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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
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Circular No. 3 of 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

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1. 2008 FISA Ordinary Congress in Linz, Austria

This congress took place on Friday, 25 July and the main decisions are summarised as follows:

- **2012 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships**
Plovdiv, Bulgaria, the sole candidate, was awarded these championships in 2012. The dates for the event have still to be determined.
- **2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championships**
Amsterdam, The Netherlands was awarded these championships in a very close vote over the new regatta course in Montemar-o-Velho, Portugal. Tentative dates are 21 to 24 July 2011.
- **2011 World Rowing Masters Regatta**
Masters Chair Peter Morrison announced the awarding of this event to the well-known Malta Rowing Course in Poznan, Poland. Tentative dates are 8 to 11 September 2011.
- **New Dates for the 2010 World Rowing Championships**
After a full review of the planning for this event, the organising committee for the above event to take place on Lake Karapiro, New Zealand asked and received the authority to move the event to the spring. The new dates will be 31 October to 7 November 2010.

- **Adoption of the Revised World Anti-Doping Code**

The delegates unanimously approved the adoption of the new, revised World Anti-Doping Code which will come into effect on 1 January 2009. The Council was given the authority to incorporate the new changes into the FISA Anti-Doping Bye-laws which will take place during the Council meetings to be held during the Beijing Olympic Games in August.

- **130 Member Federations**

The delegates welcomed the new member national federations from Ghana and Vanuatu.

The next FISA Congress will take place on 31 August 2009 in Poznan, Poland following the 2009 World Rowing Championships. The delegates were reminded to make their booking soon for the 2009 FISA Extraordinary Congress to take place from 13 to 15 February 2009 in Cape Town, South Africa.

2. Compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code

FISA is a stakeholder in the success of the World Anti-Doping Code which is administered by the World Anti-Doping Agency. As a signatory organisation of the Olympic Movement, FISA has committed to certain roles and responsibilities, including adopting and implementing anti-doping policies and rules which conform with the World Anti-Doping Code.

Another of FISA's responsibilities is to require as a condition of membership that the policies, rules and programmes of our member National Federations are in compliance with the WADC. And, to withhold some or all funding to its member National Federations that are not in compliance with the Code.

FISA has been asked to confirm that its member national federations are in compliance with the WADC. Would you please complete the attached form confirming that your national rowing federation has established policies, rules and programmes that are in compliance with the WADC and return it to FISA by 15 September 2008.

3. 2008 FISA Youth Coaches Conference

This conference takes place in Singapore from 17 to 19 October 2007. Themes of this year's conference "Developing Rowing Talent towards 2010" and "Preparing our rowers for the Youth Olympics". Information can be obtained from the Calendar of Events section:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=35212>

4. 2008 World Rowing Coaches Conference

This year's Coaches Conference takes place in Paris, France from Thursday, 6 November to Saturday, 8 November 2008 hosted by the French Rowing Association. As well, information can be obtained from the website : <http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=35198>
Or the French Federation's site: <http://www.avironfrance.fr/WRCC-Paris2008/Welcome/Welcome.htm>

5. Appointment of New Commission Member to fill a Casual Vacancy

The Council has appointed Guin Batten of Great Britain of the Athletes Commission to fill a casual vacancy in the Youth Rowing Commission.

6. Future FISA event bids

Any national federations interested in applying for the:

- 2010 European Rowing Championships
- 2012 World Rowing Under 23 Championships
- 2012 World Rowing Masters Regatta
- 2013 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships
- 2012 World Rowing University Championships
- 2010 and 2011 World Rowing Coastal Championships

are requested to declare their intention to bid in writing to be received no later than **31 August 2008** at FISA headquarters. Interested federations will be sent the bid questionnaire to be completed and later returned to FISA.

Yours sincerely,



Denis Oswald
President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Attachments