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Accompanying letter to the application forms

Ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues,

As an attachment to this letter, you will find the registration forms and information regarding the WLC 2018 in Lillehammer, Norway to be held 2-5 August 2018. We would like to invite you to participate in this World Championship.

For the contributions a nation can send up to 6 people (1 team leader, 1 trainer, 3 competitors in the professional class, and 1 Junior U24) on the WLC to participate. The ialc and host country covers the costs for accommodation and food, as well as the transfer within the host country, and also the participation in the exciting social program.

Further information concerning your registration:

1. General Information:

All information and all forms can be found also on our website (www.ialc.ch) in an open version. We ask you therefore to download these forms and to carry out the application electronically. This will prevent the misspelling of the names of the competitors and it will facilitate the work, because the data can be taken as electronically Please send all applications to the ialc office e-mail address: administration@ialc.ch

2. Application for a team:

The **Form No. 1** must be filled out and sent at latest until **April 1st 2018**. so that we can make the necessary reservations. In case of any delays, ialc cannot guarantee the participation at the WLC.

We would very much appreciate it if all nations arrive with a Junior (U24). Please also review the maximum age of the participant in the U24 (born 1994 and younger). What counts is the year and not the date of birth. Juniors must identify themselves at the chainsaw control with a valid passport or an ID, so the age can be checked.

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3. Notification of arrival and departure information

The Form No. 2 - the arrival and departure information must be sent no later than **July 1st 2018**. If you do not provide us with this information on time, ialc cannot guarantee a correct transfer from the airport or from the train stations to hotels.

4. Fan Registration

The Form No. 3 must be completed by **May 1st 2018**. The cost and the contents of the fan package is attached. After the registration, you will receive an invoice which must be paid or the team cannot start. The registration of the fans will be done through ialc, but the payment and all future communication will be made directly with the host country. We will inform you about the contact details. All fans will be accommodated in the same hotel as the team. Without their special notice, the fans will be placed in double rooms.

5. Registrations of participants

Form No. 4 for participants must be completed by **1st of June 2018** with all competitors, the team leader and the trainer. This deadline will allow the nations to perform qualifications. Please send us the application form completed in full. Also note that the saw registered in the form (brand and type) must also be used on the WLC. A change of the saw is not possible afterwards. All teams will be placed in the double rooms. Please inform us also about the participants they want to share the room with.

6. Women's class

Based on the initiative from our Norwegian hosts, this WLC will have one additional feature that we hope will bring new quality and attraction to our competition. It is Women's class and with this new class, all countries will have the opportunity to participate with one additional female competitor!

The women's class will be an integrated part of the competition and program, and the participants will get the same accommodation etc. as the other competitors (they will be treated the same as i.e. the junior class). The participants in the women's class will be ranked separately, and are not eligible for an official world champion title.

Women are of course able to compete as a part of their national team in the regular professional and junior class, as they have been able to at previous championships. In that case the ranking is not separate, and they can compete for the world champion title

If you would like to send a female competitor, please fill out **Form No. 5** until **April 1st, 2018**. The name and other details of the competitor should be filled in **Form No 6**. and sent to us until **1st of June 2018**.

We have no indication on the number of women applying for the Women's class, so the women will be accommodated in double rooms, sharing them with another woman.

7. Programs of the WLC and the fan package

The program of the WLC and the fan package is attached to the letter. The host country reserves the right to make small changes because of time and scheduling reasons. All attractions, excursions, etc. will be carried out.

8. Applications / requests

Please send all registrations and applications on time to the ialc office electronically by e-mail. E-mail address: administration@ialc.ch.

9. WLC 2018 Webpage

Please, visit the official Webpage of the WLC 2018: <https://wlc2018.com/> and the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/worldloggingchampionship/> Follow us also on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ialc.ch/>

10. Visas and import of goods

As Norway is not a member of the EU and travel and transport of goods to the country will not be a problem for many countries. Participants of the other countries are kindly asked to check the visa and transport between their countries and Norway. In case you need any assistance in obtaining the visas (Invitation letter etc) or assistance in transport of equipment, please let us know. We will inform you about these arrangements in more details soon. Address for countries sending chainsaws by the courier will be communicated soon.

11. Changes in the Regulation and the Statutes

If you want to make changes to the Regulations or the Statutes, please fill out the forms **until 1st June 2018** and submit it to the ialc office. At the general assembly meeting no more requests can be made.

We would be delighted to have as many countries and teams as possible in Lillehammer, Norway. We wish them every success and satisfaction with the results achieved.

12. Chainsaw control on WLC 2018

There will be changes in chainsaw control on WLC 2018. The details can be found in the attached letter of ialc Technical Committee.

13. Final words

It came to our knowledge that a group of countries are lobbying other members to initiate Extraordinary General Assembly of the ialc with the intention of removal of the president. Since the regular General Assembly to be held in Lillehammer will include the election and this group obviously has intention of pushing some decisions in a circle not including all members. The timing of few months before the regular GA clearly speaks about the intentions. I would kindly ask the members not to support this initiative. Yes, the relations in ialc Executive Committee have deteriorated and this fact has also had negative impact on the organization of the WLC. It is my duty as a president to provide all members with equal information and equal possibility of decision-making and this will happen on the regular General Assembly in Lillehammer, on Aug 2, 2018 where I will present the full report and propose measures for the refreshment of the Executive Committee to ensure more even geographical distribution of committee members.

Sincerely yours

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International association logging championships, President