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



Circular No. 3 of 2007

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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A. 2007 World Championships / Congress Items

1. Registration for the 2007 Ordinary Congress

You are reminded that the 2007 Congress will take place on Monday, 3rd September 2007, 09:00 hrs at the:

Holiday Inn Munich City – North
Leopoldstrasse 194
80804 Muenchen
GERMANY
Tel: +49 (0) 89 38 1790
www.munich-citynorth-holiday-inn.de

Registration will start at 08:00 hrs sharp. In order to start on time, Congress delegates are asked to arrive in plenty of time to register.

2. Comments on the 2006 Ordinary Congress Minutes (Congress Item 4)

These Minutes were sent on 3rd July with the 2007 Congress Agenda Papers. In order to save time during the Congress, delegates are asked to submit to FISA proposed corrections in writing to be received by 25 August 2007.

3. Reasoning behind the Council Decisions on the World Championship Bids

Please read the Council's reasoning for its decisions on the World Championships bids in the attached document. The bidding committees and their national federations are responsible for informing the delegates about the details of their bids before arriving at the Congress. As usual, there will be no presentations during the congress.

4. Meetings at the World Championships

Please put these meetings into your schedule for the week of the Championships:

- Athletes Meeting is at 16:00 hrs on Tuesday, 28 August 2007
- Coaches Meeting is at 16:00 hrs on Wednesday, 29 August 2007
- Team Doctors Meeting is at 17:00 hrs on Thursday, 30 August 2007

Meeting locations will be announced at the Team Managers' Meetings.

B. General Items

5. 2007 FISA Youth Coaches Conference

This conference takes place in Gibraltar from Thursday, October 11 to Sunday, October 14 2007. The conference theme is "let's be practical". Information about the conference and registration can be obtained from the website <http://www.jcc2007.gi> .

6. 2007 World Rowing Coaches Conference

This year's Coaches Conference takes place in Budapest, Hungary from Thursday, 8 November to Sunday, 11 November 2007 hosted by the Hungarian Rowing Association. The main speaker is Rene Mijnders of the Netherlands. Information about the conference and the conference registration form can be found at http://www.hunrowing.hu/coaches_conference_2007 .

7. 2007 World Championships DVD

The above mentioned show will now be produced on DVD and can be ordered. This DVD will include all 27 World Championships finals plus slow motion sequences of the winning crews. The DVD should be ordered through FISA's licensed merchandise partners. Please consult the FISA website for information on how to order this DVD.

Yours sincerely,



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President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Attachments

FISA Council Decision on the Bids for the 2011 World Rowing Championships

FISA has received three very strong bids for the 2011 World Rowing Championships:

- Amsterdam (The Bosbaan), the Netherlands
- Bled (Lake Bled) ,Slovenia
- Lucerne (Lake Rotsee), Switzerland

All bids are very professional and complete. All bids have clearly worded letters of support from their government funding partners. All budgets are realistic and all financial conditions are addressed.

Clearly all venues could host a very successful World Championship regatta.

However, as this is the World Rowing Championship regatta which also serves as the qualification for the 2012 Olympic Games and the 2012 Paralympic Games, there are additional factors which need to be considered.

First, and foremost, are the water conditions. The quality of the water and fairness of the racing conditions is FISA's highest consideration for such a regatta. In most cases, the crews' placings in their semi-finals and in B Finals will be critical for Olympic qualification. For example, in seven of the boat classes, places 1 to 5 in Final B will qualify for the Games. This means that the effect of the prevailing weather conditions on the fairness of the racing lanes is very important.

Another aspect is the ability of the venue to deal with additional "water" issues such as warming up and cooling down areas, on-the-water training times and the impact of television on the racing lanes. There are, of course, a multitude of other aspects that have been taken into consideration.

As mentioned above, all three bids could create very successful Championships. But, due to the importance of the water conditions in view of the qualification for the Olympic Games, the Council has decided that Bled and Lucerne offer advantages over Amsterdam.

Therefore, the Council has decided to present both Bled and Lucerne to the 2007 FISA Ordinary Congress for the delegates of the National Rowing Federations to select the definitive host venue on 3 September 2007 in Munich, Germany.

FISA Council Decision on the Bids for the 2010 World Rowing Under 23 and the 2011 Junior Championships

FISA has also received very strong bids for the 2010 World Rowing Under 23 Championships:

- Brest, Belarus
- Trakai, Lithuania

and the 2011 World Rowing Junior Championships:

- Eton, Great Britain
- Hamburg, Germany

These bids are very professional and complete with clearly worded letters of support from their government funding partners. All budgets are realistic and all financial conditions are addressed.

All of these bidding venues could host very successful World Championship regattas.

Starting with the 2010 Under 23 Championships, the Council is very pleased that there is a new FISA standard regatta course in Belarus which satisfies all requirements. It has eight racing lanes, a warm up channel and full land facilities. Many of the hotels in the Brest area are under renovation or new ones are starting construction very soon. The main complication will be arrivals at either Minsk or Warsaw airports, but the organising committee has offered many solutions to make this airport transfer as painless as possible. Trakai also presented a very complete bid and they are to be commended for this.

For the 2011 Junior Championships, the Council feels that the need to fully test the 2012 Olympic venue along with all related components (accommodation and transport) is of paramount importance, as was done in Athens and now in Beijing. The Council has asked that Eton use the Olympic sub-village for rowing (Royal Holloway College) exclusively for the Junior championships so that transport can be fully tested. Hamburg has also presented an excellent bid and will make significant changes during 2008 and 2009 to the venue to bring it to full FISA standard.

For these main reasons, the Council has decided to present Brest and Eton as their selections for these above mentioned championships to the delegates of the 2007 FISA Ordinary Congress for vote on 3 September 2007 in Munich, Germany.