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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 2012

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. 2012 FISA Annual Ordinary Congress

On 26 March 2012, notice was given that the 2012 Ordinary Congress of FISA will be held at 17:00 hrs on 17 August 2012 at the International Congress Center in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Registration begins at 16:00 hrs.

International Congress Centre
Plovdiv International Fair
37 Tzar Boris III – Obedinitel Blvd.
4003 Plovdiv
BULGARIA

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 15:00 hrs CET on 17 May 2012. The provisional agenda can be found at this link:

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

- b) The Congress will attribute the 2015 World Rowing Under 23 Championships and the 2016 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships. The deadline for the candidates competing for the honour and responsibility of hosting these championships to submit their final documents is 31 May 2012.

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) 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 17 July 2012. The form is available here:

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

2. 2012 Event Schedules

On 27 March 2012 FISA announced that, following consultations, the 2012 World Rowing Provisional Event Programmes have been updated. There have been a few changes in timings of the 2012 Samsung World Rowing Cup regattas. There are a few minor adjustments to the Belgrade schedule and a few to the Lucerne schedule.

The major change is in the World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships. The regatta will start on Wednesday afternoon instead of Wednesday morning and the M4x and W8+ have changed positions with the W8+ final taking place on Sunday.

The heats, repechage and semi-final schedules are all, of course, subject to entries. The finals are now settled as presented.

1. 1st Samsung World Rowing Cup in Belgrade
2. Final Olympic Qualification Regatta in Lucerne
3. 2nd Samsung World Rowing Cup regatta in Lucerne
4. 3rd Samsung World Rowing Cup regatta in Munich
5. World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Trakai
6. World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships in Plovdiv

Please refer to this link:

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

3.The World Rowing Events Information Bulletin

The 2012 World Rowing Events Information Bulletin is available now on <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/publications> . Please refer to this for all information on entries and scheduling.

4. FISA Bulletin No. 1 - 2012 Olympic Games Regatta London

On 28 March 2012 FISA announced an update bulletin on subjects that are relevant for teams preparing for the 2012 Olympic Games Regatta at Dorney Lake. This bulletin and its appendices are found on the FISA website as indicated below.

Please look for the [FISA Olympic Games Bulletin 1](#) and the associated appendices

1. [Template for NOC Acknowledgement of Entered Boats for FOQR](#)
2. [NOC Confirmation Form for Qualified Boats](#)
3. [Alternate Athlete Allocation by NOC](#)
4. [Rule 51 Guidelines - Rowing](#)

All are found at this link:

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

All information about the Olympic Games, in general, can be found at this page: <http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2012-olympic-games>

5. Appointment of New Commissions Members

The Council has appointed:

- Perrine Pelen (FRA) to the Media and Promotions Commission effective immediately.
- Sevara Ganiyeva (UZB) to the Youth Rowing Commission effective immediately.

We neglected to list James Lindsay-Fynn as a member of the Athletes Commission in the last circular. Here is the complete listing:

Athletes:

Lenka Wech (GER), Chair	Santiago Fernandez (ARG)
Igor Boraska (CRO)	Amber Halliday (AUS)
Iain Brambell (CAN)	Elisabeta Lipa (ROU)
<u>James Lindsay-Fynn (GBR)</u>	

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

6. FISA Adaptive Commission Casual Vacancy

National Federations are advised that the FISA Adaptive Rowing Commission has a casual vacancy at the moment:

- The Adaptive Rowing Commission seeks a Medical Doctor with experience in Adaptive rowing

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 2012**. NFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member.

7. Juries for 2012 World Rowing Events

On 17 March 2012, FISA announced the International Umpires who have been selected to serve on the Juries of the 2012 World Rowing events and 2012 European Rowing events. This listing is available at the Umpiring Noticeboard at this link:

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

8. 2012 Seminars and Examinations for International Umpires

The FISA Umpiring Commission will be conducting seminars and examinations during the year 2012. 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 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. Time Trial Rehearsals at the Munich World Rowing Cup regatta

The FISA Council has decided to offer crews a rehearsal of time trials in preparation for possible contingency scenarios at upcoming events. On the Thursday afternoon at the Samsung World Rowing Cup regatta in Munich, crews will have the opportunity to rehearse the staging and starting procedure of a time trial race. Flying starts from 100 meters will be rehearsed at this regatta. Please refer to "Bye-Law to Rule 65 – Time Trials" for details on Time Trials.

10. 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 2012 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 before 15 May 2012.

11. World Rowing Cup regattas in 2013 and 2014

For planning purposes, the FISA Council announces the following World Cup season schedule for 2013 and 2014:

2013

Samsung World Rowing Cup 1 – Sydney – weekend of 23/24
March 2013

(European Championships – Seville – weekend of 1 / 2 June 2013)

World Cup 2 – TBA – 22/23 June 2013 (To be announced 29.05.12)

World Cup 3 – Lucerne – weekend of 13/14 July 2013

2014

World Rowing Cup 1 – Sydney – weekend of 29/30 March 2014

(European Championships – TBA – weekend of 31 May/1 June

World Rowing Cup 2 – Aiguebelette – weekend of 21/22 June 2014

World Rowing Cup 3 – Lucerne – weekend of 12/13 July 2014

12. FISA Council Statement on Rowing for persons with an intellectual disability

At a recent FISA Council meeting, the Council approved the following statement and would like to publish it now to the national federations:

“The FISA Council supports the development of rowing for persons with an intellectual disability at a local and national level, and, when there is a substantial increase in participation (athletes and national federations), will consider applying for future Paralympic inclusion.”

Therefore, FISA will not seek the inclusion of rowers with an intellectual disability to the 2016 Paralympic Games.

13. 2012 FISA International Masters Rowing Calendar

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

Yours sincerely,



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President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Attachments