates will be confirmed as soon as possible, a five days Nordic Fencing Festival at the end of August.

7. Elections: The presidents of the member federations are members of the board ex officio. Among the board members the Congress shall elect a President and a Vice President.

- 2022: Mrs. Erika Aze, President and Jan Sylvest Jensen, Vice President

8. Designation of the host for the Congress and decision on the date of the Congress two years ahead

- 2022 Denmark
- 2023 Estonia

9. Miscellaneous

Open issues from last congress:

- Approval of NFU statutes: NFU Congress 2019 agreed to change of veteran age categories according to new European Veteran Circuit rules.

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Decision: Updates statutes approved.



- Nordic Physiotherapy at future ECH/WCH Championships.

- Juniors / cadets ECH Novi Sad 26.2.-7.3.2022
- Junior / cadets WCH Dubai 2.-10.4.2022(?)
- Senior ECH Antalia, 10.-15.6. 2022
- Senior WCH Cairo, July 2022

Decision: Extra 5 euro per start in coming 2022 NCH will cover most the costs.
How to find available persons and how to select the person?
Possible candidates to Joonas Lyytinen by 31.1.2022.

- Developing NFU webpage

- Jan pays for the NFU domain
- Joonas has set up an new webpage [Nordic Fencing Union \(tilda.ws\)](https://nordicfencingunion.tilda.ws)

Decision: we go live with the new web page

Edit rights for NFU member federation secretary generals
www.nordicfencing.com or .org?

- Guidelines for the NFU FB-page

Ana is administrator and will give editorial rights

To be done (decision from previous congress):

- o *Klinta will draft ideas for activities on NFU fb, Ana will help with the draft for the board to decide. Ana will also check editorial rights for each federation.*
- o *Mr. Vyautas Polujanskas will produce the guidelines in the near future*

Other issues

- **NFU cooperation**

- Epee Training Camp 2021/2022, Estonia
- moved to Spring 2022, preparation before Novi Sad ECH
- target group cad/jun epee, women and men
- Erika Aze will get ok from foundation (change of target group)

- **FIE Congress 2021**

NFU candidates

DEN -

EST -

FIN Disciplinary Panel: Jaana Pihkala
Veteran Council: Marja-Liisa Someroja

ISL Executive Committee and the PCM Commission: Nikolay Ivanov Mateev
SEMI Commission: Guðjón Ingi Gestsson



LAT Executive committee: Erika Aze
SEMI Commission: Baiba Brandule

LIT -

NOR -

SWE PCM Commission: Ana Valero-Collantes
SEMI Commission: Pia Björk
Rules Commission: Pierre Tullberg

More information about our candidates and the Swedish proposal
<https://fencing.se/en/swedish-fencing/swedish-fencing-this-is-what-we-stand-for/>
Discussion about the Olympic qualification.

- NCH medals - Thank you Denmark and Jan !
Jan needs addresses for medal delivery

Meeting ended at 19:32. Thank you!

Minutes by Lena/FIN

