



Dear Friends,

In a week from now we shall meet again in person after a long period of enforced distancing.

I can't wait to see you again and finally greet each other in a safe and friendly environment and resume our personal relations in the particularly pleasant landscape of the Red Sea in Sharm El Sheik. In this regard, allow me to heartfully thank the Egyptian Diving and Lifesaving Federation for having rendered this GA possible in such an amazing place, which shall finally mark the post-pandemic fresh start and new beginning.

My heartfelt thanks also to you all for having registered to attend the 2021 General Assembly, which is evidence of your attachment to CMAS, our home. This means that we all worked well in these past years, and I promise that it shall remain so, also into the future.

The interest in wishing to participate in the management of the CMAS is huge, this is obvious from the unparalleled number of candidatures submitted for this electoral general assembly. I am firmly convinced that competition is always an added value in any social and sporting context, particularly when such competition is fair, transparent and in line with the highest ethical standards, thus refraining from resorting to old ways. However, I trust that voters can confidently select their candidates: May the best candidates win and continue to bear the mantel for the CMAS into the future!

In this respect, allow me to introduce to you my nominated Board members, who shall accompany me and the whole team for the next four-year term, should you decide to renew our guidance of CMAS. See these details in the following page.

I am convinced that together this is the strongest possible team of Directors and Commissions' presidents with a view of coping with the post-pandemic challenges and paving the road of growth of CMAS with actions and facts, rather than with just words however inspired by an old and stagnating attitude, which belongs to the past. More than anything else, the covid crisis has proved that innovation, openness, and flexibility are key to meet the challenges of modern times, and CMAS certainly deserves a stronger position in the new millennium.

I will be delighted to illustrate in detail our program for success on the Open Forum on the 28th of October and answer any questions and if need be, adjust the program based on your valuable inputs. Actually, good governance is not just a nice tag or an electoral claim, but it is made of adaptive and active behaviors, capable of interpreting the needs of all the stakeholders and turn them into proper and actual actions for the benefit of all our passionate members, divers, and athletes.

With this in mind I wish you all safe travel and look forward to welcoming you in Sharm El Sheik.

Your president,

Anna Arzhanova.

CMAS President		
Anna Arzhanova	RUS/F01	Proven track record in the leadership of the CMAS since 2013. Vice president of ARISF since 2016, Board member of IWGA since 2014. President of Sport committee CMAS 2005-09, Member of the BoD CMAS 2009-2013.
Sport President		
Michel Gaunard	FRA/F00	President/Director of Finswimming Commission CMAS since 2009. Finswimming Coach 1981-92. Director of General Affairs of City administration since 2015.
TC President		
Flemming Holm	DEN/F00	President of Technical committee since 2017, driving eLearning and educational CMAS materials. 3* CMAS Instructor
Scientific President		
Francisco Alberto LaCasse	ARG/F00	President Argentinian federation since 2009, CMAS BoD member since 2017. Sport administration and management specialist, producer of scientific educational material for adults and youths, organiser of CMAS America Scientific/Environmental Conferences. 3* CMAS Instructor
BoD members		
William Peña	COL/F00	President Columbian federation since 2015 and President of CMAS America since 2016, CMAS BoD member 2017, ex-coach in finswimming, 2* CMAS Instructor
Sameh El-shazly	EGY/F00	President Egyptian federation and very well versed on the CMAS sports. CMAS BoD member since 2009. President of Arab Diving Federation since 2013.
Bozana Ostojic	SRB/F00	President Serbian federation, CMAS BoD member since 2005-21, member of European Olympic Committee, organiser of many CMAS sport events. 3* CMAS Instructor, World Champ. medallist in UW Hockey
Alain Germain	FRA/F00	CMAS Treasurer since 2009. Has been the guiding hand that brought the CMAS away from bankruptcy. President FFESSM for 3 years. 3* CMAS Instructor
Dr. Ulrich Wolf,	GER/F00	Senior Scientific officer of VDST since 2011, Senior officer of UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission 2006-11, 3* CMAS Instructor, 3* CMAS Freediving CMAS Instructor
Ilias Xiarchos	GRE/F00	CMAS BoD member 2001-13. President of Sport committee since 2013. President of Greek federation for 4 years.
Alex Wong	HKG/F00	Member of BoD Hong Kong federation, General secretary of CMAS Asia
Gábor Papp	HUN/F00	President Hungarian federation, 25 years of project management experience, International media, marketing, e-commerce. World Champ. medallist in finswimming.
Kevin O'Shaughnessy	IRL/F00	CMAS Secretary General since 2020, President of CMAS TC 2005-13, President of CMAS Europe 2013-17. Engineering and Operations Manager. 3* CMAS Instructor
Chul Sik Kang	KOR/F00	President Korean federation, Member of many professional boards, promotor & developer of finswimming.
Shunji Yoshizawa	JPN/F01	CMAS BoD member since 2005, Vice president Japanese federation, organiser of CMAS Asian championships, 3* CMAS Instructor, Tokyo-2020 anti-doping Station manager
Simon Khoury	LIB/O00	President Lebanese federation, CMAS BoD member since many years. Organiser of CMAS sport events, diving and freediving courses in Lebanon and Jordan.
Jean Marc Goiran	MON/F00	President Monaco Federation since 2000, BoD member of CMAS 2001-05, Collaborating with Prince Albert's II and Princess Charlene's foundations (Marine environment protection).
Francois Slabbert	RSA/F01	South African federation president since 2005, initiated their eLearning for P1 and Nitrox. 3* CMAS Instructor
	ITA/F00	FIPSAS representative