

WAE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Report 2018 – 2020

The Youth Development Committee (YDC) was elected during the 15th WAE Congress in Nottingham (GBR) 22 May 2016 for four years. The three members from the previous term were reelected: Mr Gullimar Akerlund (SWE), Ms Paola Bertone (ITA) and Ms Irena Rosa (SLO). Ms Irena Rosa was appointed by WAE Executive Board as chairperson of the Committee. During the WAE EB meeting held in Rome 25-26 November 2017 it was discovered that among the Youth Committee Members, Mrs Paola Bertone, cannot cover that task anymore. So one position of the Youth Committee became vacant and one new member, Ms Maria Kirillopoulou (GRE) was elected in 2018 Congress for a two years term. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic WAE congress was not held in 2020 and all the terms were prolonged for one additional year.

The primary objective of the YDC is to oversee the European Youth Cup and Youth Championships in such a way as to encourage cadets and juniors to prepare for international competitions. Members of the Committee are connected by e-mail and we always try to be present on all Youth Championships and European Youth Cup competitions – as coaches, team managers, judges or technical delegates and collaborate with coaches and team managers of WAE Member Associations. The European Youth Cup is increasing more and more the number of entries. Youth Cup can now be considered one of the most valid test of a competition at the maximum level of European Youth Archery for our young athletes. Now we have to guarantee to the Youth competitions the same level, visibility and importance of the Senior competitions, said Mr Mario Scarzella, WAE president.

We have two Youth Cup events organized in the year when there is no European Youth Championships and only one in the year when the European Youth Championships is organized; however, this one is also counting in the final ranking of the Youth Cup.

In 2018 we had only one Youth Cup event organized in Rovereto (ITA) and European Youth Championships in Patras (GRE) which was also the second and final leg of Youth Cup 2018. Technical Delegate for Youth Cup tournament was Ms Irena Rosa and for European Youth Championships was Mr Hakan Cakiroglu. During these competitions the YDC members prepared the partial and final results of Youth Cup 2018 and prepared the results for final awarding. We also updated the list of participating countries on Youth Cup events. For the coach of the year 2018 the YDC selected the team of coaches and team managers from Turkey. They were awarded with the photo and name plate. The Youth Cup Rules for 2019 were revised by e-mail.

In 2019 we had two Youth Cup events: Čatež (SLO) and Bucharest (ROU). TD for Čatež was Ms Maria Kirillopoulou and for Bucharest Ms Irena Rosa. YDC again prepared during these competitions the partial and final results of Youth Cup 2019 and prepared the results for final awarding. We also updated the list of participating countries on Youth Cup events and among the candidates we selected the coach/team manager of the year. The title coach/team manager of the year 2019 was won by the team of coaches and team managers from Romania. The open meeting with all coaches and team managers invited was organized in Čatež. The Youth Cup Rules for the following year were revised by e-mail.

In 2020 Youth Cup event in Bucharest (ROU) and European Youth Championships in Lilleshall (GBR) were scheduled. The invitation was sent out, but competitions were cancelled due to restrictions of Covid-19 pandemic.

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