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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. 2013 FISA Annual Ordinary Congress

Notice is given that the 2013 Ordinary Congress of FISA will be held at 09:00 hrs on 2 September 2013 at the IBK Training Center in Chungju, Korea. Registration begins at 08:00 hrs.

IBK Training Centre
12 Yangmokgil, Hwaam-ri, dongyang-myeon
Chungjusi, Chungcheongbuk-do
KOREA

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 2 June 2013.

- b) Elections will take place for the following positions:
- i) President (see comment below)
 - ii) Vice-President (
 - iii) Treasurer (Mike Williams seeks re-election)
 - iv) Three Commission Chairs the Executive Committee (as proposed by the Council according to Art. 48)

The current president, Denis Oswald, is seeking re-election, but he indicated that he intends to retire before the 2014 Congress. If he is re-elected, there will be a vacancy. Instead of having this vacancy filled by the Executive Committee according Art. 52 of the Statutes, the Council proposes that the Congress selects the next president already at the Congress in Chungju.

Provided that Denis Oswald is re-elected for the immediate term, the delegates will also elect the person who will fill the vacancy and take over the presidency from Denis Oswald when he retires. This solution aims at allowing a smooth transition between the current and the future president.

National federations have therefore the opportunity to propose candidates for the position of president, either to be opposed to Denis Oswald for the period starting immediately after the Congress in Chung-Ju, or for the period starting when Denis Oswald retires in the course of 2014. Candidates should specify which term for which they are candidates. Please complete the attached Nomination Form and return it completed to FISA by 2 June 2013.

- c) The Congress will attribute the 2017 and 2018 World Rowing Championships and the 2015 World Rowing Under 23 Championships. The deadline for the candidates competing for the honour and responsibility of hosting these championships to submit their final documents is 30 June 2013.

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 5).

- 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 2 July 2013. The form is available here:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-congress>

2. 2013 World Rowing Event Programmes

FISA recently announced that, following consultations, the 2013 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. 1st Samsung World Rowing Cup in Sydney
2. 2nd Samsung World Rowing Cup regatta in Eton
3. 3rd Samsung World Rowing Cup regatta in Lucerne
4. World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Linz/Ottensheim
5. World Rowing Junior Championships in Trakai
6. World Rowing Championships in Chungju

Please refer to this link:

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

3.2013 World Rowing Events Information Bulletin

This Bulletin is available now on

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/publications> . Please refer to this for all information on entries and scheduling.

4. 2014 Youth Olympic Games Qualification events

The 2013 World Rowing Junior Championships will be the main qualification event to qualify boats for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games regatta in Nanjing, China. Based on the results at the 2013 Junior Championships, National Federations will qualify for most of the places at the Games. In addition, a limited number of singles may qualify at continental qualification events as follows:

Latin American YOG qualification in Montevideo, URU in May 2014.
Asian YOG qualification in Samarkent, UZB from 13 to 17 October 2013
African YOG qualification in Tunis, TUN on 9-10 October 2013

Please see the 2014 Youth Olympic Games qualification document at www.worldrowing.com/fisa-circular

5. Appointment of New FISA Commission Member

The Council has appointed:

- Frida Svensson (SWE) to the Athletes Commission effective immediately.

All contact details can be found on the Worldrowing.com website at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/organisation/commissions>

6. FISA Umpiring Commission Casual Vacancy

National Federations are advised that the FISA Umpiring Commission will have a casual vacancy at the end of 2013:

NFs are asked to propose names of candidates who could positively contribute to the commission. Letters of nomination and up to date Curriculum Vitae must be received **by 15 May 2013**. NFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member.

7. 2013 World Rowing Event Juries

FISA recently announced the International Umpires who have been selected to serve on the Juries of the 2013 World Rowing events and 2013 European Rowing events. This listing is available at the Umpiring Noticeboard at this link:

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

8. 2013 Seminars, Exams and Clinics for International Umpires

The FISA Umpiring Commission will be conducting seminars, examinations and clinics during the year 2013. 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) 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.

9. Static Umpiring at the 2013 Samsung World Rowing Cup regattas

The FISA Executive Committee has decided to continue its experiment with Static Umpiring at all World Cup regattas. The first two days of each regatta 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.

10. Time Trial Rehearsals at the Eton World Rowing Cup regatta

The FISA Executive Committee has decided that the first round of races at the Samsung World Rowing Cup in Eton will be a time trial race as a means to prepare for possible contingency scenarios at some point in the future. Events with 12 or less entries will have a time trial as a seeding race then the usual three rounds. For events with 13 or more entries, the heats will be Time Trials. Please refer to "Bye-Law to Rule 70 – Time Trials" for explanations about Time Trials. Exact details for Eton will follow.

11. 2012 FISA Anti-Doping Survey Results

FISA's survey of all doping tests undertaken in rowing in 2012 is presented below. 38 National Federations responded to this year's survey and show a total of 4'624 tests made in the sport of rowing. Those Federations not responding to this survey may be subject to sanctions by the FISA Executive Committee.

	In Competition	Out of Competition	Total Tests	Positive Tests
FISA/WADA/other international events	501	333	834	1
Reported by Nat Feds	849	2'941	3'790	6
Total	1'350	3'274	4'624	7

The detailed results of the 2012 FISA Anti-Doping Survey can be found in the <http://www.worldrowing.com/medical/anti-doping>

12. 2013 World Rowing Coaches Conference

The 2013 conference will be held from Thursday 7 to Sunday 10 November 2013 in Tallinn, Estonia hosted by the Estonian Rowing Federation. Please note this in your agendas. The detailed programme is being finalised and will follow in due course.

13. 2014 World Rowing Coastal Championships

The FISA Council has attributed the above-mentioned event to Thessaloniki, Greece to take place in October 2014. More details will follow.

14. 2013 FISA International Masters Rowing Calendar

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

15 2016 World University Rowing Championships

FISU, the World University Sports Federation, have announced the start of the bid process for the above-mentioned event that will take place in 2016. For more information, please refer to the brochure found in the circular section at <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-circular>

16. Athletes Commission Contacts

The FISA Athletes Commission would like to improve its efficiency with passing information to athletes. They would like to ask member national federations to provide the name and contact details of one athlete national federation who can act as a communications means. Please send the name and contact information to info@fisa.org .

17. Coastal Rowing Boats

FISA has expanded its line of FISA designs of hulls for Coastal 1X, 2X and 4X+ boats. They are designs by Paul Fuchs. These designs complement designs available for the women and lightweight men's 1X, 2X and 4X/- as well as the Para-Rowing 1X and 2X.

These designs are available, free of charge, by request to FISA. All designs are hull shape designs only. They are provided as 3D models in .3dm and .igs formats as well as in 2D in a .pdf format. A calculation sheet for the design information is provided along with some basic guidance about the design and construction of these boats.

If you have questions or would like this information please contact FISA at info@fisa.org .

18. 2013 FISA Statutes, Rules of Racing and Event Regulations

At the 2013 FISA Extraordinary Congress, the above mentioned documents were modified. A summary of the major changes as well as a version in marked up showing all changes are 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 available for purchase from the World Rowing licensed merchandisers.

Yours sincerely,



Denis Oswald
President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Attachments