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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
National Rowing Magazines
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Circular No. 4 of 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

1. Update on Documents for the 2020 FISA Ordinary Congress
2. Update on Documents for the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress
3. Registration for the Congresses – new deadline: 30 September 2020
4. 2020 Congress Video Presentations and Member Federation Consultation Meetings on the proposed changes to the Statutes and Rules
5. Delegate Responsibilities for the Virtual Congresses & Meetings

1. Update on Documents for the 2020 FISA Ordinary Congress

Member Federations are reminded that the 2020 FISA Ordinary Congress will be held on Friday, 16 October 2020 from 12:00 to 14:00 hrs CEST with registration from 11:30 hrs CEST. This Congress will be held using Zoom webinar and online voting technology.

a. **Agenda Papers** - Please note that the official Agenda Papers can be found at this link:

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

b. **2019 Congress Minutes** - Please also note that the Draft Minutes of the 2019 FISA Ordinary Congress can be found at this same link:

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

MFs are kindly asked to submit any comments or questions in advance of the Congress to 2020congresses@fisa.org

The French versions of the Agenda Papers and Minutes are now published on the website. Veuillez noter que la version française des documents du Congrès ordinaire est publiée sur le site Internet.

c. **2021 to 2024 Four-year Budget** – Due to the difficulties caused by COVID-19 lockdown and the uncertainties caused by COVID-19 pandemic, we need some more time to provide a four-year budget that is supported by appropriate analysis. We aim to provide this budget before the Ordinary Congress with a complete explanation.

2. Update on Documents for the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress

Notice is repeated that the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress will be held on Saturday, 17 and Sunday, 18 October 2020 from 12:00 to 15:00 hrs CEST with registration from 11:30 hrs CEST. This congress will be held using Zoom webinar and online voting technology.

- a. **Proposals for Changes to Statutes and Rules** – The FISA Council has presented the 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.

The following documents were final proposals at 15 August 2020:

- Proposed Changes to the FISA Statutes and Bye-Laws
- Proposed Changes to the FISA Rules of Racing and Bye-Laws

The following documents have been slightly modified over the past month and these changes are noted with yellow. These are presented as proposed Changes to the Appendices related to the FISA Statutes “at 16 September 2020” and Proposed Changes to the Appendices related to the Rules of Racing and Event Regulations “at 16 September 2020”

The above documents, including summary explanatory documents for the main changes to the Statutes and Rules of Racing can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

All this information can be found at this link:

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

3. Registration for the Congresses – new deadline: 30 September 2020

a. Member Federations - Delegates

MFs must advise FISA of the names of their delegates attending the Congresses by completing the “Congress Attendance Form – MF Delegates”. Forms are to be submitted to FISA by 30 September 2020 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/q1tq34xj165s84t/>

b. FISA Recognised Continental Rowing Confederations and Member Groupings – Delegates

FISA Recognised Continental Rowing Confederations and Member Groupings must advise FISA of the names of their delegates attending the Congresses by completing the “Congress Attendance Form – Continental Rowing Confederations & Member Groupings”. Forms are to be submitted to FISA by 30 September 2020 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/q1btzqd41dw4izb/>

c. Observers

Observers are welcome to attend the Congresses and must inform FISA in advance by completing the “Congress Attendance Form - Observers”. Forms are to be submitted to FISA by 30 September 2020 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/q7qd2430yibx8w/>

Please note: *The information submitted in the Congress Attendance Forms will be used to provide access to the Congress webinar and voting platform, as applicable, to registered delegates and observers. Please ensure the information submitted to FISA is accurate.*

d. Virtual Meeting Technology and Test Sessions for registered delegates

FISA plans to use the following technology:

- “Zoom” webinar, with simultaneous interpretation (French/English)
- “Lumi” online voting and meeting platform, accessible via a standard web browser

A test session will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 2020, at 12:00 hrs midday CEST. Registered Congress delegates will receive the access details by email prior to this date. If you have any immediate concerns or questions, please send an email to 2020congresses@fisa.org.

4. 2020 Extraordinary Congress MF Consultation Videos and Meetings on the proposed changes to the Statutes and Rules

A programme of information and consultation sessions are being held for MFs, to explain and discuss the proposed changes to the Statutes and Rules. The sessions will be in English only.

a. Introduction to the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress - context

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yokWC9qf1SM&feature=youtu.be>

b. Statutes

Statutes Part 1, presentation and video has been published

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yokWC9qf1SM&feature=youtu.be>

Statutes Part 2, presentation and video has been published

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWBT_qcDdaA&feature=youtu.be

c. Rules of Racing

Rules Part 1, presentation and video has been published

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5_bXYL9qF0&feature=youtu.be

Rules Part 2, presentation and video to be published on 18 September

MFs to submit comments and questions to FISA by 22 September to 2020congresses@fisa.org

Rules Q&A published by 24 September

MF consultation meeting Friday 25 September – 09:00hrs & 17:00hrs CEST using “Zoom” video-conferencing technology (the registration link for the MF consultation meetings can be found below).

d. Registration of Consultation Meeting Delegates

MFs are requested to advise FISA of the names of their delegates attending the Consultation Meetings by using the “Consultation Meeting Attendance Form”:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/qi3nxqb16g42b3/>

The information submitted in the Consultation Meeting Attendance Forms will be used to provide login details for the online meeting. Please ensure the information on the form is accurate.

It is strongly recommended that those delegates attending the Consultation Meetings are the same delegates who will attend, and vote, at the Congresses.

5. Delegate Responsibilities for the Virtual Congresses & Meetings

Delegates are reminded that they have the following responsibilities with respect to their attendance at the 2020 Congresses and Consultation Meetings:

- To have a stable and strong internet connection
- To use a computer with Chrome web browser (do not use smartphones & tablets)
- To have mic, camera and speakers (if not already built into your computer)
- To be able to access "Zoom" video-conferencing software
- To watch the presentations explaining the changes to the Statutes, Rules, related Bye-Laws and Regulations (published on the World Rowing website on the dates listed above)
- To attend the consultation sessions and understand the proposed changes to the Statutes, Rules, related Bye-Laws and Regulations
- To discuss the proposals with their Board in advance of the Congress voting sessions
- To attend the test session on 14 October 2020
- To ask questions if there is anything that is not clear, with respect to the Congresses. Please email 2020congresses@fisa.org or raise your questions during one of the Consultation Meetings.

The 2020 Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses will be livestreamed and available for viewing via YouTube. A link to the livestream will be posted on the Congress page of the website.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments