

Press Release

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Concerning Corona Pandemic **AUFGUSS-WM postponed to 2021**

Due to the ongoing worldwide corona pandemic, the board of the AUFGUSS-WM Association has decided not to carry out this year's championship. The competition will be postponed by exactly one year; the venue will be the new "Colosseum Sauna Arena" in Czeladź (Poland).

From 7th to 13th September 2020 the most important event of the international Aufguss community should have taken place in the southern Polish city Czeladź: the annual AUFGUSS-WM. Due to the ongoing corona pandemic the Board of the AUFGUSS-WM Association decided not to do so and determined that the AUFGUSS-WM in Poland will be postponed by exactly one year to 6th – 12th September 2021. Accordingly, the play-offs at SATAMA Sauna Park will take place on August 20th and 21st 2021. The 2022 AUFGUSS-WM will be hosted by Thermen Bussloo (Netherlands).

Several national competitions and qualification rounds have already been cancelled. The participants were not able to prepare professionally anywhere "because of Corona". According to the current assessment of the situation, the arrival and departure of the participants, the jury and the sauna guests cannot be guaranteed for both the national qualifications and the international competitions. The AUFGUSS-WM Association also believes that the quality of the event compromised if official regulations require a minimum distance of 1.5 metres in the sauna room or if wearing a protective mask would be compulsory.



Since about middle of March public saunas all over Europe have been closed by order of governmental authorities. This is expected to have considerable consequences for the companies and their employees - economically and existentially. It is currently unclear when and under which conditions „normal business“ will be possible again. The respective governments will decide this by decree. The same goes for the reopening of national borders and the lifting of travel bans.

The Polish entrepreneur Leszek Pustulka is currently building "a sauna resort of superlatives" near the city of Katowice in southern Poland. Based on the model of the Colosseum in Rome, an event sauna room for up to 300 guests is being built. In the middle of September 2021, the best "Masters of Aufguss" will compete there and fight for the title of World Aufguss Champion in individual and team competitions.

Tickets and hotel bookings already booked for the AUFGUSS-WM 2020 will remain valid and can then be claimed in 2021; the transfer will be automatic. In order to keep the effort for the guests of the competition as low as possible, they do not have to contact Pałac Saturna and Termy Rzymskie again.

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