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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress in Tokyo, JPN

Notice is hereby given that the 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress will be held from the 9 to 12 February 2017 in Tokyo, Japan.

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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.

Proposals for any such amendments from member National Federations should be sent and reach FISA no later than **9 November 2016**. All proposals and justifications for the proposals should be written in one of the two official languages of FISA, French or English.



Registration:

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

The provisional programme for the Congress is attached. Full registration and hotel booking information is available on the website of the organising committee at <http://fisa2017-tokyo.org>

2. 2016 FISA Ordinary Congress in Rotterdam, NED

This Congress took place on Monday, 29 August 2016 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The main decisions are summarised as follows:

• **Elections**

The results of the election for the Chair of the FISA Sports Medicine Commission was:

- Dr. Juergen Steinacker (GER) was elected to complete the term of Dr. Alain Lacoste (FRA) who will finish his mandate at the end of 2016 due to the age rule. Dr. Steinacker will complete the term of Dr. Lacoste on 31 Dec 2019.

- The delegates approved the applications for FISA membership of the following new national rowing federations:
 - Fiji
 - Nepal

This raises FISA's total membership to 150 national rowing federations.

- The **2017 Ordinary Congress** will take place on Monday, 2 October 2017 in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida, USA.

3. NF Conference in Rotterdam, NED

The Council would like to thank the delegates who participated in the Monday afternoon NF Conference held in Rotterdam. This conference addressed three themes: (1) Possible changes to the FISA Statutes, (2) Possible changes to the FISA Rules and Regulations and (3) Proposed changes to Rule 37 and the Olympic Event Programme. The PowerPoint presentations from this NF Conference can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/conference>

This conference was part of the on-going process leading to the decisions for the future of the sport of Rowing to be adopted at the FISA 2017 Extraordinary Congress to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 9 to 12 February 2017.

4. Events Attributed by the Council announced in Rotterdam, NED

The FISA Council has attributed the hosting rights to the following events:

- **2017 World Rowing Tour**
 - Genova, ITA
- **2019 World Rowing Masters Regatta**
 - Lake Valence, HUN

5. Comments on this year's World Rowing events

The FISA Council would like to express its congratulations and thanks to the organisers of the main events of 2016.

The season started with the first World Rowing Cup that took place in Varese, Italy. Thanks go to the organising committee led by Luigi Manzo and Catriona Cameron. World Rowing Cup II and the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta was well organised in Lucerne thanks to OC President Andreas Bucher, Regatta Director Christian Stofer and their team. Lucerne unveiled a beautiful new boathouse and related facilities that will certainly serve the world of rowing for many years to come. World Rowing Cup III was a success as well in Poznan, Poland thanks to the organising committee led by Aleksander Daniel.

The Rio2016 Olympic and Paralympic regattas went extremely well in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Olympic regatta suffered from some very difficult weather conditions but ended well. Thanks to the organising committee lead by Rio2016 Executive Director for Sport Agberto Guimaraes, Sport Director Rodrigo Garcia and Rowing Competition Manager Colleen Orsmond.

The World Rowing Senior, Under 23 and Junior Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands, were exceptionally well organised by the team lead by OC President Lex Grootenhuis in close cooperation with the Royal Dutch Rowing Federation on the new Willem-Alexander Regatta Course. This was a massive event with nearly 2'000 athletes in three different categories.

As well, the World Rowing Masters Regatta was also a success in Copenhagen, Denmark, under the direction of the Copenhagen Regatta Association and the Danish Rowing Federation. We look forward to the 2016 World Rowing Coastal Championships in Monaco from 20 to 23 October 2016.

6. Nominations for 2017 World Rowing Event Juries

National Federations are now invited to nominate umpires to serve on the juries for the 2017 World Rowing events.

National Federations should ensure that any umpire nominated is definitely able to attend the event concerned. FISA provides a small travel subsidy for all of the above mentioned events with the exception of the national umpires at World Cup regattas.

The deadline for nominations with complete contact information for the nominated umpire (including email address) to be received is **15 November 2016**. Please use the attached Jury Nomination form. Please note that the jury selection process for the Youth Olympic Qualification regattas in 2017 will be communicated later.

7. 2016 World Rowing Coaches Conference

This year's Coaches Conference will take place in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from 26 to 29 January 2017. Complete information will follow shortly.

8. World Rowing Event Calendars for 2017, 2018 and 2019

2017

5-7 May	World Rowing Cup I – Belgrade, SRB
16-18 June	World Rowing Cup II – Poznan, POL
7-9 July	World Rowing Cup III – Lucerne, SUI
19- 23 July	World Rowing Under 23 Championships – Plovdiv, BUL
2-6 August	World Rowing Junior Championships – Trakai, LTU
7-10 Sept	World Rowing Masters Regatta – Bled, SLO
24 Sept – 1 Oct	World Rowing Championships - Sarasota-Bradenton, USA
13-15 Oct	World Rowing Coastal Championships - Thonon, FRA

2018

1-3 June	World Rowing Cup I – Belgrade, SRB
22-14 June	World Rowing Cup II – Linz-Ottensheim, AUT
13-15 July	World Rowing Cup III – Lucerne, SUI
25-29 July	World Rowing Under 23 Championships – Poznan, POL
8-12 August	World Rowing Junior Championships – Racice, CZE
9-16 Sept	World Rowing Championships – Plovdiv, BUL
13-16 Sept	World Rowing Masters Regatta – Sarasota-Bradenton, USA
TBD	World Rowing Coastal Championships

2019

7-11 Aug	World Rowing Junior Championships – Tokyo, JPN
25 Aug – 1 Sept	World Rowing Championships – Linz-Ottensheim, AUT
12-15 Sept	World Rowing Masters Regatta – Lake Valence, HUN

9. 2019-2022 World Rowing event bidding process

FISA has launched the 2019-2022 bidding process for future World Rowing events. These events include:

2019

- World Rowing Cups I, II & III
- World Rowing Under 23 Championships

2020

- World Rowing Cups I, II & III
- World Rowing Senior & Junior Championships
- World Rowing Under 23 Championships
- World Rowing Masters Regatta

2021

- World Rowing Championships

2022

- World Rowing Championships

The **World Rowing Cups series** include three regattas spread throughout the season. They are designed to act as a lead-up to the World Rowing Championships. They regularly attracted 40-50 nations and are raced over three days.

The **World Rowing Championship regatta** is the most prestigious rowing regatta of the season. It attracts over 1,200 athletes from about 70 countries and also attracts a large spectator turnout and a wide global television audience.

One of FISA's fastest-growing events is the **World Rowing Under 23 Championships**. This event acts as a stepping stone for athletes under 23 years of age to move to the elite ranks of rowing. The under-23 championship regatta draws over 800 athletes from more than 50 nations.

The **World Rowing Senior and Junior Championship** regatta takes place in an Olympic year. It is a combination of the usual junior championships with the senior events that are not raced at the Olympic Games. The Council is currently seeking comments and opinions from NFs on whether to combine this with the Under 23 Championships and this will be decided by February 2017.

The **World Rowing Masters Regatta** is the largest World Rowing event with a four-day concentrated programme of over 400 individual races. It typically attracts over 3,000 masters competitors (age 27+) from over 40 countries, and is treated like a sporting holiday.

FISA, has also launched the bid process for future **European Rowing** events. These events include:

2019

- European Rowing Under 23 Championships
- European Rowing Junior Championships

2020

- European Rowing Championships

The **European Rowing Championship** regatta is the oldest FISA event dating back to 1893. It ended in 1973 but was re-started in 2007. Since the placement at the front of the season in 2013, it has become very popular with 36 countries and nearly 700 competitors, and attracts significant television interest (60 TV channels in nearly 30 countries). The **European Rowing Junior Championship regatta** is now in its fifth year and attracts more than 25 countries and over 450 participants. The **European Rowing Under 23 Championship regatta** is a new event that will start in 2017.

These events will be attributed at the 2017 European National Rowing Federations General Assembly on 27 May 2017 in Racice, CZE.

National Rowing Federations are invited to request the Bidding Information Sheet related to the event(s) for which they might be interested in hosting. These sheets may be requested from Nathalie Phillips on email: nathalie.phillips@fisa.org

For any questions regarding bidding, please contact Nathalie Phillips at nathalie.phillips@fisa.org or telephone +41 21 612 8373.

10. 2017 International Regatta Calendar and 2018 Provisional International Regatta Calendar

Applications for the inclusion of regattas in the above mentioned calendars must be received at FISA headquarters **by 31 October 2016**. Application forms are now on-line and found at this link:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.eu/forms/2017-fisa-international-regatta-calendar/>

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.eu/forms/2018-fisa-int-regatta-calendar-provisional/>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments