

YOUTH ROWING COMMISSION

Membership of the Commission

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Meetings of the Commission

Joint Commission Meeting, March, Palermo

World Rowing Junior Championships,
August, Linz

Joint Commission Meeting, November, Paris

Activities of the Commission

Event support

The Commission fulfilled its functions at the World Under 23 Championships in Brandenburg, and Junior & Senior Championships in Linz. Primarily this involved support for the new coaches, particularly those from developing countries. At both events a coaches meeting was organized and statistics analyzed to provide future recommendations to the Executive Committee and other commissions.

Development project (Masters fund)

Thanks to the money provided by the Masters Commission, coach Kerrie Mackie from Zimbabwe, together with a JM2x came to Linz as part of the development program. This Masters Fund project supports a nominated coach

in charge of their junior program to take part in the Youth Coaches Conference and bring a team to the Junior World Championships over two years.

Also the young female rower from Paraguay, Gabriela Mosqueira, was supported to participate in Linz where she came 5th in the JW1x B Final. She was the only female representative from Latin America.

13th Youth Coaches Conference

Barbara Fenner and Guin Batten supported by the Singapore Rowing Association successfully conducted the 13th Youth Coaches Conference in Singapore, host of the 2010 Youth Olympic Games, with the participation of 70 attendees from 19 countries.

Future projects

With the growth of responsibilities and future regattas (Youth Olympic Games 2010, European Junior Championships 2011), we have to re-view the functions of the individual members of the commission as well study the possibility to increase the number to be present at all requested events.

Future World Rowing U23 Championships:

- 2009 Racice, CZE
- 2010 Brest, BLR
- 2011 Amsterdam, NED

Future World Junior Championships:

- 2009 Brive la Gaillarde, FRA
- 2010 Racice, CZE
- 2011 Eton, GBR
- 2012 Plovdiv, BUL

Conclusion

I would like to express my gratitude to the Youth Commission members who are actively involved in rowing and youth sport activities in all continents displaying their wide experience for their tasks in the Commission.

Finally I would like to thank all the national federations, and especially Nicholas Ee (Singapore Rowing Association), and the Brandenburg Organising Committee (plus regional rowing club) for their excellent cooperation, proposals or suggestions. This is greatly appreciated.

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