

# European Rowing Management Board 2017 Annual Report

## Key activities and achievements in 2017

- Successfully delivered four European Championships with excellent participation:
  - European Rowing Indoor Championships, Paris ( FRA), 4 February - held at the Charléty Stadium and combined with the French Indoor Rowing Championships. Rowers from 25 countries entered this championship but mostly in Para rowing events.
  - European Rowing Junior Championships, Krefeld (GER), 20-21 May - successfully organized by Krefelder Rowing Club with support from the German Rowing Federation. Participation was good although did not exceed the figures of Trakai. It was first time an international event had been organised at this venue.
  - European Rowing Championships, Racice (CZE), 26-28 May - very well managed by the experienced Organising Committee at the upgraded venue of Racice. Spectators filled the grandstands and created a fantastic atmosphere during final races. The participation of the top athletes delivered truly outstanding performances and focussed media interest.
  - European Rowing U23 Championships, Kruszwica (POL), 2-3 September - organised for the first time, following the decision of the European Rowing National Federations in Belgrade 2014. Nearly 400 athletes and 30 nations participated in this event, which exceeded all expectations. The programme included all boat classes from the World Rowing U23 Championships, with some events having straight finals due to less popular participation.
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- Held two National Federation (NF) assemblies.
  - General Assembly of the European Rowing NFs, Racice (CZE), 27 May. The key decisions taken were:
    - 2019 ERJCH hosting rights attributed to Essen (GER)
    - 2019 ERU23CH attributed to Ioanina (GRE)
    - European Rowing Indoor Championships 2018 attributed to Amsterdam (NED); 2019 attributed Copenhagen (DEN)
    - Annamarie Phelps (GBR) elected as a member of the European Rowing Management Board (ERMB).
  - ERMB meeting was held in Warsaw (POL), 27-28 October, to prepare for the Extraordinary General Assembly following the decisions regarding Rule 36 at the FISA Congress, Sarasota, and to give consideration to the new FISA Article 18. The ERMB prepared a proposal for a revised Statutes and Rules to be presented to the Extraordinary General Assembly.
  - Extraordinary General Assembly, London (GBR), 7 December. The key decisions taken and outcomes were:
    - The Assembly agreed to the changes to the Constitution, as proposed by the ERMB, to separate the Statutes and Rules.
    - The NFs supported the establishment of a new entity that would be a European Rowing Confederation, to be recognised under Art.18 of the FISA Statutes.
    - The delegates recognised the good cooperation with FISA in delivering Championship events and wished to ensure any new entity continues to be of mutual benefit to both European NFs and to FISA.

- A new gender equal racing programme was agreed for all events and including para-rowing at the European Championships from 2020.
- At the JCM held in London (GBR) on 9-10 December, the ERMB met with several commissions for discussions including the feasibility of an additional rowing event for Coastal rowing, the rowing calendar and support for the development of rowing across all European Federations.
- ERMB meetings in 2017 - Joint Commission Meetings in London (GBR), March and December; Krefeld (GER), May; Racice (CZE), May; Kruszwica (POL) September; Warsaw (POL), October; Extraordinary General Assembly, London (GBR), December.

### Focus for 2018

- European Championships - deliver a successful event as part of the inaugural, multi-sport *European Championships*, Glasgow 2018.
- European Rowing confederation - run a successful consultation period to agree objectives and structure for a transition to a new European Rowing confederation.
- FISA Statutes, Article 18 - establish a new European confederation which is recognised under Art.18 of the FISA Statutes alongside a co-operation agreement with FISA to promote and safeguard the future of established European events.
- Coastal rowing - work with the Rowing for All Commission to explore the feasibility of staging a future European Coastal Championships.
- 2018 European events - ensure successful delivery of the Senior, Junior, U23 and Indoor European Championships.
- Future events - identify organisers for future European events
- Development - develop a strategy to support and monitor the development of European Federations to be active and sustainable across all areas, in line with FISA's Strategic Plan.

### Summary

The European Championships continue to provide excellent opportunities for elite level competition at a continental level. The media and broadcast coverage of the European Championships continues to be strong and is broadcast across regions outside Europe. The European Federations continue to be willing to lead change and increase diversity across the world rowing calendar.

### 2017 Membership of the ERMB

Ryszard Stadniuk (POL), Chairman  
Dag Danzglock (GER), *until May 27*  
Nebojsa Jevremovic (SRB)  
Algirdas Raslanas (LTU)  
Patrick Rombaut (BEL)  
Eva Szanto (HUN)  
Roland Weill (FRA)  
Annamarie Phelps (GBR), *from May 27*