

REPORT

CANOE SPRINT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

2015

1. SUBJECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- a/ Talent Identification Programme
- b/ Women Canoe development
- c/ Men Canoe Category development and Mentorships
- d/ Education programme, coaches' courses
- e/ Equipment donation and Domestic boat production
- f/ The Budget

2. TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME, TIP

The principal aim of the TIP since 2009 is the identification of the potential athletes in CSP from the developing National Federations and supports their progression continuously.

The further aim is to decrease the gap between the international high-level athletes and the new and less experienced paddlers. The main target is the athletes' qualification for the Olympic Games 2016 and beyond!

The following four projects were organized under the TIP in 2015:

- **Training Camp and participation in the JUN/U23 CSP World Ch. in Montemor (POR)**
- **Training camp in Hungary before the CSP SEN. World Ch.**
- **Participation in the SEN. World Ch. in Milan**
- **Support for the participation in the Marathon World Ch. in Győr**

2.1 Training Camp and participation in the Jun/U23 CSP WCh. in Montemor (POR) 15-27 July

The ICF with the Portuguese Canoe Federation organized a training camp in connection with the participation in the Junior and U/23 World Championships.

The host Portuguese NF provided great financial and logistic support to the project.

Those were:

- **lodging and boarding for 25 athletes free of charge**
- transportation from Porto or Lisbon to Montemor and back
- local transportation
- 3 coaches' full time assistance
- some boats from local clubs in addition to the boats from Nelo and Plastex
- assist in visa applications with invitation letter etc..

The ICF supported a few athletes' travelling to Portugal by the total amount of 5,700

Euros. The travelling expenses for the other participants were covered by their federations.

NELO and PLASTEX lent the required number and type of boats.

PARTICIPANTS: 25 ATHLETES AND 3 COACHES			
W CANOE	M CANOE	W KAYAK	M KAYAK
MAC	TJK	KGZ	ARM 2
HKG 2	GRE 2	MOR	MOZ 2
KGZ	URU	PAL	KGZ
RSA	GEO		GEO
ARG	PHI 2		MKD
			ALG
7	7	3	8

2.2 Training camp in Hungary before the SEN CSP WCh. 27.07 -18.08

As the host ITA NF did not support the TIP we organised a training camp before the WCh. in Hungary!

The Hungarian Canoe Federation originally planned the support of men canoe development under the mentorship programme but due to the mentioned situation in Milan they agreed to support the TIP group with a training camp in Budapest. Mainly women and men canoeists were in the camp with a total of 23 athletes.

The Hungarian Canoe Federation provided great financial and logistic support to the project. Those were:

- **lodging and boarding for 23 athletes (+ 3 coaches) free of charge**
- transportation from and to the airport
- 3 coaches assistance, (two were former Olympic champions)
- 2 power-boats with gasoline to the coaches for training
- boats from local clubs
- provided the travelling from Budapest to Milan and return by bus

Participants:

Women CANOE		Men Canoe	Men Kayak
ARG	HKG2	VIE 2	
VIE 2	GEO	RSA 2	
RSA		PHI 2	
SRB 2		SRB	
KGZ		KGZ 2	
DEN 2		GEO	GEO
12		10	1

2.3 Participation in the SEN. WCh. in Milan

The priority for the invitation to the CSP Wch. was given to women canoeists!

Due to the lack of financial and poor logistic support by the host Canoe Federation to the TIP the training camp before the Championships was held in Hungary. The athletes from the camp travelled to Milan by bus. Others flew directly to Milan.

The organization of the participation in Milan had other difficulties besides the lack of financial support. It was difficult to get the invitation letter to visa application for some federations and the available places for the TIP were limited to 30 persons as a consequence of the hotel capacities. Hence it was not possible to invite more athletes although the ICF and/or some NFs were ready to pay the expenses for additional athletes. The coach of this team came from HUN because no local coach(s) was/were available to the programme, neither was there a tent where we could have kept the athletes together. The athletes and their boats were spread over the venue.

As to the experience with the TIP organization in Milan it would be necessary to include the details of the TIP-relevant tasks and responsibilities in the ICF/ host national federation contract.

In addition there were 4-5 countries that applied for the participation in the TIP but did not take part due to visa or other problems. Some of those failed to give us the relevant information on the situation which evolved, they even sent the flight details in advance.

30 participants:

WOMEN CANOE		MEN CANOE	WOMEN KAYAK
RSA	SIN	PHI 2	GUAM
KGZ	VIE 2	TJK	PALAU
LTU	KEN		
SRB 2	CRO 3		
HKG 2	ROU 2		
ARG	UZB 2		
STP	GUA		
TUN	LAT		
THA	NIG		
25		3	2

Payment of the expenses:

- lodging and boarding by the ICF and by some NFs
- travelling: HUN, ICF partly and the NFs

Boats: NELO and PLASTEX

2.4 Support to the participation at the MTR WCh. in Győr /HUN 6-12 Sep

In order to increase the number of the participating NFs from those countries at the Marathon World Ch., which have not taken part therein beforehand, the ICF and MTR Comm. in cooperation with the Hungarian NF planned and organized this project.

The information/invitation was sent to the NFs directly besides the information via the ICF official newsletter. Unfortunately there was not much interest for accepting the invitation despite several attempts trying to make these federations interested.

Free participation was offered by the HUN federation in addition to the possible support to the travel costs to Budapest by the ICF. Finally 16 athletes from 6 NFs took part in that programme.

Participants:

MOR 10	SIN 2	TJK	GEO	SRB	USA
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Results of the TIP athletes

Upon having a close look at the results of the various World Championships and training camps the progress of many athletes can be observed!

There are athletes who made A –B or C finals.

There is a B final winner at the WCh.

In the Asian championships 2015 the winner in C1 200m from Tajikistan is in the TIP for the 3rd year!

As we had athletes in 2012 who qualified to the Olympics we will also have such ones from the TIP in 2016!



3 WOMEN CANOE DEVELOPMENT

The development of the women canoe category was among the principal targets of the ICF DP in the last few years. Recently, more than 50 national federations have women canoe activity and this number is growing continuously with the improvement of the standard.

The federations' activities, the improved technique, speed(times) and the performance of the women canoeists give us confidence to introduce this category to the Olympic Games in 2020.

3.1 Women Canoe Cup 4. in Boulogne /FRA at 25 - 31 May

Competition was held in C1, C2 and C4 on 200m and 500m. The races on 2000m were cancelled due to the water condition. Laurence Vincent (CAN) 3-time World Champion and Angie Avegno (ECU) Wch.' medalist dominated the competition and took the 1st and second places consequently.

Participants

21 NFs 48 ATHLETES		
SVK	GEO	KGZ
SIN	KAZ 4	HUN 2
LTU	IRI 2	CAN 2
JPN 2	GBR 15	TUN 3
LTA	GER 5	ECU 3
MDA	FRA 8	

The 5 days of training and the 2 days of competition were organised by the local BCK and the ICF in the 4th times. Teams from GBR, GER and FRA used road transportation to Boulogne and took their own boats there.

Boulogne Canoe Club role:

- organised the event with the close cooperation of the ICF, including visa supports
- organised and covered the expenses of athletes' travelling between Paris and Boulogne (260km)
- provided the boats
- appointed the race officials and organised the competition

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- covered the lodging and boarding expenses for 1 or 2 athletes per national federation
- financially supported the travelling to Paris for a few athletes

Participants:

Covered the travelling to Paris



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3.2 Women Canoe Development was a priority for other ICF supported events

Priority upon selecting the financially supported participants at the ICF Events was given to women canoeists at the Junior / U23 Wch, Senior Wch. and in the training camp in HUN.

It can be stated that women canoeists have demonstrated continuous progress regarding the number of involved federations in the category as well as the athletes' technique and speed.

The other positive result of the women canoe development is that some national federations could win medals or achieve good positions in this category which failed in other events earlier or not long time ago. I.e. Bulgaria won gold medal in C1 women in Milan or in the Asian Championships 2015 the winner women canoeist in C1 500m was from Vietnam and the 3rd from Singapore. The 4th is from DPR Korea! Those athletes are in the TIP.

4. MEN CANOE CATEGORY DEVELOPMENT AND MENTORSHIPS

THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME HAS FAILED!

The idea of this project is that the well-developed national federations in canoe category should support the less-developed ones to secure the canoe and special C2 events continuously in the Olympic Games. Out of the requested most successful 16 federations in men canoe events only the HUN NF supported the concept materially!

- HUN sent one-one coach to USA and RSA for coaches' seminar
- Supported 4 C2 men teams and 2 C1 participation in the training camp in HUN then in the WCh in Milan.

5. COACHES EDUCATION PROGRAMME, COURSES

The coaches' education is an essential target and important part of the Development Programme!

The organized and planned CSP courses in the near future are listed in the following table:

LEVEL	NF	DATE	NO. ATTENDEES
LEVEL 1	SUDAN	28.03 – 03.04	22
	DJIBUTI	10 – 17. 05	19
	ALGERIA	25.01 – 03.02	22
LEVEL 2	TUNISIA	18.12 -27.12 14	8
	GEORGIA	04 -12. 07	34
	SERBIA	25 – 31. 10.	42

	PORTUGAL	05 – 08. 11	34
	UNDER PREPARATION	Total participants	261
LEVEL 2	CHINA	14 -27. 11	
LEVEL 2	RSA	05 -12. 12	
LEVEL 1	VIETNAM	17 – 22. 12	
LEVEL 2	IRAN	JAN 2016	
LEVEL 2	ISRAEL	JAN 2016	
LEVEL 2	ALGERIA	JAN 2016	

The Level 3 course with the Ph. University in Budapest had been cancelled due to re-organisation of the University structure. The next course will be organized in 2016. It was planned that the ICF will financially support the expenses of the participation partly from the ICF DP Budget. Due to the cancelled course the support will be available in 2016.

6. EQUIPMENT DONATION AND DOMESTIC BOAT PRODUCTION

The expense of direct equipment donation from the ICF Budget was paid only to Uganda in this period. The ordered 10 boats from Nelo at discount price were delivered to UGA already but the customs clearing hasn't been done yet!

Thanks to the ICF's contract with NELO and Plastex we could present 8 single boats and a C2 to:

Bosnia 3; Macedonia 2; MDA 2, GEO 1 AND ARM 1 Va'a

The donated equipment were given to European NFs in the biggest need with the ECA approval. Those boats were delivered to various competitions.

(The transportation of 1 boat to overseas is very expensive that was the other reason why the boats were given to European federations)

The established amount for equipment was the support of the Domestic boat production project. The aim of this project is to establish cheap boat manufacturing in several countries, mainly in Africa. NELO is the main supporter of this project! They send the basic material to the country where the project will start then send two experts there for introducing the technical know-how, make one-one mould for kayak and canoe then producing a few boats from the new moulds as example. The sent materials will cover the production of approx. 60 single boats. The NF and the ICF pay 7,000 – 7,000 Euros for each project to NELO.

The project is going on a bit slower than it was estimated mainly because there are some problems in establishing the proper workplace by the host federation, customs clearing of the basic materials and the availability of the experts from NELO etc.

To the newly produced 60 boats the ICF donates the paddles. Hence the ICF with the cooperation of the Cont. Assoc., and the NF's donates 60 paddles to each country where the domestic boat manufacturing starts. PUR, TUN and SUD already

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received 60 paddles each. (We established an agreement with a paddle producer for manufacturing kayak or canoe paddles for the cheap price of 55 Euros)

Boat production established in:

PUR, TUN,

Recently in: SUD and MOR (these NFs paid already their parts)

Under preparation: ALG, NIG, KEN, EGY, STP, (the NF who will pay the 7,000 Euros first will be the next place for boat production.)

Thanks to the ICF's contract with paddle and kayak machine suppliers we could distribute paddles to the following NFs:

BRACA 2015				JANTEX 2015		DANSPRINT	
SENEGAL	5	LATVIA	1	WILDWATER	10	MALTA	2
GEORGIA	4	SAO TOME	1			DOM. RP	1
SOUTH A.	3	KENYA	3			MOR	1
MOROCCO	2	ARMENIA	2			GEO	1
ARGENTINA	1	ALGERIA	2			STP	1
MACEDONIA	1	PALAU	1				
URUGUAY	1	SERBIA	1				
MOZAMBIQE	2	CANOE SLALOM	10				
		TOTAL	40	TOTAL	10	TOTAL	6

7. The Budget

The figures and the balance can be seen in the table below.

Some comments:

- The remaining amount is for the further support of domestic boat production and paddle donations
- The amount for coaches education offers the opportunity to support coaches' participation in Level 3 course in HUN 2016,
- The Budget may not be totally accurate as it was not compared with the exact payments by the ICF H.Q

BUDGET

Canoe Sprint BUDGET 2015-16		250,000.00		
7090.2.3	Canoe Sprint Activity	BUDGET	SPENT	BALANCE
	<i>Equipment and domestic boat producing</i>	45,000.00	21,454.00	23,546.00
	<i>CSP Activity and education</i>	38,000.00	6,088.00	31,912.00
	<i>Women Canoe Cup</i>	20,000.00	9,380.00	10,620.00
	<i>Development Manager</i>	72,000.00	33,000.00	39,000.00
	<i>TIP Programme</i>	60,000.00	39,256.00	20,744.00
	<i>Travel/Meetings</i>	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
	TOTAL	250,000.00	114,178.00	135,822.00

At the end of the Report it is important to mention that the ICF CSP Development Programme has been successful as in addition to the ICF efforts and Budget we received considerable contribution/support from the IOC, some national federations and equipment manufacturers as well.

Here I express the ICF's appreciation firstly to the Hungarian and Portuguese Canoe Federation, the Boulogne Canoe Club as well as to NELO, PLASTEX, BRACA AND JANTEX companies. Without their support we could not have organised the various projects in the Development Programme 2015

In addition I would like to mention the organisational difficulties I have continuously been facing. Some details:

The TIP was organised previously in connection with the CSP Senior World Ch, including the training camp and the participation. In addition I organised the Women Canoe Cup in the last 3 years.

In 2015 the workload was more demanding for the organisation of the 5 projects:

- TIP was organised in Montemor in connection with the JUN/U23 Wch.
- TIP training camp in Hungary
- TIP in Milan
- TIP in the Marathon Wch in Győr
- Women Canoe Cup 3 in Boulogne

These programmes require heavy correspondence with the host federations and the participating national federations.

For each case invitation, information, application forms had to be sent then I made the selection followed by the confirmation of the ICF support sent to the NFs. Then

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support visa issues and collecting the flight schedules, correspondence with NFs regarding each athlete's participation, financial support and payments etc. The most disappointing is when despite the long and busy preparation the athletes do not show up at the scheduled arrival without sending any previous information on cancellation or any last-minute information or 2 days thereafter! It mainly happens with African and Latin American federations.

I conducted various coaches' courses and scheduled 5 more.
The following table shows my trips from April 2015 and the courses.

Csaba Szanto's travel programme from 1st July 2015 to 1st March 2016

No	Date of depart	Date of return	Place	Reason	Expenses paid by
1	04.07	12.07	Georgia	Coaches' Course	NF
2	15.07	27.07	Portugal	Jun/U23 Wch	ICF /Portugal NF
3	18.08	24.08	Milan	SEN WCH	by ICF
4	11.Sept	13 Sept	Győr	Marathon WCH	HUN NF
5	25.Sept	05.Oct	Tahiti	Pacific games	by host
6	25 Oct	01 Nov	Serbia	O.S. Course	O.S.
7	5-Nov	12. Nov	Portugal	Coaches' course 1.	by host POR NF
8	14.Nov	27 Nov	China	course and training	by host CHN NF
9	04 Dec	07 Dec	Durban RSA	course O.S.	O.S.
10	08. Dec	13 Dec	Cape Town	ICF Board	by ICF
11	16 Dec	22 Dec	Vietnam	Level 2 course	by host VIE NF
12	8-Jan	12-Jan	Portugal	Coaches' course 2.	by host POR NF
13	14-Jan	21-Jan	Iran	course	by ICF / NF IRI
14	23 Jan	28-Jan	CHN 2nd	course	by host CHN NF
15	16-Feb	23-Feb	Israel	course	by host ISR NF

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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PLAN 2016

The Development Programme Plan follows the principal concepts and the established targets by the ICF Board for 2016 and beyond.

The principal targets are:

- INCREASING THE ATHLETES' AND COACHES' STANDARD IN THE DEVELOPING AND FINANCIALLY WEAK FEDERATIONS, SUPPORT TO VARIOUS COACHES' COURSES
- IDENTIFY AND SUPPORT TALENTED ATHLETES'S PARTICIPATION IN HIGH LEVEL COMPETITIONS

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- DEVELOP THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY IN WOMEN CANOE CATEGORY
- SUPPORT DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION AND DONATE EQUIPMENT TO THE NFS MOST IN NEED AS FAR AS THE BUDGET CAN COVER IT
- SUPPORT TO NATIONAL FEDERATIONS LOGISTICALLY AND BY EXPERTISE

To achieve the described targets the following programme will be organized:

1. Talent Identification Programme (TIP)

1.1 In connection with the JUN / U23 World Championships

TIP may be organized in connection with the JUN/U23 Wch. in Belarus. This project depends on the host federation's financial and logistic support. The negotiations with the NF have started and if the offer will be acceptable financially the project will be organized. The planned amount for this programme is approx. 10.000 Euros

1.2 Training Camp and participation in World Cups

In accordance with the agreement between the ICF and HUN Canoe Federation a training camp followed by the participation in the 1st and 2nd World Cups (Duisburg and Racice) will be organized.

25 athletes, 10 foreigners and 3 Hungarian coaches will be in the programme.

In principle the invitation will be addressed at the athletes (and their coaches) who have qualified to the Olympic Games 2016 but their training condition do not serve the best preparation to the Games.

In addition to the invited Olympic athletes the other available places will support talented young athletes participation.

The training camp will be organized in Hungary between 2-18 May 2016 before the participants will travel to Duisburg then to Racice by bus.

The negotiations with the GER and CZE federations on the possible support have already started. The details of the planned project will be established when the financial responsibilities will have been finalized. (HUN, ICF, host NFs)

2. Women Canoe development

The development of the women canoe category has continuously been one of the principal targets in the DP for the preparation of the first-ever participation in Olympic Games in 2020. The targets are the further improvement of the level and the increase in the number of women canoeists and the number of the involved federations in this category in the next few years.

2.1 Women Canoe Cup

The ICF, Boulogne Canoe Club (BCK) and the French National Federation (FFCK) will organise the 5th Women Canoe Cup for juniors and seniors. Depending on the number of entries we may separate the U23 age group as well.

The one-week event will be held between 6 – 11 June.

Since no World Championships will be held in 2016 this Cup would be the main programme for women canoeists under the ICF DP. The planned condition will be similar to the previous organization i.e. the participants will cover their travel to Paris whilst the ICF/HUN NF will cover the lodging and boarding expenses for 2 athletes (C2) per federation. The boats, domestic transportation, and the race organization will be covered by the French side.

2.2 Training camp and participation in World Cups

As to the invitation to the described training camp in point 1.2 the women canoe paddlers will receive the second priority. (The first priority will be given to the athletes who have qualified to the O.G. from developing federations)

The invited women canoeists will also take part in the 1st and 2nd World Cups.

2.3 Participation in the JUN / U23 World Championships

In case the host Belarus Canoe Federation will support the ICF TIP financially then women canoeists will be invited as the first priority.

3. Coaches education with participation in various TIP and by courses

The Coaches' Education Programme is the base for the athletes' progress! Therefore technical courses and seminars will be organised at various places, levels and languages continuously in 2016.

3.1 Coaches participation in TIP

As a part of the various training camps under the ICF organization coaches will also be invited and allowed to participate if they wish and are able to cover or share the expenses.

3.2 Level 3 course

With the involvement of the HUN NF we will probably be able to organise the Level 3 Canoeing Course in Hungary again with the reshuffled PH University in Budapest. There is an amount in the Budget for supporting coaches' participation in that programme.

3.3 Olympic Solidarity courses

The NFs are suggested to apply at Olympic Solidarity for a financial support with regard to technical courses.

3.4 Continental Associations' action for courses/seminar organization

In addition to the ICF efforts the Continental Assoc. should also pay attention to the coaches' education during continental events or organized separately.

4. Equipment support

The lack of the latest designed boats there are serious obstacles for the development of canoeing in national federation and club level! The equipment demand usually does not meet the available financial sources!

4.1 Domestic Boat manufacturing programme

The domestic boat production seems to be a great opportunity for the mass production of boats where it's possible to introduce and is supported financially by the sport authorities.

With the ICF's logistic and financial involvement this project can be introduced in two more federations this year. (The first two NFs that pay their parts of 7,000 Euros will receive that support)

4.2 Paddles Donations

In addition to the ICF's financial support for the domestic boat production the involved countries will be provided with 60 paddles as well.

4.3 Other equipment donations

Nelo and Plastex will give 10 boats to the ICF distribution in 2016. These boats will be given to the federations in the biggest need in Europe or to other continent(s) if the transportation expenses will be covered by those. The distribution will be based on the ECA (or/and other Continental Associations) suggestion.

4.4 Collection of used boats

Many Clubs in well developed federations have a lot of various older types of boats not in use. It would be a good action if that kind of equipment could be collected and transported to other federations/clubs. This action should be organised under the Continental Associations with the ICF assistance.

REMARK:

The Report and the Plan will be finalized after the comments and suggestions of the Board and Continental Representatives.

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