

## **ERB 2019 Annual Report**

### **Membership of the ERB**

Ryszard Stadniuk (POL), Chair

Nebojsa Jevremovic (SRB)

Dusan Machacek (CZE)

Annamarie Phelps (GBR)

Algirdas Raslanas (LTU)

Patrick Rombaut (BEL)

Eva Szanto (HUN)

### **Meetings of the ERB**

European Rowing Federation Presidents' Meeting 1-3 March, Amsterdam (NED)

European Rowing Junior Championships, 18-19 May, Essen, (GER)

European Rowing Championships and European Rowing Federations General Assembly, 31 May-2 Jun, Lucerne (SUI)

European Rowing U23 Championships, 7-8 Sept, Ioánnina (GRE)

European Rowing Federations Extra-ordinary General Assembly 1 Sept, Linz (AUT)

Joint Commission Meeting 23-24 November, London (GBR)

### **Report on Activities**

European Rowing Events organised in 2019:

**European Rowing Indoor Championships** This event was held in Copenhagen (DEN) combined with the National Federation's Indoor Rowing Championships. It was a well-attended event and was live-streamed with the support of Concept 2.

#### **European Rowing Junior Championships,**

Essen OC put on a great effort into the staging of the EJRC on Lake Baldeneysee. The championships were excellent with great conditions.

#### **European Rowing Championships**

The Lucerne Organising Committee did a great job in stepping up to a Championships event and engaging the city and its stakeholders and branded the town. The opening ceremony in the centre of the town was innovative and very well attended. Conditions were excellent on the water and the event was broadcast in 42 countries with the total broadcasting time of 85:30 hrs.

#### **European Rowing U23 Championships**

The first European event to be held in Ioannina was organised by the local club with the support of the Greek Rowing Federation and local government. The social media coverage was exceptional.

## **General Assembly**

Under the transitional rules for the new ERC Ryszard Stadniuk was elected as chair for a two year period and Eva Szanto was re-elected to the Board. The General Assembly confirmed the nomination of three member appointed by FISA, Dusan Machacek, Algirdas Raslanas and Patrick Rombaut; and the appointment of Annamarie Phelps as Vice Chair and Eva Szanto as Secretary to the ERB. The General Assembly confirmed willingness to continue to be involved in the multisport European Championships in 2022 and 2026.

## **Extraordinary General Assembly, Linz-Ottensheim**

European Rowing Championship events were attributed as follows:

- European Rowing Championships 2021 to Varese (ITA) and 2023 to Bled (SLO);
- European Rowing Junior Championships 2021 to Munich (GER), 2022 to Sabaudia (ITA), 2023 to Brive-la-Gaillarde (FRA) and 2024 to Minsk (BLR);
- European Rowing Under23 Championships 2022 to Hazewinkel (BEL), 2023 to Rostov on Don (RUS) and 2024 to Duisburg (GER).

## **Joint Commissions Meeting, London**

The ERB meet with the organising committees to review progress on future Championships events, meet with the FISA Executive Committee to discuss the European Championships and calendar and continued working with FISA through the cooperation agreement. The ERB continued to develop its strategic objectives and consider an application to Erasmus + for funding to support development.

## **Accomplishments**

1. Delivery of four successful European Rowing Championships events.
2. Organised two general assemblies and a European National Federations Presidents' Meeting to discuss European Rowing strategy, approach to events, and attribution of ER events.
3. Recognition of the European Rowing Confederation as an independent confederation by the FISA Congress.

## **Goals and Challenges for the Future**

1. Inclusion of para-rowing events for the first time at the European Rowing Championships 2020, Poznan (POL).
2. Develop a coastal rowing performance pathway for senior and junior athletes from European Federations and explore the possibility of inclusion of coastal rowing in the European Games.
3. Finalise ERC Strategic Objectives including Co-operation Agreement with FISA.
4. Implement sustainability, safeguarding and environmental policies in line with FISA.
5. Successful bid for Erasmus + funding from EU to support the development of OVEP programme and a women's coaching and leadership network.
6. Improve European Rowing corporate identity.

7. Improve and promote European Rowing communications, review website and implement ER dedicated page.
8. Explore improved cooperation with EOC-EU Office and further applications to EU funds based on agreed strategy.
9. Encourage participation from all European National Federations, especially smaller federations, across the European Rowing events through the FISA development programme.

## **Conclusion**

This was a very important year for European Rowing, further developing our cooperation across the continent with national federations and presidents, and with FISA.

**Our mission statement:** European Rowing aspires to be a **leading** continental confederation, **adding value** to rowing globally and **supporting delivery** of FISA's strategic objectives to make rowing a **successful and sustainable** sport, by supporting its national federations to **work together** for the sustainable future of our sport.

Ryszard Stadniuk