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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
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Circular No. 6 of 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

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1. Documents for the 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress in Tokyo, JPN

- a. General Information - Notice is hereby repeated that the 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress will be held from the 9 to 12 February 2017 in Tokyo, Japan.

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<http://www.princehotels.com/en/shinagawa>

The Congress sessions will take place on 10 and 11 February and will consider amendments to the Statutes, Rules of Racing and related Bye-Laws and Regulations. The Agenda is found on the website.

Congress Registration: Delegates are requested to complete the online registration form including accommodation requirements and flight arrival/departure information on the organising committee's website at <http://fisa2017-tokyo.org>

The OC Congress registration deadline is 29 December 2016.

FISA Delegates' attendance form: Member Federations are reminded to announce their delegates' names in writing (using the attendance form on the website) to FISA before **29 December 2016**. Please note that there will be an administrative charge for late registration.

- b. **National Federation Proposals** - Proposals for any amendments to the Statutes and Rules as well as suggestions for changes to the Bye-Laws from member National Federations have been submitted by the **9 November 2016** deadline and were carefully considered by the FISA Council at its meeting on 11 to 13 November 2016. The NF proposals are found at this link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>
- c. **Proposals for Changes to Statutes and Rules** – After a two-year process involving the member federations at NF Conferences, the FISA Council presents proposed changes to the Statutes and Rules in order to place FISA in alignment with current norms related to good governance, transparency and the IOC's Agenda 2020.
- Proposed Changes to the FISA Statutes
 - Proposed Changes to the Bye-Laws related to the FISA Statutes
 - Proposed Changes to the FISA Rules of Racing
 - Proposed Changes to the Bye-Laws related to the Rules of Racing and Event Regulations
- d. **Additional topics for decision** (Agenda point 5):
- Membership request from American Samoa
 - Tokyo 2020 Olympic event programme
 - a. Proposal from the FISA Council
 - b. Proposal from AUS, CAN, CHN, DEN, SUI
- e. **Additional topics for discussion:**
- 2020 Olympic Qualification System
 - 2020 International Event Calendar
 - Future FISA World Championship programmes (Rule 36)

All this information can be found at this link:

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

If a delegate would like to receive a printed copy of the Congress documents by post, ahead of arrival in Tokyo, please contact the FISA office at lucy.trochet@fisa.org

2. Voting Entitlements for the period 2017 to 2020

In accordance with Article 35 of the FISA Statutes, the voting entitlements at FISA Congresses are hereby announced for the period 2017 to 2020. If there are any questions or comments about this calculation, please contact the FISA office.

3. Decisions of the FISA Council Meeting, 11 to 13 November 2016

This Council meeting was fully dedicated to the comprehensive review of all Statutes, Rules and related Bye-Laws but also included the following decisions:

- a. Co-opted Members for 2017 to 2018 - The FISA Council appointed the following individuals for a two-year term:
 - Gerritjan Eggenkamp (NED)
 - Masakuni Hosobuchi (JPN)
- b. Continental Representatives – As there are proposed changes to the Statutes (Art. 41) affecting these positions, the FISA Council voted to extend the current term of the Continental Representatives until 11 February 2017 when the decision of the Extraordinary Congress is known. Then the Council will make the new appointments at that point.
- c. Casual Vacancies in Commissions
Due to changed circumstances, the FISA Council voted to replace Paul Blacketter with Meredith Scerba (USA), the Executive Director of the 2017 World Rowing Championships, in this position on the Events Promotion Commission until the end of the term on 31 December 2018.

4. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Rowing and Canoe/Kayak Sprint Venue

FISA is pleased to announce that the Sea Forest Water Sports Centre has been confirmed as the venue for rowing and canoe/kayak sprint at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

5. Anti-Doping Information

- a. 2015 Anti-Doping Testing Information – WADA has released their annual complete summary of all testing which is available at this link:
<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/laboratories/anti-doping-testing-figures>
- b. Changes to the WADA Prohibited Substances and Methods list for 2017 – The changes to the list have been announced and are available at this link:
<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/science-medicine/prohibited-list>

6. 2016 World Rowing Coaches Conference in January 2017

The 2016 World Rowing Coaches Conference will take place in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from 26 to 29 January 2017. The conference will feature Juergen Groebler, head coach of the GB team, Jutta Lau, coach of the Chinese women and Nikola Bralic, coach of the Croatian team, among others as well as the World Rowing Awards presentations.

Complete information is available at this link: <https://event-wizard.com/WorldRowingRCA2017/0/welcome/>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments