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**To:** Affiliated Federations  
Council and Commission Members  
Organisers of World Championships  
National Rowing Magazines  
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**Circular No. 2 of 2011**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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**1. 2011 FISA Annual Ordinary Congress**

Notice is hereby given that the 2011 Ordinary Congress of FISA will be held at 09:00 hrs on 5 September 2011 at the Park Hotel in Bled, Slovenia. Registration begins at 08:00 hrs.

Hotel Golf  
Cankarjeva 4,  
4260 Bled  
Slovenia

Please note:

- a) 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 09:00 hrs CET on 5 June 2011. The provisional agenda can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=88>

- b) The Congress will attribute the 2014 World Rowing Under 23 Championships and the 2015 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 2011.

The Council will carefully study the bidding documents and announce its choices by the beginning of July to be presented for ratification by the Congress.

- c) The following positions on the Council are due for election at the Congress and nominations are called for those positions. Nominations for these positions must be made by the member federations of the persons nominated and must be received at FISA Headquarters no later than 09:00 hrs CET on 5 June 2011:

- i. Chair of the Athletes Commission
- ii. Chair of the Materials Commission
- iii. Chair of the Rowing for All Commission
- iv. Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission
- v. Chair of the Youth Rowing Commission

- 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 no later than 5 August 2011. The form is available here:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=88>

## 2. Bled VIP Hospitality Package

The 2011 World Championships Organising Committee in Bled is offering an attractive VIP Hospitality package which could be useful for national federations, their guest national sponsors, their guests from national Olympic or Paralympic committees or Ministries of Sport, etc. The package includes:

- One-day ticket for VIP Grandstands at the finish line
- Entrance to VIP Grandstands Lounge at the finish line
- Reserved table for lunches in the VIP Lounge at the end of the lake
- Specially organised car shuttle service transportation upon request from the Information Centre to the Finish Area

A brochure is available at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=68>

## 3. FISA Commission Appointments / Re-Appointments

National Federations are advised that the following Commissions of FISA are open for appointments for the term 2011 to 2014:

- Athletes
- Materials
- Rowing for All
- Sports Medicine
- Youth Rowing

NFs are asked to propose names of candidates who could positively contribute to these technical commissions. Letters of nomination and, for new candidates, up to date Curriculum Vitae must be received **by 5 August 2011**. 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.

## 4. Appointment of a New Commission Member

The Council has appointed Tim Farcnik to the FISA Media and Promotions Commission effective immediately. All contact details can be found on the Worldrowing.com website at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=81>

## 5. FISA Commission Openings

National Federations are advised that the following Commissions of FISA are open for nominations for new members to fill casual vacancies or due to additional needs:

- Masters Rowing Commission
- Rowing for All Commission (Coastal Rowing expertise)
- Athletes Commission (Adaptive Rowing representative)
- Events Commission (outside of Europe)

National Federations are asked to propose name of a qualified candidates who could positively contribute to this commission. An application letter from the NF and up to date Curriculum Vitae of the candidate must be received by **15 May 2011**. NFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member.

## 6. Juries for 2011 World Rowing Events

FISA International Umpires have been selected to serve on the Juries of the 2011 World Rowing events and 2011 European Rowing events. National Federations are requested to inform the relevant Jury members of their appointment and **to confirm, in writing**, to FISA that they agree to serve on these juries, they will take contact with the relevant organising committees and will be on location in time to fulfil their duties. This listing is available at the Umpiring Noticeboard at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=54>

## 7. 2011 Seminars and Examinations for International Umpires

The FISA Umpiring Commission will be conducting seminars and examinations during the year 2011. This listing is available at the Umpiring Noticeboard at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=54>

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 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.

## **8. 2011 Changes to FISA Bye-Laws**

The FISA Council recently made some changes in Bye-Laws to the Rules of Racing. Please find a listing of these changes at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=71> or in the Circular No. 2 section at: <http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=68>

Changes effect the following:

- Bye-Law to Rule 33 - 5. No Wireless Communication
- Bye-Law to Rule 55 - Injections
- Bye-Law to Rule 71 – Damage while in the Start Zone at Rowing World Cup regattas
- Bye-Law to Rule 77 – Dead Heats at Rowing World Cup regattas
- Bye-Law to Rule 89 – Yellow and Red Cards
- Appendix 3 - Bye-Laws to Rule 62 – FISA Progression System – for events with 25 or more entries at four day championships

The replacement pages for the Rule Book are currently being printed and will be posted to those who have purchased a 2009 FISA Rule Book.

## **9. Time Trials at the Munich Rowing World Cup**

As mentioned in Circular No. 1 of 2011, the Council has decided that a test of time trials is needed for rowers and organisers in preparation for possible contingency scenarios at the Olympic regatta next year. The heats for all events at the first Rowing World Cup in Munich will be run as time trials in the following manner:

Events with 12 or fewer entries:

- Round 1 - Time Trials
- Round 2 – Heats (seeded based on the results of the TT)
- Round 3 – Reps
- Round 4 – Finals

Events with 13 or more entries:

- Round 1 - Time Trials
- Round 2 – Reps
- Round 3 – Semis
- Round 4 – Finals

Also two different scenarios will be tested: some events with starts at the starting pontoon and others with flying starts from 100 meters.

Please refer to “Bye-Law to Rule 65 – Time Trials” for details on Time Trials.

### **10. 2011 Youth Coaches Conference**

The 16<sup>th</sup> World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference will be held in Princeton, New Jersey, USA from 13 to 16 October 2011. Full details about the conference will follow but please note these dates in your agendas. Please see more at this news item:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/news/dspNews.php?newid=325057>

### **11. 2011 World Rowing Coaches Conference**

The above mentioned event will take place this year in Varese, Italy from 10 to 13 November 2011. Please note these dates in your agenda. More details will follow in the coming months.

### **12. National Team Uniforms and Blades**

In accordance with Article 12.7, we hereby request a color photo (jpeg) or design drawing of each national federation's 2011 national team uniforms and national blade designs. These will be used at the control commissions at World Rowing events. Please send these electronically to [colleen.orsmond@fisa.org](mailto:colleen.orsmond@fisa.org) before 15 May 2011.

### **13. 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. 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. Each participating National Federation is given **two** free tickets and may purchase up to **four** additional tickets.

Complete information and the relevant forms can be found in the 2011 World Rowing Events Bulletin at the following link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=67>

#### **14. Bids for 2014 World University Rowing Championships**

The bidding process for the 2014 World University Rowing Championships has been opened by the International University Sport Association. The bid must be placed by your national university sport association and the deadline for bids is 5 May 2011. For more information, please contact FISU in Brussels or FISA in Lausanne.

#### **15. 2011 FISA International Masters Rowing Calendar**

The above mentioned calendar can be found at this link:  
<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=68>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments