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**To:** Member Federations  
Council and Commission Members  
Recognised Continental Confederations  
Recognised Groupings of Member Federations  
Organisers of World Rowing Events  
National Rowing Magazines  
Partners

## **World Rowing Circular No. 6 of 2025**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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### **1. 2025 Ordinary Congress – registration now open and Agenda papers**

Member Federations are reminded that the 2025 World Rowing Ordinary Congress will be held **in a hybrid mode** in Shanghai, China, on Monday, 29 September 2025, 08:30hrs – 16:00hrs local time. Registration will begin at 07:30hrs

**Venue:** [Jin Jiang Tower](#)

161 Changle Rd, Huangpu, Shanghai, China, 200020

For any questions related to accommodation, please contact **[reception@2025wrch.com](mailto:reception@2025wrch.com)**

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- a. **Congress Agenda Papers** – please note that the official Agenda Papers [are now available here](#). All Statutory documents are now included in the Agenda Papers. Additional documentation required for Item 21 point b will be shared in due time.
- b. **2024 Ordinary Congress Minutes** - please note that the draft Minutes from the 2024 Ordinary Congress [are now available here](#).
- c. **2025 Quadrennial Congress Minutes** - please note that the draft Minutes from the 2025 Quadrennial Congress [are now available here](#).

MFs are kindly asked to submit any comments or questions in advance of the Congress to the congress email: [congress@worldrowing.com](mailto:congress@worldrowing.com)

**d. Registration to attend the Congress**

**Member Federation Delegates:** - MFs must advise World Rowing of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by completing the "Congress Attendance Form – MFs delegates". The attendance form must be completed and submitted to World Rowing no later than **29 August 2025**

[MF registration form](#)

Member Federations are reminded that, per Article 22, to accredit more than one delegate to the Congress, both genders must be represented..."

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, for those registered delegates and observers attending by video conference. Please ensure the information submitted is accurate

**Recognised Continental Rowing Confederations (CRC) and Member Groupings (MG)** – CRC and MG must advise World Rowing of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by completing the "Congress Attendance Form – Continental Rowing Confederations & Member Groupings". The attendance form must be completed and submitted to World Rowing no later than **29 August 2025**

[CRC and MG registration form](#)

**Observers** - Observers are welcome to attend the Congress and must inform World Rowing in advance by completing the "Congress Attendance Form - Observers". The attendance form must be completed and submitted to World Rowing no later than **29 August 2025**

[Observers registration form](#)

**Member Federations' conference calls in preparation for Congress will be scheduled in due course. Further information will be provided.**



## **2. 2025 World Rowing Championships, Shanghai, CHN – Sunday Victory Ceremonies and Closing Ceremony**

As presented during the Quadrennial Congress, please note that the Victory Ceremonies for the A Finals on Sunday, 28 September, will take place in the city centre of Shanghai, in the evening of the same day, following racing.

A celebration for all medallists (of all races), along with the event's official Closing Ceremony, will be held at the same location.

The Organising Committee has presented World Rowing with a plan for a memorable event, featuring an outstanding backdrop and engaging activities to celebrate the athletes' achievements. This will be a great moment for the rowing community, and all MFs are strongly encouraged to take part.

Please note that the Victory Ceremonies for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will take place at the venue.

Further details will be communicated to teams in August.

## **3. Council and Commissions appointments**

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Co-opted Council member** – Following the 2025 Quadrennial Congress approval of the introduction of an additional Council co-opted member, during its last meeting, as per Article 37 of the World Rowing Statutes, Council appointed Nobuhisa Ishizuka from the United States of America.
- **Umpiring Commission casual vacancies** – following the announcement of the two casual vacancies, the Executive Committee has reviewed the nominations received, and Gladys Quiroz from Guatemala and Anna Widun from Poland were appointed.

## **4. Internal Audit Committee (IAC) appointment**

During its last meeting, the Council re-appointed for a four-year term the two members of the IAC, Germaine Bauer from Switzerland and Hans Jørgen Arvesen from Norway, as per Article 41 of the Statutes. The IAC is chaired by Gerritjan Eggenkamp, Treasurer of World Rowing.

## **5. GWG and RWG appointments**

During its last meeting, the Council appointed the new membership of the Governance Working Group (GWG) and Rules Working Group (RWG) for the new 2025-2028 cycle.

- **GWG**
  - Annamarie Phelps, Chair
  - Ronal Chen
  - Andreanne Morin
  - Stephan Netzele
  - Jean-Christophe Rolland



- Vincent Gaillard
- **RWG**
  - Kristopher Grudt, Chair
  - Mike Tanner
  - Eva Szanto
  - Patrick Rombaut
  - Cameron Allen
  - Jennifer Thompson

According to Article 21.4, the Statutes and Rules of Racing may only be altered by a Congress convened for that purpose. The main objective of the two working groups is to review the Statutes and the Rules of Racing and prepare recommendations to Council for approval at the 2029 Quadrennial Congress as per Article 21.4 of the World Rowing Rule Book.

## **6. 2025 World Rowing Integrity Booth**

In collaboration with the IOC and the International Testing Agency (ITA), World Rowing will run its next Integrity Booth at the 2025 World Rowing Under-19 Championships in Trakai, Lithuania, to raise awareness on important topics such as Anti-Doping, Prevention of Competition Manipulation, and Safeguarding.

MFs are kindly invited to encourage the participation of athletes and athletes support personnel.

The booth will be staged on Friday, 8, and Saturday, 9 August 2025.

Further information will be provided on site. If you have any questions, please contact Ludovica Caprino, Governance & Integrity Manager at [ludovica.caprino@worldrowing.com](mailto:ludovica.caprino@worldrowing.com).

## **7. Indoor Rowing Survey (reminder after the email sent on 16/07)**

World Rowing's ambition is to develop the discipline by involving national federations as much as possible, in order to offer opportunities and contribute to mutual development.

To start with, to better understand where you all are regarding Indoor Rowing and allow you to give us some ideas and feedback, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/5iLRzzqe0J?origin=lprLink> (estimated response time: 5 min).

Any question or wish to share further information, comments, contents, links, etc.:  
[indoor@worldrowing.com](mailto:indoor@worldrowing.com)

## **8. Webinar on the Organisation and Promotion of Masters Rowing Regattas**

A Webinar focused on the organisation and promotion of Masters rowing regattas is taking place on the below-mentioned date and time. The webinar is free of charge, but registration is required.

Avenue de Rhodanie 54, 1007 Lausanne, Switzerland, Tel. : +41 21 617 83 73, [info@worldrowing.com](mailto:info@worldrowing.com)



Member Federations are encouraged to share the webinar details with their regatta organisers and affiliated clubs. This is a valuable opportunity to learn from experts and exchange best practices for improving the experience and reach of Masters rowing regattas.

Speakers include Ron Chen, Chair of the World Rowing masters commission, and other organisers and service providers of the Masters Regattas

**Date/time:** Wednesday, 30 July 2025 at 09:00 PM CET

**Webinar Registration:** [https://fastermastersrowing.com/member-register/regattas/?utm\\_source=WorldRowing&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_campaign=Regattas&utm\\_id=Regattas](https://fastermastersrowing.com/member-register/regattas/?utm_source=WorldRowing&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=Regattas&utm_id=Regattas)

## **9. Call for MF applications - ASOIF Women Leadership Workshop, 25-27 October 2025**

With the aim to sustain the acceleration of women's meaningful representation in governance, leadership and decision-making bodies at national level, World Rowing is joining hands with the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC), to identify emerging female leaders within Rowing to attend the ASOIF Women Leadership Workshop. This opportunity is open to all female leaders but targets in particular former Olympians who have the potential to take on senior roles at national or international level, and/or those recently promoted or elected to such positions.

The current call for applications from Member Federations offers an opportunity for one Rowing representative to attend a three-day workshop in Lausanne, between Saturday 25th and Monday 27th October 2025, for enhanced training in leadership, communication, negotiation, and campaigning, equipping participants with essential skills to navigate complex professional environments and assume greater responsibilities within their organisations.

Federations intending to submit a candidate may submit the application and CV through the form on the following link by Friday, 15 August: [ASOIF Women Leadership Workshop Application Form](#)

World Rowing will conduct a thorough review of all applications and will formally communicate the selection outcomes to all applicants by 5 September 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Mguni, WR Development Manager at [anna.mguni@worldrowing.com](mailto:anna.mguni@worldrowing.com)

Sincerely,

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Jean-Christophe Rolland  
President

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