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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Rowing events
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Circular No. 6 of 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. Programme of the 2017 World Rowing Championships

The Finals A and B of the Women's Four (W4-) will be moved from Friday to Saturday because of interest from the Television Rights Holders, following the addition of the W4- to the Olympic programme. To adjust for this change, the dates of heats, reps and semis for all Women's Sweep Rowing boats will be modified depending on the number of entries following the entry deadline of 8 September 2017.

An updated provisional schedule can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2017-world-rowing-championships/event-information>

2. 2017 FISA Ordinary Congress - Additional Items

a. FISA Council Recommendations on Rule 36

The principles and main considerations of the World Championship Programme and recommendations of the FISA Council for Rule 36 are presented in the analysis document at this link:

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

b. FISA Council Analysis of the 2020 World Rowing Senior, Under 23 and Junior Championship Bids

The analysis of the three bids received for the 2020 Championships – Bled (SLO), Plovdiv (BUL) and Poznan (POL) - and the recommendation of the Council are presented in the analysis document at this link:

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

c. FISA Council Analysis of the 2021 World Rowing Championship Bid

A bid has been received for the 2021 World Rowing Championships from Shanghai (CHN). Item 14b of the Congress Agenda Papers indicates that the 2021 World Rowing Championships would be attributed directly by the Council because no bids were received by the final bid deadline. 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 analysis of the bid and the recommendation of the Council are found in the analysis document at this link:

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

**3. 2017 National Federations Conference 1 – Additional Item
(immediately following the Congress)**

The first National Federations Conference of 2017 will take place on 2 October 2017 immediately following the FISA Congress and will end by 13:30hrs. It will be devoted to continuing discussions related to the 2017 Review Projects including the 2020 Olympic Qualification System, Lightweight Rowing and Para Rowing. Also included is a proposal on “Strategic Framework for Event Attribution” and “Towards a more Independent Anti-Doping function in FISA”.

a. Latest Draft of the Principles of the 2020 Olympic Qualification System for Rowing and Allocation of Quota

The latest draft of the principles and main considerations of the 2020 Olympic Qualification System, which has been prepared by the FISA Council, is presented in an analysis document (see link below).

Discussion documents for this NF Conference can be found at this link:

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

4. FISA Anti-Doping Committee

In accordance with Bye-Law to Rule 100, paragraph 5.2.2.2, the FISA Executive Committee has appointed the FISA Anti-Doping Committee at its recent meeting. The Committee members are:

Dr. Juergen Steinacker (GER), Chair

Dr. Michael Wilkinson (CAN), Member

Dr. Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (GER), Member

Matt Smith, Executive Director (SUI/USA), Member

5. Team Doctors and Medical Staff Meeting at the World Championships

The Meeting will take place on Thursday, 28 September 2017 at 14:00hrs (after racing) in the Team Managers Meeting room. All registered team doctors and medical personnel are invited to attend. The meeting will cover current medical issues and the working program of the Sports Medicine Commission. There will be time for some short (5-10 min) presentations from team doctors or sports scientists. If you are interested in making a presentation, please contact FISA Sports Medicine Commission Chair Jürgen Steinacker (Juergen.steinacker@uni-ulm.de). The detailed program will be presented at the Championships.

We would like to remind you that Team Doctors seeking accreditation must first be registered and confirmed in the database:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/athletes/medical-and-antidoping/team-doctor-registration> Once FISA receives the submission, member federations are then asked to confirm their doctor's details.

6. 2017 World Rowing Coaches Conference

Please make a note in your agendas for the 2017 World Rowing Coaches Conference that will be held at the Park Inn Heathrow Hotel in London, Great Britain from Wednesday, 6 to Friday, 8 December 2017. The World Rowing Awards Dinner will take place on the evening of Friday, 8 December 2017. The detailed schedule will be published shortly along with details on registration.

7. 2017 Para Rowing Conference

Para Rowing coaches, team leaders and interested persons are welcome to attend this conference that will be held at the Park Inn Heathrow Hotel in London, Great Britain on Saturday, 9 December 2017. Key topics of discussion will include the evolution of equipment (boat, straps, seat, etc.), the boat classes, and the 2'000m race distance, among others. The detailed schedule will be published shortly along with details on registration.

8. 2017 National Federations Conference 2

NF Presidents and Secretaries General, please make a note in your agendas for the second 2017 National Federations Conference that will be held at the Park Inn Heathrow Hotel in London, Great Britain on Friday, 8 December 2017. The detailed schedule will be published shortly along with details on registration.

9. Joint Commissions Meeting and Organising Committee meetings

It should be noted, for the relevant persons, that the annual FISA Joint Commissions Meeting for FISA Commissions will take place from Saturday, 9 to Sunday, 10 December 2017. Meetings with the 2018 World Rowing Event Organising Committees will take place on Friday, 8 December 2017.

Yours sincerely,



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President



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