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# WEC'S SUPPORT FOR PHD STUDENTS CONTINUES

The World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) continues its support for academic studies conducted in the field of traditional sports and games. WEC, which provides scholarship opportunities under the umbrella of “WEC PhD Scholarships” to students working toward their doctorate regarding traditional sports and games in various countries of the world, continues to support academic studies that will be performed all over the world in the days ahead.

WEC PhD Scholarships, in addition to financial support, provide a wide range of awareness for researchers continuing their studies in the field.





# WEC HAS MAINTAINED ITS COMMUNICATIONS ONLINE

The World Ethnosport Confederation has maintained its communications with member federations and institutions online during the COVID-19 pandemic that has affected the whole world.

The measures taken worldwide due to the COVID-19 pandemic have also caused changes in the field of traditional games and sports as in all areas. Within the framework of the measures taken against the virus, meetings that were planned to be carried out face to face have occurred online under the leadership of the World Ethnosport Confederation. Decisions have been made to manage the process most meticulously by laying the event and organization processes planned after the global outbreak by the WEC Board of Directors on the table.





# THE TRADITIONAL SPORTS AND GAMES RESEARCH EXECUTIVES HAVE FORMED

WEC, which maintains its studies during the pandemic, has formed the Traditional Sports and Games Executives for the purpose of researching, analyzing, evaluating, and compiling the traditional sports and games throughout the world in an academic framework. These executives, who will bring the data emerging in the results of future research to a state suitable for digital forms, are composed of 14 academicians from 9 different countries. The Traditional Sports and Games Research Executives will crown the performed studies with a wide and comprehensive Traditional Sports Encyclopedia.





# 4<sup>TH</sup> WORLD NOMAD GAMES POSTPONED TO 2021

The 4th World Nomad Games, organized with the cooperation of the World Ethnosport Confederation who works globally to promote, popularize, and professionalize traditional sports and games, has been postponed to 2021 due to the pandemic. At the instigation of Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the 4th World Nomad Games will be held in Turkey in 2021 and will leave its mark as one of the world's largest sports and cultural competitions.

The World Ethnosport Confederation's (WEC) President, Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, stated that the Covid-19 pandemic that has taken the world by storm also demonstrates the importance of WEC's mission. In his statement, he notes: "These times we live in have shown humanity the importance of exercise, sports, large and small sports organizations, and also games played in small groups. These times additionally remind us that we must not break away from nature, family, or traditions. Throughout the course of the pandemic, the World Ethnosport Confederation has felt the weight of its responsibilities on its shoulders even more and has increased its operations accordingly. However, as we hold health concerns in the highest regard, we here at the WEC have adjusted not only our workspace but also our programs.

The World Nomad Games have been held three times in Kyrgyzstan, and as one of the world's most important sports and culture festivals, the fourth was set to be held in Turkey in 2020 at the instigation of Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. However, as a result of consultations between the Turkish Council, the Republic of Turkey's Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the World Ethnosport Confederation, the decision has been made to postpone the meticulously prepared organization until 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The World Nomad Games Preparation Committee will continue their work following this postponement in order to keep on creating a rich and well-rounded event-schedule for Turkey and the World. Turkey has been successfully undertaking international sports organizations and taking important steps in sports tourism. By hosting the 4th World Nomad Games and its rich cultural and sportive content in 2021, Turkey will maintain and strengthen its claims in this area. I pray to Allah the Almighty for a swift and auspicious end to this difficult period, and I look forward to successfully organizing the 4th World Nomad Games in a healthier 2021."

