

Brussels, 18th November 2020

Dear Members,

On behalf of the ISGF World Committee, I am here to share some updates on the 29th ISGF World Conference with you.

Based on the letter issued on the 6th April 2020, we have agreed that the 29th ISGF World Conference will be postponed to 17 - 22 August 2021 in Madrid, Spain.

Since we wrote to you about the postponement, the World and the Host Committees have continued to monitor the Covid-19 global pandemic and its implication for our World Conference in 2021. We aim to host the 29th World Conference on the mentioned dates in 2021 but will not stop monitoring and evaluating the impact of this unexpected global pandemic.

In the present situation, the World Committee, with the help of the legal team, together with the Host Committee are studying 3 options:

- 1. Have the World Conference as planned in Madrid next August.
- 2. Decide a new postponement of the Conference to keep it physically.
- 3. Decide a Visio/virtual conference at the planned date in August 2021.

We believe that the global outlook may be clearer towards the end of the year or in the first quarter of 2021. Therefore, the World Committee will have another risk assessment with more information and decision at the latest in March 2021 during the annual World Committee meeting. If it is decided that the format of the Conference will need to change then all NSGFs will be asked to approve any such changes in a referendum.

The World bureau has circulated document 00A Checklist and 00B Timeline with the dates for issuing a number of circulars. Obviously, the circulars will depend on the choice above. It is therefore illogical to keep the initial date of 17 November 2020. A new calendar will be issued once we know where we stand.

If you have any further questions in regards of the 29th World Conference, please send them to worldbureau@isqf.org .

Yours in Fellowship,

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