

THE BLACK POWDER SHOOTING UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA



Formerly The Historical Firearms Shooting Union Founded in 1958

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MUZZLE LOADERS' ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
MUZZLE LOADERS' ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
WORLD LONG RANGE HISTORICAL RIFLE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION
SOUTH AFRICAN BISLEY UNION (SABU)

I am honored, on behalf of the Black Powder Shooting Union (BPSU) of South Africa, to welcome all shooters, team members, guests and visitors to the 6th MLAIC World Mid- and Long Range Championships here in Cape Town, South Africa at the Good Hope Military shooting range.

We are thankful to the South African National Defense Force and its employees who are always ready to make their facilities available for international events of this nature. We are furthermore thankful that the SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS CONFEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (SASCOC) acknowledges the international status of this event and approved it as such.

This is not the first time that South Africa was awarded the great honor to host such a MLAIC event. The first one on the very same range took place in 2001.

All of us will have the honor of representing our countries in an international event in the oldest city of South Africa. The Good Hope shooting range in itself is a wonderful facility and I foresee many high scores and new world records.

I hope that apart from the shooting, everyone will make use of the opportunity to explore as much as possible of our beautiful country. Our event sponsor, Eco Fauna, is geared to assist all visitors with current and future travel and accommodation arrangements.

Although we are all gathered together with shooting foremost in our minds, we should remember what our late Secretary General, Donald Malson always use to wish : *"...we should also be meeting to renew old friendships and making new ones"*. In honor of this great shooter, let's live up to that wish.

Some competitors will win medals and certificates, some will hopefully set new world records, but all of us will be winners in the name of the sport of shooting.

For history to live on, we should at all time expose as many as possible, newcomers to the art of muzzle loading precision shooting. The young ones will catch up with us in the future, improve on our marksmanship skills and will one day be challenged by new *"youngsters"* again. In that way history goes on.

It is my wish that you all enjoy this 6th MLAIC World Mid- and Long range Championships, and that the famous **"V"** find a regular spot on your score sheets.

Accurate shooting.

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