

NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL MÖLKKY ORGANISATION



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THE WORDS OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

It hasn't been the 2020 we hoped for, but it is time to look forward greener horizons and a better 2021.

Even though Mölkky tournaments have not much happened over the year, IMO hasn't stopped and below you will find a few things that have happened.

Some new members, a yearly meeting and really something to look forward to for 2021, a new Asian Championship bond to happen and hopefully meeting all together around some great tournaments.

Dear Mölkky community, stay safe and we will all meet soon again !

Damien, for IMO

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP OUTDOOR RESULTS

Last month, European championship outdoor took place in Czech Republic. 36 teams were registered, coming from Czech Republic, France, Poland, and Ukraine. Congratulations to the new European champions.

MÖLKKAHOLICS

SSZ

Karel Drahotka (CZE)

LOBE STAR

Stanislav Ozimý (CZE)

Michaela Náhlovská (CZE)

Milan Louda (CZE)

Miroslav Jindříšek (CZE)

David Žamboch (CZE)

Libor Rambousek (CZE)

Oli Good (FRA)

Radek Louda (CZE)



MAINS DECISIONS TAKEN DURING IMO MEETING

On 22th 2020, IMO meeting took place via remote communication application Zoom. The countries present voted to make the following decisions :

- Countries that have paid their fees for the year 2020 will not have to pay these fees in 2021.
- 2021 Molky Word Championship will happen in Hyvinkää (Finland)
- 2021 Asian Championship will happen in Japan (Tokyo : 20-21 march)
- Proposal of organizing international tournaments can be handed in 2 years ahead. It will start in 2021 for 2022 and 2023
- A trophy for nations cup will be create. This trophy will be put back into play every year during the nations trophy taking place during the world championships. IMO will organise a design contest where anyone can join.
- Nations cup format will change and will take place on Friday, one day before molky world championship.

2021 CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- European Indoor Championship (Saaremaa, Kuressaare - Estonia) : date to be confirmed
- 20-21 march : Asian Championship (Tokyo—Japan)
 - Organizer : Japan Mólky Association
 - Where : Todoroki Ryokuchi Park
 - Max 200 teams (3/4 people / team)
 - Fee : 8000 yen (around 64 euros / team)
 - Application details will be announced on this website : <https://molky.jp/>



- 20th to 22nd august : World Championship (Hyvinkaa - Finland)
- European Outdoor Championship : dates and place to be confirmed soon

NEW IMO MEMBER : WELCOME TO AUSTRIA !!!

After a unanimous vote of its current members, Austria became a new member of IMO. Congratulations and welcome.



CASA MÖLKKY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

This summer, some french players organized a remote tournament called « Casa Mölkky Tournament ». After a very nice final, Yasutada from Japan won this tournament. Congratulations to him, to the organizers and to all the participants.



HISTORY OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



A brief story about the World Championships

In 2001 a Finnish Mölkky Championship (Finnish: SM = Suomen Mestaruus) was held for the first time. In 2004 FIMA (Finnish International Mölkky Association, predecessor of I.M.O.) took the first big step and organized the first World Championship (Finnish: MM = Maailman Mestaruus) together with the National Championship. The first autarkic world championship took place 2008 with 5 participating nations (EST, FIN, GER, SVK, SWE).

According to the statutes of the time, the World Championship should take place in Finland until the FIMA has 6 national associations as members. Germany became the sixth member in 2014 (after CZE, EST, FIN, FRA, JPN) and thus the World Championship could take place outside of Finland for the first time (2016 in Le Rheu, France). In the same year, the IMO was founded there as the successor organization to FIMA, which 11 nations have now joined. The privilege for Finland to host the World Championship every three years also dates from this time. The IMO statutes will be updated in this regard in order to avoid additional paper.

After the first World Championship in 2004, the 17th Championship should have taken place in Hyvinkää, Finland this year. Unfortunately, for known reasons, it had to be postponed to next year.

You can find more information about the individual world championships here: <https://www.international-molkky.org/world-championships> molkky world championship.

