



Report

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ICF Board of Directors, Cape Town, South Africa,
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1. Visits and Meetings since last Board Meeting

- May 24~28: Markkleeberg (Germany) - ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup "Sparkassen Sprint Canoe Cup"
- June 7~10: Singapore (Singapore) - South East Asian (SEA) Games
- June 11~16: Nakhon Nayok, Bangkok, Sattahip (Thailand)
- June 13~14: ACC Statutes Revision Committee Meeting
- June 16~20: Phnom Penh (Cambodia) - ACC Development Activity
- July 30~August 2: Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) - 128th IOC Session
- August 17~24: Milan (Italy) ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships/ World Qualifier for 2016 Rio Olympics
- September 12~14: Hamburg (Germany) - ICF City Sprint World Cup
- September 14~21: London (United Kingdom) - ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships/ World Qualifier for 2016 Rio Olympics
- October 22~26: Hong Kong (Hong Kong) - Asian Canoe Polo Championships and ICF Canoe Polo ITO Examination
- November 2~3: Palembang (Indonesia) - ACC Executive Committee Meeting, ACC Board of Directors Meeting, and 17th ACC Ordinary Congress
- November 4~8: Palembang (Indonesia) - 16th Asian Canoe Sprint Championships/ Asian Continental Qualifier for the 2016 Rio Olympics/ Asian Dragon Boat Championships

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- **Revision of ACC Statutes and Byelaws:** Following the revision of the ICF Statutes at the Warsaw ICF Congress in 2014, the ACC Executive Committee devised a Statutes Revision Committee to revise and update the ACC Statutes and Byelaws. The Committee

members met for two full days in Bangkok on 13th-14th June to examine each article and synchronize our rules with those of the ICF. A Statutes Amendment Proposal was drafted and consequentially approved the ACC Board. The Proposal was then submitted to the Member National Federations for feedback. After a final revision by the Committee and Board, the Proposal was officially presented to the Congress on 3rd November and passed.

- **Paracanoe Development and Boat Donation:** The ACC has endeavoured to promote the Paracanoe discipline in Asia. A shipment of 10 paracanoe boats were donated from Japan to Thailand and Cambodia. The 1st Asian Paracanoe Championship was due to be held in Palembang, Indonesia in November, but was cancelled due to the unavailability of ICF Classifiers. Nonetheless, the Asian Paracanoe Committee is rescheduling the Paracanoe Asian Championship to 2016 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, in conjunction with the 1st Asian Canoe Sprint Cup. ACC is placing a strong emphasis on the new ICF Paracanoe Qualification System and the Paracanoe Classifiers education program, and intends to collaborate with the ICF Paracanoe Committee to structure classification/ educational opportunities continentally in 2016.
- **ICF and ACC Support to Malaysia for the Inclusion of Canoeing in 2017 SEA Games** (see #3 for details)
- **17th ACC Ordinary Congress in Palembang, Indonesia:** The ACC Congress was held on 3rd November, attended by 22 NFs and 6 NFs represented by proxies, resulting in a total of 28 valid NFs in participation. The election of 4 Vice Presidents and a Secretary General was held. The Vice Presidents are as follows:
 - **ACC 1st Vice President** – Ms. Tatyana Mamatkulova (UZB)
 - **ACC 2nd Vice President** – Mr. Ahmad Donyamali (IRI)
 - **ACC 3rd Vice President** – Mr. Sihai Xu (CHN)
 - **ACC 4th Vice President** – Mr. Budiman Setiawan (INA)
 - **ACC Secretary General** – Dr. Wai-hung Luk (HKG)In addition, the 4 positions of ACC Directors were removed from the ACC Board by the collective decision of the Congress.
- **16th Asian Canoe Sprint Senior and Junior Championships/ 2016 Rio Olympic Sprint Asian Continental Qualifier Event and Asian Dragon Boat Championship in Palembang, Indonesia:** From 4th to 8th November, the above events were held with 21 NFs in attendance. The forest fires in South Sumatra produced a heavy cloud of smoke and haze throughout the peninsula. In addition, one of the containers carrying the teams' canoes was stopped in Singapore and did not arrive to the venue in time for the races. Despite these setbacks, the competition

committee and participating officials and teams executed the event, exhibiting great cooperation and patience. The results of the Asian Qualification were confirmed and reported immediately to the ICF.

- **Strategic Pan-Asiatic Slalom Development Projects:** ICF Slalom TIP and Development Camps were held in various regions of Asia this year. With Thailand and Iran as focal points for targeted regional activity, the neighboring countries were gradually introduced to slalom activity. Regional races and judge training courses were held in conjunction to these TIP Camps. In March, the ACC purchased 5 sets each of C1 and K1 boats and paddles for the use in the Thai training camps, henceforth to be utilized for the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia. In incremental steps, ACC is conducting a slalom development program that targets specified regions, paired with objectives set together with the ICF Slalom and Development Committees. Our development program utilizes the established calendar of regional and continental Games and Championships to introduce a rhythmic cycle of slalom activity in surrounding inactive countries starting from flatwater YOG type slalom formats and gradually escalating to Olympic standards.

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- **Receiving IOC support for the inclusion of Canoeing in 2017 Kuala Lumpur South East Asian (SEA) Games:** On July 30th 2015 the 128th IOC Session was convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. During this meeting I had the opportunity to attend on behalf of the ICF with President Perurena (attending as IOC), Vice President Tony Estanguet (attending as IOC) and Secretary General Simon Toulson. This provided an opportunity to receive an audience with H.E. Tunku Imran, the IOC Member of Malaysia, who would be chairing the 2017 South East Asian (SEA) Games. Together with the President of the Malaysia Canoe Association (MASCA) Dato' Subra Raman, the ICF President and the ACC requested H.E. Imran for the inclusion of the Canoeing discipline which had been omitted from the Malaysia SEA Games Program. His response was that for the Organizing Committee of these regional Games, the guarantee of medals to the host country is the primary criteria in the selection of events. Later in mid-October, the inclusion of Canoeing disciplines was approved with a specific program of select flatwater events selected by MASCA. I would like to extend my deep gratitude to President Perurena and Mr. Estanguet for their enormous support in reaching out to numerous Asian IOC members throughout this process.

- **Current situation with the 2020 TOKYO Olympic preparations:**
From 16th to 18th October, the ICF, represented by Secretary General Simon Toulson, Sprint Chairman Frank Garner, and Slalom Chairman Jean-Michel Prono, came to Tokyo to meet with the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committee and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government to discuss the technical plans of the Sprint and Slalom Venues for the Tokyo Olympic Games. The representatives visited the prospective grounds for the slalom venue at the Kasai Rinkai Park and the sprint grounds at the Sea Forest Waterway. Both venues are located within the metropolis, facing the Tokyo Bay, and located within 15 minutes driving distance to the Athletes Village. The technical meeting for the slalom venue addressed the importance of maximizing the utility of the limited ground space and limiting the construction costs given the challenges that the course rests on reclaimed land. Detailed opinions were exchanged regarding the post-Games legacy plan. The technical meeting for the sprint venue addressed the issues of securing the practice area for canoe during the Rowing Games, as well as the outstanding necessity to research technologies to block the wind and waves. Construction plans are scheduled to commence in April 2016.