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To: Affiliated Federations
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Circular No. 3 of 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Subjects covered in this Circular include the following:

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1. Updates for the 2014 FISA Ordinary Congress

a. Agenda Item 14 - The FISA Council's Proposal to Congress for the Attribution of World Rowing Championships

In accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Racing, the FISA Council has reviewed the final bids of Rotterdam, NED for the 2016 World Rowing Under 23 Championships and Plovdiv, BUL for the 2017 World Rowing Under 23 Championships, confirms that these bids meet all requirements and proposes them to Congress for final approval under Agenda item 14 of the Agenda Papers.

b. Agenda Item 19 – Other Items

The Council discussed the question of the maximum boat length (Bye-Law to Rule 39, section 1.1, paragraph 2) at its meeting in Lucerne on 11 July 2014. After hearing from several experienced boat builders, the Council decided to suspend the effect of the minimum length bye-law until more information on the full impact is gathered. FISA will be seeking additional facts from inside rowing and in the shipping industry to be in a better position to make a decision on this issue.

c. Additional Discussion at the Congress

At the end of the Congress, there will be presentations from FISA about recent developments:

- The revised FISA Strategic Plan (DRAFT attached)
- The Equality Strategy – Women's Rowing Development Plan (DRAFT attached)
- The Universality Strategy – The Coastal Rowing Strategy (DRAFT attached)
- The Island Rowing Strategy (to be presented)
- The Environmental Strategy – Clean Water Project (to be presented)
- Questions and Comments

2. Delegates Pre-Congress Meeting in Amsterdam

Delegates for the 2014 Congress are invited to a special pre-congress meeting on Sunday, 31 August 2014 at 16:00 hrs. There will be two themes discussed for a maximum of one hour and 30 minutes followed by a reception for delegates with the FISA Council. The two themes are:

- The Olympic Programme – the 2012 Olympic Programme Commission Report, the IOC's "Agenda 2020".
- Bidding for World Junior and Under 23 Championships and issues concerning the cost of hosting events;

The meeting will take place in the Team Manager's Meeting Room at the Bosbaan Regatta Course.

3. Team Medical Staff Meeting in Amsterdam

The FISA Sports Medicine Commission invites Team Medical Staff to the annual meeting to be held in Amsterdam at the World Rowing Championships on **Monday, 25 August 2014 at 9.00am** in the Team Manager's meeting room. The agenda will include the following items:

- a. Introduction - Dr Alain Lacoste (Chair, FISA Sports Medicine Commission)
- b. Update on the new medical regulations adopted by the 2013 Extraordinary Congress

c. Pre-competition Health Screening advice

In order to assist team doctors with the implementation of the FISA Pre-competition Health Screening process, the FISA Sports Medicine Commission is very pleased that Professor Antonio Pelliccia, Medical Director of the Institute of Sports Medicine of the Italian Committee and world authority on cardiovascular disease and sports medicine, has agreed to come to Amsterdam to answer the three following questions:

- i. What is important to look at on the ECG of a top level athlete?
- ii. When is it important to:
 1. Review the ECG with a cardiologist and/or
 2. Refer the athlete for additional testing and specifically what exams (stress test or treadmill test, echocardiography, myocardial scintigraphy, RMI...)
- iii. When is it your duty to say "STOP" to an athlete?

d. Any other business

e. Questions and Comments

We would also like to offer the opportunity for sports medicine professionals from outside rowing to attend the meeting. A temporary day pass accreditation will be provided to those who sign up in advance.

Please let us know if you can attend this meeting by informing the FISA office via info@fisa.org by 24 August 2014.

4. Dates for 2017 World Rowing Championships set

The FISA Council has now set the dates for the 2017 World Rowing Championships to take place in Sarasota/Bradenton, Florida, USA. The racing will take place from Sunday, 25 September to Sunday, 1 October 2017 in order to benefit from the best meteorological conditions.

5. 2014 World Rowing Coaches Conference in Rio de Janeiro, BRA

The 2014 conference will be held from Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 November 2014 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil hosted by the Brazilian Rowing Confederation, the Rio2016 Organising Committee and the Brazilian Olympic Committee. It is for Senior and Youth Coaches. Please note this in your agendas. The detailed programme is being finalised and will follow in due course.

6. Proposed 2016 Olympic Regatta Programme

The International Olympic Committee has informed FISA that the Olympic rowing regatta in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil will take place between Saturday, 6 August and Saturday, 13 August 2016, inclusive. Sunday, 14 August 2016 will be the reserve day.

The FISA Council has prepared the attached draft of the programme for the 2016 Olympic Rowing Regatta with four days of finals. This proposed programme ends with the two eights on the last final day which was a strong suggestion from many. It also respects the principle of providing the rowers with a rest day following the repechage round.

National Federations are asked to send any comments to FISA by 24 August 2014. Please send comments to info@fisa.org.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments