



*“ Fishing in Friendship ”*  
*Commonwealth Fly Fishers Association*

Dear All

It is with regret that I must announce the postponement of the next Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championship to 2022. The new dates will be confirmed when we have a better idea as to how the world is recovering.

To explain. Those of you who already are members of FIPS-Mouche, will have received an e-mail recently from the President of FIPS-Mouche, Mr Mario Podmanik, in which he announced that all competitions planned for 2020 will be postponed until 2021. This means that no teams will be travelling this year and probably not until late in 2021 (if at all then!!). In addition their Board has decided that all outstanding agreements for future years tournaments will shift by one year - and all bids to hold a future tournament will also be assumed to still be valid but one year later than planned.

Details will be found on the FIPS-Mouche web site: [www.fips-mouche.com](http://www.fips-mouche.com)

As many of you may remember, we had originally decided to hold CFFC's in even numbered years. The competition in Scotland was to be an exception. Now however, your Board feel that holding it in 2021 is a considerable risk due to the unknown life of the disruption of international travel due to COVID-19. This may also impact on teams (or team members) who compete at both WFFC and the CFFC. It is not clear to your board whether even this delay will be enough to enable all members of FIPS-Mouche to return to travelling freely and without the need to go into quarantine on arrival in another country.

We also have some off-the-record information that UK airports may well not re-open freely until mid-2021 at the earliest but at this point no-one actually knows when and how this will happen.

In view of this, and taking into account that we do not want to hold the CFFC until all member countries can be sure they can safely send a team(s), the Board has decided to go back to our

original schedule of hosting the event in even numbered years. So the Commonwealth Fly Fishers of Scotland have kindly agreed to defer their hosting of the competition to a similar date to that originally planned, but in 2022. By then we hope that quarantine restrictions on long distance travel will have been dispensed with and we will have returned to a more normal life, with international travel again available and safe.

Although your Board feel that this is the most sensible decision they can make at this time, if circumstances change, we will look at this again. However for now, please plan on attending the next CFFC on Islay in 2022.

I trust all our members are well and coping with the pandemic in their particular country.

Tight lines and all best wishes

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