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

Circular No. 2 of 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Subjects covered in this Circular include the following:

1. 2008 Annual Ordinary Congress
2. 2007 Anti-Doping Survey

1. 2008 Annual Ordinary Congress

Notice is hereby given that the 2008 FISA Ordinary Congress will be held at 15:00 hrs on Friday, 25 July 2008 at the

New Linz City Hall
(Neues Rathaus der Stadt Linz)
Großer Festsaal
Hauptstraße 1-5
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Registration begins at 14:00 hrs.

Please note:

- a) Any federation wishing to submit a specific proposal for inclusion in the Agenda must do so in written form, along with the reasons for the proposal, to be received at FISA Headquarters in Lausanne no later than 15:00 hrs on **25 April 2008**.
- b) The Congress will attribute the following World Rowing Championships. The candidates having submitted provisional bids for the honour and responsibility of hosting these championships are:

2012 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships

- The Bulgarian Federation with Plovdiv

2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championships

- The Netherlands Federation with Amsterdam
- The Portuguese Federation with Montemar-o-Velho

The Council will be sending inspection teams to these candidate locations to consider all aspects of the Bids. The Executive Committee will be meeting the bidding federations on 10 May 2008 in Munich and will issue its recommendations soon after that.

- c) Federations are requested to advise FISA of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by using the attached form "Congress Attendance Form" to be received no later than **25 June 2008**.

2. 2007 Anti-Doping Survey

FISA's survey of all doping tests undertaken in rowing in 2007 is presented below. A total of 53 National Federations responded to this year's survey and show a total of 3'402 tests conducted in the sport of rowing. Those Federations not responding to this survey may be subject to sanctions by the FISA Executive Committee.

	In Competition	Out of Competition	Total Tests	Positive Tests
FISA/WADA other international events	149	366	515	10
Reported by Nat Federations	935	1'952	2'887	0
Total	1'084	2'318	3'402	10

Announcements of decisions on positive cases:

International Testing:

- a. UKR – Ukrainian rower Nataliya Ryzhkova - On 7 April 2007, on behalf of FISA, the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA") conducted out of competition anti-doping tests in Kherson, Ukraine, in accordance with the Regulations of the World Anti-Doping Code and the FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Laws. The samples taken in the testing were analyzed at the WADA accredited laboratory in Kreischa, Germany.

The analysis of the sample showed the presence of 3'-OH-stanozolol, the main metabolite of stanozolol. Stanozolol is on the 2007 Prohibited substances/methods list of the World Anti-Doping Code. Stanozolol is a class S1.1a substance (exogenous anabolic androgenic steroid). Nataliya Ryzhkova was banned from national and international competition for two years, until 29 April 2009.

- b. RUS - Russian rowers Anastasia Fatina and Anastasia Karabelshchikova and Svetlana Fedorova of the Russian women's eight, Alexander Litvintchev, Evgeny Luzyanin and

Ivan Podshivalov of the Russian men's eight as well as Vladimir Varfolomeev and Denis Moiseev of the Russian lightweight men's double were found to have committed World Anti-doping Code violations for having used intravenous infusion but not for a legitimate acute medical treatment. All were banned from national and international competition for two years, until 27 August 2009.

In addition, following these nine cases, the FISA Executive Committee took the following sanctions against the Russian Rowing Federation on 27 January 2008:

1. to apply the sanction defined in paragraph 12.2 of Article 12 of the Anti-doping Rules, namely, to obligate the Russian Rowing Federation to reimburse FISA for all costs (including but not limited to laboratory fees, hearing expenses and travel) related to these seven violations of these Anti-Doping Rules committed by Russian athletes. This amount is approximately CHF 50'000 (currently being calculated);
2. to apply the sanction defined in paragraph 12.3.1 a of Article 12 of the FISA Anti-Doping Rules, namely, ban all officials of the Russian Rowing Federation from participation in any FISA activities including, but not limited to, the current office bearers and Board of Directors of the Russian Rowing Federation and all coaches, team support staff and medical staff for a period of one year commencing on 27 January 2008.
3. to apply the sanction defined in paragraph 12.3.1. b of Article 12 of the Anti-doping Rules, namely, to fine the Russian Rowing Federation in an amount of CHF 75'000.

Yours sincerely,

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