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## WEC'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS HELD

The World Ethnosport Confederation's 2nd Ordinary General Assembly was held. The board determined the new director, re-electing founding Chairman Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

### WEC Continues Its Activities

Operating in 15 countries on 5 continents with 20 institutional members for the sake of reviving traditional sports, the World Ethnosport Confederation held its 2nd Ordinary General Assembly in Istanbul, the location of the confederation's headquarters. The General Assembly unanimously elected council members and the administrative, supervisory, and disciplinary boards.

## The Ordinary General Assemble Has Convened

WEC's 2018-2022 activity and auditing reports were read at the assembly, which the General Assembly unanimously absolved.

The General Assembly went on to finish with electing the definitive and alternate members for the administrative, supervisory, and disciplinary boards. As a result of the elections, founding Chairman Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan was reelected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The following list has been formed regarding WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan's administration:

**Definitive Board of Directors:** Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, Abdulhadi Turus, Ana Claudia Collado Garcia, Bekbolat Tileukhan, Bilal Topçu, Hakan Kazancı, İbrahim Yumkalı, İlhan Altun, Mehmet Fatih Kalender, Osman Başer, Ravil Nogumanov, Samet Ağırbaş, Taha Ayhan, Zeliha Sağlam, and Zeynep Safiye Baki Nalcioğlu

**Alternate Board of Directors:** Aleksandr Kim-Kimen, Ali Khatem Mohammad Al-Mehshadi, Cengiz Toksöz, Ekrem Enes Duman, Hüseyin Keskin, Komo Okuyama, Mustafa Eröğüt, Mustafa Sarımermer, and Rabiya Kazak

**Definitive Supervisory Board:** Sinan Çıtak, Mehmet Fındıkçı, and Nuri Meyveci

**Alternate Supervisory Board:** Abdullah Eren, Alparslan Tulum, and Necmettin Üçyıldız

**Definitive Disciplinary Board:** Osman Bozkurt, Hatice Özay, Kemal Haydar Öztürk, Mahmut Mustafa Özdil, and Mustafa Doğan İnal

**Alternate Disciplinary Board:** Hüseyin Okçu, İsrail Kömürcü, and Murat Türkyılmaz



## THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ETHNOSPORT CULTURAL FESTIVAL HAS COME TO A CLOSE

Organized by the World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC), the 5th Ethnosport Cultural Festival ended with the award ceremony and the festival-specific Alim Kasimov concert. Evaluating the festival that had hosted different events for 4 days, WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan said, “Our visitors who want to get to know their traditions, learn about their culture, and get involved with art and sports experienced a full festival this year, ranging from traditional sports and games to traditional arts and universal tastes.”

The 5th Ethnosport Culture Festival took place at Atatürk Airport between June 9-12 and hosted close to 1 million visitors. Visitors beheld beautiful activities over 4 days at the festival, which drew great interest from children, young people, and families. With its rich schedule flowing from traditional sports and games to traditional arts and universal tastes, the festival provided its visitors unforgettable moments.

## Everyone's Festival

Addressing the visitors at the closing program of the 5th Ethnosports Cultural Festival and one of the biggest in the world, WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan said, "We believe that our festival, where anyone from 7 to 70 can find something about themselves, their own culture, and every color of the world, has left unforgettable impressions on all of us, and we leave you with these memories. Our visitors who wanted to get to know their traditions, learn about their culture, and get involved with art and sports experienced a full festival this year, ranging from traditional sports and games to traditional arts and universal tastes. I have clearly seen that our children, young people, and families have had a very enjoyable time in every part of our space."

## World Cultures Meet

Emphasizing that many colors of the world had taken part in this festival, WEC President Erdoğan said, "We traveled around the world thanks to our over a thousand guests who continue to work in the fields of sports, art, and culture. 40 chefs from 20 countries again brought world cuisine to our festival area. There were traces that touched our lives as much as the flavors left their marks on our palate. We witnessed our disadvantaged groups weaving carpets, riding horses, and shooting bows and arrows here. We laughed together and learned together. We felt the peace of being together through the unifying power of our traditions."

## Our Festivals Will Continue

Stating that the festivals will continue to get better every year, Erdoğan said, "Our festival was everybody's festival without discrimination. Under the leadership of our World Ethnosports Confederation and its 20 corporate members in 15 countries, we will hold festivals just like this one and even better in the coming years,. Of course, it is not over yet; we will relieve the longing for our next festival with the 4th World Nomad Games. We will meet again at a big event that focuses on our traditional sports with the Nomad Games that we will hold in Iznik between September 29 and October 2."

*At the closing program, awards were presented to the sports, culture, and art communities who were awarded in 11 different branches. At the same time, WEC President Erdoğan presented plaques to the festival sponsors on stage for their support. The closing program ended with the concert given by the world-famous Alim Kasimov and the beloved calling of Azerbaijani music.*



## **THE WORLD ETHNOSPORT CONFEDERATION PRESIDENT NECMEDDİN BİLAL ERDOĞAN MET WITH KYRGYZSTAN PRESIDENT SADYR JAPAROV**

**World Ethnosports Confederation President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan met with Kyrgyzstan President Sadyr Japarov in Bishkek during the consultations at the meeting regarding the 4th World Nomad Games that had been held in İznik in the fall.**

President Caparov noted Kyrgyz to be ready to help organize and play an active role in a large-scale international event such as this.

Expressing his gratitude for the warm welcome, WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan noted how İznik, where the World Nomad Games was held, had not been chosen by chance. He explained how Lake İznik calls Kyrgyzstan's Issyk-Kul Lake to mind and how the İznik Kyrgyz Tomb Memorial had played a role in the city's selection.

While the first three were held in the vicinity of the Issyk-Kul Region in Northern Kyrgyzstan, the 4th World Nomad Games were held September 29-October 2, 2022 in Bursa's İznik District.

