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Dear President:

Spain hosts in the city of Castellón, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September, the European Lifesaving Championship pool and ocean for National Teams Open and Youth, organized by the Royal Spanish Life Saving Federation.

Since the pandemic start in last year's March, a large team of experts of the Federation that I chair, coordinated from the Prevention and Safety Direction, developed safety protocols and regulations against COVID-19 that have allowed the Spanish life savers restart training and competition both on the beach and swimming pool.

Thanks to an extraordinary economic and human effort, the competition was reactivated in July 2020, just a few days after the end of the state of alert decreed by the exceptional situation generated by the health crisis.

Since then, we have organized twenty championships in Spain, seven rounds of Pool Spanish Cups, two International Opens and one National League, with beach and pool events of all categories, from benjamin to masters, with lifeguards between 7 and 75 years old, and participation of more than 5.500 athletes.

All the above mentioned without any health incident. That is to say, we have developed our national competition calendar without reporting any coronavirus contagion, complying with our safety protocols and the regulations of our authorities.

The experience in organizing both pool and beach events with the most rigorous control of health regulations supports the management and work carried out by the Royal Spanish Federation in the last year.

In fact, last September we developed the edition of our National Championships per Regions in the facilities where the European Championships -the Olympic Municipal Pool of Castellón and the beach of Gurugú- will be held.

We hope to count with the participation of the national teams of your country.

The competition program will be developed over a week. It will start on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> with the SERC event, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> will take place the pool events and from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> the ocean events.

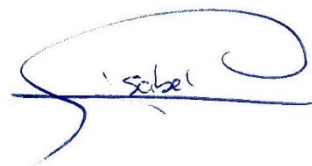
It will be a great opportunity to restart the international competition, the first one worldwide since the World Health Organization qualified the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus as a pandemic on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The international events of our sport have been suspended for two years. That is why I am especially excited to be able to welcome you personally and to be able to greet individually each member of your teams in an event that will be part of the lifesaving history because it is the first international event that will take place, worldwide, after the emergence of the pandemic.

I would like to see you in Castellón, so you can enjoy the hospitality of our country, our coasts, and our beaches, what we call The Real Spain, #ThisIsTheRealSpain.

For all that I explained before, I am pleased to formally send to you the invitation of the Royal Spanish Life Saving Federation to participate in the European Lifesaving Championship pool and ocean for National Teams Open and Youth.

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Isabel', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Isabel García Sanz  
President

Royal Spanish Life Saving Federation