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Dear BPSU members

We find ourselves in a very unfortunate position with regard to our intention to host the 2014 World Championship. Several factors surrounding the availability and price of black powder made it impossible for us to guarantee the amounts and types of powder needed for a Short Range World Championship in time and we had to inform the MLAIC that we will no longer be able to be the host country for 2014.

We are also still awaiting the outcome of the pending changes to our legislation governing black powder firearms and shooting and although it will probably not impact on our local members, we have no guarantee that the same will be true for international competitors.

All member countries of the MLAIC had been informed and there is a very good chance that Spain will instead host the 2014 Short Range World Championships in Granada from 28 September to 5 October 2014.

Please be assured that this decision was not taken lightly and that we explored all possible avenues through discussions and negotiations to try and salvage the Short Range World Championships. But there is just too much uncertainty at this stage and we had no other choice but to inform the MLAIC in order for them to find another country that will be able and willing to take over on relatively short notice.

This does not impact on the hosting of the Long Range World Championships in September or continued individual participation at BPSU events, as the current stock will be sufficient to provide for this.

We strongly believe that we will be in a position again to host the Short Range World Championships in future.

Kind regards

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