

To: European Baseball and Joint National Federations

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Subject: End of the year letter from the WBSC Europe Baseball Vice President

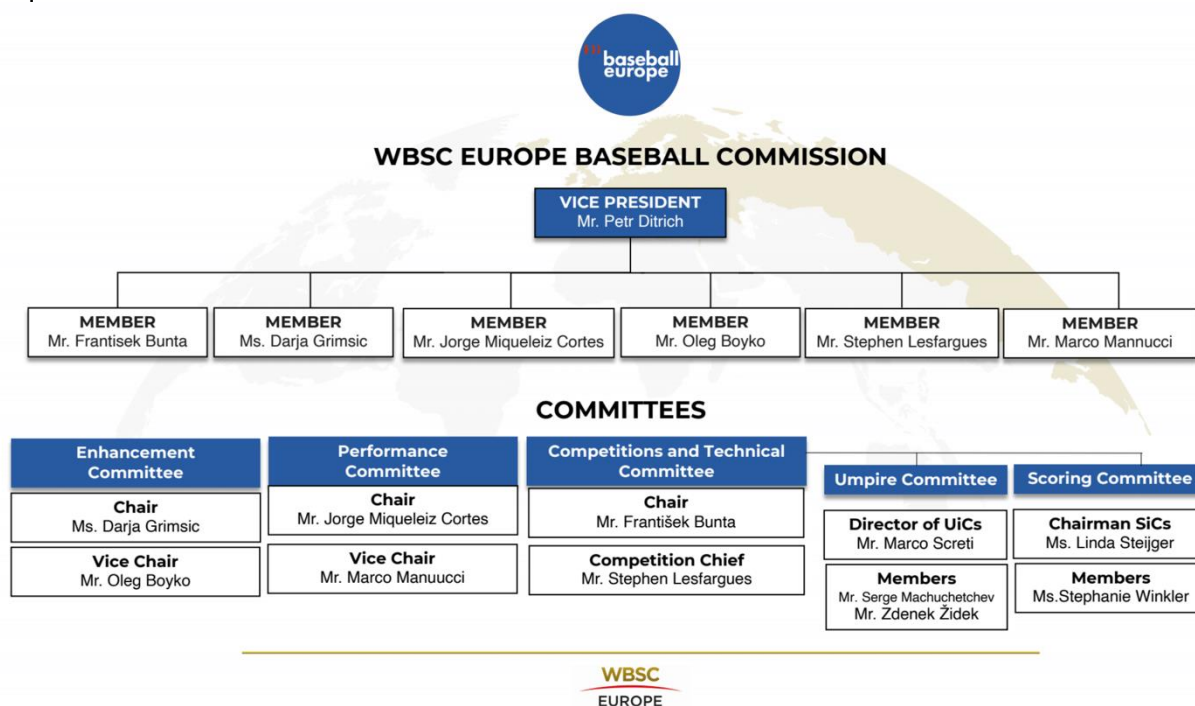
Dear Friends,

2022 has come to an end and I would like to thank you for your hard work this year.

It was an extremely difficult year. After two years with Covid we entered another problem, the war in Ukraine. That again affected our tournaments as we had to suspend two teams from all our competitions.

WBSC Europe Baseball Commission has been formed and began working to promote Baseball and our competitions. Our main focus for the first year was to make sure all competitions were played. One of our main challenges was the nominations and allocation of umpires and officials. The economic increase in prices caused many difficulties for travel and accommodations but in the end we were able to complete our objectives. I would like to thank all organizers as I know how difficult it was for them and also to the participating teams who showed up and played with honor and respect.

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the WBSC Europe Baseball Commission – Oleg Boyko, František Bunta, Darja Grimsic, Stephen Lesfargues, Marco Riccardo Mannucci, and Jorge Miqueleiz Cortés.



The task of filling the positions of the Baseball Commission committees took some time but we were finally able to appoint responsible persons (listed below) who will lead these specific fields.

You can communicate with them directly about issues from their fields:

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Linda Steijger – scorers lsteijger@wbsceurope.org

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They will all be at the Congress in Belgrade and will be available for questions you might have.

We have been successful for the upcoming 2023 season as we have managed to find hosting countries for almost all our competitions, with the exceptions of U-12 European Championship Qualifier and Federation Cup Qualifier. If your Federation would like to host this competition you can still send in your application form.

The WBSC Europe Executive Board reached a conclusion that one way of assisting in opening the door for Federations to bid for tournaments was to remove one of the financial obstacles and changed the transportation rules and now the Tams will be responsible for their own transportation at the Tournaments.

Entry forms are still being accepted and payments will be processed by the end of January.

As already notice was sent that the WBSC Europe Congress will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, do not forget to save the dates February 9-12, 2023, in your calendars.

More information will be sent soon including the venue.

I would like to thank all those who have been a part of our commissions and committees, who have spent days and nights working for our Baseball community.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you and nice and calm end of the year and all the best in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



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