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INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD BY TELECONFERENCE  
APRIL 14, 2021



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<b>MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 14 2021 – Online Meeting</b>
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***Participants:***

José Perurena	Spain	President (Executive Committee Member)
Cecilia Farias	Argentina	Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Thomas Konietzko	Germany	Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Luciano Buonfiglio	Italy	Treasurer (Executive Committee Member)
Simon Toulson	Great Britain	Secretary General (Executive Committee Member)
Shoken Narita	Japan	President of Asian Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Albert Woods	Great Britain	President of European Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre	Sao Tome and Principe	President of African Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Maree Burnett	New Zealand	President of Oceanian Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Dwight Corbin	Canada	Acting President Pan American Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Frank Garner	Canada	Chair Canoe Sprint (Executive Committee Member)
Jean-Michel Prono	France	Chair Canoe Slalom (Executive Committee Member)
Tim Lodge	Great Britain	Chair Athlete Committee
Martha Hernandez Sanches	Mexico	Continental Representative America
Victor G. Ruiz	Puerto Rico	Continental Representative America
Ahmad Donyamali	Iran	Continental Representative Asia
Branko Lovric	Croatia	Continental Representative Europe
Andrej Jelenc	Slovenia	Continental Representative Europe
Jovana Stanojevic	Serbia	Continental Representative Europe
Ola Oluode	Nigeria	Continental Representative Africa
John Edwards	Canada	Chair Paracanoe Committee
Ruud Heijselaar	Netherlands	Chair Canoe Marathon
Tomislav Crnkovic	Croatia	Chair Wildwater Canoeing
Mario Santos	Portugal	Chair Ocean Racing Committee
Lluis Rabaneda i Caselles	Spain	Chair Canoe Freestyle
Donald McKenzie	Canada	Chair Medical and Anti-Doping

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## 1. Introduction

This ICF Board of Directors meeting was held online due to the world pandemic “Coronavirus COVID-19” enabling the ICF to manage the exceptional situation.

## 2. BoD discussion on safety of upcoming ICF events

- The ICF BoD was told of the safety measures which have been put in place for the European slalom event in Ivrea, and the canoe sprint and paracanoe events being held in Szeged (Hungary) and Barnaul (Russia)
- Concern was raised about potential shortages of ITOs and paracanoe classifiers for the events, however efforts were being made to overcome these problems.
- The chair of the ICF medical committee, Don McKenzie, outlined concerns he had about holding the events in the current international health climate. He said he was satisfied with the precautions and guidelines the ICF and event organisers had put in place, but said there was still concern about people bringing the virus to an event, and how new Covid variants were causing problems. He also raised concern about the potential strain which could be placed on local health infrastructure by bringing a major sporting event to a city.
- The ICF Medical Committee had discussed all ICF events and considered that the global Covid-19 situation was too serious and that Szeged and Barnaul should not be held. The Committee did support holding the European Slalom event as the protocols were more robust.
- The BoD was told Hungary has had enormous experience hosting events during the pandemic, including a canoe sprint world cup last year. Ivrea, who will host the European canoe slalom qualifiers next month, also hosted a successful event on the weekend.
- The BoD agreed to additional rapid tests and ensure more follow-up procedures would be put in place to track participants after they left an event.

## 3. Votes

- The ICF BoD was asked to vote if they supported the four upcoming events going ahead – the European canoe slalom Olympic qualifier in Ivrea, the ICF paracanoe Olympic qualifier in Szeged, the ICF canoe

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sprint European Olympic qualifier in Szeged, and the ICF canoe sprint Olympic qualifier in Barnaul.

- For Ivrea, the vote was 21 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.
- For paracanoe, the vote was 18 for, 4 against, 1 abstention.
- For Szeged canoe sprint, the vote was 18 for, 4 against, 1 abstention.
- For Barnaul, the vote was 16 for, 5 against, 2 abstentions.

#### **4. ICF Wildwater World Cup**

- The board approved the postponement of the 2021 ICF wildwater canoeing world cups 4-6 to the weekend of July 2-4 in Banja Luka.

**Meeting was then closed**