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Dear dancers, judges, choreographers, teachers in Show- and Tap dance!
Dear friends of the City of Riesa!

I personally thank you for the many wonderful times we have had together during the past 21 years at the "IDO World Show- and Tap dance Championships in Riesa" since 1997. And it makes me very sad what I have to write to you now.

First let me thank the FVG-Riesa mbH, Mr. Michael Wendt and TAF-Germany for their endless tries and effort to make the IDO World Show- and Tap dance Championships 2021 in Riesa possible in spite of the COVID19 pandemic restrictions and dangers.

The risk of bringing so many international people together in the SACHSENarena to dance and to possibly being infected is too high and not to control. We do not want to bring any participants into a risk of being positively tested and to immediately be enforced to stay 5 to 10 days in quarantine, or to send back whole formation-busses or to stop and cancel the whole event before the end. Today there is no overlook about the expected possible development of the 5th wave this November. There is no security the event might be cancelled due to higher infections in Saxony with the possible effect all events might be stopped or closed – even one day before the Opening..... We do not want to bring you into such a health-danger and/or losing so much money without any possibility to get it back, like travels, hotels, fees etc.

Therefore we have discussed this very thoroughly here in Riesa with Mr. Wendt and together came to the decision that unfortunately we have to cancel the IDO-World Show- and Tap dance Championships in Riesa 2021 for the health and personal benefit of all participants – hoping we can forward them to next year, November 2022 when the pandemic will hopefully be over.

Let us look forward into a better future now saying "See you in Riesa 2022!"

I would be so happy indeed to welcome you all then in the SACHSENarena with the IDO World Show- and Tapdance Championships 2022 without the danger of COVID19.

Maro Müller
Lord Mayor of Riesa.