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1. Opening of the Congress

President Denis Oswald declared the Congress open and greeted the delegates. He invited the president of the Danish Rowing Association Henning Bay Nielsen to say a few words and welcome the delegates to Copenhagen. The President thanked the Danish Rowing Association for the excellent preparation of the congress.

The FISA President pointed out that we had several new presidents of National Federations in the room but could not be sure to name them all. He announced that all members of the FISA Council were present including new Continental Representative for Asia Liu Aijie. He then provided general information about the programme and the organisation of the Congress, advising how the work would take place.

In the memory of recently deceased rowing friends and colleagues, the President then asked the delegates to stand and observe a moment of silence, among them:

Don Croot (AUS)
Alexander Berkutov (RUS)
Valentine Boreiko (RUS)
Acer Nethercott (GBR)
Jerzy Makowiecki (POL)
Oscar Loewe (GER)
Barry Berkus (USA)

The President requested that, when delegates speak about their proposals, they stress only the main points of the proposals, and not repeat what has already been written in the Agenda Papers. He reminded everyone that they should feel free to speak, but asked that they be as concise as possible.

Mr. Oswald said that presentation and discussion of the proposals would take place Friday and Saturday, but that final day would

be reserved for voting only. He stressed that proposed amendments were to be made in the course of the discussions and voted upon immediately, so that the final wording was known by the delegates well in advance of the voting on Saturday or Sunday.

The President explained further that with more than one proposal covering the same topic, voting would take place immediately in order to narrow them down to one proposal for the final voting on the Saturday or Sunday. He said that the goal was to cover the proposals for the Statutes and Rules of Racing by the Saturday afternoon.

He explained that any decisions taken would have immediate effect (after the conclusion of the Congress) unless decided otherwise.

Denis Oswald asked if there were any questions regarding the general running of the Congress. There were none. He said the proposals had already been distributed to the delegates in the Agenda Papers and that additional documents showing the small changes in the original documents since printing had been distributed that morning and were available at the registration table.

The President acknowledged that it had taken the Council much work and discussion in order to prepare the proposals which had been submitted to the delegates, using internal expertise and consulting with federations, coaches, specialists, athletes and other sports federations. He went on to say that the proposals had been made in order to improve the sport on a worldwide basis in the interest of rowers. No other considerations have guided the Council.

Mr. Oswald pointed out that, with the permission of the Congress for which no delegate objected, the Council reserved the right to

make small textual amendments, if necessary, to correct mistakes or make improvements in translations, etc, after the Congress. There will, of course, be a new numbering of the Articles and Rules.

The president also explained that the French translation was made by an external translator in a short period of time. He welcomed any suggestions from the francophone delegates and mentioned that he is also noting any corrections that will be incorporated in the final version before printing.

2. Identification of the Delegates and Confirmation of their Authority

The Executive Director Matt Smith made a roll call and informed the Congress that there were 52 federations represented: 43 Federations entitled to three votes each, and 9 Federations entitled to one vote each, making a total of 138 votes. Therefore, 70 votes were necessary for a clear majority and 92 votes for a two-third majority if all 138 votes were cast. A list of those present is annexed to these minutes.

3. Appointment of Scrutineers for the Period of the Congress

The President then proposed the following individuals as scrutineers and the Congress unanimously accepted this proposal:

Georges Lambert (BEL)
Henning Bay Nielsen (DEN)
Sandu Pop (ROU)
Dag Danzgielock (GER)

4. Specific Proposals from the Member Federations, the Council or the Executive Committee

The different proposals were presented and discussed at the Friday and Saturday morning sessions. As a result of these discussions, certain proposals were withdrawn and others amended or eliminated in a preliminary vote between proposals on the same topic. A detailed report on the discussions that took place would be lengthy and tedious and is not considered necessary. Reference was made to the Agenda papers and the new printing of the Rule Book for 2013.

The discussions of the Congress have been recorded and, if there is any dispute about them, the matter can be settled by referencing the audio-tapes.

The President mentioned that the Council had presented numerous proposals for the alteration of the Bye-Laws of the Statutes and the Rules of Racing. He pointed out that the Council has the authority to make decisions on Bye-Laws, but that the national federations have the right to ask the Council to reconsider Bye-Laws it has put into effect. However, if the Council submits a Bye-law in advance and the Congress has no objections, it thus comes into effect and may not be submitted to the Congress for reconsideration. Therefore, the Council decided to submit the Bye-Laws to the Congress in order to avoid making decisions that would be valid for a few months but might then have to be abandoned, based on requests for reconsideration. For a decision on these Bye-Laws, a clear majority of votes cast was necessary for the approval as a normal decision of the Congress according to Article 34.

a. Proposed Changes to the Statutes and related Bye-Laws

The Statutes and related Bye-Laws were reviewed one by one, with additional comments and suggestions. Some proposals were withdrawn as indicated in the accompanying document.

b. Proposed Changes to the Rules of Racing and related Bye-Laws

The Rules of Racing and related Bye-Laws were reviewed one by one, with additional comment and suggestions.

In a document distributed electronically before the Congress and in paper format at the Congress, several subjects were addressed, including:

1. The Strategy for the changes proposed by the Council.
2. The report of the World Championship Events Working Group
3. New voting calculations based on participation from 2009 to 2012.
4. Complete Inclusion of Adaptive Rowing by Dr. Tomislav Smoljanovic

Detailed proposals for appendices to the Statutes and Rules of Racing:

5. Appendix 1 – Manipulation of competition and betting
6. Appendix 2 – Regatta Courses
7. Appendix 3 – Advertising Regulations
8. Appendix 4 – Progression System
9. Appendix 5 – Anti-Doping Bye-Laws
10. Appendix 6 – Event Regulations

11. Appendix 7 – Adaptive Racing and Classification Regulations

12. Appendix 8 – Coastal Rowing Regulations

The Council reviewed many of the documents mentioned above, asking for comments as the documents were reviewed. As the delegates did not have time to fully review these appendices, the appendices were considered approved by the Council for implementation but the Council stood ready for any comments until the end of February when text was being finalised for printing.

5. Other items proposed by the Member Federations, Council or the Executive Committee

Proposal from the British Rowing Association

The British Rowing Association proposed that the finals of the World Rowing Junior Championships take place on one day.

6. Any other business

a. Presentation by Chungju

Mr. Jun Won Gun of the Chungju 2013 World Rowing Championship organising committee made a presentation on the preparations taking place for the event.

b. Attribution of the 2014 World Rowing Coastal Championships

The 2014 World Rowing Coastal Championships for Club were attributed by the FISA Council to the Greek Rowing

Federation for Thessaloniki. The dates would be in October 2014. The event agreement was signed by the president of the Greek Federation Yannis Karras and a representative of the City of Thessaloniki.

c. FISA Elections

Denis Oswald announced his decision to seek another term as president of FISA, but that, if re-elected, he would not serve until the next Congress (2014) therefore there would be a vacancy and rather than having it filled by the Executive Committee, the Council decided that the election for his successor will take place at the 2013 Ordinary Congress.

Voting

The congress reached early Saturday afternoon which would allow voting to take place earlier than anticipated. The president indicated that delegates should indicate by raising their hands if they wanted a vote to take place on any particular proposed alteration. If no request was made, he would assume that the delegates were in favour of the proposed alteration and it would be noted as such. As usual, he asked for permission to improve wording as long as there was no change in meaning. There were no objections. Finally, he asked for permission to make any consequential changes such as the addition of the terms Youth Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, etc., as they arose in the wordings. There were no objections.

The voting took place and a chart describing the vote and showing the outcome of the voting is attached.

Closing

The President thanked the delegates for their cooperation, the Danish Rowing Federation and the president Henning Bay Nielsen and the organising committee for their excellent work of the Congress. He also thanked the interpreters, professional and volunteer, for their excellent services during the congress.

The 2013 FISA Extraordinary Congress was declared closed at 17:20 hrs on Saturday, 16th February 2013.



Denis Oswald, President



Matt Smith, Executive Director

RESULTS OF VOTING

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Total Votes: 138 (43 three vote federations and 9 one vote federations represented). Two-Thirds Majority: 92 (if all 138 votes are cast and valid).

With the agreement of the delegates, the President did not count the number of votes when the required majority of two thirds was obviously reached. These votes are indicated with 'obvious majority'. If there are any disputes about the voting, the Congress was recorded and the matter can be settled by referencing the audio-tapes

STATUTES

Part	Sub-Votes	Decisions
Section	Article	
Declaration of Principles	A2, B4	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
General Provisions	1, 2, 4, 10	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Membership	11, 12, 13, 15,	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Congress	21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 35	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	(31 – Australian proposal – withdrawn)	
Council	38	Accepted - Yes – 100, Clear 2/3 majority
	39, 41, 42, 43, 44	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	(41 – South African proposal – withdrawn)	
Executive Committee	48	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Commissions	53 (move to age 70)	Fails, - Yes – 60 (44.4%)
	Bye-Laws to 53,54	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Individual Obligations	55, 56	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Integrity of the Sport	57, Code of Ethics, 58,	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Judicial Provisions	63	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Concluding Provisions	69	Accepted, 'obvious majority'

RULES OF RACING

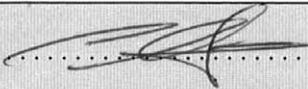
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Scope	23, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, Technical Delegates, 15	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Rowers and Coxswains	"Rights to Participate"	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	16 "Eligibility"	Accepted - Yes – 129, Clear 2/3 majority
	Insurance, 18, 22, 23	
	26	Fails - Yes – 62, No - 72
	(26 - Swiss proposal - withdrawn)	
	(26 – German proposal – withdrawn)	
	27, 29	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Classes of Boat	31 – delete M2+	Fails - Yes – 74 (54.8%), No – 48 (does not achieve 2/3rds)
	31 – add W4-	Accepted - Yes – 125 (92.6%), Clear 2/3 majority
	31 – add LTAM2x	Accepted - Yes – 124 (91.8%), Clear 2/3 majority
	(31 – Australian proposal – withdrawn)	
	(32 – Canadian proposal – withdrawn)	
	"Boat Classes at Other Events"	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Boats and Construction	33, Innovations	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	34	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	(34 – German proposals – withdrawn)	
Courses	35 – Adaptive racing distance	Fails - Yes – 85 (65.9%), No – 44 (does not achieve 2/3rds)
	36, 37	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Organisation of Regattas	38, 39, Team Manager, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52,	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	(52 – German proposal – withdrawn)	
	53, 55, 56, 57, 59, 62	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	62 – Australian proposal to Bye-Law to Rule 62	Accepted - Yes – 75 (55.5%), above 50% majority
	63, 64, 65, 66	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	(66 – Swiss proposal – withdrawn)	
	(66 – German proposal – withdrawn)	

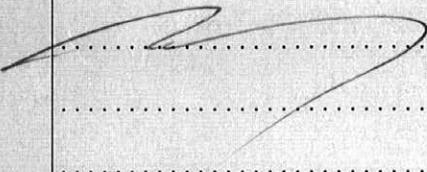
	68, 69, 70	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	71 – Proposal to eliminate “Damage in Start Zone” rule	Accepted - Yes – 91 (67.4%), above 2/3rds majority
	72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	(77 – German proposal – withdrawn)	
Protests, Objections...	78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94,	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Medical provisions	Health of Rowers	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Concluding Provisions	96	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Additional Item	British Proposal – One day of finals at Junior Championships	Accepted, 'obvious majority' (starting in 2014)

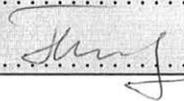
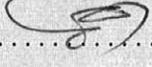
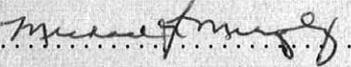
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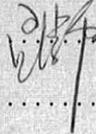
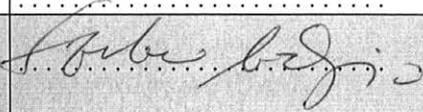
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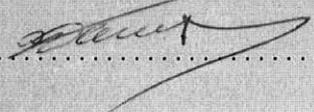
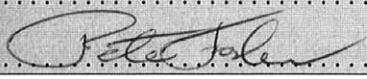
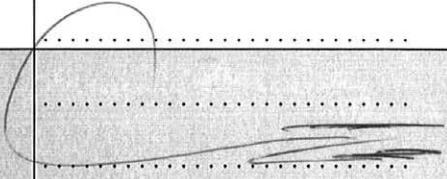
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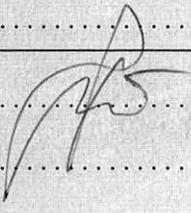
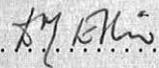
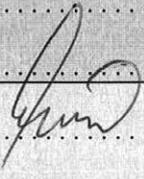
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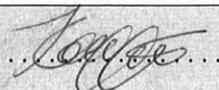
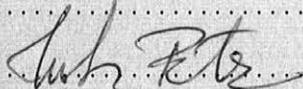
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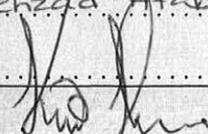
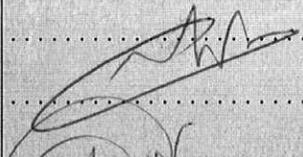
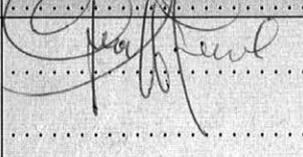
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BUL ✓	Bulgarie/ Bulgaria	Vasil Radev Teodor Andreev  	3
BUR	Burkina Faso		1
CAN ✓	Canada	Dr Michael F. (Mike) Murphy Michael Walker 	3
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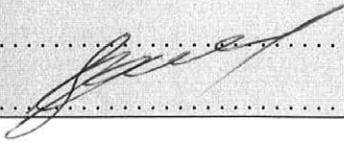
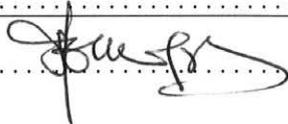
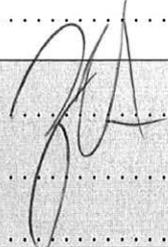
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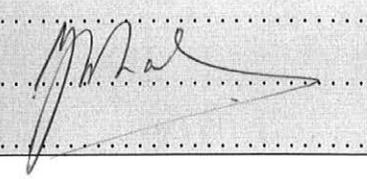
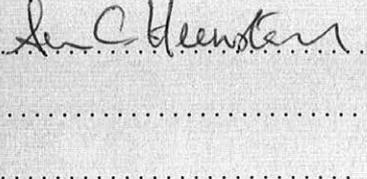
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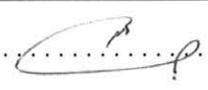
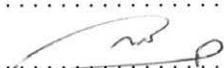
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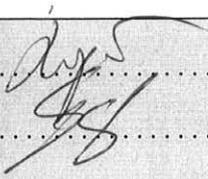
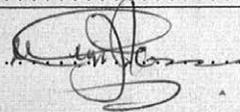
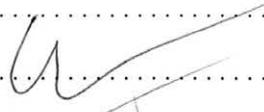
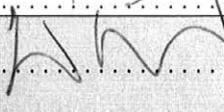
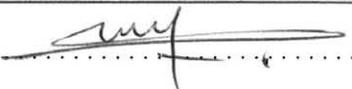
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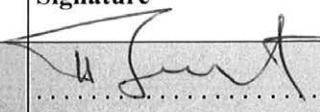
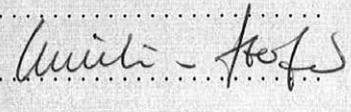
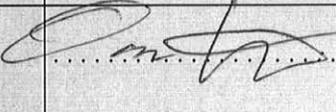
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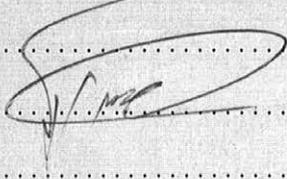
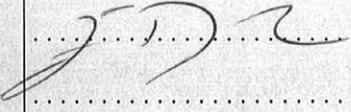
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NGR	Nigéria/ Nigeria	Festus Orbeni Olubunmi Oludde Patrick Egbete		1
NIG	Niger			1
NOR ✓	Norvège/ Norway	Anne Cathrine Hunstad Per Boensnes Johannes Niesen		3
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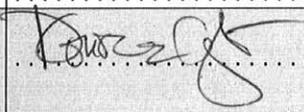
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PER	Pérou/Peru		3
PHI	Philippines		1
PLE	Palestine		1
POL ✓	Pologne/ Poland	Robert Zaborski 	3
POR	Portugal		..... ..... .....	3
PRK	R.P.D. de Corée/DPR of Korea		..... ..... .....	1
PUR	Porto Rico/ Puerto Rico		..... ..... .....	1
QAT ✓	Qatar	Khalifa Mohd. Al-Sewaidi Ali Nasser Telfat Assan Addulla Mohsen  	1

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ROU ✓	Roumanie/ Romania	Elisabeta Lipa Sandu Pop		3
RSA ✓	Afrique du Sud/ South Africa	Wimpie J du Plessis Herman Van Velze		3
RUS ✓	Russie/Russia	Veniamin But Victor Polyanychko Alla Khloponina		3
SAM	Samoa			1
SEN	Sénégal/ Senegal			1
SIN ✓	Singapour/ Singapore	Nicholas Ee		1
SLO ✓	Slovénie/ Slovenia	Jost Dolnicar Jernej Slivnik		3
SOM ✓	Somalie / Somalia	Said Mohamuud Fosia Houssein Sunni Safah		1

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Abdukkader

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SRB ✓	Serbie/ Serbia	Nebojsa Jevremovic Danko Djunic Marko Milacic		3
SRI	Sri Lanka		1
SUD	Sudan		..... ..... .....	1
SUI ✓	Suisse/ Switzerland	Stéphane Trachsler Christian Stofer	..... ..... .....	3
SVK	Slovaquie/ Slovakia		..... ..... .....	3
SWE ✓	Suède/Sweden	Oscar Gullensten Gunnar Magnusson		3
SWZ	Swaziland		1
SYR	Syrian Arab Republic		1

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THA	Thailand		3
TKM	Turkménistan/ Turkmenistan		1
TOG	Togo		1
TPE	Chinese Taipei		3
TUN ✓	Tunisie/ Tunisia	Mbarek Khamassi	..... .....	3
TUR ✓	Turquie/ Turkey	Ibrahim Etem Derman 	3
UAE	United Arab Emirates/ Emirats Arabes Unis		1

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UKR	Ukraine		3
URU	Uruguay		1
USA ✓	Etats-Unis/ United States	Donovan Langford Ronald Chen Curtis Jordan		3
UZB	Ouzbekistan/ Uzbekistan		3
VAN	Republic of Vanuatu		1
VEN	Vénézuela/ Venezuela		3
VIE	Viet-Nam/ Vietnam		1

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ZIM	Zimbabwe		3