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# **71ST UIPM CONGRESS IN XIAMEN (CHN) POSTPONED TO 2021**



The 71st UIPM Congress, scheduled to take place in 2020 in Xiamen, China, has been postponed to 2021.

Due to the continuing restrictions on travel and large gatherings imposed worldwide to combat the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, it was deemed unsafe to continue with plans for Congress in November 2020.

The electoral forum will now take place in 2021, most likely in November following the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympics (July 23 to August 8, 2021).

Discussions around the hosting of the rescheduled Congress will continue with local organisers in Xiamen (CHN), which is also due to host the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships following the cancellation of the 2020 competition.

The postponement of Congress was confirmed when the UIPM Executive Board (EB) agreed that it constituted a case of force-majeure, and National Federations were informed this morning.

Article 13.2 of the UIPM Statutes empowers the EB to take decisions on cases of force-majeure to ensure a smooth and continuous governance system that would prevent UIPM from finding itself with an uncertain leadership structure.