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**To:** Affiliated Federations  
Council and Commission Members  
Organisers of World Championships  
National Rowing Magazines  
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**Circular No. 1 of 2014**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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**1. 2014 FISA Annual Ordinary Congress**

Notice is given that the 2014 Ordinary Congress of FISA will be held on 1 September 2014 at the Amsterdam Novotel Hotel. Registration will begin at 08:00 hrs and the Congress will start at 09:00 hrs.

Novotel Hotel  
Europaboulevard 10,  
1083 AD Amsterdam  
The Netherlands

Please note:

- a) The provisional agenda can be found at this link:  
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-congress>

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 1 June 2014.

- b) The following positions on the Council are due for election at the Congress and nominations are called for those positions:
- i. Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission
  - ii. Chair of the Events Commission
  - iii. Chair of the Event Promotion Commission
  - iv. Chair of the Masters Rowing Commission
  - v. Chair of the Para-Rowing Commission
  - vi. Chair of the Umpiring Commission
  - vii. Chair of the Women's Rowing Commission

Candidates for these Council positions are asked to please complete the Nomination Form and return it completed to FISA by 1 June 2014. It can be found at this link:

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

- c) The Congress will attribute the 2016 World Rowing Under 23 Championships and the 2017 World Rowing Junior Championships. The deadline for the candidates competing for the honour and responsibility of hosting these championships to submit their final documents is 30 June 2014.

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).

- d) 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 1 August 2014. The form is found at this link:  
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-congress>

## **2. 2014 World Rowing Event Programmes**

FISA recently announced that, following consultations, the 2014 World Rowing Provisional Event Programmes have been updated. The heats, repechage and semi-final schedules are all, of course, subject to entries where as the times of the finals are confirmed for the following events:.

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> World Rowing Cup regatta in Aiguebelette
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> World Rowing Cup regatta in Lucerne
4. World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Varese
5. World Rowing Junior Championships in Hamburg
6. Youth Olympic Games regatta in Nanjing
7. World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam

These regatta programmes can be found at this link:

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

## **3.2014 World Rowing Events Information Bulletin**

This Bulletin can be found at this link:

[http://www.worldrowing.com/event\\_categories](http://www.worldrowing.com/event_categories) .

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

## **4. 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games Qualification Systems**

The qualification systems for the above mentioned events have been approved by the IOC Executive Board and are available for reference at this link:

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

## **5. 2014 Youth Olympic Games Qualification Status**

Qualification for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games regatta in Nanjing, China is nearly complete. Based on the results at the 2013 Junior Championships, the Asian and African Continental Qualification regattas, most of the places at the Games have been settled. A limited number of singles and pairs will qualify at Latin American YOG qualification from 15 to 18 April 2014 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The 2014 Youth Olympic Games qualification status document can be found at this link: [www.worldrowing.com/fisa-circular](http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa-circular)

## **6. Appointment of New FISA Council Member**

The Council has appointed Jacomine Ravensbergen to be the Chair of the Women's Commission effective immediately. She fills the casual vacancy created by Tricia Smith who took office as FISA's Vice President on 1 January. Jacomine serves the remainder of Tricia's term in office. All contact details can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/organisation/council>

## **7. Appointment of New FISA Commission Member**

The Council has appointed Takao Senda to the Umpiring Commission effective immediately. He fills a casual vacancy created by Nicolas Ee who reached the age limit. All contact details can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/organisation/commissions>

## **8. FISA Umpiring Commission Casual Vacancy**

National Federations are advised that the FISA Umpiring Commission seeks candidates for the casual vacancy created by Jacomine.

NFs are asked to propose names of candidates who could positively contribute to the work of the commission. Letters of nomination and up to date Curriculum Vitae must be received **by 15 May 2014** NFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member.

## **9. 2014 World Rowing Event Juries**

FISA recently announced the International Umpires who have been selected to serve on the Juries of the 2014 World Rowing events and 2014 European Rowing events. This listing is available at the Umpiring Noticeboard at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/organisation/umpiring>

## **10. 2014 Seminars, Exams and Clinics for International Umpires**

The FISA Umpiring Commission will be conducting seminars, examinations and clinics during the year 2014. This listing is available at the Umpiring Noticeboard at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/organisation/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](mailto: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.

## **11. Static Umpiring at 2014 World Rowing regattas**

The FISA Executive Committee has decided to continue its experiment with Static Umpiring at all World Cup, European Championship and World Rowing Championship regattas. The first two days of each World Cup and European Championship regatta and the first four days of the World Rowing Championships will be operated using static umpiring. The umpires will be along the regatta course to observe and be empowered to enter the course to follow a race if it is necessary. Terms of reference will be available at the regattas.

## **12. Time Trials at the Second World Rowing Cup regatta**

The FISA Executive Committee has decided that the first round of races at the Second World Rowing Cup in Aiguebelette will be conducted as time trials as a means to prepare for possible contingency scenarios at some point in the future. Please refer to "Bye-Law to Rule 70 – Time Trials" for explanations about Time Trials. Exact details for Aiguebelette will follow.

### 13. 2013 FISA Anti-Doping Survey Results

FISA's survey of all doping tests undertaken in rowing in 2013 is presented below. 54 National Federations responded to this year's survey and show a total of tests made in the sport of rowing. Those Federations not responding to this survey may be subject to sanctions by the FISA Executive Committee.

	<b>In Competition- (including pre-comp blood tests)</b>	<b>Out of Competition</b>	<b>Total Tests</b>	<b>Positive Tests</b>
<b>FISA/WADA/other international events</b>	315	120	435	0
<b>Reported by Nat Feds</b>	1'339	3'026	4'365	11
<b>Total</b>	1'654	3'146	4'800	11

The detailed results of the 2013 FISA Anti-Doping Survey can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/medical/anti-doping>

### 14. 2014 FISA International Masters Rowing Calendar

The above mentioned calendar can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/rowing/masters>

### 15 Future World Rowing Cup regattas confirmed

The FISA Council is pleased to announce the confirmed World Rowing Cup venues for 2015 and 2016.

#### 2015

World Rowing Cup I	Bled (SLO)	8-10 May
World Rowing Cup II	Varese (ITA)	19-21 June
World Rowing Cup III	Lucerne (SUI)	10-12 July

#### 2016

World Rowing Cup I	Varese (ITA)	15-17 April
World Rowing Cup II	Lucerne (SUI)	27-29 May
World Rowing Cup III	Poznan (POL)	17-19 June

The World Rowing Cup I in 2015 and 2016 will be structured as double regattas with two sets of finals - one on Saturday and one on Sunday. This allows coaches to be able to try different combinations in racing.

## 16. Athletes Commission Contacts

The FISA Athletes Commission would like to improve its efficiency to pass information to athletes. They would like to ask member national federations to provide the name and contact details of one athlete from each national federation who can serve this role. Please send the name and contact information to [info@fisa.org](mailto:info@fisa.org).

## 17. 2014 FISA Bye-Law and Event Regulation changes

The FISA Council has made changes in some Bye-Laws and Event Regulations. A version in marked up format, showing all changes, is now available. Until the printed version is completed, all related documents are now available in pdf format at this link:

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

The printed versions will soon be sent to registered holders of FISA Rule Books.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments