

World Rowing Umpiring Commission Updates

World Rowing's mandatory retirement at age of 70 affects not only Umpires but also those serving on the World Rowing Council and Commissions. At the end of 2022, this affected the Umpiring Commission as Fabio Bolcic marked his 70th birthday in October 2022. And while Fabio is no longer officially a member of the Umpiring Commission, we know he will continue in the tradition of Michelle Doutre, Guylaine Bernier and continue to support the work of the Commission and Umpiring in "retirement".



Fabio's retirement also provided the opportunity to add Denmark's Morten Juel Hansen to the Commission. Morten, by career is a police officer. He is also a masters rower, coach, Umpiring educator in Scandinavia and the Vice President of the Danish Rowing Federation. Morten place a key role in the organizing Committee for the 2016 World Rowing Masters Regatta. He took his World Rowing Umpiring Examination in 2009 in Budapest and has served 10 times part of ER/WR juries over the last 13 years.

In recognizing Fabio, we want to share the remarks Patrick Rombaut made at the 2022 Racice World Rowing Championship where Fabio was presented with the honorary WR Umpire "mini-badge".

"The second jubilee represented his whole career actively 2 founding members of FISA, not only Italy, but also very proudly the Adriatic region and his home town Trieste.

Celebrating next October 3rd his 70th birthday, he became WR umpire at the exam in Milano in August 1988 and was Olympic jury member in Atlanta 1996.

He became FISA Umpiring Commission member in 2002 and contributed enormously in the last 20 years to the activities and missions of the Commission, being 18 times President of the jury, the 2018 Buenos Aires YOG included.

This WRCH is his last official mission, again and much deserved as President of Jury. Again, we could witness his appreciated calmness and experience throughout this high level competition.

World Rowing, the Umpiring Commission colleagues, including the friends who are not anymore with us, the worldwide umpires and me personally owe him a huge appreciation and gratitude.

I am sure that in future he will stay active, not only as a happy grandfather, but also as a respected rowing monument, who always will be ready to share his experience and charisma with us and the new umpiring generation."



We hope that everyone will join us in thanking Fabio and welcoming Morten.