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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
National Rowing Magazines
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. URGENT – Locations of 2008 Rowing World Cup regattas and Final Olympic Qualification Regatta CHANGED

The locations of the 2nd and 3rd regattas of the 2008 Rowing World Cup and the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta have changed. The **NEW PROGRAMME** is:

- (Regatta 1 – No Change – 9 to 11 May 2008 – Munich, Germany)
- Regatta 2: 30 May to 1 June 2008 – Lucerne, Switzerland
- Final Olympic Qualification Regatta: 15 to 18 June 2008 – Poznan, Poland
- Regatta 3: 20 to 22 June 2008 – Poznan, Poland

We regret these changes but they were due to other events in the local and national calendars. Please make the appropriate changes in your planning as soon as possible.

2. Olympic Games Related information

- a. Latest Olympic Qualification Chart is attached
- b. Explanation for selection of Alternate Rowers is attached
- c. FISA Family Grandstand in Beijing – application form attached

3. 2007 FISA Ordinary Congress in Munich, Germany

This congress took place on Monday, 3 September in Munich, Germany. The main decisions are summarised as follows:

- **Commission Chair Elections for four year terms (until end 2011):**

Athletes:	Jean-Christophe Rolland (FRA)
Materials:	Paul Fuchs (USA)
Rowing for All:	Denis Masegla (FRA)
Sports Medicine:	Alain Lacoste (FRA)
Youth Rowing:	Algirdas Raslanas (LTU)

- **Attributions of FISA Events:**

- Lake Bled in Bled, Slovenia will host the **2011 World Rowing Championships**. Preliminary dates are 28 Aug. to 4 Sept. 2011.
- The **2011 World Rowing Junior Championships** were attributed to Eton, Great Britain. Preliminary dates are 3 to 6 August 2011.
- The **2010 World Rowing Under 23 Championships** were attributed to Brest, Belarus. Preliminary dates are 22 to 25 July 2010.
- The **2008 Ordinary Congress** will take place on Friday, 25 July 2008 in Linz, Austria.
- **Bermuda and Madagascar** were welcomed as new members of FISA which makes 128 member federations.
- The Council attributed the right to organise the **2009 World Rowing Forum** to USRowing. This event will be hosted in Philadelphia, USA, a city with a long and famous rowing background. The preliminary dates for this event are 5 to 7 November 2009.
- The Council attributed the **2009 Rowing World Cup** regattas to: Banyoles, ESP, Munich, GER and Lucerne, SUI.
- The **2010 Rowing World Cup** regattas were attributed to: Bled, SLO, Munich, GER and Lucerne, SUI.

4. Comments on this year's FISA events

The 2007 World Rowing Championship regatta in Munich, Germany was a big success. The FISA Executive Committee voted to present the FISA Medal of Honour to the President of the Organising Committee Bernd Schuhmacher, the OC marketing consultant Juergen Schroeder and, representing all the volunteers, Joerg Reinhardt who was transport manager.

The 2007 World Rowing Junior Championship regatta in Beijing was also very successful. The new Shunyi International Regatta Course was spectacular and the excellent organisation in such a short time was well received. FISA honoured the Organising Committee for their outstanding work by awarding the OC President Xia Zhanyi and the Competition Manager Chen Chunxin with FISA Medals of Honour. The 2007 World Rowing Under 23 Championship regatta was also very successful under the leadership of the OC President Mary Massaro and OC Competition Director Iain Somerside. They were awarded FISA Medals of Honour.

We should not forget to recognise the organising committees of the 2007 Rowing World Cup regattas in Linz/Ottensheim, Amsterdam and Lucerne. Their hard and dedicated work made for an excellent world cup season.

5. Selection of the 2010 World Rowing Masters Regatta venue

The FISA Council selected St. Catharines, Canada as the venue for this event in 2010. This course has been the host of many international regattas over the years including the 1999 World Rowing Championships.

6. 2007 FISA Youth Coaches Conference

This conference takes place in Gibraltar from 11 to 14 October 2007. The theme of this year's conference is "Let's be practical". Information can be obtained from the website <http://www.jcc2007.gi>

7. 2007 World Rowing Coaches Conference

This year's Coaches Conference takes place in Budapest, Hungary from Thursday, 8 November to Sunday, 10 November 2007 hosted by the Hungarian Rowing Association. As well, information can be obtained from the website http://www.hunrowing.hu/coaches_conference_2007

8. Appointment of Commission members for 2008 to 2011

The FISA Council has confirmed the membership of the below FISA Commissions for four-year terms ending on 31 December 2011:

Athletes:

Jean-Christophe Rolland (FRA), Chair
Lenka Wech (GER)
Amber Halliday (AUS)
Greg Kokas (HUN)
Guin Batten (GBR)
Igor Boraska (CRO)
Daisaku Takeda (JPN)
Santiago Fernandez (ARG)

Materials:

Paul Fuchs (USA), Chair
Stefan Piesik (GER)
Mathias Binder (SUI)
Athanasios Mitrousis (GRE)

Rowing for All:

Denis Masseglia (FRA), Chair
Stig Fischer Bjerregaard (DEN)
Lionel Girard (FRA)
Jens Kolberg (NOR)
Gwenda Stevens (BEL)
Carolyn Taylor (CAN)

Sports Medicine:

Alain Lacoste (FRA), Chair
Henning Bay Nielsen (DEN)
Jo Hannafin (USA)
Peter Kokas (HUN)
Juergen Steinacker (GER)
Peter Thomas (GBR)

Youth:

Algirdas Raslanas (LTU), Chair
Debby DeAngelis (USA)
Barbara Fenner (AUS)
Axel Mueller (GER)
Ludmila Saraeva (RUS)

9. Appointment of New Commission Members to fill Casual Vacancies

The Council has appointed the following individuals to fill casual vacancies in the below-mentioned commissions. Their terms run until 31 December 2010. Their contact details can be found on the Worldrowing.com website.

Umpiring:

Gabrielle Isenschmidt Weber (SUI)

Jérôme Mouly (FRA)

Nicholas Ee (SIN)

Events:

Joost de Geus (NED)

10. Future FISA event bids

Any national federations interested in applying for the:

- 2009 European Rowing Championships
- 2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championships
- 2011 World Rowing Masters Regatta
- 2012 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships
- 2012 World Rowing University Championships

are requested to declare their intention to bid in writing to be received no later than **30th September 2007** at FISA headquarters. Interested federations will be sent the bid questionnaire to be completed and later returned to FISA.

11. 2008 International Regatta Calendar, 2008 Masters International Regatta Calendar and 2009 Provisional International Regatta Calendar

Applications for the inclusion of regattas in the above mentioned calendars must be received at FISA headquarters **by 31st October 2007**. Application forms are attached.

12. 2008 FISA World Rowing Directory

Individuals, Organisations and Member Federations listed in the 2007 World Rowing Directory are requested to check their details (including oar blade colours and the names of your President and Secretary General) and forward any changes or corrections for the 2008 edition to FISA headquarters by **31 October 2007**. Please also include email and Internet home page addresses. The Directories may be ordered through the FISA merchandisers in each continent at www.worldrowing.com/merchandise.

13. 2007 World Rowing Championships DVD

The above mentioned DVD can be ordered. This DVD will include all finals A and some slow motion sequences of the winning crews. The DVD should be ordered through FISA's licensed merchandise partners at www.worldrowing.com/merchandise.

Yours sincerely,



Denis Oswald
President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Attachments