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**To:** Affiliated Federations  
Council and Commission Members  
Organisers of World Rowing events  
Partners

**Circular No. 6 of 2019**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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**1. 2019 FISA Ordinary Congress Outcomes**

- a) Elections for the following positions on the Council were held and the following individuals were elected for four-year terms:
  - i. Chair of the Athletes Commission  
Frida Svensson (SWE) elected
  - ii. Chair of the Equipment and Technology Commission  
Paul Fuchs\* (USA) re-elected
  - iii. Chair of the Rowing for All Commission  
Guin Batten (GBR) re-elected
  - iv. Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission  
Dr. Juergen Steinacker (GER) re-elected
  - v. Chair of the Women's Rowing Commission  
Jacomine Ravensbergen (NED) re-elected
  - vi. Chair of the Youth Rowing Commission  
Algirdas Raslanas (LTU) re-elected

\*Paul Fuchs will reach the Statutory age limit in 2022 at which time a new election will be held.

Eva Szanto (HUN), Chair of the Events Commission was elected to complete the Executive Committee term of Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (GER) who has reached the FISA limit as Chair of the Athletes Commission and has to give up her seat at the end of 2019.

b. Members and Confederations

The Congress approved the addition of one new member to FISA – Dominica. The number of FISA member national federations is now 156. The Congress also voted to recognise the European Rowing Confederation as the recognised confederation for Europe according to Art. 18 of FISA Statutes.

c. Place and Dates of the 2020 FISA Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses\*

London, GBR from 14 to 17 October 2020

\*Please note that no ordinary congress will be held in Bled in 2020 and the usual 2021 Extraordinary Congress is now moved forward to this October 2020 date.

## 2. Council Decisions announced at the Congress

The FISA Council has announced the following decisions:

a. Continental Representatives

Appointment of Mehdi Garidi (ALG) as Continental Representative for Africa to replace retiring Khaled Zain El Din (EGY)

As well, the current Continental Representative for Asia, Liu Aijie (CHN) will participate in a process to identify his successor. Member Federations of Asia will be asked to submit suggestions according to Art. 42 of the FISA Statutes.

b. Co-opted Members of the Council

Appointment of Lenka Dienstbach-Wech as Co-opted member of Council for the period ending on 31 December 2020. She will be advising the Council on Safeguarding and Anti-Doping awareness issues.

c. 2019 Commission Member appointments

The Chairs of the below mentioned commissions are reviewing the nominations received from member federations and the Council will be making appointments in mid-October.

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

- d. Court of Arbitration for Sport – Anti-Doping Division  
The Council has decided to utilise the offer from CAS to use its new Anti-Doping Division as hearing panels for cases related to anti-doping offenses. The FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Laws are being changed to reflect this new means to create further independence in anti-doping adjudication.

### **3. Event Attributions for 2021 to 2025 at the Congress**

The Congress attributed the following events:

2023 World Rowing Championships, Belgrade, SRB  
2024 World Rowing Sr, Under 23 and Jr Championships, St. Catharines, CAN  
2021 World Rowing Junior Championships, Plovdiv, BUL  
2022 World Rowing Under 23 and Junior Championships, Varese, ITA  
2023 World Rowing Under 23 Championships, Plovdiv, BUL

In addition, the Congress voted to delegate authority to the Council to attribute the 2025 World Rowing Championships to Sydney, AUS, if Rowing Australia informs FISA that it is satisfied that the government guarantee meets its requirements to host the event.

The Council attributed the following events:

2021 World Rowing Cup 1, Zagreb, CRO  
2021 World Rowing Cup 2, Trakai, LTU  
2021 World Rowing Cup 3, Lucerne, SUI  
2021 World Rowing Masters Regatta, Banyoles, ESP

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2022 World Rowing Cup 2, Poznan, POL  
2022 World Rowing Cup 3, Lucerne, SUI  
2022 World Rowing Masters Regatta, Libourne, FRA

2023 World Rowing Cup 1, Zagreb, CRO  
2023 World Rowing Cup 2, Varese, ITA  
2023 World Rowing Cup 3, Lucerne, SUI  
2023 World Rowing Masters Regatta, Pretoria, RSA

2024 World Rowing Cup 1 (open for bids now)  
2024 World Rowing Cup 2, Munich, GER  
2024 World Rowing Cup 3, Lucerne, SUI  
2024 World Rowing Masters Regatta, Brandenburg, GER

### **4. Second Round of the Strategic Event Attribution Process (SEAP)**

#### **a. World and European Rowing Events 2021-2024**

FISA has launched a repechage round of the SEAP for those events where no attribution was made at the Congress on 2 September. Events included in this repechage round of the SEAP will be attributed at the FISA Council meeting in February 2020. The open events are 2024 World Rowing Cup 1, 2021 European Rowing Under 23 Championships and the 2024 European Rowing Championships.

**b. Coastal and Indoor events – 2021 to 2024:**

FISA has launched the bid process for World Rowing Indoor and Coastal events from 2021-2024. Bidders will have the opportunity to bid on multiple World Rowing coastal and indoor events over the 2021-2024 period, and enable them to develop a long-term strategy as an event host. Initial expressions of interest in the hosting conditions for coastal and/or indoor events are invited now and we encourage any interested bidders to contact us to discuss their strategic event hosting objectives and intentions. Events included in this second round of the SEAP will be attributed at the FISA Council meeting in February 2020.

A detailed description of the coastal and indoor events available, the attribution and bidding procedure and the timeline can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/events/events-bidding>

**5. Comments on 2019 World Rowing events**

The FISA Council would like to express its congratulations and thanks to the organisers of the main events of 2019.

The season started with the first World Rowing Cup that took place in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Thanks go to the organising committee led by Ivan Popov and the Mayor of Plovdiv Ivan Totev which delivered an excellent event to start the season. The Poznan organising committee led by Aleksander Daniel provided teams with a well-organised World Rowing Cup II. World Rowing Cup III was a success as well in Rotterdam thanks to OC President Rolf Denissen and the Rotterdam OC team.

The organising committee of the World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Sarasota led by Sanca president Stephen Rodriguez provided excellent conditions for teams. The World Rowing Junior Championships were also the Test Event for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and were held on the totally new Sea Forest Regatta Course in Tokyo. Special thanks go to the Japan Rowing Association and its president Naotake Okuno for successfully delivering a World Championship at a new venue.

The 2019 World Rowing Masters Regatta was just completed this past weekend very successfully at Lake Velence in Hungary. The first World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals will take place at the end of October in Shenzhen, China. We look forward to this innovative event. 2019 World Rowing Coastal Championships will take place in Victoria Harbour, Hong Kong from 1 to 3 November 2019 and we also look forward to that.

The highlight of the year was certainly the 2019 World Rowing Championships in Linz-Ottensheim, AUT which was also the first stage of Olympic and Paralympic Qualification. Congratulations and sincere thanks to the organising committee under the leadership of Horst Anselm, the Austrian Rowing Federation and its president Horst Nussbaumer and the OC director Bernd Schuhmacher and team.

FISA would also like to sincerely thank the organisers, the relevant member federations, the relevant continental confederations, and recognise the successes of the rowing regattas at the 2019 Pan American Games regatta in Huacho, PER, the All Africa Games held in Rabat, MOR and the World Urban Games held in Budapest, HUN (indoor rowing).

## **6. World Rowing Joint Conferences in London, GBR, November 2019**

We are pleased to confirm that a programme of meetings and conferences touching nearly all key stakeholders in the sport will take place this November near Heathrow Airport in London:

20 to 22 Nov – World Rowing Coaches Conference  
21 Nov – NF Executive Directors' Conference  
22 Nov – National Federations' Conference 2 of 2019  
22 Nov – 2020 World Rowing Events' Organising Committee meetings  
22 Nov – World Rowing Awards Dinner  
23 to 24 Nov – FISA Joint Commissions' Meeting

The World Rowing Coaches Conference website provides details, including registration information:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2019-world-rowing-coaches-conference/event-information>

The Executive Directors' Conference is designed to bring together professional staff in leadership positions to share experiences, discuss challenges and coordinate actions. A draft agenda is found at this link:

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

The 2019 NF Conference 2 will address a number of event and governance related topics. A ticket to attend the World Rowing Awards dinner is included in the NF conference registration. For more detailed information, including logistics and registration, please use this link:

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

The links to the online registration system for the above events will be sent to Member Federations at the end of September/beginning of October. The deadline for registration for the above events is **15 October 2019**.

## **7. 2019 World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference**

The 2019 World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference will take place from 6 to 10 November in Hangzhou, China. Early Bird discounted registration ends on 30 September 2019. More information can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2019-world-rowing-youth-coaches-conference/event-information>

## **8. FISA Family Grandstand for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Rowing Regatta**

FISA has been allocated 1050 FISA Family Grandstand (FFG) tickets for direct sale to family members of rowers from member rowing federations ("MF"). These are valid for all eight days of the regatta at a price of Euros 525.00 per set of tickets (this price includes an administrative fee and shipping charge of 3%). The FISA Family Grandstand is strictly restricted to family members of the rowers and two key members of the MF. The explanatory document is found here:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/fisa-circulars>

### **9. 2020 International Regatta Calendar and 2021 Provisional International Regatta Calendar forms**

Applications for the inclusion of regattas in the above-mentioned calendars must be received at FISA headquarters **by 31 October 2019**. Application forms are now on-line and can be completed using these links:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/2020-fisa-international-regatta-calendar>

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/2021-fisa-int-regatta-calendar-provisional/>

### **10. FISA and WWF International Strategic Partnership extended**

In a boost to global efforts to reduce water pollution, FISA and WWF announced in Linz-Ottensheim an extension to the ground-breaking Clean Water partnership which will see the world's oldest sporting federation and one of the world's largest independent conservation organisations work together until 2024. The new agreement will see the two organisations build on their joint efforts over the past eight years to raise awareness about the need for action to ensure clean water for people and nature.

For more information, follow this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/news/course-for-cleaner-water-world-rowing-and-wwf-partner-until-2024-improve-global-water-quality>

### **11. FISA joins the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

FISA has joined the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, (UNFCCC), Sports for Climate Action initiative as a signatory to the Sports for Climate Action Framework. This initiative calls on sporting organisations to acknowledge the contribution of the sports sector to climate change and our responsibility to strive towards climate neutrality for a safer planet.

As a signatory, World Rowing has committed to the five main principles of the framework, which are to:

1. Undertake systematic efforts to promote greater environmental responsibility;
2. Reduce overall climate impact;
3. Educate for climate action;
4. Promote sustainable and responsible consumption; and
5. Advocate for climate action through communication.

For more information, follow this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/news/sport-takes-action-climate-change>

Yours sincerely,



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**The 2020 World Rowing Event Calendar**

7-8 February	World Rowing Indoor Championships – Paris, FRA
2-5 April	Americas Continental Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta – Rio de Janeiro, BRA*
10-12 April	World Rowing Cup 1 – Sabaudia, ITA
27-30 April	Asia and Oceania Continental Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta – Chungju, KOR*
27-29 April	European Continental Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta – Varese, ITA*
1-3 May	World Rowing Cup 2 – Varese, ITA*
8-10 May	Final Paralympic Qualification Regatta – Gavirate, ITA*
17-19 May	Final Olympic Qualification Regatta – Lucerne, SUI
22-24 May	World Rowing Cup 3 – Lucerne, SUI
24-31 July	Olympic Games Rowing Regatta – Tokyo, JPN
16-23 August	World Rowing Senior, U23 & Junior Championships – Bled, SLO*
28-30 August	Paralympic Games Rowing Regatta – Tokyo, JPN*
2 - 6 September	World Rowing Masters Regatta – Linz-Ottensheim, AUT
September	World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals – Oeiras, POR
October	World Rowing Coastal Championships - Oeiras, POR

\* Includes para rowing events