

Rome, February 22, 2006

**To the Presidents of  
European Archery Federations**

Dear President, dear friend,

I would like to inform you that I put forward my candidature for the President of EMAU.

As you know, I am the President of the Italian Archery Federation (FITARCO), which is one of the biggest and strongest European Archery Federations. I came to such a decision after a thoughtful and careful reflection.

My choice is based on at least three fundamental pillars:

- a) My willingness and wish to contribute, with an even greater impulse, to the development and growth of archery in Europe.
- b) The full support that FITARCO gives me.
- c) The encouragement and the backing that the Italian National Olympic Committee gives me, also because of the interest and the widespread popularity that archery has in my country.
- d) The good terms with the President of the European Olympic Committees, Mario Pescante, which is my fellow-countryman.

I think it is necessary, above all for who doesn't know me yet, to outline my personal, professional and sporting profile.

I was born in Piemonte, Italy, in 1946. I worked as a building contractor and I retired last year. I began my interest in sports with athletics and football, which I played at a high level. In 1992 I moved to archery and I was so fascinated by this sport, that five years later, in 1997, I founded an Archery Club in Turin with a program based on the development of archery among the youths. Nowadays, it counts about 200 young athletes.

I am really happy that my family shares with me my love for archery: my son and my daughter are both archers and my wife is an archery national trainer.

In 1997 I was appointed Vice President of the Italian Archery Federation, and I was elected two times consecutively. I am President of FITARCO since 2001, and I am a Council Member in the National Olympic Committee of Italy (CONI).

As FITARCO President I had the sheer joy of seeing one of our archers – Marco Galiazzo – winning the gold medal during the last Olympic Games in Athens in 2004. Before such a great event, in 2003, in the World Championships another Italian archer, Michele Frangilli, won a gold medal. Right for these and other sports' merits, in 2004 I was honoured by the President of the Italian Republic, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, with the title of "Commendatore", which is one of the greatest honour of our Republic.

Now I wish to explain you the reasons of my candidatures:

In view of the renewal of EMAU leading elections, I want to remind the great contribution that EMAU three former Presidents gave to the European archery. All of them have been essential in bringing our sport where it is: Francois De Massary who energetically wanted the EMAU Constitution; my fellow-countryman Gino Mattielli who gave EMAU a well organized structure; Ugur Erdener who made EMAU the strongest Continental Union, and brought it to its current position. It is certainly that with Ugur Erdener hard work EMAU has reached excellent goals. This is also witnessed by his election as FITA President.

Having done these considerations, I believe that to succeed him to EMAU leadership will be really hard. I know that it will not be easy to maintain the high level of the efficiency and competence that today, thanks to his work, everyone recognizes to EMAU. Right for these reasons I want to meet this challenge and I hope to continue his excellent work.

My program for the next 4 years in EMAU:

As all the elections, also the sporting ones need a program detailed by each candidate who asks the support to his eventual electors.

These are the key topics of my program:

- a) The reinforcement of EMAU's position to FITA, by focusing on common goals and proposing a more and more strengthened and productive cooperation.
- b) Move the EMAU Secretariat to Rome, where I will organize it with the support of FITARCO and of the National Olympic Committee of Italy (CONI)
- c) Assist our Member Associations to become more professional by helping in their administrative, organizational and technical aspects
- d) Greater involvement of all the MAs' Presidents with periodical exchanges of opinions to find ideas for a more a more vast development of archery
- e) Study and experiment new rules so to make our tournaments more simple and attractive.
- f) Involve EMAU Member Associations in practising and promoting the new disciplines which are going to affirm in archery and which are already inserted in FITA programs: such as Ski Archery, 3D, Archery Run.
- g) Support deeply Ski Archery through a great promotion in view of its entrance in the program of the Olympic Winter Games.
- h) Promote periodical Seminars among the coaches of all Member Associations with the aim of increasing the general technical level.

- i) Get sponsors for our financial support and for finding new resources for each Member Association.
- j) Create a circuit of Continental tournaments with the involvement of one or two archery clubs from each Member Association, with the support of specific sponsors and of a targeted television strategy.
- k) Develop the Field Championships' calendar making a circuit based on two Grand Prix legs. And make a strategic plan for the development of 3D.

Finally, I hope that, even in this short letter, I succeeded in explaining the reasons of my candidature and the firm belief of my program.

I thank all of you for your patience and for your confirmed friendship. I wish you to express serenely your vote, to the only advantage of European Archery.

Looking forward to meeting you in Jaen.

Best regards,

Mario Scarzella

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Scarzella', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.