

Dear Athletes,

Dear Officials,

Dear Volunteers,

Dear Guests,

For the first time in our EMA history we are confronted with a special international natural disaster - the Corona Virus - that governments try to handle the best they can.

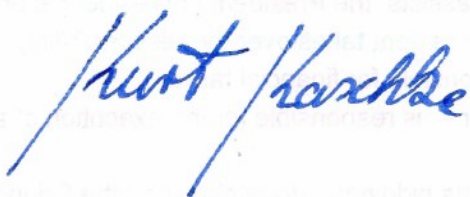
The official authorities do not know much about the new Corona Virus. That is one of the reasons why they need to be very strict in their decisions.

Italy has now the big burden to carry. Our Italian friends are in some regions trapped and are not allowed to move. This might happen in the other European countries as well. We do not know if France, Spain or Portugal tries to control the traffic and perhaps will stop athletes from their home country to cross the border. We do not know who would be able to travel to Braga. There are many questions that cannot be answered yet.

EMA and the organizer of EMACI2020 are very concerned about our 3150 athletes who entered the event. How could we be able to protect you all should anyone come up with the Corona Virus during the event?

Tomorrow (3rd of March) I will meet the officials of the LOC and the City representatives of Braga to talk about the status quo and the decision that must be made. On the 4th we will present a solution that is based on the discussion between the LOC, EMA and the Portuguese Ministry of Health.

Yours in Sports

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Kurt Kaschke

EMA President