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Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. 2015 FISA Ordinary Congress in Chambéry

This Congress took place on Monday, 7 September 2015 in Chambéry, France. The main decisions are summarised as follows:

• **Elections**

The results of the elections for the FISA Council are the following:

- Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (GER) was re-elected as Chair of the Athletes Commission;
- Paul Fuchs (USA) was re-elected as Chair of the Equipment and Technology Commission
- Guin Batten (GBR) was re-elected as Chair of the Rowing for All Commission
- Dr. Alain Lacoste (FRA) was re-elected as Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission
- Algirdas Raslanas (LTU) was re-elected as Chair of the Youth Rowing Commission

The above mentioned start their new mandates on 1 January 2016.

As Dr. Lacoste will finish his mandate at the end of 2016, due to the age rule, an election will be held for a successor to complete the term until to 31 Dec 2019 at the 2016 FISA Ordinary Congress in Rotterdam.

- Patrick Rombaut (BEL), Chair of the Umpiring Commission was confirmed by the delegates to complete the term caused by the casual vacancy on the Executive Committee. The term runs to 31 December 2017.
- The delegates approved the applications for FISA membership of the following new national rowing federations:
 - Djibouti Rowing and Canoe Federation
 - Haitian Rowing Federation
 - Luxembourg Rowing Federation
 - Malawi Rowing Federation
 - Malta Rowing Federation
 - Trinidad and Tobago Rowing Federation

This raises FISA's total membership to 148 national rowing federations.

- The **2019 World Rowing Championships** were attributed to the Austrian Rowing Federation and the venue at Linz/Ottensheim, Austria. The Linz/Ottensheim bid won over the bid from Hamburg, Germany.
- The delegates gave the FISA Council the authority to discuss directly with potential organisers and conclude agreements for the following events:
 - 2017 World Rowing Junior Championships
 - 2018 World Rowing Junior Championships
 - 2018 World Rowing Under 23 Championships
 - 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress
- The **2016 Ordinary Congress** will take place on Monday, 29 August 2016 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

2. FISA Council Decisions

The Council has decided to set the dates for the 2018 World Rowing Championships as 9 to 16 September 2018. This was a request from the Plovdiv Organising Committee as well as a modification to the International Calendar.

FISA is pleased to announce that it has accepted the invitation to be a core sport of the first European Sports Championships in 2018. This is a new initiative that will combine the European Championships in Athletics, Swimming, Cycling, Triathlon, Golf and Rowing at the same time of the year as the Olympic Games. The racing programmes of the sports will be carefully coordinated to attract the largest possible television audience in this key period. The date offered for the rowing competition will be 3 to 5 August 2018 and it will take place at Strathclyde Park in Glasgow, Scotland, Great Britain.

The Council would like to thank the delegates who participated in the Monday afternoon NF Conference held in Chambéry. This conference addressed three themes: (1) Principles of a Rowing Event Programme, (2) Possible changes to the FISA Statutes, and (3) Possible changes to the FISA Rules and Regulations. This conference is 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. The next conferences will be held in London on 6 March 2016 and in Rotterdam on 29 August 2016.

3. Events Attributed by the Council announced in Chambery

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

2016 World Rowing Coastal Championships Monaco (MON)	21 to 23 October 2016
2017 World Rowing Cups 1st: Belgrade, SRB 2nd: (in process) 3rd: Lucerne, SUI	5 to 7 May 2017 16 to 18 June 2017 7 to 9 July 2017
2017 World Rowing Coastal Championships Thonon, FRA (Lake Geneva)	13 to 15 October 2017
2017 World Rowing Tour Austrian Federation	TBA
2018 World Rowing Cups 1st: Belgrade, SRB 2nd: Linz / Ottensheim, AUT 3rd: Lucerne, SUI	1 to 3 June 2018 22 to 24 June 2018 13 to 15 July 2018
2018 World Rowing Masters Regatta Sarasota/Bradenton, USA	TBA

4. Comments on this year's FISA events

The FISA Council would like to express its congratulations and thanks to the organisers of the main events of 2015.

The season started with the first World Rowing Cup that took place in Bled, Slovenia. Thanks go to the organising committee led by NF President Jost Dolnicar and co-Executive Directors Jernej Slivnik and Tim Farcnik.

The European Rowing Championships in Poznan were a success thanks to the good work of Aleksander Daniel and his team of the Poznan Regatta Association. The European Rowing Junior Championships were successful in Racice with NF President Dusan Machacek leading the organising committee.

World Rowing Cup 2 was well organised in Varese in nearly perfect conditions by Luigi Manzo and Catriona Cameron. World Rowing Cup 3 in Lucerne was again a success thanks to OC President Andreas Bucher, Regatta Director Christian Stofer and their team.

The World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Plovdiv went very well thanks to the organising committee led by the Mayor of Plovdiv Ivan Totev, Chairman of the Regatta Ivan Popov and NF President Emil Matev.

The World Rowing Junior Championships were well organised in Rio de Janeiro and served as the test event for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games thanks to the organising committee lead by Rio2016 Sport Director Rodrigo Garcia and Rowing Competition Manager Colleen Orsmond.

The World Rowing Championships in Aiguebelette were exceptionally well organised by the team lead by the two Co-Presidents of the OC Hervé Gaymard (President of the Savoy Department Council) and Jean-Jacques Mulot (French NF President), Chairman of the Executive Committee Remy Charmetant and General Manager of the OC Joelle Rizzon.

5. Nominations for 2016 World Rowing Event Juries

As announced on 18 August, National Federations have been invited to nominate umpires to serve on the juries for the 2016 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 Olympic and Paralympic Games (where flights are booked centrally),
- the FISU World University Rowing Championships (costs are handled by the National University Sports Association)

The deadline for nominations with complete contact information for the nominated umpire (including email address) to be received at FISA headquarters is **10 October 2015**. Please use the attached form.

Please note that the jury for the Latin American Olympic Qualification regatta in Valparaiso, Chile was selected in 2015 but the event has been moved to 2016.

6. 2015 World Rowing Coaches Conference

This year's Coaches Conference will take place in Sarasota/Bradenton, Florida, USA from 19 to 22 November 2015. It will include a tour of Nathan Benderson Park, the venue of the 2017 World Rowing Championships.

Featured speakers include: Kate Burks, IMG; Elizabeth Fusco, US Rowing Nutritionist; LaNise Rosemond, Tennessee Tech University; Dr. Juergen Steinacher, FISA Sports Medicine Commission; Wayne Diesel, Miami Dolphins NFL team; Bryan Volpenhein, USRowing Coach; Nick Clarke, Canadian Rowing Physiologist; Wyc Grousbeck, Boston Celtics NBA Team and Jean-Christophe Rolland, FISA President.

As usual, it will include the World Rowing Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony where the coach, male rower(s), female rower(s), para- rower(s) of the year and the distinguished service award will be presented.

Please visit www.2015FISACoachesConference.com for complete information.

7. 2016 National Federations' Conference

The Council is pleased to announce that a National Federations' Conference will take place on Sunday, 6 March 2016 in London, Great Britain. This conference will be an interactive session to review and develop rowing's strategic direction, including changes resulting from the IOC's Agenda 2020 project.

The conference will start at 08:30 hrs and end at 17:00 hrs on that Sunday. More details will follow but please mark this in your agendas.

8. 2015/2016 World Rowing event bidding process

FISA has launched the 2015/2016 bidding process for 2018 and 2019 World Rowing events. These events include:

2018

World Rowing Coastal Championships

2019

World Rowing Under 23 Championships

World Rowing Coastal Championships

World Rowing Masters Regatta

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 Coastal Championships** is another fast-growing event that takes place in coastal towns with the regatta course often starting and ending on the beach. This allows for maximum spectator interaction with the coastal rowers while they tackle the surf and waves. This year's coastal championships are being held in Lima, Peru. Bids are open for the 2018 and 2019 World Rowing Coastal Championships.

The **2019 World Rowing Masters Regatta** is open for bids. This is the largest World Rowing event with a four-day concentrated programme and over 400 individual races. It typically attracts over 3,000 masters competitors (age 27+) from over 40 countries. It is often treated by competitors as a family holiday with local tourist attractions being important features.

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 by email: nathalie.phillips@fisa.org. They detail the timelines associated with each specific bid and list the financial commitments that are required by FISA to respect of the bidding, appointment and staging processes.

The next step for any National Federation that intends to bid for any of the above events, is to indicate its intention to bid in writing to FISA. "Intention to Bid" letters should be sent on the National Federation's letterhead to FISA Executive Director Matt Smith at matt.smith@fisa.org.

Upon FISA's acceptance of a National Federation's Intention to Bid, it will make available the appropriate Bid Documentation so that each candidate may understand the process and associated requirements as well as any applicable costs. FISA will then follow up by arranging individual meetings with each candidate – aimed at assisting understanding and answering any related questions.

The next steps are the submission of the final bids for evaluation by FISA.

The final attribution of the World Rowing U23 Championships will be decided by the delegates at the 2016 FISA Congress following the World Rowing Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The attribution of the other events will be made by the FISA Council and this will be announced at the same Congress.

The 2015/2016 bid process for 2018 and 2019 European Rowing events is also open. These events include:

2018 European Rowing Under 23 Championships
2018 European Rowing Junior Championships

2019 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 competitive with 36 countries and nearly 700 competitors, and attracts significant television interest (60 TV channels in nearly 30 countries). The **European Rowing Junior Championships** are now in their fourth year and attracts more than 25 countries and over 450 participants.

The **European Rowing Under 23 Championships** is a new event that will start in 2017.

These events will be attributed at the 2016 European General Assembly on 7 May 2016 in Brandenburg, GER.

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

9. 2016 Prohibited Substances and Methods List

The World Anti-Doping Agency has just published the 2016 Prohibited Substances and Methods List. It can be found on the FISA Website (Athletes section) or at this link: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/media/news/2015-09/wada-publishes-2016-prohibited-list>

10. 2016 International Regatta Calendar, 2016 Masters International Regatta Calendar and 2017 Provisional International Regatta Calendar

Applications for the inclusion of regattas in the above mentioned calendars must be received at FISA headquarters **by 31 October 2015**. Application forms are found at this link to the website: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-circular>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments