



To: Director Committee of Fédération Colombophile Internationale

Hereby, the Union of Professional Pigeonsport Fanciers in Romania brings to your attention the following:

- The Romanian State, through the Romanian government, had submitted the application for membership to Fédération Colombophile Internationale in 1967, and it was approved in 1969 when Romania became a member of FCI. Until 1994, in Romania, there was a single federation of pigeon fanciers. Its name was “Uniunea Federațiilor Columbofile din România” (UFCR), that is, “The Union of ALL Federations of Pigeonsport Fanciers in Romania”.
- In 1994, as a result of disagreements, concerning the sport regulations and the flight routes, among members of the union, a number of members of UFCR had separated and formed “Uniunea Columbofililor Profesioniști din România” (UCPR), that is, the Union of Professional Pigeonsport Fanciers in Romania. One of the founding members of UCPR is Dr. Popescu Dan, former president of UFCR during 1985-1990, also the first Romanian to candidate and become a member of the Director Committee of FCI. At the moment, UCPR numbers 5625 registered members in 2017 and the number is growing from year to year.
- From 1994 onward, the two unions have been operating in parallel in Romania. Internationally, UCPR tried to reach an agreement with UFCR in order to have Romania represented at the Olympics of FCI by a single team formed from members of the two federations on the basis of best results. This has been achieved in 1996, when UCPR and UFCR participated together as a team both at the international and national events, and in 2008 for the world championship in Germany, although a one day delay of the lot of pigeons of Romania has led to them not being considered at arbitration. Starting with 2007 UFCR has reorganized under the name of “Federația Crescătorilor de Porumbei din România” (FCPR), that is, Federation of the Pigeon Fanciers in Romania.
- From 2010, in Romania operates a third federation of pigeon fanciers, “Federația Româna de Sport Columbofil” (FRSC, that is, Romanian Federation for Pigeon Sport), which is affiliated to the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Romania. This federation has around 1500 registered members.

Given that, on the Romanian territory operate currently three independent and legally founded entities of pigeon fanciers, we bring to your attention the fact that FCPR does not represent internationally, at the moment, all the pigeon fanciers in Romania. They represent solely the members of their federation.

Unfortunately, we may say that FCPR has confiscated from all the other entities of pigeon sport fanciers from Romania, the right to participate and represent Romania at the Olympics and the European Cup. Nationally, also, FCPR boycotts the activities of the other federations by registering at OSIM (Oficiul de Stat pentru Invenții și Mărci, that is, the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks), common syntagms used in this sport, such as: “pigeon fancier of the year”, “pigeon of the year”, “the pigeon breeder of the year”, “national championship”, “national exposition”. Even after the FRSC, which is affiliated to the Ministry of Youth and Sports, was constituted, FCPR registered at OSIM (reg:NBR 110888) the title “Federația Româna de Sport Columbofil” (Romanian Federation for Pigeon Sport). This encroachment was regulated later by the Romanian justice system.

UCPR has manifested permanently openness and readiness to collaborate with FCPR both for international and national championships. We discussed also with FRSC in order to find better ways to promote and develop the national pigeon sport, with the prospect of realization of a common national championship based on the FCI

regulations. As a matter of fact, we wish to have a common national championship with all the pigeon fancier federations in Romania.

Unfortunately, this year, immediately after the conclusion of the agreement between UCPR and FRSC, FCPR has suspended any collaboration with UCPR. Consequently, although, for 2017, FCPR had granted UCPR permission to use the FCI logo on the UCPR rings (see attached the document 18/12.05.2016), it did not renew the permission to use the FCI logo for 2018.

UCPR has ordered the rings for 2018 requesting that the FCI logo is dropped (see attachment for confirmation of the order). However, the producer from Netherlands has mistakenly inserted the FCI logo considering the order from the previous year.

In our attempt to remedy this problem, from the exchange between the producer and the president of FCPR, Mr. Marius Tunduc, it has emerged clearly that the leadership of FCPR is, we quote "totally against the UCPR using the logo of FCI" (see attachment with the exchange between Frederic Basch, the producer, and Marius Tunduc, the president of FCPR). The pretext used for refusal, namely the overlapping of the series, is not valid for two reasons:

- the permission was granted for 2017 for series from 000001 to 450000, series which have identical numbering with those from 2018 (from 000001 to 500000)
- the federation id (UCP) is marked on the rings of UCPR, and therefore there is no problem in the ranking system.

In the context of the refusal by FCPR, we are addressing to you to grant us the permission to use the FCI logo on the UCPR rings, from 2018 and further on, considering that our federation wishes to represent Romania together with FCPR at the international events based on the best results, and does not wish to be excluded from the international sport activities.

By this address, considering the problems exposed above and knowing that recently you solved successfully a similar situation in Ukraine, we kindly ask you to mediate the establishment of a partnership between UCPR and FCPR for the access of all Romanian pigeon fanciers to the FCI competitions.

Thank you!

We wish you a happy 2018, with good health, joy and inner peace!

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