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

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1. 2009 FISA Ordinary Congress in Poznan, Poland

This congress took place on Monday, 31 August 2009 in Poznan, Poland.
The main decisions are summarised as follows:

- **Executive Committee Elections for four year terms (until end 2013):**
 - President: Denis Oswald (SUI)
 - Vice President: Anita DeFrantz (USA)
 - Treasurer: Michael Williams (GBR)
 - Council Chairs on the Executive Committee:
 - John Boulton (AUS)
 - Tricia Smith (CAN)
 - Jean-Christophe Rolland (FRA)

- **Attributions of FISA Events:**

- Lake Tangeum in Chungju, Korea will host the **2013 World Rowing Championships**. Preliminary dates are 25 Aug. to 1 Sept. 2013.
- The **2014 World Rowing Championships** were attributed to **the** Bosbaan regatta course in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Preliminary dates are 24 to 31 August 2014.
- The **2012 World Rowing Under 23 Championships** were attributed to Trakai, Lithuania. Preliminary dates are 12 to 15 July 2012.
- The **2010 Ordinary Congress** will take place on Monday, 8 November 2010 in Hamilton, New Zealand.
- Many delegates expressed their views about the **2012 Olympic Qualification System** at this Congress. The Council had presented three options and generally the comments were most supportive of keeping the same system as was used for 2008. The Council will consider this at their meeting in January 2010.

2. FISA Council Decisions made in Poznan

- The Council attributed the **2011 Rowing World Cup** regattas to: Munich, GER 27 to 29 May 2011, Hamburg, GER 17 to 19 June 2011 and Lucerne, SUI 8 to 11 July 2011.
- The Council attributed the **2012 World Rowing Masters Regatta** to the Wedau Regatta Course in Duisburg, Germany. Preliminary dates are 7 to 9 September 2012.
- **Adaptive Boat Weights** were discussed at great length and the following new weights will take effect in 2010:
 - Adaptive Singles: 24 kgs (formerly 22 kgs)
 - Adaptive Doubles: 37 kgs (formerly 36 kgs)
 - Adaptive Coxed Fours: 51 kgs (no change in weight)
- Coxed fours in Adaptive Rowing races may, from 2010, be bow- or stern-loaded.

- The **Adaptive Rowing Start and Finish** situation in Poznan, then at Lake Karapiro and Lake Bled was discussed at length and a position paper will be prepared for consultation with national federations.

3. Comments on this year's FISA events

The 2009 World Rowing Championship regatta in Poznan, Poland was a big success. The FISA Executive Committee voted to present the FISA Medal of Honour to the Mayor of Poznan Ryszard Grobelny, the Organising Committee Director Aleksander Daniel and the wife of the late Maciej Frankiewicz, former Deputy Mayor of Poznan Joanna Frankiewicz.

The 2009 World Rowing Junior Championship regatta in Brive was also very successful. The new Lac Causse International Regatta Course was beautiful and ready for the Championships. FISA honoured the Organising Committee for their outstanding work by awarding the French Rowing Federation and OC President Jean-Jacques Mulot and the person who first promoted the Lake of Causse as being perfect for rowing Jacques Gratadour with FISA Medals of Honour. The 2009 World Rowing Under 23 Championship regatta was also very successful under the leadership of the Czech Rowing Federation and OC President Jiri Kejval and OC Administration Manager Simona Hanouskova They were awarded FISA Medals of Honour.

We should not forget to recognise the organising committees of the 2009 Rowing World Cup regattas in Banyoles, Munich and Lucerne. Their hard and dedicated work made for an excellent world cup season.

4. 2009 FISA Youth Coaches Conference

This conference takes place in Naples, Italy from Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 October 2009. The conference theme is "Rowing Equipment – materials, boats, and technologies of modern rowing" Information about the conference and registration can be obtained from the website: www.fisaconferencenapoli.com .

5. 2009 World Rowing Coaches Conference

This year's Coaches Conference takes place in January 2010 in Copenhagen, Denmark from Thursday, 21 January to Sunday, 24 January 2010 hosted by the Danish Rowing Association. Please note these dates in your agendas

6. Openings in FISA Commissions

- **The Competitive Rowing Commission** seeks a new member.
- **The Rowing for All Commission** seeks two members with particular expertise in Coastal Rowing.
- **The Umpiring Commission** seeks a new member.
- **The Youth Commission** seeks a new member.

National Federations are requested to propose names of candidates who could positively contribute to these technical commissions. Letters of candidacy and current Curriculum Vitae must be received **by 15 December 2009** at FISA Headquarters. NFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member.

7. Future FISA event bids

Any national federations interested in applying for the:

- 2012 European Rowing Championships
- 2013 World Rowing Under 23 Championships
- 2013 World Rowing Masters Regatta
- 2013 World Rowing Junior Championships
- 2014 World Rowing Junior Championships

are requested to declare their intention to bid in writing to be received no later than **30th September 2009** at FISA headquarters. Interested federations will be sent the bid questionnaire to be completed and later returned to FISA.

8. 2010 International Regatta Calendar, 2010 Masters International Regatta Calendar and 2011 Provisional International Regatta Calendar

Applications for the inclusion of regattas in the above mentioned calendars must be received at FISA headquarters **by 31st October 2009**. Application forms are attached.

9. 2009 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,



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President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Attachments