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The International Summit for Traditional Sports: **International Ethnosport Forum**

3rd International Ethnosport Forum, organized by World Ethnosport Confederation under the theme “Reviving Traditional Sports”, has been convened with over 200 participants; including ministers, government officials, federation delegates and academics from 49 countries.

The forum was organized in Antalya between 22nd – 23rd of February 2020. Participants have taken joint decisions for the future of traditional sports and games of many countries; from Japan to Kazakhstan, and from Morocco to Argentina. At the Forum, Youth and Sports Ministers from Azerbaijan, Ivory Coast, Mali, Pakistan, Palestine, Somalia, Uzbekistan and Türkiye together with the president of World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, had signed a joint statement.



Traditional Sports from Uzbekistan to the Ivory Coast

WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan chaired a panel in the Forum with the participation of Minister of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan Azad Rahimov, Minister of Sports of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire Paulin Claude Danho, Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Fehmida Mirza and Minister of Physical Culture and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan Dilmurod Nabiyeu. Speakers touched upon the governmental policies, developments and projections in their countries regarding traditional sports. They also expressed their ideas about “Reviving Traditional Sports”.



Nine Sessions were Held in the Forum

In the 3rd International Ethnosport Forum, nine sessions in three separate halls were held with the participation of ministers, government officials, federation delegates and academicians. In the first session, participants discussed the importance of government sponsorship for traditional sports and games, and ways to incentivize government agencies for taking sustainable actions in this regard. In the following second and third sessions, participants discussed the role of the younger generations in the world of traditional sports; and the cooperation between universities, federations and other institutions to document and preserve the knowledge regarding traditional sports.



World Ethnosport Confederation Members Meeting

World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) Members Meeting has been convened to improve interactivity and relations between WEC and its members. In the meeting held with the participation of WEC members of board, delegates of 16 institutions from 13 countries summarized their works and experiences and shared their valuable views and suggestions.

Furthermore; “WECPortal”, the project aiming to generate solutions on many topics by strengthening institutional presentation and members’ communication, was showcased in the meeting.

After the meeting, membership certificates for members have been presented by WEC President, Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan. The program ended with family photoshoot.



“2nd Traditional Sports Awards” were Presented

The second of “Traditional Sports Awards” ceremony to honor persons and organizations that support the promotion, development and sustainment of traditional sports was held in Antalya this year. Following is the list of this year’s awardees:

Traditional Sports Organization Award:

The Japan Equestrian Archery Association, Japan

Senior Traditional Sport Player Award:

Lajos Kassai, Hungary

Junior Traditional Sport Player Award:

Shamil Islamov, Azerbaijan

Leadership Award:

Innokentiy Grigoriev, Russia, Yakutia

International Sponsorship Award:

Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA),
Türkiye

Supporting Academician Award:

Prof. Mehmet Turkmen, Kyrgyzstan



11th International Marmi Festival Concluded

11th International Falcon and Hunting (Marmi) Festival that was organized by a WEC Member, Qatar Al-Gannas Society, held between 1 January-1 February in Doha, Qatar. World Ethnosport Confederation Vice President Taha Ayhan and board members Mr. Abdulhalim Aksu and Mrs. Rabiya Kazak participated to the event.

Delegation of WEC expressed their satisfaction about the event and mentioned the importance of Al Gannas Society's contribution to traditional cultural heritage. Ali bin Khatem Al Mahshadi, the president of the organizing committee of the International Marmi Festival and Chairman of Al Qannas Society, and Vice-Chairman Mohammed bin Abdullatif Al Misnad, briefed about most important championships that took place in the festival and mentioned competition rules.



Shalwar Wrestling World Championship was Held in Kahramanmaraş

Shalwar Wrestling World Championship was held with the participation of 300 athletes from 42 countries on 2 February 2020 in Kahramanmaraş, Türkiye. The tournament supported by World Ethnosport Confederation was organized by the cooperation of Turkish Traditional Sport Branches Federation and Kahramanmaraş Metropolitan Municipality.

With the great interest of audiences, Türkiye won the tournament as team and İsmail Balaban as known “The Blond Hurricane” became the champion by winning the final match.



4th World Nomad Games

Officials from the Turkish Council and delegates of kokboru playing countries met in Antalya at 22nd of February under the chairmanship of President of World Nomad Games Organization Committee, Dr. Hakan Kazancı. They have taken decisions regarding the publicity and execution of biyearly organized World Nomad Games, the fourth of which will be organized in Türkiye in 2020. Delegates also expressed their opinion regarding the place of kokboru sport in World Nomad Games.