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**To:** Affiliated Federations  
Council and Commission Members  
Organisers of World Championships  
National Rowing Magazines  
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**Circular No. 4 of 2014**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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**1. 2014 FISA Ordinary Congress in Amsterdam**

This Congress took place on Monday, 1 September 2014 in Amsterdam. The main decisions are summarised as follows:

• **Elections**

The results of the elections for the FISA Council are the following:

- Mike Tanner (HKG) was re-elected as Chair of the Events Commission;
- Pat Lambert (BEL) was re-elected as Chair of the Event Promotion Commission
- Tone Pahle (NOR) was re-elected as Chair of the Masters Rowing Commission
- Fay Ho (HKG) was re-elected as Chair of the Para-Rowing Commission
- Patrick Rombaut (BEL) was re-elected as Chair of the Umpiring Commission



- Jacomine Ravensbergen (NED) was elected as Chair of the Women's Rowing Commission
- Rosie Mayglothling (GBR) was elected as Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission over John Boulton (AUS)

The above mentioned start their new mandates on 1 January 2015.

- The **2016 World Rowing Under 23 Championships** were provisionally attributed to Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The intention is to combine these championships with the 2016 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships but more time was needed to fully evaluate all aspects and the financing of this combination. The Congress granted the Council the authority to conclude these negotiations. The dates will be determined shortly.
- The **2017 World Rowing Under 23 Championships** were attributed to Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Provisional dates are 19 to 23 July 2017.
- The **2015 Ordinary Congress** will take place on Monday, 7 September 2015 in Chambéry, France

## 2. FISA Council Decisions made in Amsterdam

- The Council decided to suspend the maximum boat length (Bye-Law to Rule 39, section 1.1, paragraph 2. 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 (repeated from Circular No. 3).
- The Council has assessed the situation of the Para-rowing start at Aiguebelette and decided to hire an Automatic Start System for the 1'000 metre point in order to address the potential inaccuracy.

The Council would like to thank the delegates who participated in the Sunday afternoon workshop held in Amsterdam on 31 August. This workshop addressed two themes: (1) the importance of universality and equality notably for the Olympic Movement and linked with IOC's "Agenda 2020" reflection, and (2), related to the explosion of the number of top events, the small numbers of bids for Under 23 and Junior World Championships. Ideas and comments were collected from the working groups and will be summarised in minutes that are being prepared.

### **3. Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas Attributed**

The FISA Council has attributed the hosting rights to three of the four Rio 2016 Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas as follows:

- a. The 2015 FISA Continental Olympic Qualification Regatta for Latin America to Lake Curauma in Valparaiso, Chile. The regatta will take place from 27 to 30 November 2015.
- b. The 2015 FISA Continental Olympic Qualification Regatta for Africa to Lake Tunis in Tunis, Tunisia. The regatta will take place from 9 to 11 October 2015.
- c. The 2016 FISA Continental Olympic Qualification Regatta for Europe and the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta to Lucerne, Switzerland. These regattas will take place simultaneously from 22 to 25 May 2016.

### **4. Rio 2016 Olympic Regatta Racing Programme**

The FISA Council has decided to adjust the 2016 Olympic Regatta programme slightly from that of London. The regatta will have four days of final, as in London, but will now end with the eights and the singles. This was a strong recommendation from key television rights holders. The exact programme of racing will be published shortly but the attached programme will be the basis.

### **5. 2014 World Rowing Coaches Conference**

The 2014 conference will be held from Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 November 2014 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Over the course of the conference, there will be an opportunity to hear from a range of topical speakers including successful rowing coaches:

- Coach in the Spotlight – following New Zealand’s amazing year, the Coach in the Spotlight will be Gary Hay, the coach of Emma Twigg (W1x) as well as the LW2x and W2- from Amsterdam;
- A panel of 6 prominent coaches of women’s crews will discuss “What makes a successful coach of women – the myth and the reality”;
- Henk-Jan Zwolle and Rosie Mayglotling from the Competitive Rowing Commission will run a workshop on how to extract and analyse the GPS data from FISA Championships from the FISA Website;
- Coaching Para Rowing and Para Rowing Classification will be explained by Guilherme Soares and Roberto Nahon from Brazil;
- Mike Spracklen, now coaching Russia, and Trent Lawton, the New Zealand Strength and Conditioning expert, will raise different views about the best out of the boat training;

- Canadian Academic Joseph Baker will make a presentation on Talent Identification and Development and the practical aspects of developing talent will be presented by Chuck McDiarmid of Canada;
- The FISA Executive Committee will discuss some of the burning issues of our sport with the coaches present;
- As well as a tour of the Olympic Regatta Course, Rio Competition Manager Colleen Orsmond will update participants on preparations for the FISA Junior World Championships in 2015 and the Olympic Regatta in 2016.

More details about the Conference can be found here:

<http://sri.cob.org.br/cursos/wrcc/>

The Organising Committee can be reached at:

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## **6. FISA and British Rowing Conference on Sport Science and Sport Medicine**

This conference is being jointly organised by British Rowing and FISA and will take place from 22 to 25 January 2015 at the headquarters of "SAS UK & Ireland" in Marlow, Great Britain. The theme of the conference is "Improving Rowing Naturally" and will focus on how sports science and medicine input can improve boat speed.

There will be a plenary on Thursday evening with guest speaker Dr Katherine Grainger CBE discussing "the Importance of a support team in a Gold medal performance". Keynote speakers including Professor Niel Secher, Dr Alain Lacoste, Professor Sanjay Sharma, Professor Juergen Steinacher, Professor Mike Tipton, Dr Richard Budgett, Dr Anders Vinters, Dr James Morton, and SAS analytics will speak about subjects related to rowing training and competition.

The conference is aimed at sports science and medicine practitioners and coaches with a considerable sports science background. Please register your interest to attend the conference by emailing [ssmconference@britishrowing.org](mailto:ssmconference@britishrowing.org). A general call for papers for those interested in submitting research to the conference will close at 16:00 hrs UK time on Monday, 6 October, 2014. Abstracts should be no longer than 450 words including the title, authors, institutions/organization and subtitles. Please see the guidelines for authors provided on the website [www.britishrowing.org/ssmconference](http://www.britishrowing.org/ssmconference). Accepted abstracts will be published in BMC Sports Science, Medicine, and Rehabilitation. Abstracts should be sent to: [ssmconference@britishrowing.org](mailto:ssmconference@britishrowing.org)

## **7. Nominations for 2015 World Rowing Event Juries**

National Federations are invited to nominate umpires to serve on the juries for the 2015 FISA events.

National Federations should ensure that any umpire nominated is definitely able to attend the event concerned. FISA provides a small travel subsidy for all of the above mentioned events with the exception of the national umpires at World Cup regattas. The deadline for nominations with complete contact information for the nominated umpire (including email address) to be received at FISA headquarters is **15 December 2014**. Please use the attached form.

## **8. Comments on this year's FISA events**

The FISA Council would like to express its congratulations and thanks to the organisers of the main events of 2014.

The season started with the first World Rowing Cup that took place in Sydney, Australia. Thanks go to the organising committee led by John Boulton, OC President as well as Rowing Australia led by Colin Smith, President and Andrew Dee, CEO.

The European Rowing Championships in Belgrade were a success thanks to the good work of Nebojsa Jevremovich and his team of the Serbian Rowing Federation. The European Rowing Junior Championships were successful in Hazewinkel, Belgium with the co-chairs Patrick Rombaut and Pat Lambert leading the organising committee.

World Rowing Cup 2 was well organised in Aiguebelette in nearly perfect conditions by Remy Charmetant and the organising committee for next year's World Championships. World Rowing Cup 3 in Lucerne was again a success thanks to OC President Andreas Bucher, Regatta Director Christian Stofer and their team.

The World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Varese went very well thanks to the organising committee led by the Mayor of Varese Attilio Fontana, Director Luigi Manzo as well as the Italian Rowing Federation. The World Rowing Junior Championships were well organised in Hamburg, despite some windy days, thanks to the organising committee lead by Juergen Warner and the competition director Gerhard Meyboden.

The World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam were exceptionally well organised by the team lead by Gerrit-Jan Eggenkamp and Henk-Jan Zwolle, the honorary committee led by Lex van Drooge as well as the Dutch Rowing Federation and its president Frans Cornelis.

## 9. National Federations' Conference

The Council is pleased to announce that a National Federations' Conference will take place on Sunday, 8 March 2015 in London, Great Britain. This conference will address the changes resulting from the IOC's Agenda 2020 project and review the sport of rowing's strategic plan for the future.

The conference will start at 08:30 hrs and end at 16:30 hrs on Sunday, 8 March 2015. More details will follow but please mark this in your agendas. In order to assist with participation for NF delegates, FISA will offer the following support:

- Europeans: One hotel night in a single room (7 March 2015) with bed and breakfast for one delegate per federation.
- Rest of World: Two hotel nights in a single room (7 and 8 March 2015) with bed and breakfast plus Euros 500 towards flight costs for one delegate per federation.

## 10. 2015 International Regatta Calendar, 2015 Masters International Regatta Calendar and 2016 Provisional International Regatta Calendar

Applications for the inclusion of regattas in the above mentioned calendars must be received at FISA headquarters **by 31 October 2014**. Application forms are found at this link to the website:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-circular>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments