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**To:** Affiliated Federations  
Council and Commission Members  
Organisers of World Championships  
National Rowing Magazines  
FISA Partners

**Circular No. 4 of 2018**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

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**1. 2018 FISA Ordinary Congress Agenda Papers**

Notice was provided in Circular No. 3 of 2018 that the 2018 FISA Ordinary Congress and a National Federation Conference will be held from 08:30 hrs until 13:30 hrs on Monday, 17 September 2018 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Registration will begin at 07:30 hrs. The Congress will take place at the following location:

Plovdiv International Fair and Congress Centre  
37, Tzar Boris III - Obedinitel Blvd.  
4003 Plovdiv,  
Bulgaria  
<http://www.fair.bg/en/>

Please note:

- a) The Agenda Papers can be found at this link:  
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>
- b) The following positions on the Council are due for election at the Congress and nominations have been received for those positions:
  - i. Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission
  - ii. Chair of the Events Commission
  - iii. Chair of the Event Promotion Commission
  - iv. Chair of the Masters Rowing Commission
  - v. Chair of the Para Rowing Commission
  - vi. Chair of the Umpiring Commission



We would like to repeat that the Chair of the Events Commission Mike Tanner has reached the FISA age limit and will not seek re-election. As well, the Chair of the Masters Rowing Commission Tone Pahle has decided not to seek re-election.

As Mike Tanner is a member of the FISA Executive Committee, his position also on this body will need to be replaced and will be subject to an election. The Council, in accordance with Article 50, will propose a candidate from among the Chairs of the Commissions to replace Mike and complete his term on the Executive Committee until 31 December 2021.

We would also like to remind you that FISA Treasurer Mike Williams has decided to end his mandate at the end of 2018 and step down after 25 years in this position. Therefore, an election will be held in Plovdiv to select a replacement for him to complete the term and serve on the Executive Committee until 31 December 2021.

Nomination forms of the Council candidates are presented in the Agenda papers.

- c) Congress Attendance Forms - NFs are requested to advise FISA of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by using the "Congress Attendance Form". Forms are to be received at FISA headquarters as soon as possible. Please note that the 2018 attendance form is an electronic form and can be found at this link:  
<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/2018-ordinary-congress-attendance-form/>
  
- d) The 2017 FISA Ordinary Congress draft minutes will be issued by 17 August 2018.

Paper copies of the Agenda Papers will not be sent by post but will be available for delegates at the Congress.

*Please note that the French version of the Agenda Papers will be published on the website by the end of August. Veuillez noter que la version française des documents du Congrès sera publiée sur le site Internet d'ici la fin du mois d'août.*

## **2. 2018 National Federations Conference 1 (immediately following the Congress)**

The 2018 National Federations Conference 1 will take place on 17 September 2018 immediately following the FISA Congress and will end by 13:30 hrs. It will be devoted to FISA's Strategic Plan, FISA's Olympic Strategy as well as continuing discussions related to Lightweight Rowing and Para Rowing.

Discussion documents for this NF Conference will be available at this link by 17 August 2018:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/conference>

### **3. Commission Member Appointments / Re-appointments**

NFs are reminded that membership mandates of the following Commissions of FISA will expire in 2018 and are open for appointments / re-appointments for the term 2019 to 2022:

- Competitive Rowing
- Events
- Masters Rowing
- Para Rowing
- Umpiring

NFs are asked to propose candidates who could positively contribute to these technical commissions. The NF should send a letter of nomination from the NF and a completed Commission Member Nomination Form for each candidate, including those currently on the commission seeking reappointment as well as new nominations. The nomination forms must be received by 17 August 2018. NFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member.

We would like to be clear that existing commission members are not automatically re-appointed and that, if they would like to be considered, their NF must propose them for a new term. Commission Member Nomination Forms are found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

In accordance with Bye-Law to Article 55, appointments of Commission members are made by the Council on the recommendation of the newly elected Commission Chair.

### **4. Joint Conferences in Berlin, GER, November 2018**

We are pleased to announce that a programme of meetings touching nearly all key stakeholders in the sport will take place this November in Berlin.

21 to 23 Nov - Sports Science, Medicine and Coaches Conference  
22 Nov – European Rowing Extraordinary General Assembly  
23 Nov – National Federations' Conference 2 of 2018  
23 Nov – 2019 World Rowing Events' Organising Committee meetings  
23 Nov – World Rowing Awards Dinner  
24 to 25 Nov – FISA Joint Commissions' Meeting

The Sports Science, Medicine and Coaches Conference website provides details at: <https://www.rudern.de/wcc2018> More information on the other events will follow but please mark your calendars.

### **5. 2018 World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference**

The 2018 World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference will take place from 1-4 November at the Olympic Complex "Sydney 2000" in Snagov, Romania. More information will be provided during the international racing season.

## 6. 2020 FISA Extraordinary, Ordinary Congresses and Joint Conferences

The next FISA Extraordinary Congress will now take place with the 2020 FISA Ordinary Congress in October 2020, ideally 14-18 October 2020. No congress will be held in Bled in August 2020. This event will be combined with the 2020 World Rowing Coaches Conference, the 2020 World Rowing Awards Dinner and the 2020 FISA Joint Commissions Meeting.

A one-page explanation is available at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/fisa-circulars>

A full bid document will be provided to interested NFs upon request. Bids will be received until 17 August 2018 and the event will be attributed by the FISA Congress on 17 September 2018 in Plovdiv, BUL.

## 7. The 2020 International Rowing Season

The Council has selected Sabaudia, ITA as the location of the first World Rowing Cup regatta in 2020. Therefore, the 2020 International Rowing Season now is complete as follows:

10-12 April	World Rowing Cup 1 – Sabaudia, ITA
27-29 April	European Continental Qualification Regatta – Varese, ITA
1-3 May	World Rowing Cup 2 – Varese, ITA
17-19 May	Final Olympic Qualification Regatta – Lucerne, SUI
22-24 May	World Rowing Cup 3 – Lucerne, SUI
25 July-1 August	2020 Tokyo Olympic Games Rowing Regatta
16-23 August	2020 World Rowing Senior, U23 & Junior Championships
28-30 August	2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games Rowing Regatta

Yours sincerely,



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