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## WEC MEMBERS HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER FOR THE SECOND TIME

**World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) members came together in an online meeting. The meeting, in which WEC activities were discussed, started with President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan's opening speech.**

Addressing WEC members, Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan said, "We continue our efforts to promote Traditional Sports in all countries. We are taking important steps toward a wide range of topics such as the 3rd International Ethnosport Forum, Regional Committees, Doctoral Scholarships, and the Traditional Sports and Games Executive Board."

Giving synergetic messages, the other members who participated in the meeting expressed their regret about postponing activities due to the pandemic. The members stated they would continue their efforts, saying they looked with more hope at 2021. Mounted Archery Association Vice President Komo Okuyama, Mexican Traditional Games and Sports Federation President Ana Claudia Garcia, Argentine Federation of Pato and Horseball President Guillermo Bracuto, President of the Maramara Region Traditional Sports Federation Zafer Türkoğlu, IMM Youth and Sports Manager Ayhan Kep, Polish Institute for the Development of Sport and Education President Kazimierz Waluch, and World Ethnosport Confederation Secretary General Abdulhalim Aksu were among the members that took part.



## THE FIRST COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WORLD NOMADIC GAMES WAS HELD

The first coordination committee for the **4<sup>th</sup> World Nomad Games**, planned to be held in Turkey's Iznik district in Bursa next year with the World Ethnosport Confederation as the main stakeholder, was held in a hybrid format with the participation of the Turkic Council Secretariat and senior representative of member states.

The meeting, which was attended by officials from the Turkic Council and the World Ethnosport Confederation alongside delegations from Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, and Hungary, was also attended online by delegations from Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan due to the outbreak of the new form of coronavirus (COVID-19). At the meeting, in which the regulations were discussed determining the methods, fundamentals, and rules of the games to be organized for promoting solidarity among countries and cultures alongside the objective of reviving and preserving common culture, consultations and negotiations were made with the contributions of member country representatives in regard to institutionalizing, branding, and making the games sustainable.

Consensus has been reached on the matter of member states organizing the 4th World Nomad Games, planned to be held in Bursa's Iznik district based on the principles of tradition, respect, solidarity, and peace, next October in the best way with great representation through the broad participation of countries from all over the world, particularly the member states of the Turkic Council.



## WEC PRESIDENT ERDOĞAN VISITED SECRETARY GENERAL BAGHDAD AMREYEV OF THE TURKIC COUNCIL

World Ethnosport Confederation President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, along with Istanbul Governor Ali Yerlikaya, paid a congratulatory visit on the occasion of the Turkic General Secretariat's move to its new headquarters in Istanbul.

After the meeting, which was closed to the press, Erdoğan, Yerlikaya, and Amreyev took photos in front of the flags representing the 7 Turkic Council member and observer states.

In General Secretary of the Turkic Council Amreyev's statement regarding the visit, he expressed the happiness he felt from them, stating that Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan and Governor Yerlikaya had made a visit wishing goodness upon the Secretariat's move to the new building.



## THE UZBEKISTAN ARCHERY FEDERATION'S VISIT TO WEC

President Otabek Imamov of the Uzbekistan Archery Federation visited Vice President M. Fatih Kalender of the World Ethnosport Confederation at the WEC headquarters in Istanbul.

WEC, which attaches importance to mutual visits to ensure communication and coordination, hosted President Otabek Imamov of the Uzbekistan Archery Federation last October. Consultations were held at the meeting on possible collaborations in the framework promoting and increasing the awareness of traditional sports and games among countries.



# THE INTERNATIONAL BELT WRESTLING KORESH FOUNDATION HAS HELD THE WORLD KORESH CHAMPIONSHIP

The World Koresh Championship was held in the city of Kazan, Russia with the support of the International Belt Wrestling Koresh Federation, one of WEC's member federations. Athletes held competitions in 10 different weight group at the World Championship, in which more than 130 athletes from 26 countries participated. Sergey Pavlik, the famous Russian athlete who defeated Marid Mutalimov from Kazakhstan was the winner of the category of 130 kg and over, the most prestigious award.

The Award Ceremony was held by President Djaudat Minnahmetov of the International Belt Wrestling Koresh Federation and representatives from the Russian Government.



# THE 9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL TURKISH FOLKS TRADITIONAL SPORTS GAMES SYMPOSIUM WAS HELD

The 9<sup>th</sup> International Turkish Folks Traditional Sports Games Symposium was held successfully with the participation of over 100 academicians and experts from 35 different countries. The academicians and experts who participated in the symposium gave their presentations in different sessions in four different languages. WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan expressed his gratitude to all academicians and experts who contributed to the symposium with a video message.

The symposium, which took place under the conditions of the global pandemic that has taken the world under its influence, created a positive atmosphere for the academicians, universities, and researchers by organizing knowledge-and science-based conferences and events in the virtual environment.

The papers presented at the symposium will soon be shared with the public in print and online.



## MANGALA IS NOW A WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The traditional game of strategy and intelligence played over a wide geography with thousands of years of history, Mangala has been registered on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The application submitted to UNESCO last year through the joint filing of the states of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and the Republic of Turkey at a meeting hosted by the World Ethnosport Confederation for "The Traditional Game of Strategy and Intelligence: Toguz Kumalak, Toguz Korgool, Mangala/Göçürme" was placed on the agenda at the UNESCO meeting held online in Paris, the capital of France.

With the decision taken at UNESCO's 15th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, the game of Mangala has become the common heritage of humanity.



## OFFICIAL VISITS TO WEC

Pakistan's Punjab Autonomous Region Minister of Youth Affairs, Sports, Archeology, and Tourism Muhammad Taimoor Khan visited with WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan at WEC Headquarters in Istanbul. At the meeting, consultations were held on possible collaborations within the framework of promoting traditional sports and games among countries and increasing their awareness. Subsequently, the studies on traditional sports in the Punjab region were also mentioned.



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## THE 22<sup>ND</sup> NATIONAL TRADITIONAL GAMES AND SPORTS MEETING WAS HELD IN MEXICO

The Mexican Traditional and Autochthonous Games and Sports Federation, a worthy member of ours, organized the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Traditional Games and Sports Meeting. As in every field, the measures taken worldwide due to the global pandemic have caused changes in the field of traditional games and sports. The event took place online this year due to the global pandemic affecting the whole world. Traditional games and sports from many of the world's regions were displayed online at the event held on November 27-28.



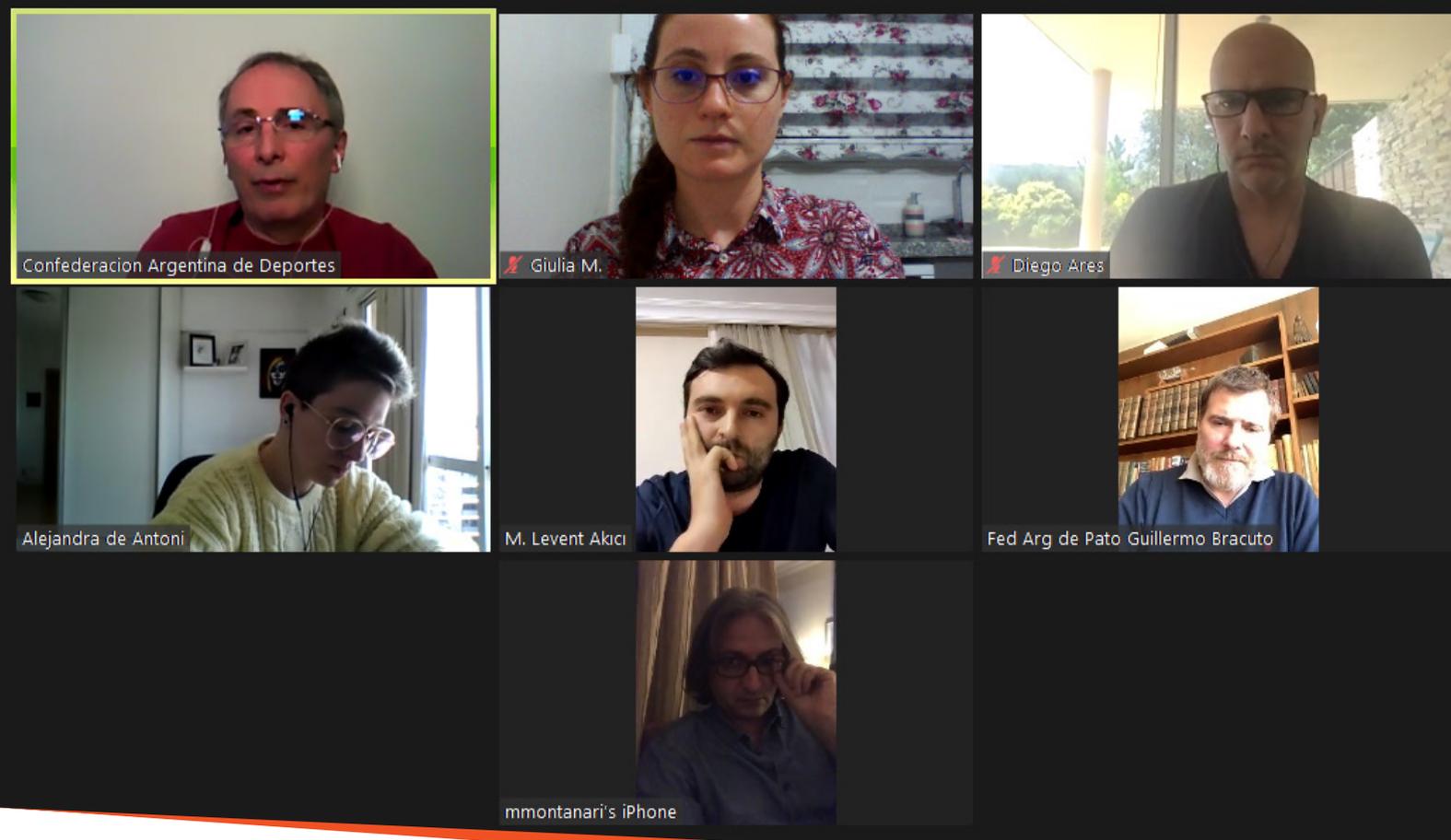
## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE WEC CENTRAL ASIAN ETHNOSPORT COMMITTEE (CAEC) OCCURRED ONLINE

The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the WEC Central Asian Ethnosport Committee (CAEC) was held online on November 12, 2020 with the participation of WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan. The WEC Central Asian Ethnosport Committee, formed of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, consulted CAEC members on the Committee's roles, responsibilities, and future draft plans at the meeting, which was presided over by Kazakhstan Ethnosport Association President Bekbolat Tileuhan.



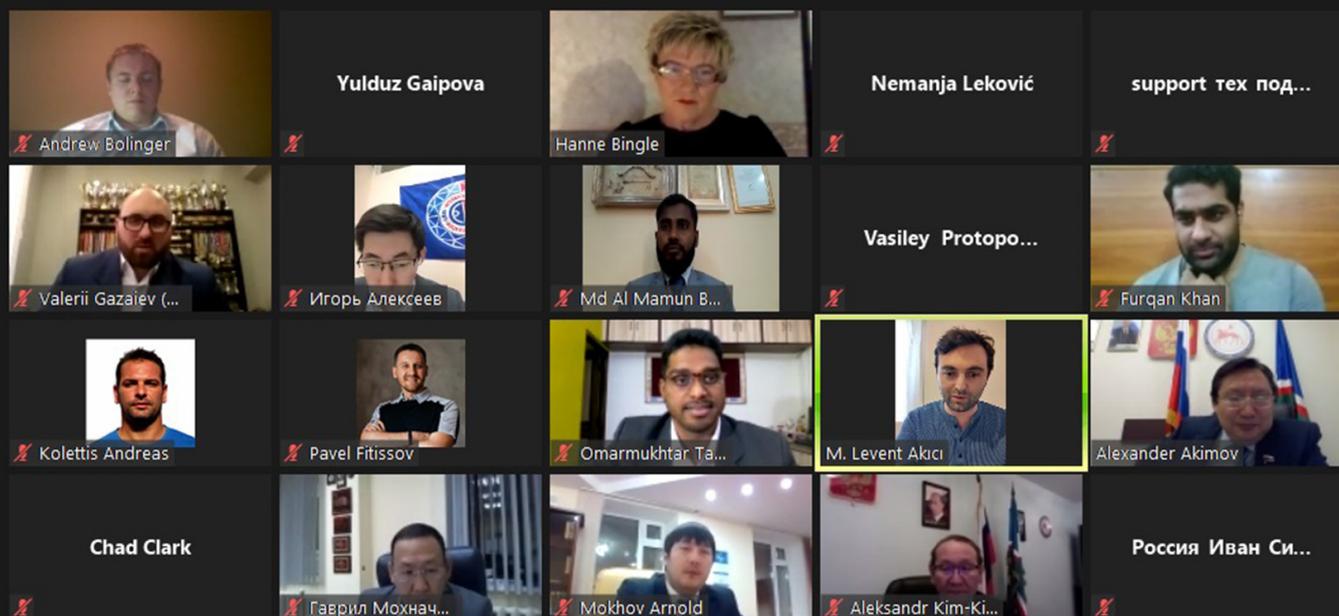
## THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS AND GAMES RESEARCH HAS RESUMED ITS ACTIVITIES

The Executive Board of Traditional Sports and Games Research, transforming the epidemic process into an opportunity for the academic development of traditional sports and games, has maintained communications with its members and accelerated efforts for implementing the Ethnosport Encyclopedia Project. The Research and Executive Board, which periodically holds meetings on online platforms, continues its activities to expand the framework of academic research in the field of traditional sports and games.



## **AN ONLINE MEETING WAS HELD OVERSEAS WITH THE ARGENTINE ATHLETICS CONFEDERATION, THE ARGENTINE FEDERATION OF PATO AND HORSEBALL, AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS SECURITY CENTER (ICSS)**

WEC held an online meeting with Argentine Athletics Confederation President Rodolfo Paverini, Argentine Federation of Pato and Horseball President Guillermo Bracuto, and ICSS Executive Board Chairman Massimiliano Montanari. Deliberations were held at the meeting on the sustainability and branding of traditional sports in Latin America.



## AN ONLINE MEETING WAS HELD WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MAS-WRESTLING FEDERATION

WEC, which gives importance to mutual visits for spreading traditional sports and games in the international arena and for being able to provide coordination among institutions, held an online meeting with the International Mas-Wrestling Federation. At the meeting, the International Mas-Wrestling Federation President Alexandr Akimov talked about the activities held in 2020 and the objectives for 2021. Consultations were held during the meeting on possible collaborations within the framework of promoting and increasing the awareness of traditional sports and games among countries.

