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Report of the IJF President

IJF Congress Budapest, 03 June 2021

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Dear EC Members,

Dear Presidents, General Secretaries,

Dear Delegates,

Dear Judo Family!

We are here, today, together and I have the pleasure to present you our activities of the past two years. The Covid-19 era brought us, like everybody else, in a challenging and unprecedented situation. I believe that together, we managed to keep our sport present in the lives of all those who love judo and are involved with it. We managed to overcome obstacles, continue our activities as much as the health crisis allowed us and bring about innovations, becoming a strong link between the members of the international judo community.



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IJF Headquarters in Budapest

- Our new home with new resources
- Hungary: sport friendly and sport performance-oriented strategy
- 1 mil USD/year for the next 5 years
- Tax facilities for the IJF employees residing in Hungary
- Covid support for IJF employees

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I would like to start my presentation with the highlights of our activity in this past period. Following the Congress approval of moving the IJF registered seat from Lausanne to Budapest in 2019, we have proceeded with all the legal procedures required and our official headquarters are now in Budapest. As you may remember also from the Hungarian Government's presentation at the 2019, Hungary remains a sport friendly country, with a national governmental strategy directed towards mass sport, sport performances and international sport events. As our move to Budapest coincided with the beginning of the pandemic, the Hungarian Government recognized the difficulties we might face and has granted the IJF 5 million US dollars for the next five years, as well as Covid-19 support towards the employees of the Presidential Office. We are grateful for this support, and also for the excellent collaboration with the Hungarian Government and authorities in all our endeavors.



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European Union Programmes & Funds

- IJF seated in European Union
- Access to funds and grants
- First successful application: **SCHOOLJUDO.EU**
EU-Wide primary School Ecosystem for the Judo Teaching
- **395,876.00 EUR**
- Involving: IJF Academy, Netherlands Judo in Schools, Italy, Hungary and Slovenia
- Pan-European training and educational module for primary schools, based on the core values of judo
- Building benefits for the judoka community by supporting their retirement process at the end of their professional sport career

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Another important aspect of moving the IJF seat is that now we are seated in a country which is an EU and Schengen member. This facilitates the IJF access to European funds and we will be able to invest even more in programs and development of judo, especially in European countries. We were already successful with a significant grant of almost 400,000 euro which involves the IJF Academy and Judo in School programs in the Netherlands, Italy, Hungary and Slovenia.



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Successful & Safe Events During Covid-19

- 6 months break
- Clear and reasonable communication
- In-house Covid-19 Protocol for restarting competitions
- Very successful first event in Budapest
- Tokyo 2020 and IOC appraisal
- **JUDO THE ONLY COMBAT SPORT WITH COMPETITIONS**
- No impact on qualification process:
Smooth and reassuring for athletes and coaches

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However strange it may sound, one of our biggest achievements in the past year was the successful organization of competitions. After 6 months break, we restarted the World Judo Tour, with a first Grand Slam event in Budapest. We have developed our in-house Covid-19 protocol, which we distributed to all our members to ensure fair and safe conditions for all the judo competitions around the world. During our break from competitions, we managed to maintain a clear and reasonable communication, making sure that athletes and coaches remained reassured. In 2020 we were the only combat sport which resumed competitions and our work was praised equally by the IOC and Tokyo 2020. Based on a solid qualification system, the pandemic did not have any impact on the qualification and athletes were granted fair conditions and possibilities, as much as possible.



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Increased Online Presence

- More activity
- More engagement
- Shift towards digital

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→ **Top 10 all Olympic IFs (social media presence)**

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The graphic is a presentation slide titled 'Increased Online Presence'. It features a blue header with the IJF logo. Below the title, there is a list of three bullet points: 'More activity', 'More engagement', and 'Shift towards digital'. To the right of the list, there are icons for YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Below these icons, there are several smartphone screens displaying various digital content, including social media posts and website interfaces. A red arrow points to the text 'Top 10 all Olympic IFs (social media presence)'. At the bottom, there is a blue bar containing logos for various partners: travel.ijf.org, impulse, socar, TaiShan, SYP, ATENA, and IJF.ORG. The number '5' is in the bottom right corner.

In the context of a viewership culture which is strongly shifting towards digital consumption in all sports, and especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, the IJF increased its online presence, with more online content and activities, thus engaging the judo community in unique and custom-made online activities. I am proud to announce that IJF is in the Top 10 of all Olympic IFs regarding all aspects of social media presence, a very good and promising result.



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Outstanding, Revamped Media Activity

- More online content
- Regular and transparent communication for all stakeholders
- More insight in the work of IJF
- Modern and engaging presentation
- Continued collaboration with media partners

The slide features a blue header with the IJF logo and the title 'Outstanding, Revamped Media Activity'. Below the header, there are three overlapping images: a 'TOP IPONS' poster, a '50 DAYS TO GO' poster, and a photo of a man in a suit. To the right of these images is a bulleted list of five points. At the bottom of the slide, there is a blue bar containing logos for various media partners: travel.ijf.org, Al Jazeera, Impulse, aljazeera, SOCAR, TaiShan, SVP, ATENA, and IJF.ORG. A small number '6' is visible in the bottom right corner of the slide.

Although the pandemic brought along many challenges, it also gave us time and the chance to implement new ideas, initiatives and to innovate several sectors. One of the targeted sectors was the media, which will be presented separately by Mr. Vlad Marinescu, our General Director. I would only like to mention that we have more online content now, which brings more insight into the work of IJF, in a modern and engaging presentation. We maintained regular and transparent communication for all stakeholders, and we managed to keep all our media partners, despite not being able to offer all the events that we contracted for 2020. Not only that we will continue collaborating with them, thanks to successful negotiations, we also managed to avoid any penalties.



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Judo Beyond Borders

- **Metro Goldwyn Mayer** – JUDO series & documentary about Saeid Mollaei and Sagi Muki - Strong Judo Message to the World
- **Return home** for prisoner soldier judoka after the Armenian-Azeri conflict

Education and moral values
NO discrimination in judo,
NO discrimination in sport!
Our battle for truth and respect of the Judo and Olympic values

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As you may already know, Judo will be the subject of a major media project of the production company Metro Goldwyn Mayer, who will create a mini-series and a documentary about judo, more precisely about the inspiring story of the athletes Saeid Mollaei and Sagi Muki. Their friendship and all that happened since the 2019 World Championships with Saeid Mollaei is a living example of the judo values which continue beyond competitions and beyond the tatami. We can all be proud of our humanitarian determination to stand by a persecuted athlete, and to send a strong message of zero tolerance for any form of discrimination in sport. Although initially the CAS Award requested us to reconsider the decision, it fully agreed with the IJF in all the points which were disputed, and officially established the discriminative actions of the Iranian Judo Federation, which the IJF Disciplinary Commission suspended again, taking into account the Court's instructions. The MGM project will largely contribute to the notoriety of our sport and hopefully will have a huge educational impact all over the world.

Maybe a less known story, but equally important, is that of a young judoka soldier from Armenia, who was taken prisoner in Azerbaijan. Through the intermediation of IJF, His Excellency President Ilham Aliyev made it possible the young judoka to be freed and he could return home to his family. Our gratitude for this gesture of profound humanity goes out to President Aliyev, the Azerbaijan Judo Federation and all those who spared no efforts to help this young man, proving once again the unity which binds the Judo Family in the world.



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IJF Calendar In Covid-19 Times

Budapest (HUN)	Doha (QAT)	Tel Aviv (ISR)	Tashkent (UZB)	Tbilisi (GEO)	Antalya (TUR)	Kazan (RUS)

**Great cooperation and consolidated relations
with organizer National Federations**

The pandemic might be still going on, after more than a year, but for the Judo family the break only lasted 6 months. We needed this time to prepare and implement the required adjustments for safe events but since October, we have been organizing competitions, in fair and safe conditions for our athletes and coaches. I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate our National Federations who engaged in organizing these events, despite all difficulties. Together, we managed truly remarkable events.



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World Judo Tour Today

- Traditional locations, but also some new
- World Championships
 - **Tokyo 2019**
 - Total countries: 142
 - Total judoka: 820 (502 men and 326 women)
 - Medals: 25 countries
 - **Budapest 2021**
 - Total countries: 135
 - Total judoka: 729 (433 men and 296 women)
 - **Tashkent 2022 & Doha 2023**





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The World Judo Tour remains unchanged, we will do our best to provide the same number of events for the following Olympic cycle, of course keeping into account the evolution of the pandemic which unfortunately is still unfolding. The previous World Championships in Tokyo were a huge success, with 142 participating countries and this year, in Budapest the number is 135. I am also glad to announce that IJF has signed World Championships contracts for the next two years as well, in Tashkent and Doha respectively.



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Juniors, Cadets, Veterans & Kata

JUNIORS & CADETS	VETERANS & KATA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less competitions (Covid-19)• Junior World Championships 2021 – Olbia, Italy• YOG Dakar 2022 cancelled• Safety and mental comfort of youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Postponed, to take place in 2022• Covid-19 more dangerous and specific of the event to be considered• Family feeling most important to consider



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Our younger and older age categories had more to suffer from a calendar point of view. Covid restrictions are more difficult to manage with younger age categories and since our young athletes' health comes first, our first IJF event for Juniors will be the World Championships 2021 in Olbia, Italy in October. I must mention that the IOC cancelled the Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games and they will be held in 2026.

The same applies to Veterans and Kata competitions; in order to not impose restrictions which would diminish the experience of the participants, we preferred to wait with the events until the Covid-19 situation is fully resolved and allows the competitors to enjoy the same family feeling which they are used to.



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Olympic Games

Tokyo 2020...in 2021!

- Unique and challenging
- World of Sports together for athletes
- Judo less complicated & with very good team behind
- Simplified activities & best TV product

TOKYO 2020

- Total quota places: 366 athletes + 20 UPs + Refugees
- First Ever Olympic Teams Event – 11 teams currently qualified
- Refugee team (6 athletes and 1 coach)
 - ROT
 - Athlete parade
 - Media activities

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We are only one month away for the long-awaited Tokyo Olympic Games. Many of the preparations were left until last moment due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be a very different edition, with only domestic spectators and enhanced movement restrictions for all stakeholder categories. We all tried to simplify our operations as much as possible and the Tokyo Olympics will be an excellent example of joint effort and unity from the world of sports to the entire Planet. We are determined to make Judo shine and we hope our athletes will put on an attractive competition. To our usual quota of 386 athletes and 20 Universality Places, in Tokyo IJF will also have a Refugee Mixed Team, composed of 6 athletes and 1 coach, participating in the first ever Olympic Judo Team Event. Our team will be officially integrated in the Refugee Olympic Team of the IOC, and they will have a distinct program and stay in Tokyo, with a lot of media engagements and participation in the Athletes' parade during the Opening Ceremony, we wish all our athletes good luck in the competition!



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Marketing

- Complicated period for all businesses, but we kept our most important partners
- IJF renewed partnership with **SOCAR, Herend and OTP**
- New partner: **ULTIMA COLLECTION**
- IJF suppliers (40% discount for 2021)
 - **TAISHAN** Master Supplier & Partner
 - Tatami – 4 official suppliers
 - Judogi – 13 official suppliers



The past period has been equally complicated for all business sectors, including our partners. We are happy to announce that we kept our most important partners and mainly, we concluded another 4-year agreement with Taishan, our main equipment supplier and partner, as well as with SOCAR. Additionally we welcome aboard a new partner: ULTIMA COLLECTION. Understanding the hardships of our partners, IJF offered a 40% discount for 2021 to all those suppliers who signed a contract with the IJF. We are thankful to our partners for their trust and investment in judo and for sharing our global vision of development.



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The slide is titled "Media & IT" in a bold, white font on a blue background. Below the title, there is a list of four bullet points: "A lot of progress", "Innovative & creative solutions", "Excellent feed-back", and "Positive results". To the right of the text, there is a collage of various media and IT-related images, including a person's face, a "WHITE GIRL" poster, and a "KIDS GOLDEN LEAGUE" poster. At the bottom of the slide, there is a row of logos for various partners: travel.ijf.org, Impulse, elpion, SOCAR, TaiShan, SYP, ATENA, and IJF.ORG. The number "13" is displayed in the bottom right corner.

Regarding Media and IT, I would only like to mention that we made a lot of progress in these sectors, bringing our members and our public new, creative solutions. We already have excellent feedback and positive results, but you will have the occasion to hear more from Vlad Marinescu who will detail the marketing and media activities in his Administration Report.



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The IJF is keen on establishing working partnerships with all the organization who are driven by the same goals as we are, in order to make our work more efficient, increasing our reach as much as possible. Besides our well-established long partnerships, we recently signed in the UN Women Sport for Generation Equality Framework and also in the UN Sports for Climate Change Action Group, showing our focus on both Gender Equity and Climate Change, and hoping that we will manage to have a positive impact within our judo community. We are also actively working on a global partnership with UNHCR, as IJF is clearly leading the way when it comes to refugee athletes.



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Development & Education

- Judo must grow, discrepancies still significant
- IJF donations: **6 434 572 USD**
 - Equipment 2 692 624 USD
 - Financial support 432 000 USD
 - Participation to events 1 324 000 USD
 - IJF experts 1 053 420 USD
 - Judo in Schools 806 000 USD
 - Building Dojos 126 528 USD

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Our common goal for Judo is to develop it as a sport and make it grow in all the countries of the world, regardless of economic conditions, traditions or other factors. There are still considerable discrepancies between countries, but through the IJF Development programs, we are trying to fill in all the gaps and give opportunities for growth to all the countries. The IJF continued to support you, IJF Members with donations in the form of tatami, judogi, financial support for your projects, participation to events, coaches deployed in countries lacking Judo experts, Judo in Schools programs and dojo buildings. Despite the pandemic, we were able to offer 6 434 572 USD exclusively for development programs directly aimed at National Federations.



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Judo in Schools

- 50 countries
- 22 new countries and 9 ready to start but in stand-by due to Covid-19
- 591 schools involved
- 500+ teachers
- Approximately **415,000** children and number constantly growing
- Unified content and methodology

JUDO IN SCHOOLS

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The Judo in School program continues to be one of our most successful programs, running at present in 50 countries, out of which 22 are new to the program. 9 countries are waiting for the pandemic to allow them to start implementation of the program. We have developed over these years a unified content and methodology to be applied in all these programs, and today we can proudly say that almost half million children are benefiting from our program.



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IJF Academy

- New structure – EU recognized higher education institute seated in Malta
- 3 programmes in partnership with the European Union
 - Schooljudo.eu: A EU-Wide Primary School Ecosystem for the Judo Teaching
 - Educating Judo Coaches for Older Practitioners
 - Analysing and Making Visible the Skills Acquired in Volunteering
- **137 countries and 4500+ students**
- Success stories:
 - Roberto Orlando, setup the Judo for peace programme for refugees in South Africa
 - Franck Moussima & Daniela Krukower joined the IJF Academy experts' team
 - Mesut Kapan, Turkish Olympic Team manager
 - Alexei Budolin, National Coach SUI Judo Federation
 - Mamuka Kizilashvili, employed by the Indian Sports Academy
- Olympic Solidarity support

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The IJF Academy remains a solid and globally recognize project of the IJF, serving our community by educating and training coaches and instructors at the highest level of professionalism. The Academy is now a higher education institute, seated in Malta and we continue to diversify our portfolio, focusing on offering career opportunities to those athletes who would like to stay in Judo once they stop competing and also focusing on strengthening gender equity and giving more opportunities to women students. There are several alumni of the IJF Academy who can serve as an inspiration to their colleagues, having taken on, after graduation, important roles in their countries or abroad.



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Judo for Peace

"We are on the side of peace, global friendship and prosperity."

- Refugee programmes (Zambia, Malawi, Turkey, South Africa)
- Activities in Burundi, Rwanda, Nepal, Ethiopia
- IJF pledged support for refugees ahead of the first ever Global Refugee Forum (2019), in a movement with 70 organizations, led by the IOC and UNHCR
- (UNAOC) One Humanity campaign: Solidarity, compassion and unity in the face of discrimination and divisiveness
- Masks for Africa: fundraising for 20,000 masks
- #withrefugees campaign by UNHCR
- April 6 - World Sport and Peace Day: IJF nominated for best initiative in 2020

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In the past period, our Judo for Peace program continued its projects in the refugee camps of Zambia, Malawi and Turkey, while the South African project is a true inspiration for all of us, working in partnership with global and local organizations, attracting also dedicated funds from external NGOs. The IJF became a member of the Global Refugee Forum and also the One Humanity campaign of the UNHCR, which calls for solidarity, compassion and unity in face of discrimination and divisiveness. I would like to emphasize the excellent initiative Masks for Africa, which allowed production and distribution of 20,000 masks already in the early days of the pandemic.



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Sustainability

- IJF Sustainability Policy published
- UNHCR Sport for Climate Change Action
- Ambassadors: **Sabrina Filzmoser** and **Flavio Canto**
- Climate Change Quiz in Judo Fit Kids
- Monthly challenges around 5 environment-related themes





One of the most serious challenges we are facing at present is Climate Change. The IJF is a signatory of the UN Sport for Climate Change Action and we have published our IJF Sustainability Policy. All National Federations who are organizing World Judo Tour events are invited to participate and report on their activities, according to each country's possibility. I take this opportunity and invite all of you to send us any initiative or policy that you developed at national level, as we believe that together, we can make progress and be part of the global efforts to save the planet. IJF appointed two Sustainability Ambassadors: Sabrina Filzmoser and Flavio Canto, and we hope they will be able to inspire and motivate, especially the young generations to take action and learn to live in an environmentally friendly way. We have also recently launched a Climate Change Quiz and monthly climate challenges in the Judo Kids Fit platform, also contributing to the education of youth in this area.



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World Judo Day

- 2019 **PLANT A TREE**
 - 6,500 + trees planted on all five continents
- 2020 **STRONGER TOGETHER**
 - 70+ countries
- 2021 **SOLIDARITY**

A world map with numerous black location pins indicating participation in World Judo Day events across all continents.

A row of small images showing people at events and logos for sponsors: travel.ijf.org, Honda, impulse, edgework, SOCAR, TaiShan, SYP, ATENA, and IJF.ORG.

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This year, as always, we will celebrate World Judo Day and I would like to invite all of you, to reflect and act on the theme that we chose for this year and which is at the core of the Judo values: Solidarity.



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Invitation to Dinner

June 4 – 19:00 CET

Intercontinental Hotel Ballroom 1-2

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Before ending my presentation, allow me to invite all of you who are here, in Budapest, for the Judo Family Dinner which will take place tomorrow, June 4 in the Intercontinental Hotel. I look forward to seeing you there.



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I would like to thank all Continental Unions, National Federations, athletes, coaches, referees, staff and the IJF Family for your support and contribution to the development of Judo. I would like to thank the outgoing EC Members for their immense contribution to the progress of Judo and the growth of our organization and at the same time to wish all new EC Members who will join our team following this Congress, good luck in their activity! Thank you to Mr. Juan Barcos, IJF Head Refereeing Director, Mr. Jan Snijders IJF Head Refereeing Director, Mr. Gerard Benone, IJF President's Delegate Mr. Manuel Larranaga IJF Vice-President and Mr. Habib Sissoko – IJF Vice-President, who will continue his work in the IJF Executive Committee in a different position.

We have achieved together remarkable results, we will continue our journey together and we will reach our common goals, but we can only succeed if we are all united in solidarity.

I wish all of you a successful World Championship 2021!