



Report

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ICF Board of Directors, Manchester, England
23 – 25 March 2017

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ICF Position: ACC President, Asian Continental Representatives

1. Visits and Meetings since last Board Meeting

- January 12 ~ January 27 – INDORE, INDIA
 - Meeting with India NF for development
 - Examination of planned Canoe Sprint Course in Indore
 - Examination of Canoe Slalom Course in Maheshwar
- January 16 ~ January 17 - COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
 - Meeting with Sri Lanka NF and NOC for future development
 - Examination of Canoe Sprint Training Site
- February 9 ~ February 12 – TOKYO, JAPAN
 - Meeting with Indonesia NF for Canoeing in Asian Games 2018 Program
- February 13 ~ February 14 – TOKYO, JAPAN
 - Meeting with ICF FISA TMG OCOG Japan Canoe Federation and Rowing NF to discuss Sprint Venue Tokyo 2020
- February 27 ~ March 1 – SHANGHAI, CHINA
 - ACC Executive Committee and BoD Meeting
 - Preparation for 2017 ACC Congress in October, and venue inspection for 2017 Asia Sprint Championship
- March 6 ~ March 8 - JAKARTA, INDONESIA
 - Meeting with Indonesia NF to confirm Canoeing events in Asian Games 2018 Program
 - Examination of Canoe Slalom locations for Asian Games

- March 9 ~ March 10 – SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE
 - Meeting with Singapore NF and NOC to discuss future development, and to request participation to Asian Games.
- March 10 ~ March 11 – BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI
 - Meeting with Brunei NF and NOC to discuss future development, and to request more activity outside country.
- March 11 ~ March 15 – KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA
 - Meeting Malaysia NF and NOC to speak regarding the refusal of inclusion of canoeing events in 2017 SEA Games
 - Venue visit for 2017 Asia Canoe Polo Championships
 - Venue re-inspection for the 2019 Asia Canoe Sprint Championship Olympic Qualification Event

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- February 27 ~ February 28 – NAKHON NAYOK, THAILAND
 - 2017 Asian Slalom Championship
- Decision of Canoe Slalom event site in West Java, Indonesia
- Keeping Canoe Slalom, and 22 Canoeing events in the Asian Games 2018 Programme

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- Narmada River Slalom Course – Maheshwar, India
 - Site visit made to the new natural river slalom course in Maheshwar city.
 - Course seems to meet ICF standards.
 - India NF would like to open the course to International teams for training, and plans to bid for events in the future.
- 2020 Olympics Sprint Venue Cost Reduction – Tokyo, Japan
 - TMG called upon OCOG, ICF, FISA, JCF, Japan Rowing NF to discuss the cost cuts and the major changes in the construction plan of the “Sea Forrest Waterway” Sprint Venue.
 - Sprint Committee Chair Frank Garner and Shoken Narita attended the meetings representing ICF.

- Further report on details on the meeting expected from Sprint Committee Chair.
- Asian Games 2018 – Jakarta, Indonesia
 - In January 2017 the Indonesian NF (PODSI) received information from Indonesian Asian Games Organising Committee (INASGOC) that canoe slalom, traditional dragon boat, and polo had been removed from the Asian Games programme.
 - Shoken Narita, ACC 4th Vice President Budiman Setiawan, and Dr. Wai-Hung Luk met Chairman Tsunekazu Takeda of The Olympic Council of Asia Asian Games Coordination Commission on three different occasions to confirm inclusion of the previously approved events.
 - On 7 March, the official Slalom venue has been decided by agreement between ACC and PODSI.
 - Evening 7 March, PODSI received further notification that event number will be reduced from 22 to 20.
 - Contact has been made again to Chairman Tsunekazu Takeda on final confirmation of event number.
 - As of 10th March, the following canoeing events remain in the Asian Games 2018 Program:
 - Canoe Sprint (13 events)
 - 200m MK-1, MC-2, WK-1, WC-1
 - 500m WK-1, WK-2, WK-4, WC-2, MK-4
 - 1000m MK-1, MK-2, MC-1, MC-2
 - Canoe Slalom (4 events)
 - K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W
 - Traditional Boat Race (5 events)
 - Men(10+Str+Drm) 200m, 500m, 1000m
 - Women(10+Str+Drm) 200m, 500m
 - Canoe Polo (Demonstration 2 events)
 - Men and Women (6 person)

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- 2017 ACC Ordinary Congress – SHANGHAI, CHINA
 - Congress will be held on October 13th and 14th.
 - Election held for President, Treasurer, 2 Continental Representatives (male and female), Sprint and Slalom Committee Chairmen positions.
- 2017 Asian Canoe Sprint Championships – SHANGHAI, CHINA
 - The competition will be held from October 15th to 18th.
 - Simultaneously the organizers agreed to host Dragon Boat and Para Canoe events.
- 2017 Marathon World Cup – SHAOXING/SHANGHAI, CHINA
 - Marathon event will follow in Shaoxing and Shanghai, October 21st to 28th
- 2017 Asian Canoe Polo Championships –TANGKAK, MALAYSIA
 - Competition held November 8th to 12th.
- Ocean Racing Worlds + Asian Championships –HONG KONG
 - Competition held November 18th to 19th.

5. Items for Resolution by Board of Directors

- Limited Communication from Development
 - We had received complaints from several NFs that there is limited communication between ICF development and NF.
 - Notifications of visits are often last minute, and communication between Development and Athlete rarely copied to NF or Continental Federation.
- Membership Fee
 - Determination of the Membership fee should be made not only by its International Economic Indicators, but also by the countries' activity level.
 - Despite the countries' economic level, some countries, i.e. Brunei do not get funding because of the limited international activities. Lack of funding takes away the ability to pay membership fee/participate in international events, creating a downward spiral.