



# Report

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ICF Board of Directors, CAPE TOWN (RSA)  
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## ***1. Visits and Meetings since last Board Meeting***

- 1.1. MAY 2015 – ICF Tournament in Saint Omer (FRA)
- 1.2. JUNE 2015 – ICF Tournament in Mechelen (BEL)
- 1.3. AUGUST 2015 – Panamericans in Edmonton (CAN) with Mr. Steve Watts, ICF Official from GBR; during the event where these meetings:
  - 1.3.1. Course for Scrutineers about the new rules released on 2015
  - 1.3.2. Course for Referees
- 1.4. AUGUST 2015 – Europeans in Essen (GER) with all the CPC; during the event where these meetings:
  - 1.4.1. Round Table of Manufacturers
  - 1.4.2. Forum "Ladies in Canoe Polo"
- 1.5. OCTOBER 2015 – Asians in Hong Kong, with Mr. Duncan Cochrane, member CPC; during the event where these meetings:
  - 1.5.1. Course for Scrutineers about the new rules released on 2015
  - 1.5.2. Course for Referees

## ***2. Tasks undertaken for this period***

- 2.1. **EXPAND COUNTRIES** – the 2015 is the year of the record of countries participating to official continentals games: 19 in Europe and 11 in Asia.
- 2.2. **ONLINE SYSTEM TEST FOR REFEREES:** we published, tested and used a new Online System Test for those that want try to become ICF Referees. The system contains a number of important objectives:
  - 2.2.1. Reduction of the costs paid by federations to support their candidates (previously, candidates will arrive in the place where the examination a day before);
  - 2.2.2. possibility of quickly integrate the tests with new and updated questions;

- 2.2.3. possibility to test the referees already accredited to measure their condition.
- 2.3. **ROUND TABLE OF MANUFACTURERS:** during Europeans in Essen I organized with Duncan Cochrane a meeting with the Manufacturers there, that represented 70% of Manufacturers in the world. We explain well the new rules released on 2015.
- 2.4. **LADIES IN CANOE POLO:** during Europeans in Essen I organized a forum with all team leaders and coaches interested in the development of canoe polo for ladies. The great experienced coaches of the German Federation shared their experience with others.
- 2.5. Discussions and Definitions of our strategies of the Committee for the period 2015-2016.
- 2.6. **SYRACUSE (ITA) – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**
  - 2.6.1. Inspection in Syracuse (Ita) and coordination with organizers
  - 2.6.2. Study of a new games system necessary for the big increase of number of games.
- 2.7. **WROCLAW (POL) – WORLD GAMES 2017**
- 2.8. Inspection in Wroclaw (Pol) and coordination with organizers

### ***3. Issues and Main Points of Report***

- 3.1. RULES Review- The Committee is undertaking a review of some of the rules to make the game simpler and easier to understand for the media and spectators. There are some rules that can be simplified, with only minor changes to be perfected
- 3.2. COACHES and REFEREES are being consulted in this review to give them involvement in the decisions and technical development of the sport
- 3.3. ORGANIZATION – The committee is studying the best way to facilitate federations to participate in international events.
- 3.4. MARKETING - Study of operational proposals to share with ICF HQ
- 3.5. DEVELOPMENT - focused on those areas where canoe polo is weak or absent.

### ***4. Future Initiatives and Tasks***

- 4.1. **Expand** the actual number of **teams** at World Championships: at the moment a minimum of 39 countries tried to qualify their team for the WC and 13 countries were not able to participate to their continental's for money problems
- 4.2. **Support continental associations:** they are strategic drivers of the development.
- 4.3. Re-Organization of the **World Championships** into two Separate World Championships for U21 and Senior Teams – running consecutively at the same venue. why?
  - 4.3.1. Insufficient time in the existing 5 day schedule to cater for all teams including an increase in U21 Men and Ladies Teams

- 4.3.2. Expansion of the Second Round for both the U21 Men and Senior Women's Teams to give greater competition and improve the chances and opportunities of all teams
- 4.3.3. Open the possibility of organizing the competition in facilities close to the city to have more visibility and public participation that may use less fields
- 4.3.4. The committee will investigate all options to reduce the cost of the participating teams
- 4.3.5. Facilitate the progressive increase of the teams in the next WC.

***5. Items for Resolution by Board of Directors***

No points