



Report

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ICF Board of Directors, Cape Town, South Africa,
9 – 12 December 2015

Name: PARACANOE COMMITTEE -

ICF Position: John Edwards (Chair); committee members – David Gent (GBR), Diego Doga (ITA), Jean-Christophe Gonneaud (FRA), Bob Lally (USA), Advisor – ICF Head of Classification, Julie Lowe (GBR)

1. Visits and Meetings since last Board Meeting

Sept. 4 – 6, Rio test event Committee meeting
Oct. 5-9, IPC Vista Conference & IF Heads of Classification meetings
Oct. 28 – Committee Skype call
Nov. 13/14 – IPC General Assembly, Mexico City
Nov. 19 – Committee Skype call

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- RE-CLASSIFICATION OF ALL PARACANOE ATHLETES (192)
- ECA Championships, RACICE (CZE) May
- COPAC Championships, SAO PAULO (BRA) June
- OCEANIA Championships, GOLD COAST (AUS) June
- WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, MILAN (ITA) August
- Annual Report to IPC
- TEST EVENT, RIO (BRA) September
- IPC Head of Classification mtg. – GIRONA (ESP) October
- IPC VISTA Conference – Kayak Research Presentation – Dr. Bjerkefors & Ms. Johanna Rosen MSc
- Classifier Trainee Workshop, MONTPELIER (FRA) October

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- Re-classification of all Athletes
- Administration of Paracanoe competitions
- Training of new Classifiers
- Research Project – VA'A
- Preparations for RIO
- Support for Continental events

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- 2016 Rule Change submission to Congress
- 2016 Establishment of a Paracanoe Classification Committee
- 2016 Preparations for Duisburg World Championships
- 2016 Preparations for RIO Paralympic Games
- 2016 Classifier training workshop
- 2016 Completion & Submission of VA'A Classification system to IPC in November
- 2016 IPC Agitos Submission for project funding
- 2016 Discussions with Canoe Marathon to expand into Paracanoe
- 2016-17 Compliance audit of Classification rules with new IPC Classification Code by December 31st 2017
- 2017 Submission of Tokyo 2020 Event proposal to IPC
- 2017 Paracanoe Development Conference – Looking for sponsors
- 2017 - 2018 – 2019 – 2020
 - Ongoing Classification, Classifier Training, Classification research, Competition administration, Preparations for Tokyo

5. Items for Resolution by Board of Directors

- Establishment of a Paracanoe Classification Sub-Committee