



Report

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Reports related the Asian will be presented by Mr. Shoken Narita, President of Asian Canoe Confederation. The following are reports on dragon boat discipline.

1. Visits and Meetings since last Board Meeting

- (a) Meeting with Indonesia Rowing and Canoeing Association re: proposal of dragon boat event for 2018 Asian Games – 12-13 January 2015, Jakarta, Indonesia
- (b) Meeting with Organizing Committee of ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew Championships and Technical Inspection – 1-5 May 2015, Racice, Czech Republic.
- (c) Visit to Dragon Boat factory in Dalian – 15-18 July 2015 re: Boat inspection and sponsorship for Racice 2015.
- (d) ICF Dragon Boat Committee Meeting – 9 November 2015, Racice, Czech Republic.

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- (a) A survey was conducted among all ICF NFs in early 2015, but the response was low. Responses received including: Brazil, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Lebanon, India, Hong Kong, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Russia, Sweden, Ukraine, Australia & New Zealand. The committee called for returns again in April 2015 and additional inputs from Brunei, Japan, France and Spain had been obtained for the Committee to establish the future development plans.
- (b) European Dragon Boat Championships, Auronzo, Italy on 2-5 July 2015.
- (c) ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew Championships, Czech Republic (Racice 2015) on 10-13 September 2015.
- (d) A Dragon Boat ITO examination was conducted during the Racice 2015. All the 4 candidates from CZE, HKG, RUS & USA passed the examination.

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- (a) The European Dragon Boat Championships, Auronzo, Italy was successfully held at Auronzo di Cadore, Italy on 2-5 July 2015 with teams from 9 Nations namely: CZE, ESP, FRA, HUN, ITA, ROU, RUS, SWE & UKR participated.
- (b) The Dragon Boat Club Crew Championships, Czech Republic (Racice 2015) was successfully conducted at Racice Regatta Course, Czech Republic on 10-13 September 2015 participated by 51 teams from America, Asia and Europe namely: CZE, EST, GER, HKG, HUN, IRI, POL, RUS, SVK, UKR & USA.
- (c) Thanks to ICF Headquarters (Michael and the IT team), results, videos and photos of the Racice 2015 were uploaded to ICF Website. This is the first time ICF Website audiences may capture features of ICF Dragon Boat Championships on "PlanetCanoe".

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- (a) The 16th Asian Canoe Sprint Championships will be held on 4-8 November 2015 in Palembang, Indonesia. After the 4 days kayak & canoe competitions, dragon boat events will be organised on the 5th day.
- (b) The 3rd International Venice Dragon Boat Festival will be held on 13-14 May 2016 at Grand Cannel, Venice, Italy.
- (c) To further promote Dragon Boat Festival to attract NFs' participation in an enjoyable festivity atmosphere. Philippines Canoe & Kayak Federation is planning to organise an International Dragon Boat Festival at Palawan in May/June 2016 close to the dates of Dragon Boat Festival period.
- (d) To close monitoring the progress and preparation of 2016 Moscow ICF Dragon Boat World Championships. Venue inspection will be held in June 2016.
- (d) The ICF Dragon Boat Club World Championships, Moscow, Russia will be held on 7-11 September 2016 at Canoeing Course "Krylatskoe". A Website of this Championships: www.dragonmoscow2016.ru has been established. ITO examination will be conducted.
- (e) Canoeing being Olympic Sport will be included as a sport in the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games. The ICF Dragon Boat Committee, Asian Canoe Confederation and Indonesian Rowing & Canoeing Association are negotiating with INA/NOC to have traditional boat (10-paddler dragon boat) races under Canoeing.
- (f) The Dragon Boat Committee will establish operational guidelines and review the existing race schedule/time table to cater for the increasing number of events in the Worlds.
- (g) 2017 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Treviso, Italy. Will suggest to change dates from July to September.
- (h) 2018 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Georgia, USA on 13-16 September 2018.