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To: Affiliated Federations
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Circular No. 6 of 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. 2021 World Rowing Ordinary Congress

The 2020 World Rowing Ordinary Congress was held virtually on 6 November 2021. Delegates from 62 Member Federations registered to attend virtually with 33 percent of the delegates female. Voting was facilitated by the well-known electronic voting service provider Lumi.

Jean-Christophe Rolland of France was re-elected for a third term as President, Tricia Smith of Canada was re-elected as Vice President also for a third term, and Gerritjan Eggenkamp of the Netherlands was re-elected to a full term as Treasurer. These are four-year terms ending on 31 December 2025.

There were also elections for the three Council member positions on the Executive Committee and all three were re-elected to their positions: Patrick Rombaut of Belgium, Chair of the Umpiring Commission; Rosie Mayglothling of Great Britain, Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission and Eva Szanto of Hungary, Chair of the Events Commission. These are for four-year terms until 31 December 2025 or until their terms as Chairs of their Commissions expire or end. These six join the Chair of the Athletes Commission Frida Svensson of Sweden and the Executive Director (non-voting) on the Executive Committee.

Three elections were held for Chairs of the “new” Commissions. First, for the Coastal Rowing Commission, the delegates elected Guin Batten of Great Britain as Chair. The next is the Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Cross-Commission and the delegates elected Jacomine Ravensbergen of the Netherlands as Chair. Finally, the new Chair of the Indoor Rowing Commission will be Filip Ljubicic of Serbia. These are for two-year terms ending on 31 December 2023, the next statutory election year for these positions.

It was also announced that the World Rowing Council has voted to support the proposal of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Organising Committee to move the rowing venue for the 2028 Olympic Games to the Long Beach Marine Stadium, venue of the 1932 Olympic Games. LA28 will now continue to work with the City of Long Beach on next steps.

2. Casual Vacancies in Commissions

Member Federations are advised that the following Commissions seek candidates to fill casual vacancies:

- Equipment & Technology
- Para Rowing
- Sports Medicine

Member Federations are asked to propose names of candidates who could positively contribute to the work of the commission and should send a letter of nomination and a completed **Commission Member Nomination Form** for each candidate. The completed nomination forms should be received **by 15 January 2022**. Member Federations nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member. The Commission Member Nomination Form is found at this link: <https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/official-communications-world-rowing-circulars/>

3. Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group

Member Federations are invited to submit nominations for this advisory group. Candidates should have demonstrated expertise or experience in this domain. The group will be asked to provide advice to World Rowing on GEDI strategy implementation and on specific GEDI matters.

Activities:

- Annual meeting to review strategy and status of action plan, plus any other matters as applicable.
- GEDI subject specific meetings, as required, with the relevant experts.

Membership:

- Members of the GEDI Advisory Group should have general as well as subject matter expertise in GEDI from both within and outside of the rowing community, with diverse backgrounds and experience, and from under-represented groups as far as possible.
- Members will be invited for two-year terms and extend to further individuals, as appropriate.

Nominations should be submitted by 15 January 2022 using the following electronic form:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/official-communications-world-rowing-circulars/>

In accordance with Article 54, the Council is responsible for making these appointments.

4. 2022 Strategic Events Attribution Process

World Rowing announced the launch of the 2022 Strategic Event Attribution Process (SEAP) ending with attribution at the 2022 Ordinary Congress on 26 September 2022 in the Czech Republic.

A large number of regatta venues have benefited from significant investment from local, regional and national governments to bring them to a standard suitable for hosting international competitions. To support a long-term return on investment in these facilities as well as long term support for our sport, World Rowing has adopted a new approach to the manner in which its events are attributed. This approach will allow interested parties to indicate all of the World Rowing-owned events that they believe would support their long-term events strategy.

The deadline for initial expressions of interest in hosting events is 21 January 2022, but any interested bidders are encouraged to contact us before this date to discuss their strategic event hosting objectives and intentions. The events included in this round of the SEAP are the following:

Events included in the 2022 World Rowing Strategic Event Attribution Process (SEAP):

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| - World Rowing Championships - | 2025 and 2026 |
| - World Rowing Cup 1 - | 2024 |
| - World Rowing Cups 1, 2 and 3 – | 2025 and 2026 |
| - World Rowing Under 19 Championships – | 2025 and 2026 |
| - World Rowing Under 23 Championships – | 2025 and 2026 |
| - World Rowing Beach Sprint Championships* - | 2024 and 2025 |
| - World Rowing Coastal Championships* - | 2024 and 2025 |
| - World Rowing Indoor Championships - | 2025 |

* Combined Bids Possible

Time Frame for 2022 World Rowing Strategic Event Attribution Process

- Until 21 January 2022 – Expressions of interest period
- 21 January 2022 – Bid Documents released
- 15 April 2022– Deadline for the receipt of Preliminary Bids
- 1 July 2022 - Final Bid Deadline & Bid Fee(s) due
- 26 September 2022 – World Rowing Event Attributions

Expressions of interest can be sent by the Member Federations to Liz.Soutter@worldrowing.com

5. Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Rowing Programme Announced

Following a comprehensive consultation process with the International Olympic Committee and the Paris 2024 Organising Committee, the International Paralympic Committee Governing Board has approved the medal events programme and athlete quotas for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

For rowing, this means a fifth event will be added to the existing programme – the PR3 Mixed Double Sculls. This change will increase the total number of Athletes slots from 96 at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to 104 for Paris 2024 – still with an equal number of women and men competing – meaning 12 each of the PR1 Men’s and Women’s Single Sculls and 10 each of the two double sculls and the mixed coxed four.

There will now be five events in the Paralympic rowing programme: the PR1 Men’s Single Sculls, the PR1 Women’s Single Sculls, the PR2 Mixed Double Sculls, the PR3 Mixed Coxed Four and the PR3 Mixed Double Sculls.

6. Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification System – Revised Timeline

This timeline has been modified by the IOC and the new deadline is February 2022. This has allowed more time for comments, analysis and proposals.

The Competitive Rowing Commission has collected all “sport” comments and ideas in order to develop “sport-based” proposals which take high-performance, development, the Olympic racing programme and the resulting qualification system incorporating the World Championships, the continental qualification regattas and the final qualification regatta. The Executive Committee is now assessing the management and political elements related to the relationship with Olympic Broadcasting Services, the IOC and the Paris OCOG. These will be placed on a list and prioritised. Then each proposed solution will be evaluated against these elements.

These proposals will be presented to the Council and the Member Federations for comments leading to a decision on 22 January 2022 by the World Rowing Council. The new timeline can be found at this link:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/official-communications-world-rowing-circulars/>

7. 2021 World Rowing Awards Ceremony (in 2022)

The 2021 World Rowing Awards Ceremony will be held virtually at 12:00 hrs noon CET on 29 January 2022. Awards this year will include Men’s Crew of the Year, Women’s Crew of the Year, Para crew of the Year, Coach of the Year, the Thomas Keller Medal, the Sustainability Award and Distinguished Service to International Rowing Award. It will be streamed through www.worldrowing.com

8. 2021 World Rowing Virtual Coaches Conference (in 2022)

The 2021 World Rowing Coaches Conference will take place from 29 January to 2 February 2022, starting at 13:00 hrs on 29 January 2022. Complete information to follow.

Yours sincerely,



Jean-Christophe Rolland
President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Attachments