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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. 2015 FISA Annual Ordinary Congress

Notice is given that the 2015 Ordinary Congress of FISA will be held at 09:00 hrs on 7 September 2015 at the Chambéry Congress Centre. Registration will begin at 08:00 hrs.

Centre de Congrès Le Manège
331 rue de la République
73000 Chambéry
France

Please note:

- a. The provisional agenda can be found at this link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-congress>
- b. Any federation wishing to submit an additional agenda item or a specific proposal for inclusion in the Agenda must do so in written form in English and/or French, along with the reasons for the proposal, to be received at FISA Headquarters in Lausanne no later than 15:00 hrs CET on 7 June 2015.
- c. Following the appointment of Patrick Rombaut, Chair of the Umpiring Commission, to fill a casual vacancy on the Executive Committee until the next Congress in accordance with Article 52, there will be an election at this congress. In accordance with Article 48, the Council will propose a candidate for this vote.
- d. The following positions on the Council are due for election at the Congress and nominations are called for those positions:
 - Chair of the Athletes Commission
 - Chair of the Equipment and Technology Commission
 - Chair of the Rowing for All Commission
 - Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission
 - Chair of the Youth Rowing Commission

The National Federations of the candidates for these Council positions are asked to please complete the Nomination Form and return it completed to FISA by 7 June 2015. It can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-congress>

- e. The Congress will attribute the 2019 World Rowing Championships. The deadline for the candidates competing for the honour and responsibility of hosting these championships to submit their final documents is 31 May 2015.

The Council will carefully study the bidding documents and announce its selection of the most suitable candidate(s) by the beginning of July and propose it (them) to the Congress for final approval (in accordance with Rule 6).

- f. Federations are requested to advise FISA of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by using the "Congress Attendance Form". Forms are to be received at FISA headquarters no later than 7 August 2015. The form is found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-congress>

2. National Federation Conferences

a. London – 8 March 2015

Delegates from 55 member federations attended this conference last month. Kit McConnell, IOC Sport Director, was the invited guest who gave an update on the IOC's Agenda 2020. The presentations from this conference are available at this link:

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

b. Lucerne – 11 July 2015

A short meeting will be held on the Saturday morning in Lucerne to discuss the process to be followed in preparing the proposed changes to Statutes and Rules based on the recommendations of the IOC's Agenda 2020. More details will follow.

c. Chambery – 7 September 2015

The afternoon following the FISA Congress will be devoted to continuing discussions related to the FISA Strategic Plan and the IOC's Agenda 2020. This will take place from 14:00 to 17:00 hrs. More information will follow.

3. FISA Council and Executive Committee Appointments (announced previously)

Member of the Executive Committee (to replace John Boulton on 1 Jan 2015): Patrick Rombaut (BEL), Chair of the FISA Umpiring Commission (casual vacancy until the 2015 FISA Congress)

Continental Representative for Oceania (to replace John Coates on 1 Jan 2015): Lee Spear (NZL) (casual vacancy appointment until the term expires on 31 December 2016)

4. FISA Commission appointments (from 1 Jan 2015 until 31 December 2018 or until 31 December of the year in which they turn 65 years)

FISA Competitive Rowing Commission – Chaired by Rosie Mayglothling (GBR)

Morten Espersen (DEN)
Gianni Postiglione (GRE)
Premysl Panuska (CZE)
Faycal Soula (TUN)
Henk-Jan Zwolle (NED)
Alan Cotter (NZL)
Peter Cookson (CAN)
Pascale Bouton (FRA)
Mario Woldt (GER)

FISA Events Commission - Chaired by Mike Tanner (HKG)

Svetla Otzetova (BUL)
John Hedger (GBR)
Eva Szanto (HUN)
Joost de Geus (NED)
Matt Draper (SUI)
Selwyn Jackson (RSA)
Bill Schenck (CAN)
Cameron Allen (AUS)

FISA Masters Commission – Chaired by Tone Pahle (NOR)

Zdena Norkova (CZE)
Daniel Rutenberg (ISR)
Ron Chen (USA)
Sebastian Franke (GER)
Gary Bain (GBR)
Herman Van Velze (RSA)

FISA Para-Rowing Commission – Chaired by Fay Ho (HKG)

Simon Goodey (GBR)
Paola Grizzetti (ITA)
Judy Morrison (USA)
Roberto Nahon (ISR)
Rebecca Thomas Orr (CAN)
Marco Galeone (RSA)
Tara Huntly (AUS)

FISA Umpiring Commission – Chaired by Patrick Rombaut (BEL)

Fabio Bolcic (ITA)
Kris Grudt (USA)
Gabrielle Isenschmid-Weber (SUI)
Takao Senda (JPN)
Stefanie Palfner (GER)
Jerome Mouly (FRA)
Ines Hammami Hafsa (TUN)
Vladimir Meglic (SLO)
Nick Hunter (AUS)

FISA Events Promotion Commission – Chaired by Pat Lambert (BEL)

Irene Eijs – 2014 Amsterdam OC
Perrine Pelen – 2015 Aiguebelette OC
Paul Blacketter – 2017 Sarasota/Bradenton OC
Lyudmil Karasilev – 2018 Plovdiv OC
Masakuni Hosobuchi „Buchi“ – 2020 Tokyo OCOG

(the terms of this commission end on the year after the World Championships/Olympic Games with which they are associated)

Casual Vacancy appointments

Members of the FISA Athletes Commission (to replace James Lindsay-Fynn and Perle Bouge): Lawrence Ndlovu (RSA) to represent Lightweight Men and Moran Samuel (ISR) to represent Para-Rowing (from 1 Jan 2015 until the end of their terms on 31 December 2015).

5. FISA Commission Casual Vacancies

National Federations are advised that the FISA Athletes Commission seeks a lightweight women's candidate and the Rowing for All Commission seeks candidates to fill casual vacancies.

NFs are asked to propose names of candidates who could positively contribute to the work of the commission. An NF should send a letter of nomination from the NF and a completed **Commission Member Nomination Form** for each candidate which must be received **by 31 May 2015**. NFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member. Commission Nomination Forms are found at this link:

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

6. Commission Member Appointments / Re-appointments

National Federations are advised that the following Commissions of FISA are open for appointments / re-appointments for the term 2016 to 2019:

- Athletes
- Equipment and Technology
- Rowing for All
- Sports Medicine
- Youth Rowing

NFs are asked to propose candidates who could positively contribute to these technical commissions. An NF should send a letter of nomination from the NF and a completed **Commission Member Nomination Form** for each candidate, currently on the commission and new nominations, which must be received **by 4 September 2015**. NFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member.

We would like to be clear that existing commission members are not automatically re-appointed and that, if they would like to be considered, their national federation must propose them for a new term.

Commission Nomination Forms are found at this link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

7. 2015 World Rowing Event Juries (previously announced)

The 2015 World Rowing Event Juries have been announced and the listings can be found at this link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/umpiring>

8. 2015 World Rowing Event Programmes

FISA recently announced that, following consultations, the 2015 World Rowing Provisional Event Programmes have been updated. 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. 1st World Rowing Cup in Bled
2. European Rowing Championships in Poznan
3. 2nd World Rowing Cup in Varese
4. 3rd World Rowing Cup in Lucerne
5. World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Plovdiv
6. World Rowing Junior Championships in Rio de Janeiro
7. World Rowing Championships in Aiguebelette

These regatta programmes can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-circular>

9. 2015 World Rowing Events Information Bulletin

This Bulletin can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/2015-event-bulletins>

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

10. FISA Family Grandstand and Presidents' Grandstand Tickets

The FISA Family Grandstand is an area of the grandstand allocated to the families and close friends of the participating rowers, offering them a prime position close to the finish and medal ceremonies at World Championships. Tickets are sold exclusively via the National Rowing Federations. They will be valid for the full period of each Championship regatta.

The Presidents' Grandstand is an area of the grandstand allocated to the leadership and guests of the participating National Federations, offering them a prime position close to the finish and medal ceremonies at World Championships. Each participating National Federation is given **two** free tickets and may purchase up to **four** additional tickets.

These forms for each of the World Championships (Junior, Under 23 and Senior) can be found in the 2015 World Rowing Events Bulletin at the following link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/2015-event-bulletins>

11. 2015 FISA Statute and Rules Bye-Law Changes

The Council has adopted certain changes in Bye-Laws which come into force immediately. Please see the document entitled "2015 FISA Statute and Rule Bye-Law Changes" for these changes.

12. 2015 FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Law Changes

As announced on 18 December 2014, the FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Laws also changed in 2015 due to required changes in the World Anti-Doping Code. We provide a summary of the major changes. Please see the document entitled "Summary of 2015 FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Law Changes".

13. 2015 Seminars and Exams for International Umpires

The FISA Umpiring Commission will be conducting seminars, examinations and clinics during the year 2015. 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 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.

14. Rio 2016 Olympic Regatta Racing Programme

The FISA Council has decided to adjust the 2016 Olympic Regatta programme slightly from that of London. The regatta will have four days of finals, as in London, but will now end with the eights and the singles. This was a strong recommendation from key television rights holders.

15. 2016 Under 23 Championships to be combined with Junior and Senior Championships in Rotterdam

The FISA Council and the Dutch Rowing Federation have reached agreement to stage the 2016 World Rowing Under 23 Championships together with the 2016 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships in Rotterdam. The dates for the event will be 21 to 28 August 2016, following the Olympic Games. These dates were the preferred dates according to a survey of the national federations.

The event will start on the afternoon of Sunday, 21 August 2016 with the Under 23 Championships heats. The Senior Championship heats will start on the afternoon of Monday, 22 August 2016. The Junior Championship heats will start on Wednesday, 24 August 2016. The finals of the Under 23 Championship will take place on Thursday and Friday, 25 and 26 August 2016, the Senior Championships finals will take place on Saturday, 27 August and the Junior Championship finals will all take place on Sunday, 28 August 2016. More information will follow.

16. 2017 World Games

FISA is very pleased to announce that Indoor Rowing is an exhibition sport in the 2017 World Games which will take place in Wroclaw, Poland from 20 to 30 July 2017. A specific qualification document is currently being developed and will be announced shortly. The website is the following: <http://theworldgames2017.com/en/>

17. 2014 FISA Anti-Doping Survey Results

FISA's survey of all anti-doping tests undertaken in rowing in 2014 is presented below. 54 National Federations responded to this year's survey and show a total of 5'158 tests made in the sport of rowing. Those Federations not responding to this survey may be subject to sanctions by the FISA Executive Committee.

	In Competition- (including pre-comp blood tests)	Out of Competition	Total Tests	Anti-doping Rule Violations
FISA/WADA/other international events	276	82	358	2
Reported by Nat Feds	1'409	3'391	4'800	16
Total	1'685	3'473	5'158	18

The detailed results of the 2014 FISA Anti-Doping Survey can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/athletes/medical-and-antidoping/antidoping>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments