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**To:** Affiliated Federations  
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

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### **1. 2009 FISA Extraordinary Congress**

Notice is hereby given that the Extraordinary Congress of FISA will be held from the 13 to 15 February 2009 in Cape Town. The Congress will consider amendments to the Statutes and Rules of Racing. Proposals for any such amendments from National Federations should be dispatched to reach FISA no later than 13<sup>th</sup> **November 2008**. All proposals and justifications for the proposals should be written in the two official languages of FISA, **French and English**. Federations are asked to announce their delegates' names in writing (using the attached form) to FISA before 13<sup>th</sup> **December 2008**. The provisional programme for the Congress is attached.

Full registration and hotel booking information is available on the website of the organising committee at <http://www.capetown2009.com>

## 2. The 2008 Ordinary Congress in Linz

This congress took place on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> July in Linz, Austria. The main decisions are summarised as follows:

- The **Plovdiv International Regatta Course in Plovdiv, Bulgaria** will host the 2012 FISA World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships.
- The 2011 World Rowing Under 23 Regatta was attributed to the **Bosbaan International Regatta Course in Amsterdam, the Netherlands**.
- The **2009 Ordinary Congress** will take place on Monday, 31 August 2009 in Poznan, Poland.
- **Ghana and Vanuatu** were confirmed as new member national rowing federations of FISA.
- The delegates approved a change of date for the **2010 World Rowing Championships**. The new dates will be 29 October to 7 November 2010 at Lake Karapiro in New Zealand.
- The delegates of the Congress approved the new **World Anti-Doping Code** for application to the sport of rowing starting 1 January 2009. The FISA Council is now updating the FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Laws to reflect these changes.

## 3. 2008 FISA Youth Coaches Conference

This conference takes place in Singapore from 17 to 19 October 2008. 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. Umpires Nominations for 2009 FISA Events**

National Federations are invited to nominate umpires for the following events:

- 2009 **Rowing World Cup** regattas to be held in Banyoles, Spain (29-31 May), Munich, Germany (19-21 June) and Lucerne, Switzerland (10-12 July);
- 2009 **World University Games Regatta** to be held in Belgrade, Serbia from 1 to 4 July 2009;
- 2009 **World Rowing Under 23 Regatta** to be held in Racice, Czech Republic from 23 to 26 July 2009;
- 2009 **World Rowing Junior Championships** to be held in Brive-La-Gaillarde, France from 5 to 8 August 2009;
- 2009 **World Rowing Championships** to be held in Poznan, Poland from 23 to 30 August 2009;
- 2009 **FISA World Masters Regatta** to be held in Vienna, Austria from 4 to 6 September 2009;
- 2009 **European Rowing Championships** to be held in Brest, Belarus from 18 to 20 September 2009;
- 2009 **World Rowing Coastal Championships for Clubs** to be held in Plymouth, Great Britain from 16 to 18 October 2009.

National Federations should ensure that any umpire nominated is definitely able to attend the event concerned. FISA provides a small travel subsidy for the umpires of the World Championships, the World U23 Championships, the World Junior Championships, the European Rowing Championships, the Coastal Rowing Championships and foreign umpires of the World Cup regattas. Umpires for the other events, with their National Federations, must fund their own travel expenses. The deadline for nominations with complete contact information for the nominated umpire (including email address) to be received at FISA headquarters is **31 January 2009**. Please use the attached form.

## **6. 2011 World Rowing Masters Regatta venue announced**

The FISA Council selected the Malta Regatta Course in Poznan, Poland as the 2011 venue for this event. The Malta course has hosted many major regattas over the years including the 2006 World Rowing Under 23 Championships, the 2007 European Rowing Championships and will host the 2009 World Rowing Championships.

## **7. 2009 International, 2009 Masters, and 2010 Provisional International Regatta Calendars**

Applications for the inclusion of regattas in the above mentioned calendars must be received at FISA headquarters **by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008**. Application forms are attached.

Please note that major rowing events will take place on the following dates:

29 to 31 May	1st 2009 Rowing World Cup regatta – Banyoles
19 to 21 June	2nd 2009 Rowing World Cup regatta – Munich
1 to 4 July	2009 World University Games regatta - Belgrade
10 to 12 July	3 <sup>rd</sup> 2009 Rowing World Cup regatta – Lucerne
23 to 26 July	2009 World Rowing Under 23 Championships – Racice
5 to 8 August	2009 World Rowing Junior Championships - Brive-la-Gaillarde
23 to 30 August	2009 World Rowing Championships – Poznan
4 to 6 September	2009 World Rowing Masters Regatta – Vienna
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## **8. Comments on this year's FISA events**

The success of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games regatta was for all to see. The FISA Executive Committee voted to present the FISA Medal of Honour to the Venue Manager Li Yousheng, the Competition Manager Chen Chunxin and to a volunteer, on behalf of all the volunteers in Shunyi. This marked rowing's great appreciation for all the efforts made by the host country and the Shunyi District to construct the beautiful regatta course and operate the regatta to such a high standard.

The 2008 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships were also very successful on the waters at Ottensheim. Excellent racing took place the entire week in good rowing conditions. FISA honoured the President of the Organising Committee Gerhard Wildmoser and the director of the OC Horst Anselm with the FISA Medal of Honour.

The 2008 World Rowing Under 23 regatta was very successful under the leadership of the Mayor of Brandenburg Mrs. Dietlind Tiemann and the President of the Organising Committee Hartmut Duif. The 2008 World Rowing Masters Regatta was also very successfully hosted in Trakai, Lithuania under the leadership of Arturas Jukna. It was conducted in near perfect conditions.

### **9. 2009 FISA World Rowing Guide**

Individuals, Organisations and Member Federations listed in the 2009 World Rowing Guide 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 to FISA headquarters by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2008**. Please also include email and Internet home page addresses, as they will be included. These may be ordered through the FISA merchandisers at [www.worldrowing.com/merchandise](http://www.worldrowing.com/merchandise).

### **10. 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Regattas DVD**

The above mentioned DVD can now be ordered. This DVD will include all 14 Olympic finals plus all four Paralympic finals from Beijing. The DVD should be ordered through FISA's licensed merchandise partners at [www.worldrowing.com/merchandise](http://www.worldrowing.com/merchandise).

Yours sincerely,



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President



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Attachments