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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
National Rowing Magazines
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Circular No. 4 of 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

1. Documents for the 2021 World Rowing Ordinary Congress
2. Commission Member Appointments/ Re-appointments
3. Registration for the 2021 Congress
4. 2021 Congress Member Federation Consultation Meetings
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1. Documents for the 2021 World Rowing Ordinary Congress

Member Federations are reminded that the 2021 World Rowing Ordinary Congress will be held on Saturday, 6 November 2021 from 12:00 to 14:00 hrs CET with registration from 11:45 hrs CET. This Congress will be held using video-conferencing and online voting technology.

- a. **Agenda Papers** - Please note that the official Agenda Papers can now be found at this link:
<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/fisa-congresses/>
- b. **2020 Congress Minutes** - Please also note that the Draft Minutes of the 2020 Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses can be found at this same link:
<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/fisa-congresses/>

MFs are kindly asked to submit any comments or questions in advance of the Congress to 2021congress@worldrowing.com

The French version of the Agenda Papers and Minutes will be published on the website during the month of September. Veuillez noter que la version française des documents du Congrès ordinaire sera publiée sur le site Internet au mois de septembre.

- c. **Elections** – Elections for the following positions on the Executive Committee and/or Council have been announced for this Congress and nominations have been received for:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Three Council members on the Executive Committee
- Chair of the Coastal Rowing Commission
- Chair of the Indoor Rowing Commission
- Chair of the Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Cross Commission

Information about the candidates is presented in the Agenda Papers.

d. 2021 to 2024 Voting Rights Calculation

The Member Federation voting rights for the period 2021 to 2024 have been calculated based on the proposal approved at the 2020 Extraordinary Congress. A first draft of this new calculation has been made. MFs are asked to inform us by email (lucy.trochet@worldrowing.com) of any questions or discrepancies by 27 September. This DRAFT document and the calculation proposal approved by Congress can be found at this link:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/fisa-congresses/>

e. Additional topics for decision (Agenda point 22):

Article 36 - 2025 to 2028 Voting Rights Calculation and Article 14 – 2025 to 2028 Member Subscriptions – an alternative solution due to COVID-19 related cancellations will be proposed by the Council on 6 October.

f. Any other business

2024 Olympic Qualification System proposal – the Council will present a proposal for comments on 6 October and then an updated proposal at the Congress on 6 November.

All this information can be found at this link:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/fisa-congresses/>

2. Commission Member Appointments / Re-appointments

Member Federations are advised that membership mandates of the following Commissions are open for appointments / re-appointments for the two-year term 2022 to 2023 upon election of the Chairs of these Commissions:

- i. Coastal Rowing Commission
- ii. Indoor Rowing Commission

MFs are asked to propose candidates who could positively contribute to these technical commissions. The MF should send a letter of nomination and a completed Commission Member Nomination Form for each candidate, currently on the Commission and new nominations, which must be received by 6 October 2021. MFs 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 MF

must propose them for a new term. Commission Member Nomination Forms are found at this link: <https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/fisa-congresses/>

In accordance with Bye-Law to Article 54, appointments of Commission members are made by the Council on the recommendation of the newly elected Commission Chair.

3. Registration to attend the Congress

a. Member Federations - Delegates

MFs must advise World Rowing of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by completing the “Congress Attendance Form – MF Delegates”. Forms are to be submitted to World Rowing no later than 6 October 2021 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/rrnevvn0jm3jr2/>

b. Recognised Continental Rowing Confederations and Member Groupings – Delegates

Recognised Continental Rowing Confederations and Member Groupings must advise World Rowing of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by completing the “Congress Attendance Form – Continental Rowing Confederations & Member Groupings”. Forms are to be submitted to World Rowing no later than 6 October 2021 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/r1wo8h7r1d1la9g/>

c. Observers

Observers are welcome to attend the Congress and must inform World Rowing in advance by completing the “Congress Attendance Form - Observers”. Forms are to be submitted to World Rowing no later than 6 October 2021 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/rpdsfvi10orgis/>

Please note: The information submitted in the Congress Attendance Forms will be used to provide access to the online meeting and voting platform, as applicable, to registered delegates and observers. Please ensure the information submitted to World Rowing is accurate.

d. Virtual Meeting Technology and Test Session for registered delegates

World Rowing plans to use the following technology:

- “Zoom” video-conferencing, with simultaneous interpretation (French/English)
- “Lumi” online voting and meeting platform, accessible via a standard web browser

A test session will be held during the week prior to the Congress, for delegates to test their login and the voting system. The test session will take place on:

- 4 November 2021, 12:00 hrs – 13:00 hrs CET.

If you have any immediate concerns or questions, please send an email to 2021congress@worldrowing.com

4. 2021 Congress MF Consultation Meetings

Consultation sessions will be held for Member Federations to explain and discuss the agenda items and provide an opportunity for MFs to raise questions. The sessions will be in English only.

MF Consultation Meetings – following the publication of the Agenda Papers

- Thursday, 14 October – 17:00 hrs CEST
- Friday, 15 October – 09:00 hrs CEST

MF consultation meetings will use “Zoom” video-conferencing technology. MFs are asked to attend a Consultation Meeting at their preferred time based on their time zone.

Registration for the Consultation Meetings

MFs are requested to advise World Rowing of the names of their delegates attending the Consultation Meetings by using the “Consultation Meeting Attendance Form”. Forms are to be submitted to World Rowing no later than Friday, 8 October 2021 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/r1ty33em0wanq1h/>

The information submitted in the Consultation Meeting Attendance Forms will be used to provide login details for the online meeting. Please ensure the information on the form is accurate.

It is strongly recommended that those delegates attending the Consultation Meetings are the same delegates who will attend, and vote, at the Congress.

5. Delegate Responsibilities for the Virtual Congress & Meetings

Delegates should be aware that they have the following responsibilities with respect to their attendance at the 2021 Congress and Consultation Meetings:

- To have a stable and strong internet connection
- To use a computer with Chrome web browser (do not use smartphones & tablets)
- To have mic, camera and speakers (if not already built into your computer)
- To be able to access “Zoom” video-conferencing software
- To read the Agenda Papers in advance of the Congress;
- To attend the consultation sessions;
- To discuss the agenda items relating to an election or requiring Congress approval with their Board in advance of the Congress voting sessions;
- To attend the test session prior to the Congress;

- To ask questions if there is anything that is not clear, with respect to the Congress. Please email 2021congress@worldrowing.com or raise your questions during one of the Consultation Meetings.

The 2021 Ordinary Congress will be livestreamed and available for viewing via YouTube. A link to the livestream will be posted on the Congress page of the website.

6. Supplier Special Offer - Technogym

In recognition of the increased pressure on rowers of all persuasions to train at home, or even just keep fit, our World Rowing community can benefit from reserved conditions on the purchase of **Technogym's** excellent range of fitness equipment. Please go to Technogym's dedicated landing page: <https://www.technogym.com/land/en-int/lp-world-rowing-federation/> where you will find a list of their equipment. By clicking on the "discover more" button you will land in Technogym's e-commerce page, according to the country located by your browser. Then, if you wish to make a purchase, all you have to do is email liz.soutter@worldrowing.com and you will be sent a coupon code that can be applied at the checkout on the Technogym e-commerce website.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments