



Report

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

1. ODEPA/PASO (Pan American Sport Organisation) Congress July 6-7 2015. Toronto, CAN.
2. ACODEPA Congress. July 8th 2015 Toronto, CAN.
3. COPAC Congress. July 11th 2015 Welland CAN.
4. Meetings with NOC Presidents; Sports Confederation's Presidents and High Performance Director of the USA NOC "USOC" in Toronto.
5. ICF EXCO Meeting August, Milan.
6. Olympic Programme Commission meetings:
 - a. Marrakesh: March 19th 2015
 - b. Milan: August 18th 2015
 - c. Skype meeting: October 19th 2015
7. IPC Vice President Andrew Parsons, and IPC CEO Xavier Gonzalez, to discuss the COPAC Para-canoe Project. October 23rd Doha, Qatar.

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- Ran unopposed for re-election of COPAC's Presidency and Continental Representative from South America. Mandate: 2015-2019
- Ran for election of Vice President of ACODEPA (Association of Sports Confederation of the American Continent). I won the election with a strong majority of 29 votes out of 32.
- Prepared the COPAC Para canoeing Programme with the support of the: COPAC's working team, its Chairwoman Andrea Waters and the CoSurCa's President, Joao Tomasini Schwertner.

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- Lack of dedicated Para canoeing budget for the Continental Projects. The approved budget is the unused one for the Sprint activities.
- The permanence of canoeing in the Paralympic Games and the incorporation on the Para-Pan American Games is not being supported with a dedicated paracanoeing budget.
- With new affiliated NFs COPAC needs to support their preparation for further participation on the Sprint and Slalom disciplines at the Pan American, South American, Central American and Caribbean Games and others.

The delivery of support to the news NFs is in risk as in order to afford one project we have to disregard others.

- Insufficient Continental budget for the administration of 33 affiliated Federations plus one in process of affiliation (Haiti).
- Request of budget's reconsideration was presented to the ICF EXCO with no positive response.
- The COPAC budget remains the same since the last four years regardless the advancement of a professional administration to the service of all the Federations at the Continent.

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- Continue with the COPAC's ongoing Paracanoe Project.
- Continue and promote the relationship with the COPAC' Sponsor Nelo M.A.R. Kayak Ltda. And the Brazilian Paralympic Committee as a key supporters of the Projects in the Americas and other initiatives of cooperation.
- Continue with the support to Lima 2019 OC.
- Support the development of the NFs that will host Sub Continental Games in order to ensure that canoeing will be part of the programmes of the ODESUR Games in Cochabamba 2018; and the Central American Games Barranquilla 2018.
- If possible, visits to Cochabamba and Lima
- Liaise with Lanier Olympic Venue (USA) to prepare the 2016 Pan American Sprint Championships and American Continental Olympic Qualifier.
- Attend the ACODEPA annual Congress Jan/Feb 2016.
- Attend the two Olympic Continental Qualifiers: Slalom: Rio, March 2016. Sprint, Lanier May 2016.

5. Items for Resolution by Board of Directors

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