

## **Moral report for the period 2020**

Around the world, 2020 has been a very difficult year because of the incredible situation created by the Covid 19 virus.

In entire consigned countries, where all businesses and industries have been closed for a long time, even our outdoor clay target shooting ranges have had to go out of business and cancel our championships.

However, as soon as possible, many federations and their shooting ranges maintained certain international competitions at all costs. These courageous organizers knew ahead of time that the number of participants would be low, but thanks to their passion and dedication to our sport, they held on and succeeded in the challenge of keeping our sport activity alive.

You have my admiration, my gratitude and I will never forget your loyalty to our shooters. Thank you to all those who sacrificed themselves to ensure the continuity of our sports activity in this terribly difficult period!

FITASC suffered financially from this situation. Our Secretary General will present to you the accounts for the financial year 2020, which, thanks to the drastic savings that we have put in place, are more or less in balance. Our result would be surplus if we had not had to invest in lead defense in Europe for our ammunition.

Indeed, the European Commission wants to ban the use of lead in our sports cartridges. To strengthen our defense, I made an agreement with the ISSF and ESC. Thus, all scientific and sports files submitted to the European Commission, via the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), have been jointly signed by the Presidents of FITASC and ISSF.

FITASC has advanced funding for the necessary scientific studies. In accordance with our agreements, the ESC reimbursed us 50% of all our financial advances, including part of the salary of P. Chevalier, who spent a lot of time on these files.

These files can be viewed on the FITASC site; I recommend that you read them and draw inspiration from them to intervene with your political bodies to assert your rights.

I would like to officially thank the President of the ISSF, Mr. Vladimir Lisin, as well as his General Secretary, Mr. Alexandre Ratner, for the quality of their collaboration in the defense of our common interests.

In the coming months, ECHA's final proposal to the European Commission will be made public: we will then have to prepare to take a new step forward in the defense of our sport.

The 2021 sports season is now almost over; the federations and clubs organizing competitions often still had to face the difficulties and uncertainties linked to the persistence of the health crisis and here again, they were able to show adaptation and tenacity. I will have the opportunity over the next year to update you on the sporting results of this 2021 season.

Unfortunately, we were extremely sad at the death of our Secretary General, Laszlo Szebenyi. He was my friend first and foremost, and he was tremendously invested in FITASC and he will be missed by all of us. Our Management Committee has co-opted, as Secretary General / Treasurer, a man of very high quality, who I am sure will serve FITASC with passion and competence: Mr Piero Donato, from Egypt.

I wish you a good General Assembly and above all do not hesitate to ask any questions for which you want information.

Thank you for your attention.

Long live sport shooting!

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