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### **CODID-19 - 2020 LEN EVENTS UPDATE**

Dear Federation Presidents, dear LEN Family, dear friends,

Throughout Europe we face a crisis perhaps none of us could have anticipated.

I wanted to write to you today to assure you that LEN continues to work hard with its Bureau, Technical Committees and staff in the office to ensure our sport can get up and running, as soon as we emerge from these health challenges.

The LEN Bureau and I have continued to meet over the past weeks through videoconferencing to plan for the future.

I would now wish to update you on where we are today.

During the videoconference of this past Monday, 27 April 2020, the LEN Bureau has unanimously decided the following:

- **The 2020 European Junior Championships for all disciplines are cancelled**

This means the 2020 European Junior Championships in Swimming, Diving, Open Water Swimming, Artistic Synchronised Swimming and U19 Water Polo.

Whilst we had hoped to rearrange these events in September 2020 it is now clear that possible travel and events restrictions, organizers feasibility to move the dates as well as the Federations' National activity that will need to restart in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2020 make it unrealistic to reschedule and properly organize the Junior Championships in late 2020.

We obviously plan to re-establish the Junior Championships in 2021.

- **The 2020 LEN Open Water Swimming Cup is cancelled**

This means that there will be no additional legs of the LEN Open Water Swimming Cup in 2020, and consequently no overall ranking either. However, the 1<sup>st</sup> leg of the

2020 LEN Open Water Swimming Cup held in Eilat (ISR) on 8 March 2020 is considered valid and LEN will award the prize money for such leg, as announced.

With respect to the 2020 European Aquatics Championships and other 2020 LEN Competitions (e.g., Water Polo Cups), the LEN Bureau is working hard to identify the most appropriate solution to ensure the most positive outcome for all.

Further detailed information will be provided to all of you in the very near future.

This being said, we can however confirm that it is very unlikely that the European Aquatics Championships 2020 provisionally planned for August 2020 in Budapest (HUN) will take place in that period and it is more likely they will be further postponed.

Please be assured we will provide plenty of notice of the planned revised timetable so to allow your athletes to return to the water and prepare for the Championships the best way possible.

Finally, please allow me to wish all of you all the best and good health and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kindest regards,



Paolo Barelli  
LEN President

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