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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
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Circular No. 2 of 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. Results of the 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress

The Extraordinary Congress has held from 10 to 11 February 2017 in Tokyo, Japan. In attendance were 108 delegates from 63 member federations with a total of 161 votes possible.

a. Summaries of the Voting

The voting of the Extraordinary Congress has been summarised on the documents entitled "Summary of Voting on the FISA Statutes" and "Summary of Voting on the FISA Rules of Racing" at this link:

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

b. Final Proof reading of the new Statutes and Rules

The proof-reading, formatting and printing of the new Rule Book is expected to be completed by the end of March. The near final, three column versions of the statutes, rules and appendices can be found using this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/rule-book>
The printed versions should be available by end of April.

c. New FISA Member

The Congress approved the application for FISA membership from the American Samoa Rowing Federation, which becomes the 151st member of FISA.



d. Recommended Olympic Event Programme

In accordance with the new wording of Rule 37, the delegates voted on two proposed Olympic event programmes, both of which would create gender equality, to determine which one would be presented by FISA to the IOC for their decision in July. The FISA Executive Committee has therefore submitted to the IOC, the programme that achieved the majority of votes at Congress: the addition of the Women's Four (W4-) to replace the Lightweight Men's Four (LM4-).

2. Council Decisions

The Council met just after the close of the Extraordinary Congress to decide on the appointments of the Continental Representatives. As Article 18 was changed to create five continents, a reduction from the previous six continents, there will be one less Continental Representative on the FISA Council. The Council therefore appointed the following individuals to complete the new two-year term, which runs until 31 December 2018:

Africa – Khaled Zain El Din (EGY)
Asia – Liu Aijie (CHN)
Europe – Ryszard Stadniuk (POL)
Oceania – Lee Spear (NZL)
The Americas – Jose Quinones (PER)

The Council expressed its great appreciation for all the work carried out by Eduardo Palomo over 15 years in his role as the Continental Representative for North and Central America.

3. Four Major Consultation Projects of 2017

An outcome from the FISA Extraordinary Congress in Tokyo was the creation of four consultation projects over the year 2017 leading to the 2017 FISA Ordinary Congress on 2 October 2017. They are:

1. World Championship Event Programmes (Rule 36)
2. 2020 Olympic Qualification System
3. Future Development of Lightweight Rowing
4. Future Development of Para-Rowing

The documentation on projects and timelines will be available from 1 April and a link to the website will be provided then.

National Federations are invited to participate in a series of consultative meetings at the 2017 World Rowing events where the latest updates of each review project will be presented and suggestions are requested. The dates and locations of NF Consultative Meetings are the following:

- World Rowing Cup I, Belgrade – Friday 5 May, 18h00 – 19h30
- European Rowing Championships, Racice – Saturday 27 May, after the European Nations General Assembly at 16h00
- World Rowing Cup II, Poznan - Friday 16 June, 18h00 – 19h30
- World Rowing Cup III, Lucerne – Friday 7 July, 18h00 – 19h30
- World Rowing Under 23 Championships, Plovdiv – Saturday 22 July, 14h00 – 15h30
- World Rowing Junior Championships, Trakai – Saturday 5 August, 14h00 – 15h30

4. Casual Vacancies in Commissions

Member Federations are advised that the following Commissions seek candidates to fill casual vacancies:

- Athletes: Open Men (1), Lightweight Men (1)
- Competitive Rowing: (2)
- Events: (1)
- Para-Rowing (1)
- Rowing for All: Indoor Rowing (1)
- Sports Medicine: (1)

Member Federations are asked to propose names of candidates who could positively contribute to the work of the commission and should send a letter of nomination and a completed **Commission Member Nomination Form** for each candidate. The completed nomination forms should be received **by 15 April 2017**. Member Federations nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member. Commission Member Nomination Forms are found at this link:

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

5. 2017 Provisional World Rowing Event Programmes

Following consultations with National Federations, organising committees and television broadcasters, the 2017 Provisional World Rowing Event Programmes are now finalised. The heats, repechage and semi-final schedules are all, of course, subject to entries whereas the times of the finals are confirmed for the following events:.

1. World Rowing Cup I, Belgrade
2. European Rowing Championships, Racice
3. World Rowing Cup 2, Poznan
4. World Rowing Cup 3, Lucerne
5. World Rowing Under 23 Championships, Plovdiv
6. World Rowing Junior Championships, Trakai
7. World Rowing Championships, Sarasota/Bradenton

These regatta programmes can be found at this link:

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

6. New Rower's Commitment Form

The Rower's Commitment form has been updated following the 2017 Extraordinary Congress. According to Rule 23, rowers may only compete at World Rowing Championship and World Rowing Cup regattas if they have submitted a signed commitment form, therefore the new commitment form must be signed by any athlete that wishes to participate in a World Rowing event in 2017. The updated form is available for download at the following link:

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

In order to assist our office staff and to save time at the events, we encourage national federations to distribute the form to athletes for signature prior to the event. Signed forms should be scanned and uploaded to the database when making the entries for a regatta, and the hard copies delivered to the FISA office at the event. Blank copies of the forms will also be available at the FISA office.

7. 2017 World Rowing Events Information Bulletin

This Bulletin can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/2017-event-bulletins>

Please refer to this for all information on entries and scheduling.

8. 2017 Seminars and Exams for International Umpires

The FISA Umpiring Commission will be conducting seminars, examinations and clinics during the year 2017. This listing is available at the Umpiring Noticeboard at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/umpiring>

Any federation wishing to submit candidates for the examinations or the names of umpires who wish to attend a seminar are invited to advise FISA Headquarters (info@fisa.org) no later than **one month before the date of the seminar or exam**. The exact location of the meetings will be available at the regatta venues.

Please note that the Umpiring Commission will be staging Rules Update Clinics during 2017 and attendance at one of these clinics is a requirement for potential international jury members for 2018 FISA events. Please refer to the explanatory document found in the umpiring section.

9. Bidding for the 2020 Combined World Rowing Championships

The World Rowing Senior, Under 23 and Junior Championships regatta will take place in an Olympic year, shortly after the Olympic Games. It is a combination of the World Rowing Junior Championships, World Rowing Under 23 Championships and the Senior events that are not raced at the Olympic Games. The first time the combined event took place was in 2016 in Rotterdam, NED, with nearly 2,000 athletes from 70 countries. It is an eight day event with four training days prior to the start of racing. The event dates in 2020 will be 16 to 25 August 2020.

For an event of this size and based on the Rotterdam 2016 experience, it is essential that the host city, venue and organising committee are able to support the following considerations:

- Accommodation: A minimum 3'200 beds should be available for teams, officials, media and service providers at hotels no more than 30 minutes' drive from the venue.
- On water: Warm up and cool down areas should be separate from the racing lanes.
- Boat park: Boat rack space for at least 700 boats as well as team tents and boat builder tents
- OC experience: The organising committee should have previous experience staging large events.

Member federations interested in bidding for the above event should indicate their interest to bid in writing to FISA. Expressions of interest should be sent on the letterhead of the member federation to Matt Smith at matt.smith@fisa.org by 31 March 2017.

10. 2020 World University Rowing Championships Bids

Every two years the International University Sport Federation (FISU) organises World University Championships for 25 key sports, including rowing. The bidding process for hosting FISU 2020 World University Championship events has now been launched, and is open for applications from any FISU Member Association.

Member Federations interested in hosting the FISU World University Championships for rowing in 2020 should contact their national university sports federation to coordinate the process. Bids must be received by FISU by 29 September 2017. This link to FISU has more information:

<http://www.fisu.net/news/world-university-championships/fisu-announces-call-for-candidatures-for-2020-wuc-season>

11. Long term planning calendar – 2017 to 2020

The dates for the 2020 regatta season have now been confirmed. The 2017 – 2020 FISA Long Term Planning Calendar is now online at <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/>

12. Member Federation Details

We kindly ask that each Member Federation check their details presented on the website and inform us of any incorrect information. Please refer to this section of the website: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/national-federations/>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments