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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
National Rowing Magazines
FISA Partners



Circular No. 1 of 2007

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Subjects covered in this Circular include the following:

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1. 2007 FISA Events Programmes

For your information, we attach the provisional “programmes” of racing at the:

- 2007 Rowing World Cup regattas,
- 2007 World Rowing Under 23 Championships
- 2007 World Rowing Junior Championships
- 2007 World Rowing Championships
- 2007 European Rowing Championships

These are, of course, subject to the final number of entries in each boat class and subject to change with notice. In addition, they might be adjusted according to the weather conditions. Please review them and prepare your travel and accommodation accordingly.

2. 2007 Bye-Law Changes

The Council has approved changes to several bye-laws and will publish the regulations for Adaptive Rowing as well as other events and disciplines.

- 2a. Rules of Racing Bye-Law changes for 2007
- 2b. Progression System changes for 2007

3. Qualification Regattas for the 2008 Olympic Games

The Council confirmed the following dates and venues for the Olympic Qualification regattas:

- 2007 African Olympic Qualification Regatta –
 - Algiers, Algeria from 19 to 21 July (at All Africa Games)
- 2007 Latin American Olympic Qualification Regatta –
 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 16 to 18 November 2007
- 2008 Asian Olympic Qualification Regatta –
 - Shanghai, China from 24 to 26 April 2008
- 2008 Final Olympic Qualification Regatta –
 - Lucerne, Switzerland from 15 to 18 June 2008

4. FISA Event Bids

Any national federations interested in applying for the:

- One of the 2009 and 2010 Rowing World Cup regattas
- 2009 European Rowing Championships
- 2009 World Rowing Forum

are requested to declare their intention to bid in writing to be received no later than **31st March 2007** at FISA headquarters. Interested federations will be sent the bid questionnaire to be completed and later returned to FISA.

5. 2007 and 2008 (Provisional) International Regatta Calendars are attached

6. 2007 International Masters Rowing Calendar is attached

7. Commission Casual Vacancies

National Federations are advised that the following Commissions of FISA seek to fill casual vacancies during 2007:

- Umpires (3 positions, one for July 2007 and two for Jan 2008)
- Competitive
- Materials
- Athletes (Heavyweight Male)

NFs are asked to propose names of candidates who could positively contribute to these technical commissions. Letters of support and, for new candidates, up to date Curriculum Vitae must be received **by 31st March 2007** at FISA Headquarters. NFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member.

8. 2008 and 2009 Joint Commissions Meeting Bids

Applications are now sought from federations interested in hosting this meeting in 2008 and 2009. Details of the facilities and services required are available from FISA.

9. Thomas Keller Medal Nominations LAST CALL

Please be reminded that nominations for the 2007 Thomas Keller Medal close on Monday 26 February 2007. Please return the attached form (also available from the homepage of www.worldrowing.com) with 250-word justification of your choice (addressing the five criteria listed below):

1. *Success on the international level*
2. *"Type" of career*
3. *Technical mastery of the sport*
4. *Sportsmanship*
5. *"Legendary" aspect*

Nominations are open to the general public, so please promote this through your national websites or other communication channels."

Yours sincerely,



Denis Oswald
President



Matt Smith
Executive Director