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1. 2011 FISA Ordinary Congress in Bled, Slovenia

This congress took place on Monday, 5 September 2011 in Bled, Slovenia. The main decisions are summarised as follows:

- **Council Elections for four year terms (until end 2015):**

Athletes Rowing Commission: Lenka Wech (GER)
Materials Commission: Paul Fuchs (USA)
Rowing for All Commission: Guin Batten (GBR)
Sports Medicine Commission: Dr. Alain Lacoste (FRA)
Youth Rowing Commission: Algirdas Raslanas (LTU)

- **Co-opted member of the Council** – According to Article 38, the Council has appointed Jean-Christophe Rolland to a seat on the Council starting in January 2012 and for a two year term. Jean-Christophe has reached the end of his eligibility for the Athletes Commission as his last race was in Sydney in 2000.
- The recently retired Chair of the Rowing for All Commission **Denis Maseglia** was recognised for his long service to the Executive Committee, the Council and the Rowing for All Commission. He was awarded with the traditional Swiss “channe” wine decanter and a strong round of applause from the delegates.
- **Attributions of FISA Events:**
 - The **2015 World Rowing Championships** were attributed to Lake Aiguebelette, France. Three outstanding bids were received also from Strathclyde, Great Britain, and from Varese, Italy. Preliminary dates are 30 August to 6 September 2015.
 - The **2014 World Rowing Under 23 Championships** were attributed to Varese, Italy. Preliminary dates are 24 to 27 July 2014.
- The **2012 Ordinary Congress** will take place on Friday, 17 August 2012 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
- The Congress accepted the membership applications from **five new national rowing federations**: Bahamas, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cape Verde, Mongolia and Namibia. FISA now has 136 member national rowing federations.
- A follow-on discussion took place regarding the programme of **two days of finals** at the World Junior and World Under 23 Championships. The Council continues to support the idea of two days of finals but waited to hear the views expressed at the Congress. Some constructive ideas were presented and the Council promised to review these ideas at its meeting in November.

- A preliminary discussion took place about the **Adaptive Rowing Race Distance**. Rule 35 of the Rules of Racing specify that adaptive rowing races at the Paralympic Games and the qualification for them must be 1'000 metres. The FISA Council has circulated arguments explaining the difficulties in fully integrating adaptive races in the main stream programme with a different distance. The Council will ask for a decision on the distance (1'000 or 2'000 metres) at the 2012 Congress for the World Championships in 2013 and 2014 in anticipation of a vote at the 2013 Extraordinary Congress about the Paralympic distance. It should be noted that a 2/3rds majority is needed to change this rule.

2. FISA Council Decisions made in Bled

- The Council attributed the **2014 World Rowing Masters Regatta** to Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. Preliminary dates are 9 to 12 October 2014.
- The Council also announced the attribution of the first stage of the **2013 and 2014 World Rowing Cup regattas** to Sydney, Australia at the Penrith International Regatta Course. The 2013 Samsung World Rowing Cup regatta will take place from 22 to 24 March 2013 and, tentatively, for the 2014 World Rowing Cup event from 28 to 30 March 2014.

3. Commission appointment

The Council appointed a new member to the Masters Rowing Commission:

- Sebastian Franke (GER)

His term will run until December 2014.

The remainder of the Commission appointments for 2011 will be made at the Council meeting in November.

4. Comments on this year's FISA events

The 2011 World Rowing Championship regatta on Lake Bled, Slovenia was a great success. The FISA Executive Committee voted to present the FISA Medal of Honour to the Minister of the Environment Dr. Roko Žarnić, the Mayor of Bled Janez Fajfar and the President of the Organising Committee Janez Bencina.

The 2011 World Rowing Junior Championship regatta in Eton, Great Britain was also very successful. FISA honoured the Organising Committee for their outstanding work by awarding the British Rowing Federation Chair Di Ellis and the Chair of the Regatta Ben Hunt-Davis with FISA Medals of Honour. The 2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championship regatta at the Bosbaan regatta course in Amsterdam was also a success despite the difficult weather. The organisation of the event was excellent and FISA Medals of Honour were awarded to the Alderman of Sports for the City of Amsterdam Eric van der Burg and to the President of the Organising Committee Joost de Geus.

We should not forget to recognise the organising committees of the 2011 World Rowing Cup regattas in Munich, Hamburg and Lucerne. Their hard and dedicated work made for an excellent World Cup season.

5. 2011 World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference

The 16th World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference will be held in Princeton, New Jersey, USA from 13 to 16 October 2011.

Please refer to the following website for complete details:

<http://www.usrowing.org/Events/WRYouthCoachesConference.aspx>

Please pass this message to any interested coaches of youth rowers.

6. 2011 World Rowing Coaches Conference

This year's Coaches Conference takes place in Varese, Italy from Thursday, 10 November to Sunday, 13 November 2011 hosted by the Italian Rowing Federation. The theme of the conference is "Methodology for High Performance Training". This is a chance for leading coaches from around the world to share ideas and developments in rowing performance and training methods.

The conference will include a gala dinner where the presentation will be made of the 2011 World Rowing awards. This includes Coach of the Year, Male and Female Athlete/Team of the Year, Adaptive Rower of the Year and Distinguished Service to International Rowing. On the Sunday morning, the organising committee offers a visit to the Australian "European" Training Centre, Rowing Club Gavirate and Rowing Club Varese which includes a visit to Lake Varese, host several upcoming events.

There will be a special session on the Thursday afternoon starting at 13:00 hrs entitled "Promoting Women in Coaching and Leadership". We would be pleased if you can send female coaches working at a high level to the Conference and to this session in particular. But the session is open to all and will be especially relevant to Head Coaches and Performance Directors who are involved in the recruitment of coaches for national teams and programs, including female coaches. If you are interested in attending this section, please indicate with your application.

For more details go to this link: <http://www.canottaggio.org/content/fisa-coaches-conference-2012.shtml>

7. Future FISA event bids

On 1 October, FISA will launch the bid process for the following World Rowing events:

- 2016 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships
- 2015 World Rowing Under 23 Championships
- 2015 World Rowing Masters Regatta
- 2014 European Rowing Championships
- 2014 European Rowing Junior Championships
- 2013 World Rowing Coastal Championships for Clubs

Any national federations interested in bidding to host one or more of the above events are hereby requested to declare their intention to bid in writing, to be received no later than **1 October 2011** at info@fisa.org . The bid questionnaire and related documents will be sent to these federations around 1 October.

8. Qualifications for London 2012 (after Bled 2011)

Based on the results at the 2011 World Rowing Championships, the first crews have been qualified for competition in London 2012 at the Olympic and Paralympic regattas.

9. Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas for the 2012 Olympic Games

Please note a change below in the date of the Latin American Qualification regatta. The regattas will take place as follows:

- African Olympic Qualification Regatta,
1 to 3 November 2011, Alexandria, Egypt
- Latin American Olympic Qualification Regatta,
22 to 25 March 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Asian Olympic Qualification Regatta,
26 to 29 April 2012, Chungju, Korea

10. Nominations for 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Juries

Nominations are now open for FISA licensed international umpires for the juries of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic regattas.

Regatta Dates: Attendance at the Olympic Regatta would be from 25 July to 6 August 2012. Attendance at the Paralympic regatta would be from 28 August to 4 September 2012.

Deadline for Nominations: midnight CET on 25 November 2011

Submissions: Submit nomination forms to mara.dibaldassare@fisa.org and Patrick_rombaut@telenet.be

Number of Nominations per NF: Up to three (3) candidates per NF for the Olympic regatta and up to two (2) candidates for the Paralympic regatta. The Host Country will have three members of the jury for the Olympic regatta and may nominate up to five (5) candidates.

Experience Assessment: The FISA Umpiring Commission will assess each candidate based on experience in juries by participation in recent World Championship juries.

Preference: the NFs may add their internal priorities for the candidates but this will only be considered as a non-binding suggestion.

Paralympics: If any candidates have experience with adaptive rowing, this may be added to the form for consideration.

Approval by NF: Each form must be signed by the President or the Secretary General of the NF.

The nomination forms are attached to this message.

Deadline for nominations is **25 November 2011**.

11. Nominations for 2012 World Rowing Event Juries

National Federations are invited to nominate umpires to serve on the juries for the following events:

- 1st 2012 **Samsung World Rowing Cup** regatta in Belgrade, Serbia (4-6 May);
- 2nd 2012 **Samsung Rowing World Cup** regatta (25-27 May) and Final Olympic Qualification Regatta (20-23 May) in Lucerne, SUI;
- 2012 **European Rowing Junior Championships** in Bled, Slovenia (8-10 June)
- 3rd 2012 **Samsung World Rowing Cup** regatta in Munich, Germany (15-17 June);
- 2012 **World Rowing Under 23 Championships** in Trakai, Lithuania (11-15 July);
- 2012 **World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships** in Plovdiv, Bulgaria (14-19 August);
- 2012 **World Rowing Masters Regatta** in Duisburg, GER (6-9 September);
- 2012 **European Rowing Championships** in Varese, ITA (14-16 September);
- 2012 **World Rowing Coastal Championships for Clubs** in (to be announced shortly)
- 2013 **Samsung World Rowing Cup** regatta in Sydney, Australia (22 to 24 March)

National Federations should ensure that any umpire nominated is definitely able to attend the event concerned. FISA provides a small travel subsidy for the umpires of the World Championships, the World U23 Championships, the World Junior Championships, the European Rowing Championships, the Coastal Rowing Championships and foreign umpires of the World Cup regattas. Umpires for the other events must fund their own travel expenses. The deadline for nominations with complete contact information for the nominated umpire (including email address) to be received at FISA headquarters is **31 January 2012**. Please use the attached form.

12. 2012 International Regatta Calendar, 2012 Masters International Regatta Calendar and 2013 Provisional International Regatta Calendar

Applications for the inclusion of regattas in the above mentioned calendars must be received at FISA headquarters **by 31st October 2011**. Application forms are found here .

13. 2011 World Rowing Championships DVD

The above mentioned DVD can be ordered. This DVD will include all finals A and some slow motion sequences of the winning crews. The DVD should be ordered through FISA's licensed merchandise partners.

Yours sincerely,



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President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Attachments