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## **1. Opening of the session**

FISA President Jean-Christophe Rolland declared the Congress open and greeted the delegates. He also welcomed the Honorary President Denis Oswald and congratulated him for his remarkable implication in the IOC disciplinary commissions related to the doping scheme in Sochi 2014 Olympic Games.

Referring to the 2017 World Rowing Championships just completed, the President congratulated the organising committee for the fantastic competition, especially in the very difficult circumstances with the tough impact of hurricane Irma just days before the Championships and expressed his great pleasure in the quality of the new Nathan Benderson Park regatta course.

In the memory of recently deceased rowing friends and colleagues, the President then asked the delegates to observe a moment of silence.

Michal Plocek (CZE)

Richard Ayling (GBR)

Beryl Crockford (GBR)

Di Ellis (GBR)

Ian Fisher (GBR)

Jim Railton (GBR)

Ailish Sheehan (GBR)

Karl Heinz Grosse (GER)

Renato Nicetto (ITA)

Dudley Storey (NZL)

Stanislaw Kormornicki (POL)

Keith Maybery (RSA)

Anatoly Trachuk (RUS)

Charles Eugster (SUI)

Pascal Ludwig (SUI)

The President provided general information about the organisation of the Congress. He reminded the delegates that the Congress was being filmed and live streamed on the internet, that they should feel free to speak but asked that they be as concise as possible. He reminded also that a NF conference was scheduled right after the Congress. There were no questions regarding the course of the Congress or the Agenda for the Congress.

## **2. Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority**

The Executive Director Matt Smith made the roll call. He then informed the delegates that, at that point, there were 57 federations represented, with 47 entitled to three votes and 10 entitled to one vote making a total of 151 votes. Therefore, 76 votes would be necessary for an absolute majority if all votes were cast. A list of those present is annexed to these minutes. The above stated numbers were the status at the time of the event attribution vote.

## **3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of Congress**

The Congress unanimously accepted the President's proposal that the following individuals serve as scrutineers for this congress:

Terry Dillon (CAN)

Mario Woldt (GER)

Alan Cotter (NZL)

Susan Smith (USA)

#### **4. Approval of the minutes of the 2016 Ordinary Congress and 2017 Extraordinary Congress**

The President reminded the delegates that they were asked to submit any comments to the above mentioned minutes in advance of this Congress. No comments had been received but he invited the delegates to make comments if they wished.

As there were no remarks, the President considered the minutes of the 2016 Ordinary and 2017 Extraordinary Congress as approved unanimously.

#### **5. President's report and reports of the Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Director**

The President had no additional remarks to complement his report for the year 2016.

He then referred to the IOC Executive Board decision of 9 June in which the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games rowing programme, adopted by the 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress, had been approved. In terms of athletes quota the cut was quite limited moving from 550 rowers in Rio to 526. He considered this three-year long process outcome as a significant achievement for our sport knowing the extremely difficult context and the sensitivity of the matter. In addition he highlighted the last paragraph of the first page of the letter in which the IOC mentions its continued concern about the Lightweight category in the context of the overall Olympic Games programme.

The President also mentioned the 2017 Review Projects that have been

taking place this year: Rule 36 (World Rowing Championships programmes), the 2020 Olympic Qualification System, Lightweight rowing and Para rowing. He thanked the volunteers for the working groups that had been discussing these topics on the request of FISA. Six NF meetings were organised all along the season to debate and progress on the different exercises with the federations. Rule 36 would eventually be discussed and voted later during the present Congress (point 20b of the Agenda) in accordance with the decision of the Extraordinary Congress and an update on the three other projects would be presented at the NF conference scheduled immediately after the Congress.

He took the opportunity to speak about the success of the 2017 season, thanking the organising committees of the FISA events, and particularly about the success of the World Rowing Masters Regatta in Bled.

For the other members of the Executive Committee there were no additional comments. There were no questions about the reports. The President considered these reports were approved unanimously.

#### **6. Reports of the Chairs of the Specialist Commissions**

The Chairs of the Commissions had no additional comments to add to their written reports. There were no other comments or questions and the President asked the delegates if he could consider the reports approved and asked if there were any who disagreed. No delegates disagreed and the reports were considered as approved.

## **7. Reports of the Continental Representatives and Co-opted Member**

The President announced that the Continental Representatives and the Co-opted member had no additional comments to their reports. As the delegates had no further questions, he considered that the reports were approved unanimously.

## **8. Accounts, financial report and auditors' report**

Mike Williams, the Treasurer, presented the accounts of FISA including the financial report and the report by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, the independent auditors. The Treasurer directed the delegates to the detailed explanations in the Agenda Papers and reiterated that the accounts of 2016 showed a surplus of CHF 263'492 on total expenditure of CHF 6'374'428. He added that this surplus was further increased by a the dissolution of a provisional booking of CHF 354'755 to reflect an unrealised increase in the value of bonds and securities at the lowest price between purchase price and market value as required under Swiss law, and a gain on exchange rate of CHF 212'221, thus creating a reported surplus of CHF 830'468. The details of the finances are found in the financial report of the Agenda Papers.

He thanked the FISA staff for the good work in maintaining costs and preparing the accounts. The President asked if there were any questions for the Treasurer. There were none.

## **9. Approval of Accounts**

The 2016 accounts as presented were approved by the delegates in a show of voting cards and they were approved unanimously.

## **10. Determination of entrance fee and annual subscription**

No change had been proposed by the Council and the delegates did not disagree.

## **11. Budget for the following year, 2018**

The Treasurer presented the budget for 2018 which showed estimated expenditures of CHF 5'923'821 with estimated income of CHF 5'923'821. The President asked if there were any questions and there were none. He then asked for and received unanimous approval for the 2018 budget.

## **12. Reports on future FISA events and Olympic and Paralympic regattas**

The President informed the delegates that the organising committees for events for the coming two years have distributed their bulletins to the delegates. There was one presentation made by the organisers of the 2019 World Rowing Championships in Linz-Ottensheim, Austria.

Otherwise, all relevant information for all upcoming events is available in the bulletins and on the websites of FISA and the organising committees.

## **13. Place and date of the next Congress**

The President proposed that the 2018 FISA Ordinary Congress would take place on Monday, 17 September 2018 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria following the 2018 World Rowing Championships. There were no other proposals and the President considered this to be approved by the delegates.

#### **14. Attribution of future World Rowing Championships in accordance with Rule 6**

- 2020 World Rowing Senior Under 23 and Junior Championships

There were three bids to host the combined 2020 World Rowing Senior, Under 23 and Junior Championships presented to the Congress: Plovdiv (BUL), Poznan (POL) and Bled (SLO). The three bids had been presented to the FISA Council for technical approval and the Council had decided that all three met FISA's minimum standards for this regatta, and therefore presented all three to the Congress for vote. Before the voting started, the Plovdiv bid organisers withdrew their bid, leaving two bids for the Congress delegates. The Council presentation was made and the President proceeded to the vote. The outcome of the vote was as follows:

Poznan (POL)    57 votes

Bled (SLO)        94 votes

Bled and the Slovenian Rowing Federation were attributed the 2020 combined Championships and the event agreement was signed.

- 2019 World Rowing Junior Championships

The Council had undertaken to confirm all details with the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organising Committee, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the Japanese Rowing Federation for the hosting of the 2019 World Rowing Junior Championships according to paragraph 3 of Rule 6. The Council was very pleased to report that the Japanese Rowing Federation had accepted this

challenge and agreed with its partners in Japan on the staging of the event in 2019. The President expressed his great appreciation for this big effort shown for all national federations by JARA and a presentation was made on the details of the event to the Congress.

- 2021 World Rowing Championships

On the basis that no bids were received by the published bid deadline, Rule 6 indicates the right of the Council to directly attribute the 2021 World Rowing Championships. However, given that the bidder was able to submit a suitable bid well in advance of the Congress, the FISA Council preferred to return the right of attribution to the Congress. The Council proposed to the Congress that the right and responsibility of hosting the 2021 World Rowing Championships be attributed to the Chinese Rowing Association and the Shanghai Administration of Sports for the Shanghai Water Sports Centre in Shanghai, China. The Council's proposal is included as an attachment to these minutes.

A presentation was made by the bid committee of Shanghai. The delegates responded with applause of acclamation. The 2021 World Rowing Championship regatta was awarded to the Chinese Rowing Association and the City of Shanghai.

#### **15. Reports of Continental Rowing Confederations and other Member Groupings**

This is a new section resulting from the decisions taken at the 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress in Tokyo. Prior to this Congress,

there were not yet any Continental Rowing Confederations or Member Groupings officially recognised in accordance with the new Articles 18 and 19.

### **16. Reports on applications for affiliation and voting consequent thereon**

There were two applications for membership of FISA as follows:

Cambodia - Cambodian Rowing Association

Guinea - Guinean Rowing Association

The Executive Director confirmed that all documentation was in order and these new members of the World Rowing Federation, FISA, were confirmed by the delegates. There are now 153 national rowing federations that are members of FISA.

### **17. Reconsideration or Confirmation of decisions (ref. Art. 31) taken by the Council in accordance with the provisions of Art. 33 and paragraph 4 of Art. 46 or by the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Art.52**

No requests had been received at the deadline.

### **18. Council and Executive Committee elections in accordance with Articles 40 and 50**

Elections were staged for the following positions in accordance with Article 40 of the FISA Statutes: president, vice president and treasurer.

President: Jean-Christophe Rolland (FRA)

French federation president Jean-Jacques Mulot presented the candidacy of Jean-Christophe Rolland and he was re-elected President of FISA by acclamation.

Vice President: Tricia Smith (CAN)

Canadian federation president Carol Purser presented the candidacy of Tricia Smith and she was re-elected Vice President of FISA by acclamation.

Treasurer: Mike Williams (GBR)

British federation chairman Annamarie Phelps presented the candidacy of Mike Williams and he was re-elected Treasurer of FISA by acclamation.

The election of the Council Chairs on the Executive Committee followed, in accordance with Art. 50. The Council proposed three candidates for election to the Executive Committee: Patrick Rombaut (BEL), Chair of the Umpiring Commission, Mike Tanner (HKG), Chair of the Events Commission, and Lenka Wech (GER), Chair of the Athletes Commission. The Congress elected these three by acclamation.

### **19. Specific Proposals to an existing agenda item from the Member Federations, the Council or the Executive Committee**

Specific proposals were received from the British federation. The British delegates withdrew the proposals as they were included in Agenda point 20 b of the Agenda papers.

The Austrian federation had presented a proposal relating to the World Rowing Cups and which was, in fact, a proposal for consideration

by the Council. The Council announced that it would await the vote on Rule 36 before considering suggestions for the programme of the World Rowing Cups.

## **20. Other additional agenda items proposed by Member Federations, the Council or the Executive Committee**

### **a. Article 18 – Continental Rowing Confederations**

A request was received for recognition by FISA of the Oceania Rowing Confederation (ORCON) and from the Pan American Rowing Confederation (COPARE). The Council reviewed these proposals and confirm that they conform with the requirements of Art. 18, and therefore proposed them for recognition by the FISA Congress. The votes were unanimous in favour of recognition of these two rowing confederations. The Council also announced that proposals for recognition of groupings of member federations were received from the Coupe de la Jeunesse and the South American Rowing Confederation (CSAR) for recognition by the FISA Council in accordance with Article 19 – Other Groupings of Member Federations. The Council considered the proposals received and has granted recognition to these two Member Groupings.

### **b. Rule 36 – Vote on possible changes to Rule 36: World Championship Boat Classes**

The Congress continued with the proposed changes for Rule 36 which this congress was granted authority

to consider by the 2017 Extraordinary Congress. The reason for the postponement was to await the IOC Executive Board's decisions on the 2020 Olympic programme and the proposal approved by the 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress held in February. The IOC decision was received in June 2017 and attention then turned to the FISA World Rowing Championship regatta programmes and Rule 36. There was some discussion and debate on these proposals, and the results of voting will be reported below:

#### **1. Options for the Open category**

The delegates contributed comments on the four options presented and then a vote was held on which of the options would be included in the final vote on Rule 36. The vote on the Council recommendation for option "b" was 3 abstentions, 0 against and a strong majority in favour. Therefore, option b was added to the final proposal voted below.

#### **2. Options for the Lightweight category**

The delegates again contributed comments on the seven options presented and then a vote was held on which of the options would be included in the final vote on Rule 36. The vote on the Council recommendation for option "2" was 4 abstentions, 39 against and 96 in favour. Therefore, option 2 was added to the final proposal voted below.

#### **3. Options for the Para-Rowing category**

The delegates contributed comments on the four options presented and then a vote was held on which of the options would be included in the

final vote on Rule 36. The vote on the Council recommendation for option "iii" was 7 abstentions, none against and 135 in favour. Therefore, option iii was added to the final proposal voted below.

4. The final vote on the new proposal for Rule 36

The votes in 1 to 3 above were added to create a final proposal for vote. As this is a rule change, according to the Statutes, a change in the existing programme would require a two-thirds majority of valid votes cast. The vote on the new programme proposal which contained the elements voted upon above was held and the result was 3 abstentions, 6 against and 137 votes in favour. The vote passed with a 95.8% majority thus surpassing the two-thirds majority requirement and Rule 36 was changed with immediate effect. The new Rule 36 is included in an attachment to these minutes.

## 21. Any other business

- a. Dead Heats – Another item postponed from the 2017 Extraordinary Congress was related to Rule 80 and 81. The Council has undertaken a thorough review of the dead heat rule with assistance from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL) using third party experts as well as a review with the experts employed by Swiss Timing who work on multiple sport events, including the Winter and Summer Olympic Games. The result is that the Council does not propose any changes to the current procedure to determine a finish and whether it is a dead heat.

- b. Upcoming Conferences – The delegates were provided with a review of the upcoming conferences to be held by FISA for various stakeholder groups including the combined Coaches Conference, National Federations Conference, Para-Rowing Conference and the World Rowing Awards Dinner.

The President thanked the delegates for their excellent co-operation. He also expressed his gratitude to the Sarasota-Bradenton organising committee for their excellent organisation of the Congress. He also thanked Matt Smith and the FISA staff for their preparation of the Congress and the Agenda Papers. He also thanked the interpreters for their excellent work.

The President declared the 2017 FISA Ordinary Congress closed.



**Jean-Christophe ROLLAND**, President

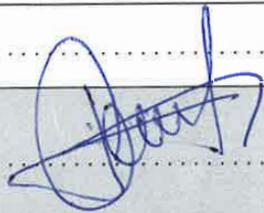
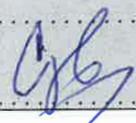
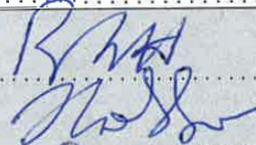
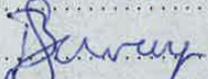
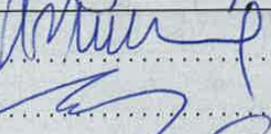
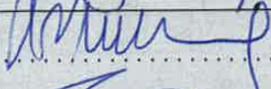


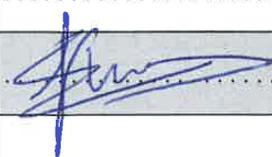
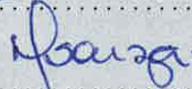
**Matt SMITH**, Executive Director

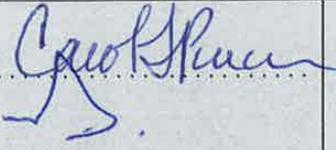
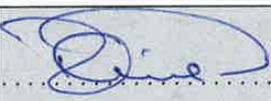
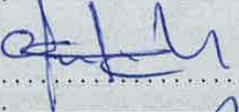
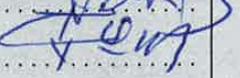
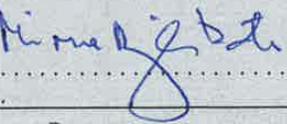
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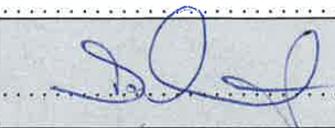
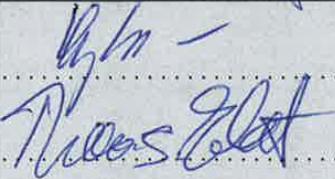
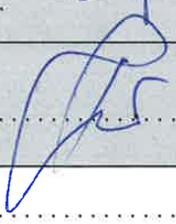
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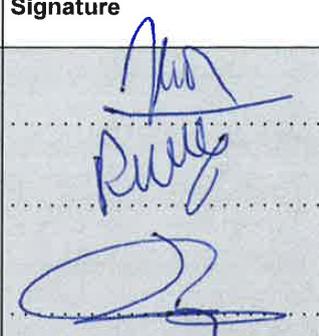
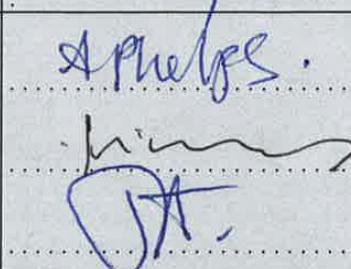
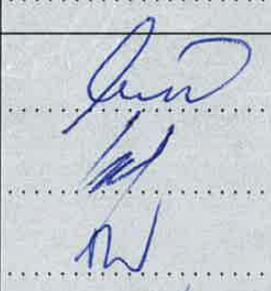
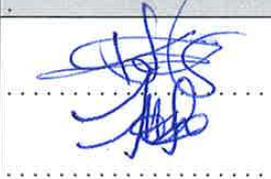
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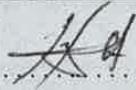
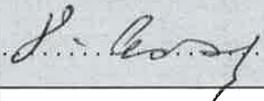
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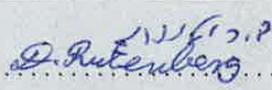
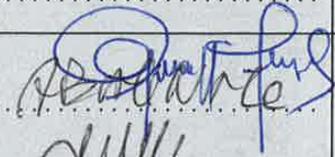
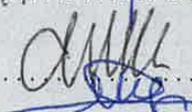
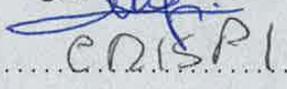
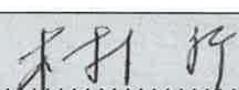
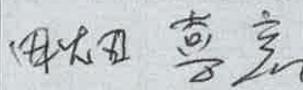
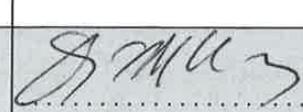
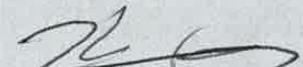
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BEL	Belgique/ Belgium	Gwenda STEVENS <i>President</i>		3
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BLR	Bélarus/ Belarus	Siarhei KHMIALKOU <i>Vice-Chairman</i>  Yurii RODIONOV <i>Head Coach of National Team</i>  Inna YUDKO <i>Interpreter</i>	 .....  .....	3
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BRA	Brésil/ Brazil	Marcos Nardi POLCHOWICZ <i>1st Vice-President</i>  Magali Moreira OLIVEIRA <i>2nd Vice-President</i>	 .....  .....	3
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BUL	Bulgarie/ Bulgaria	Petko ARGIROV <i>Head Coach</i>		3

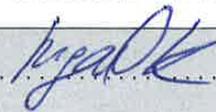
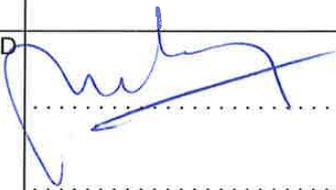
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CAN	Canada	Carol PURCER <i>President</i>  Terry DILLON <i>CEO</i>  Iain BRAMBELL <i>High Performance Director</i>	 .....  .....	3
CAY	Iles Cayman/ Cayman Islands		.....	1
CHI	Chili/Chile	Roberto LIEWALD DESSY <i>President</i>  Cristian GOMEZ CORONADO <i>Executive Secretary</i>	 .....  .....	3
CHN	R.P. de Chine/ China	Sun YUANFU <i>Official</i> CHEN CHUNXIN  Zhang YIN <i>Official</i> Li Jianxin	 .....  .....	3
CIV	Côte d'Ivoire/ Ivory Coast		.....	1
CMR	Cameroun/ Cameroon		.....	1
COL	Colombie/ Colombia		.....	1
CPV	Cap-Vert Cape Verde		.....	1
CRC	Costa Rica		.....	1
CRO	Croatie/ Croatia	Branimir BASIC <i>President</i>  Mirna RAJLE BRODANAC <i>Chair of Women Commission</i>	.....  .....	3
CUB	Cuba	Angel Luis GARCIA FIDALGO <i>President</i>	 .....	3

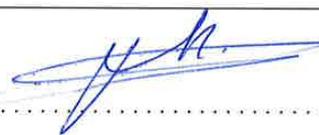
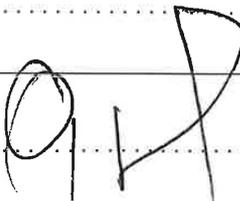
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CZE	République Tchèque/ Czech Republic	Dusan MACHACEK <i>President</i>		3
DEN	Danemark/ Denmark	Conny SORENSEN <i>Vice-President</i>  Thomas EBERT <i>Board member</i>		3
DJI	Djibouti			1
DOM	République Dominicaine/ Dominican Republic			1
ECU	Equateur/ Ecuador	Anastacio Aquino JEAN CARLOS <i>Delegate</i>		1
EGY	Egypte/Egypt	Mohamed SABRY OMAR <i>Board member</i>		1
ESA	El Salvador	Billy SOL ZALDIVAR <i>Honorary Member</i>		1
ESP	Espagne/ Spain	Luis M. OLIVER CAÑADAS <i>President</i>  Felipe GARCIA PERTIERRA <i>Sports Director</i>		3
EST	Estonie/ Estonia	Robert VALI <i>Secretary General</i>		3
FIJ	Fidji/ Fiji			1
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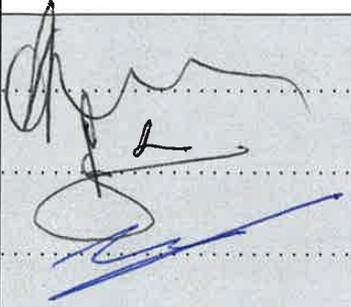
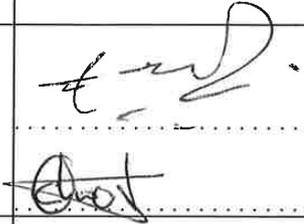
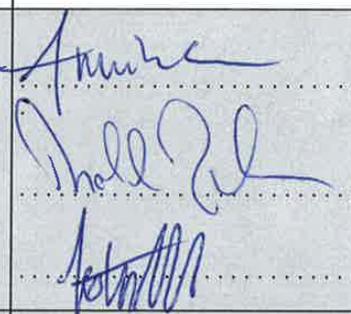
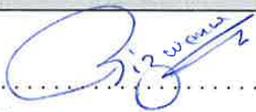
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<b>GBR</b>	<b>Grande-Bretagne/ Great Britain</b>	Annamarie PHELPS <i>President</i>  David TANNER <i>Performance Director</i>  John HEDGER <i>Delegate</i>		<b>3</b>
<b>GEO</b>	<b>Géorgie/ Georgia</b>			<b>3</b>
<b>GER</b>	<b>Allemagne/ Germany</b>	Siegfried KAIDEL <i>President</i>  Uwe GRAF <i>Council Member</i>  Mario WOLDT <i>High Performance Director</i>		<b>3</b>
<b>GHA</b>	<b>Ghana</b>	Kamal SULLEY <i>Vice President</i>  Rashid JAJAH <i>Board Member</i>		<b>1</b>
<b>GIB</b>	<b>Gibraltar</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>GRE</b>	<b>Grèce/ Greece</b>	Ioannis KARRAS <i>President</i>  Evangekia TRIKA <i>Manager of Federation's Secretariat</i>		<b>3</b>

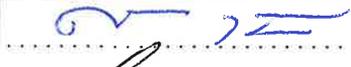
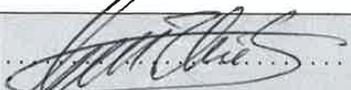
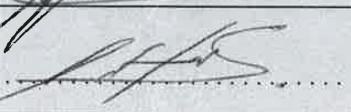
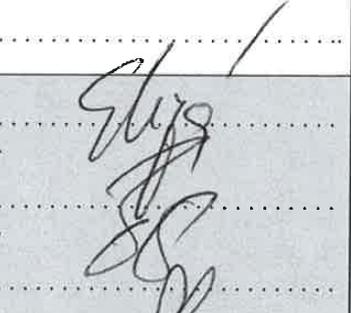
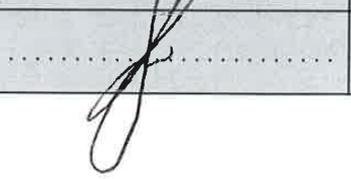
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HKG	Hong Kong China	Chris PERRY <i>Technical Director</i>	 .....	3
HON	Honduras		.....	1
HUN	Hongrie/ Hungary	Szabolcs Tamas BENYI <i>President</i>	 .....	3
INA	Indonésie/ Indonesia		.....	3
IND	Inde/India		.....	3
IRI	Iran	Gholamreza AMINI CHOKAMI <i>President</i>  Vahid MORADI SHAHPAR <i>Secretary General</i>  Rasoul MOHAMMADSADEGHI <i>Chairman of Rowing Committee</i>	 .....  .....  .....	3
IRL	Irlande/ Ireland	Hamish ADAMS CEO  Antonio MAUROGIOVANNI <i>High Performance Director</i>  Dominic CASEY <i>HP Coach</i>	 .....   .....	3
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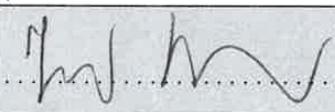
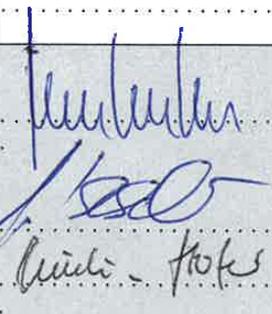
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ISR	Israël/Israel	Daniel RUTENBERG <i>Secretary General</i>  Eitan GLUZMAN <i>Member of the Board</i>	 .....  .....	3
ITA	Italie/Italy	Giuseppe ABBAGNALE <i>President</i>  Luciano MAGISTRÌ <i>Vice-President</i>  Michelangelo CRISPI <i>Board member</i>	 .....  .....  .....	3
JAM	Jamaïque/ Jamaica		.....	1
JOR	Jordan/Jorda nie		.....	1
JPN	Japon/Japan	Arata KIMURA <i>Chief Executive Director</i>  Daisuke NAKAJIMA  Yoshihiko TABATA <i>Member of International relations commission</i>	 .....   .....	3
KAZ	Kazakhstan		.....	3
KEN	Kenya		.....	1
KGZ	Kyrgyzstan		.....	1
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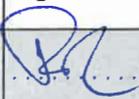
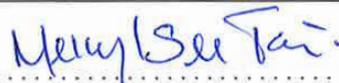
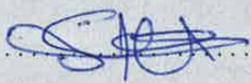
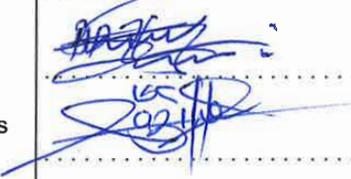
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LAT	Lettonie/ Latvia	Line RENATE President		3
LBA	Libya / Libye		.....	1
LBN	Liban/ Lebanon		.....	1
LTU	Lithuanie/ Lithuania	Inga DAUKANTIENE Secretary General		3
LUX	Luxembourg		.....	1
MAD	Madagascar		.....	1
MAR	Maroc/ Morocco	Abderrahman MOUADDEN President  Abdelali EL HANCHE National Technical Director  Touria LAHRICHI Assistant		1
MAS	Malaisie/ Malaysia		.....	1
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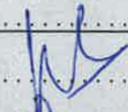
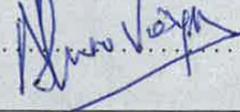
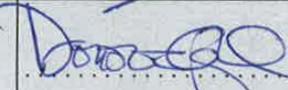
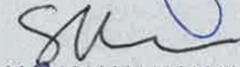
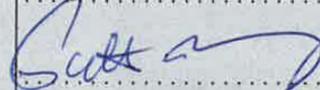
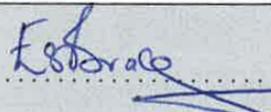
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MEX	Mexique/ Mexico	Maria Arge DIEZ GONZALES <i>President</i>  Rosa Karen OLIVARES ARIZABALO <i>Treasurer</i>  Eduardo ARRILLAGA ARJONA <i>Technical-Director</i>		3
MGL	Mongolie/ Mongolia			1
MKD	Macédoine/ Macedonia			1
MLI	Mali			1
MLT	Malta			1
MON	Monaco	Jean Louis ANTOGNELLI <i>Vice President</i>		1
MOZ	Mozambique			1
MRI	Île Maurice/ Mauritius			1
MYA	Myanmar			1
NAM	Namibie/ Namibia			1
NCA	Nicaragua	Gerardo Alberto ALVAREZ <i>President</i>		1

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NED	Pays-Bas/ The Netherlands	Rutger ARISZ <i>President</i>  Chris YSBRANDY <i>Commissionar</i>  Hessel EVERTSE <i>High Performance Director</i>		3
NEP	Népal/ Nepal			1
NGR	Nigéria/ Nigeria	Festus Bikepre Igbeyinadun PORBENI <i>President</i>  Olubunmi OLUODE <i>Secretary General</i>		1
NIG	Niger			1
NOR	Norvège/ Norway	Anniken ELLINGSEN <i>Secretary General</i>  Thorvald JACOBSEN <i>Board Member</i>  Johan FLODIN <i>Head Coach</i>		3
NZL	Nouvelle- Zélande/ New Zealand	Tony POPPLEWELL <i>President</i>  Alan COTTER <i>High performance Director</i>		3
PAK	Pakistan	Rizwan Ul Haq RAZI <i>President</i>  Syed Sibtal-Haider BUKHARI <i>Vice-President</i>  Khadija RANI <i>Member-Athletes Commission</i>		1

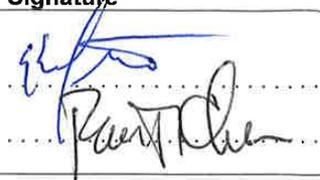
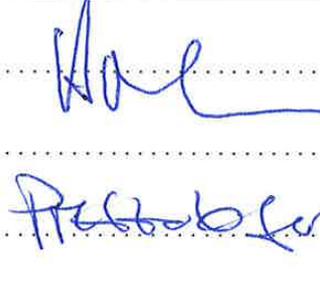
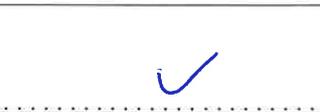
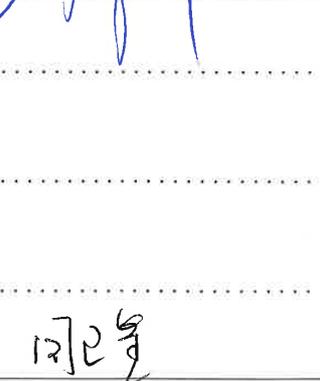
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PAR	Paraguay	Gerd THIEDE <i>President</i>		3
PER	Pérou/Peru	Augusto FARFAN <i>Technical Coordinator</i>		3
PHI	Philippines			1
PLE	Palestine			1
POL	Pologne/ Poland	Robert ZABORSKI <i>Secretary General</i>  Adam KOROL <i>Vice President</i>		3
POR	Portugal			3
PRK	R.P.D. de Corée/DPR of Korea			1
PUR	Porto Rico/ Puerto Rico			1
QAT	Qatar			1
ROU	Roumanie/ Romania	Elisabeta LIPA <i>President</i>  Sandu POP <i>Secretary General</i>		3
RSA	Afrique du Sud/ South Africa	Sean Kerr <i>President</i>		3

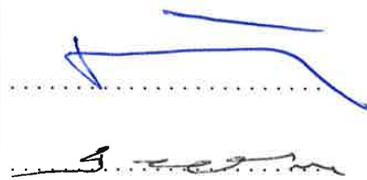
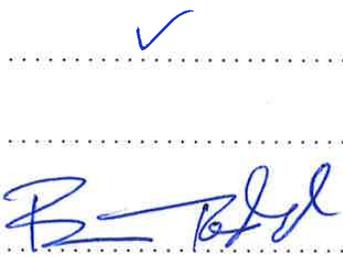
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RUS	Russie/ Russia	Alexey SVIRIN <i>President</i>  Alla TARASOVA <i>Secretary General</i>  Ivan PUCHKOV <i>Head of Communications</i>		3
SAM	Samoa			1
SEN	Sénégal/ Senegal			1
SGP	Singapour/ Singapore			1
SLO	Slovénie/ Slovenia	Jost DOLNICAR <i>President</i>		3
SOM	Somalie / Somalia			1
SRB	Serbie/ Serbia	Darko MAJSTOROVIC <i>President</i>  Nebojsa JEVREMOVIC <i>Secretary General</i>		3
SRI	Sri Lanka			1
SUD	Sudan			1
SUI	Suisse/ Switzerland	Stéphane TRACHSLER <i>President</i>  Gabrielle ISENSCHMID WEBER <i>Chair Umpiring Commission (CH)</i>  Christian STOFER <i>Director</i>		3
SVK	Slovaquie/ Slovakia			1

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SWE	Suède/ Sweden	Bo EKROS Board member		3
SWZ	Swaziland		.....	1
SYR	Syrian Arab Republic		.....	1
TGA	Tonga		.....	1
THA	Thailand		.....	3
TKM	Turkménistan/ Turkmenistan		.....	1
TOG	Togo		.....	1
TPE	Chinese Taipei		.....	1
TTO	Trinidad & Tobago	Merryl SEE TAI President		1
TUN	Tunisie/ Tunisia	Sahbi KHARDANI National Coach & Team Manager		3
TUR	Turquie/ Turkey	Yusuf Hikmet OKTAR President of Technical Committee & Board Member of Turkish Rowing Federation	.....	3
UAE	United Arab Emirates/ Emirats Arabes Unis		.....	1
UGA	Ouganda/ Uganda	Hamza KANWA President  Fharuk BALUKU Secretary General  Isima IGA International Relations Commission		1

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UKR	Ukraine			3
URU	Uruguay	Fernando UCHA <i>Ex-President/ Advisor</i>  Vazquez ALVARO <i>Advisor International Relations</i>	 	3
USA	Etats-Unis/ United States	Donovan LANGFORD <i>Delegate</i>  Susan SMITH <i>Delegate</i>  Patrick McNERNEY <i>CEO</i>	  	3
UZB	Ouzbekistan/ Uzbekistan			3
VAN	Republic of Vanuatu			1
VEN	Vénézuela/ Venezuela	José Gregorio SILVA <i>President</i>		3
VIE	Viet-Nam/ Vietnam			3
VIN	St Vincemt & the Grenadines			1
ZAM	Zambie/ Zambia			1
ZIM	Zimbabwe	Emily BRACE <i>Team Manager</i>		3

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x	<b>Autriche / Austria</b>	<b>OC WRC2018/WRCH2019</b>  Horst ANSELM <i>President</i>  Heinz DERFLINGER <i>Event Operations</i>  Liliane PRETTERHOFER <i>Head of OC Office</i>	
	<b>Brésil/ Brazil</b>	Marcelo SANTOS <i>Technical Director, Rio de Janeiro Rowing Centre</i>	
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	<b>La Chine/ China</b>	<b>2021 WRCH Bidding Committee</b>  HUANG Yongping <i>Director General, Shanghai Administration of Sports</i>  ZHOU Meng <i>Deputy Chief of Elite Sports Dept., Shanghai Administration of Sports</i>  ZHOU Weixing	

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	<b>Pologne / Poland</b>	<b>Poznan 2020 WRSU23JCH Bidding Committee</b>  Aleksander DANIEL <i>OC Director</i>  Pavel DANIEL <i>OC member</i>  Alicia TAGODA <i>OC Member</i>  Ewa BAK <i>Director of Sports Department, City of Poznan</i>  Thomasz LEVANDOWSK <i>Deputy Mayor, City of Poznan</i>  Hubert PIOTRO <i>OC Member</i>	
	<b>Slovénie/ Slovenia</b>	<b>Bled 2020 WRSU23JCH Bidding Committee</b>  Tim FARCNIK <i>Co-Executive Director 2020</i>  Matjaz BERCON <i>Member of Bidding Committee</i>	
	<b>Etats-Unis / United States</b>	Matt IMES <i>High Performance Director US Rowing</i>  Fred Schoch <i>Head of the Charles</i>  Brian TODD <i>Executive Director Gay &amp; Lesbian Rowing Federation</i>	

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	France	<p>Thierry RENAULT <i>Fédération Française d'Aviron</i></p>	
	Grande Bretagne / Great Britain	<p>Matthew EVANS Rowing Comeption Manager - British Rowing &amp; Glasgow 2018 European Sports Championships</p> <p>Gareth Grenembaum Director, Swift International</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>
	Japon / Japan	<p>Kenji KAWASAKI JARA 2020 Special and Umpire Commission Office</p> <p>Daisuke NAKAJIMA</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>

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## **The FISA Council's Proposal to the Congress for the Attribution of the 2021 World Rowing Championships**

2 September 2017

The 2021 World Rowing Championships bid process commenced in August 2016 when FISA invited expressions of interest in hosting the event. A number of National Federations expressed interest in hosting the event, however by the final bid deadline of 31 May, no bids had been received.

In accordance with Rule 6, in the case where no bids or no suitable bids are received by the bid deadline, the Council may identify a suitable candidate and directly attribute the event provided that it is satisfied that the bid meets the minimum standards for the regatta. There were no bids at the bid deadline on 31 May, but the Chinese Rowing Association (CRA) had indicated an interest in hosting the event in Shanghai. They were not however in a position to submit a bid by the published bid deadline. As indicated in Item 14b of the Agenda Papers, FISA then proceeded to enter into discussions with the CRA and Shanghai to modify the timelines in order to enable their bid team prepare and submit a bid.

To launch the bid preparation, the CRA was sent an explanation of the bidding process, the rules of conduct and a detailed bid questionnaire. FISA's bid inspection team visited Shanghai to conduct a bid seminar and to visit the proposed regatta venue. At the bid seminar, the technical requirements of the Championships were explained and bidders had an opportunity to ask questions. The Shanghai bid team submitted a preliminary bid in June, and on 10 July, the bid team presented their candidature (based on the preliminary bid) to the FISA Council in Lucerne, Switzerland. The standard of preparation and presentation by the bid team was very high and enabled the Council to form clear and informed opinions. The final bid was received on 31 August 2017.

### **Major factors in the Council's assessment**

The major factors in the Council's assessment of the bid are as follows:

#### **1. Racing conditions:**

The Shanghai Water Sports Centre, located approximately 50km from downtown Shanghai, is a man-made course with warm-up and cool-down areas in a separate channel lying parallel to the course. The course has eight 13.5m wide lanes. An automatic start system will be used. Commentary and side-TV coverage will be made from a road running the length of the course, thus reducing the number of motor boats on the lake. Coaches will be able to follow the racing from a road running the length of the other side of the course.

The weather conditions in Shanghai at the end of August and beginning of September, the normal period for the World Rowing Championships, are very hot and humid with a high possibility of typhoons. The bidder therefore proposed that the Championships are held in the last week in September when the weather conditions are more favourable. At the end of September, maximum temperatures average 23°C with humidity averaging 58%. Windspeeds average 3m/s and the prevailing wind is south east, which translates to a cross headwind on the course.

## **2. Course installations:**

The venue has high quality existing installations. For the 2021 Championships, a new start tower will be built and the start bridge extended to cover eight lanes. A new finish tower will also be constructed. The intermediate timing huts will be renovated. The space and permanent facilities in the boat park are sufficient to accommodate all boat storage needs and facilities for athletes and officials. The venue will be fully accessible, and the bid indicates a plan to work closely with the Chinese Disability Organisation to ensure that the necessary facilities and expertise are available for para athletes.

## **3. Participant experience**

The conditions for athletes, coaches and other participants should be good. Hotels are located within 10 - 40 minutes' drive of the venue. The price per person for a shared room in a three-star hotel is EUR 80. A four-star hotel will cost EUR 85 per person sharing. An extension to the subway system is being constructed which will allow fast and easy access to the venue from the airport and from the city for teams and spectators.

## **4. Financial support:**

The Shanghai bid is underwritten by the Shanghai Administration of Sports, a municipal department of Shanghai city responsible for all local and international sporting events. This guarantee provides a high level of security for the financial viability of the event.

The bid confirms financial support for 100 participants of the FISA Development Programme for the duration of the competition as well as a 7-day training camp. In addition, some financial assistance for the transport of boats to Shanghai is promised.

## **5. Organisational experience:**

The 2021 World Rowing Championships would be the first senior World Rowing Championships to be held in China. The Shanghai venue team has however hosted the Asian Qualification Regatta for the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games, and in 2018, will host the FISU World University Rowing Championships. Shanghai Administration of Sports hosts many high-level international sports events, including the ATP 1000 Shanghai Masters and the FIA Formula 1. The CRA has, in its capacity as the national federation, been involved in the hosting of the 2008 Olympic Games regatta and the 2007 World Rowing Junior Championships in Beijing, and the 2014 Youth Olympic Games regatta in Nanjing. It would contribute its knowledge and expertise gained from these events to the Shanghai 2021 Organising Committee.

## **The Council's Proposal to Congress**

Having examined the detailed aspects of the bid submitted, and taking all relevant factors into account, the Council is convinced that Shanghai City in partnership with the Chinese Rowing Association would be able to stage excellent Championships. The Council also appreciates the potential of the Championships to promote the sport of rowing within China and to support the development goals of both the Chinese Rowing Association and FISA.

The Council notes that the National Games of the People's Republic of China are held in the year after the Olympic Games, and that the National Games are a priority for all Chinese athletes. The China sports authorities have agreed to stage the 2021 National Games rowing regatta at a date in advance of the World Rowing Championships dates (once confirmed) to enable a strong participation from Chinese athletes.

On the basis that no bids were received by the published bid deadline, Rule 6 and Item 14b indicate the right of the Council to directly attribute the 2021 World Rowing Championships. However, given that the bidder was able to submit a suitable bid well in advance of the Congress, the FISA Council prefers to return the right of attribution to the Congress. The Council therefore proposes to the Congress that the right and responsibility of hosting the 2021 World Rowing Championships be attributed to the Chinese Rowing Association and the Shanghai Administration of Sports for the Shanghai Water Sports Centre in Shanghai, China. The Council would again like to express its sincere appreciation for the highly professional work of the Shanghai bid team and the excellent bid dossier that it submitted.

## **FISA Council Recommendations on Rule 36**

### **World Championship Programmes**

*At 02.09.2017*

#### **1. Introduction and Background**

At the 2017 Extraordinary Congress in Tokyo, the delegates voted to delegate the authority to change Rule 36 (the World Championships boat classes (Senior, Under 23 and Junior)) to the 2017 Ordinary Congress in Sarasota-Bradenton on 2 October 2017. This decision was taken due to the timing of the IOC Executive Board's decision on the Olympic Programme set for July 2017. It was expected that the IOC decision would likely influence the composition of the World Championship boat classes. The IOC Executive Board ultimately decided on the following events in the Olympic Programme for 2020: W1x, W2x, W2-, W4x, W4-, W8+, LW2x, M1x, M2x, M2-, M4x, M4-, M8+, LM2x.

FISA then initiated a review project to consider what key principles should guide decisions relating to the World Championship programmes and to identify the various options. The FISA Executive Committee established a working group to oversee the review project. A series of meetings were held with member federations at the three World Rowing Cup regattas, the European Championships, the World Rowing Under 23 Championships and finally at the World Rowing Junior Championships in Trakai, LTU on 5 August 2017.

The outcome of this review project is the identification of a number of options for the World Championship programmes. Those options are presented in the Agenda Papers of the 2017 Ordinary Congress and will be for vote by the Congress. The composition of a World Championship programme remains a matter for Congress under Rule 36. The FISA Council now presents for consideration by the delegates its position on the key principles of the World Championship programmes and its recommendations.

#### **2. Key Concepts and Principles**

##### **2.1. Purpose and Goal of World Rowing Championships**

###### **World Rowing Championships**

The World Rowing Championships is the annual pinnacle competitive rowing event for rowers worldwide which showcases the very best of the sport and those who partake in it.

**Vision:** The World Rowing Championships is the most important international rowing competition, other than the Olympic Games. It is a globally respected, prime sporting event which allows the world's very best rowers to present their talent and skills in regatta venues that showcase the value and attractiveness of the environment in our sport.

###### **Purpose and goals of the World Rowing Championships**

1. To provide a platform and the conditions that allow the best rowers of the world to perform to the best of their abilities
2. To determine the world champions, medalists and a final world ranking for a given year in each event

3. To promote and facilitate a broad participation of rowers representing national rowing federations from all around the world
4. To provide an entertaining and informative experience for participants, spectators and television viewers of all nationalities, languages and ages.
5. To stage the event in a way that supports FISA's strategic plan for the sport of rowing and which upholds FISA's principles: the development of the individual; the promotion of international understanding; the promotion of rowing as a lifetime sport; and the affirmation of collective environmental responsibility.

## **2.2. The criteria for including a boat class in the World Rowing Championship programmes**

There are currently no specific criteria in our Rules for including a boat class in the World Championship programmes. The Council recognises that such criteria should be developed. Member federations identified and endorsed seven guiding principles for programme composition as part of the Olympic programme review and this World Championship programme review. These principles could in the future be considered as a basis for developing rules for including a boat class in the World Championship programmes.

The seven principles are, in summary:

1. Excellence: The World Championships should provide a platform for the world's best athletes to compete.
2. Participation: The World Championship programme should allow sufficient opportunities in a range of boat classes to enable participation by a broad range of NFs.
3. Gender equality: Sport is a key means for society to break down barriers and reduce gender discrimination and FISA supports the goal of gender equality in all FISA events
4. Attractive programme/spectator experience: The World Championships should offer an attractive racing programme to enhance the experience for both live spectators and TV viewers.
5. Balance: Between different boat classes and between sweep and sculling events.
6. Inclusive: The programme should offer opportunities for rowers of different body types and abilities to participate.
7. Pathways: The events offered should have a clear relationship to each other to allow logical pathways for athlete development and competition structures and should also assist the development of rowers to progress along the pathway towards the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

## **2.3. Gender Equality**

The Council believes that gender equality is essential for the credibility of our sport and strongly favours that all World Championship programmes become gender equal immediately.

#### **2.4. Excellence, minimum entry threshold and Natural Death Rule**

The Council supports the principle that is the basis of the *Natural Death Rule*. The *Natural Death Rule* provides that, to be on the World Championship programme, the competition in any event must be of a certain standard of excellence. That standard of excellence for a World Championship requires at least three rounds of racing with the winner having competed against at least six other crews. One way to achieve this is the *Natural Death Rule* that automatically eliminates events that do not reach this threshold for three consecutive years. Congress can then review the future of such events at each Extraordinary Congress.

The Council accepts that the *Natural Death Rule* may result in periods of gender inequality in the event programme, should an event in one gender be eliminated through the application of the rule. In such cases, the events in question would be re-evaluated and changes proposed at the next Extraordinary Congress in order to return to a gender equal World Championship event programme. The Council notes that the *Natural Death Rule* serves to reveal weaknesses in the event programme, thereby allowing us to look for solutions to address the weaknesses. Here is the current wording of the Natural Death Rule (found on page 58 of the FISA Rule Book):

*If, in any of the above events, excluding the events designated for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and all events for Olympic boat classes in Senior, Under 23 and Junior categories, there are less than seven starters in three consecutive World Rowing Championship regattas, then that event shall be automatically removed from the programme of subsequent World Rowing Championship regattas.*

#### **2.5. Pathways**

The events offered at the World Championships should have a clear relationship to each other and to the Olympic and Paralympic Games to allow logical pathways for athlete development and competition structures from the age group World Championships (Junior and Under 23) to the Senior World Championships. The event composition should also assist the development of rowers to progress along the pathway towards the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Council noted that national, regional and continental events can also be an integral part of the pathway to the Olympic and Paralympic Games and recognised that those are important opportunities for rowers to reach their full potential. While encouraging the application of the guiding principles discussed above, the Council respects the autonomy of each continental association to develop its event programmes with reference to the local context as well as Olympic and World Championship programmes.

### 3. Council recommendations for the open, lightweight and para-rowing event programmes for the World Championships

The Rule 36 Review Project led to the creation of a number of options for the different categories within the World Championship programmes; specifically: open, lightweight and para rowing. While all options will be presented to the 2017 Congress for vote, the Council considers that it is within its sphere of responsibility to indicate its recommended choices for the World Championship programmes and the reasoning behind these choices. With one exception relating to gender equality, these choices are simplified by considering them in the three separate categories; namely, open, lightweight and para-rowing.

#### 3.1. Gender Equality

Because the Council recommends the immediate adoption of a gender equal programme, several other aspects need to be addressed. Gender equality can be reached either by eliminating men's events where there are no matching women's events, adding women's events to match the men's events, or a combination of both. When adding events, the Council notes the need to consider a number of factors including the total number of events on offer at a World Championships, the impact that this has on the size of the Championships and the resulting implications for the organising committee and the venue. At the same time, the Council's view is that removing 'healthy' events, or those that contribute significantly as pathways to senior and Olympic events, just for the sake of gender equality would be counterproductive.

#### 3.2. Recommendation for the Open category

In the open category, the Council recommends option b. In this option, the coxed four for women is added at the Junior and Under 23 level and the men's coxed pair is removed at the Senior level in order to create a gender equal programme. The coxed fours are seen as pathway events that help to develop sweep rowers for the senior level.

The Council believes that the strong entries this year in the BW4- and the JW4- at the Under 23 (19 entries) and Junior (17 entries) World Championships indicate that women's sweep rowing has already felt the impact of the W4- becoming part of the Olympic programme. Furthermore, the risk of a small number of entries in this event is neither likely nor significant. The Council considers it more important to implement a gender-equal programme immediately, and thus does not favour the phasing-in of the BW4+ and/or JW4+.

In recent years, the coxed pair has mainly been used by larger national federations to give their spares an opportunity to race. The Council does not believe that this event should continue in this form.

**Recommended Open Category Option is "b":**

Men							
<b>World Champs</b>	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-	M2+	M8+
<b>Under 23 Champs</b>	BM1x	BM2x	BM4x	BM2-	BM4-	BM4+	BM8+
<b>Junior Champs</b>	JM1x	JM2x	JM4x	JM2-	JM4-	JM4+	JM8+
Women							
<b>World Champs</b>	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-		W8+
<b>Under 23 Champs</b>	BW1x	BW2x	BW4x	BW2-	BW4-	BW4+	BW8+
<b>Junior Champs</b>	JW1x	JW2x	JW4x	JW2-	JW4-	JW4+	JW8+

### 3.3. Recommendation for the Lightweight category

Six options, in addition to the current programme, will be presented for consideration for the lightweight event programme at the 2017 Congress.

As the Council recommends the immediate implementation of a gender-equal programme, two of the options (4 and 6) as well as the current programme are consequently not recommended.

The Council considers that lightweight sweep rowing should be retained at both the senior and under 23 level. That excludes options 3 and 5.

This leaves two options. Option 1 would make the programme gender equal by adding lightweight women's events to match the existing lightweight men's events (LW2-, LW4-, BLW2-, BLW4-). Option 2 removes the lightweight men's four from the senior and under 23 level adding the lightweight women's pair at both levels.

The Council recommends option 2. It has heard from many member federations that the lightweight fours are not receiving support in either the men's or the women's events and that the lightweight pair remains a potential development boat for either the lightweight doubles or the open pairs at senior level.

As an additional note, the Council reconfirms the opinion that lightweight rowing is not appropriate at the junior level.

#### Recommended Lightweight Category Option is "2":

Men					
<b>World Champs</b>	LM1x	LM2x	LM4x	LM2-	<del>LM4-</del>
<b>Under 23 Champs</b>	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM4x	BLM2-	<del>BLM4-</del>
Women					
<b>World Champs</b>	LW1x	LW2x	LW4x	LW2-	
<b>Under 23 Champs</b>	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW4x	BLW2-	

### 3.4. Recommendation for the Para-Rowing category

The Council has received feedback and suggestions on the Para Rowing World Championship event programme from the Para Rowing Working Group, the Para Rowing Commission and the National Federations through the NF meetings. This feedback has convinced the Council of the need and the value of introducing pathway events to the World Championships. This would enable National Federations to build their PR2 doubles and PR3 fours using singles and pairs respectively.

Para rowing is still considered to be a developing category. Due to classification requirements and competition from other para sports, National Federations do not always find the appropriate athletes at the same time to form elite crews. Having the PR2 singles and PR3 pairs would help the National Federations keep athletes engaged in international competition while they recruit and develop other athletes to compete in the Paralympic boat class events.

The Council must be sensitive to the increasing size of the World Championships and also the ratio between the para and non-para events. Accordingly, it is not in favour of adding six new events. However, it recognises the value of having the PR2 singles to support the PR2 double and also the PR3 pairs to support the PR3 four. Therefore, the Council recommends Option iii.

Alternatively, and as an interim step, the Council would also support the immediate introduction of the PR2 singles (option 1), with the PR3 pairs to be introduced at a later date.

**Recommended Para Rowing Option is “iii”:**

<b>Men</b>					
<b>World Champs</b>	PR1 1x	PR2 1x	PR3 2-		
<b>Women</b>					
<b>World Champs</b>	PR1 1x	PR2 1x	PR3 2-		
<b>Mixed</b>					
<b>World Champs</b>		PR2 2x	PR3 2x	PR3 4+	

### 3.5. The Recommended World Rowing Championships programme

Based on the preferred options in the open, lightweight and para-rowing categories described above, the Council recommends that the following block of events for inclusion in the World Championships programmes:

<b>Men</b>										
<b>World Champs</b>	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-	M8+	LM1x	LM2x	LM4x	LM2-
<b>Under 23 Champs</b>	BM1x	BM2x	BM4x	BM2-	BM4-	BM8+	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM4x	BLM2-
<b>Junior Champs</b>	JM1x	JM2x	JM4x	JM2-	JM4-	JM8+				

<b>Women</b>										
<b>World Champs</b>	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-	W8+	LW1x	LW2x	LW4x	LW2-
<b>Under 23 Champs</b>	BW1x	BW2x	BW4x	BW2-	BW4-	BW8+	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW4x	BLW2-
<b>Junior Champs</b>	JW1x	JW2x	JW4x	JW2-	JW4-	JW8+				

<b>Para-Rowing</b>										
<b>World Champs</b>	PR1M1x	PR1W1x	PR2Mix2x	PR2M1x	PR2W1x	PR3Mix2x	PR3Mix4+	PR3M2-	PR3W2-	

