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The President's Overview



I must begin this review by thanking the entire paddle sport community for their commitment during a challenging year for our sport.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many obstacles yet we have overcome them to stage most of our World Championships and World Cups in a safe environment thanks to our strong collaboration with organisers and local authorities.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo were incredibly successful as we broke new ground and enjoyed impressive viewing figures.

It is a great honour and privilege to be elected as President of the International Canoe Federation at our Congress in Rome and I am excited to help write a new chapter in the organisation's long history.

Canoeing shines on the biggest stage

It was an Olympic Games to remember as we had the same number of events and quotas for women and men for the first time, marking a significant moment in our push for gender equality.

I am also delighted to report that athletes from four continents picked up medals, demonstrating that our sport continues to grow globally.

Despite the stands being empty, it was a remarkable Games and provided us with a great stage to promote our sport.

We also put on excellent events against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic with World Championships in Canoe Slalom, Canoe Sprint, Paracanoe, Canoe Marathon, Wildwater Canoeing, Canoe Ocean Racing and Stand Up Paddling.

Our team sports Dragon Boat and Canoe Polo were unable to hold competitions but I am confident they will do in 2022 – a year which promises to be action-packed.

Sustainability at heart of future for ICF

The ICF Congress in November heralded a new era for paddle sport as we look to build on the great legacy left by outgoing President Jose Perurena.

There is a lot for us to look forward to with thrilling events planned for 2022 and the new leadership will continue to strive for success both on and off the water.

Sustainability and environmental protection have and will remain an essential part of the ICF as we look to stage carbon neutral competitions in future.

The ICF has finished the year on a high by joining the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change.

This is another vital step forward after pledging our support to initiatives including Paddle for the Planet and the IOC and UN's Clean Seas project.

[Thomas Konietzko](#)
ICF President

Canoe Slalom

- Australia's Jessica Fox became the first-ever winner of women's C1 gold at the Olympics courtesy of her victory in Tokyo.
- Slovenia's Benjamin Savsek captured the men's C1 title at Tokyo 2020, while Germany's Ricarda Funk and Czech Republic's Jiri Prskavec sealed the respective women's and men's K1 crowns.
- Funk made canoeing history by becoming the first athlete to win gold at both the Olympics and the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in the same calendar year when she triumphed in the women's K1 final in Bratislava, Slovakia.



- Germany's Elena Apel claimed her first international win of her career with women's C1 gold at the World Championships before Fox bounced back to top the standings in the women's extreme slalom, while the men's titles went to Czech Republic's Vaclav Chaloupka in the C1, France's Boris Neveu in the K1 and Great Britain's Joe Clarke in the extreme slalom.
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups were successfully staged in Prague, Czech Republic, Markkleeberg, Germany and La Seu, Spain, with the final held in Pau, France where Czech paddler Tereza Fiserova denied Fox a series double, winning the overall women's C1 crown after the Australian took the women's K1 title.

Results: Tokyo 2020 Olympics

K1 Men			C1 Men		
1	Jiri Prskavec (CZE)	91.63	1	Benjamin Savsek (SLO)	98.25
2	Jakub Grigar (SLK)	94.85	2	Lukas Rohan (CZE)	101.96
3	Hannes Aigner (GER)	97.11	3	Sideris Tasiadis (GER)	103.70

K1 Women			C1 Women		
1	Ricarda Funk (GER)	105.50	1	Jessica Fox (AUS)	105.04
2	Maialen Chourraut (ESP)	106.63	2	Mallory Franklin (GBR)	108.68
3	Jessica Fox (AUS)	106.73	3	Andrea Herzog (GER)	111.13

Results: 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships

K1 Men			K1 Women		
1	Boris Neveu (FRA)	83.92	1	Ricarda Funk (GER)	94.80
2	Marcello Beda (ITA)	87.75	2	Elena Apel (GER)	97.31
3	Joan Crespo (SPA)	87.90	3	Kimberley Woods (GBR)	97.90

K1 Men Teams			K1 Women Teams		
1	France	91.64	1	Great Britain	101.24
2	Slovakia	93.49	2	Czech Republic	106.71
3	Slovenia	94.84	3	Slovakia	107.72

Extreme Slalom Men			Extreme Slalom Women		
1	Joe Clarke (GBR)		1	Jessica Fox (AUS)	
2	Finn Butcher (NZL)		2	Elena Apel (GER)	
3	Mario Leitner (AUT)		3	Evy Leibfarth (USA)	

C1 Men			C1 Women		
1	Vaclav Chaloupka (CZE)	92.02	1	Elena Apel (GER)	99.03
2	Alexander Slafkovsky (SVK)	92.17	2	Mallory Franklin (GBR)	99.34
3	Franz Anton (GER)	94.10	3	Gabriela Satkova (CZE)	102.50

C1 Men Teams			C1 Women Teams		
1	France	95.34	1	Czech Republic	110.43
2	Czech Republic	96.03	2	Spain	112.00
3	Slovakia	100.83	3	RCF	118.05



Canoe Sprint

- New Zealand's Lisa Carrington hit the headlines at the Olympics with a hat-trick of golds thanks to her wins in the women's K1 200, women's K1 500 and women's K2 500.
- Hungary finished with three canoeing golds at Tokyo 2020 after victory in the women's K4 500 as well as joy for Sandor Totka in the men's K1 200 and Balint Kopasz in the men's K1 1000, while Brazil, Cuba, Germany, USA and China also tasted success.



- Almost 700 athletes from more than 50 countries headed to Copenhagen, Denmark for the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships which was being held in the same year as an Olympic Games for the first time.
- Six gold medals were won by Hungary who topped the overall table, while Germany's Conrad-Robin Scheibner starred with victories in the men's C1 500 and men's C1 1000 and Denmark's Emma Jorgensen delivered home success with women's K1 200 gold.
- Two ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups took place in May with Szeged, Hungary and Barnaul, Russia playing host thanks to robust COVID-19 prevention protocols.

Results: Tokyo 2020 Olympics

K1 Men 200			C1 Women 200		
1	Sandor Totka (HUN)	35.035	1	Nevin Harrison (USA)	45.932
2	Manfredi Rizza (ITA)	35.080	2	Laurence Vincent-Lapointe (CAN)	46.786
3	Liam Heath (GBR)	35.202	3	Liudmyla Luzan (UKR)	47.034

K1 Women 200			C1 Men 1000		
1	Lisa Carrington (NZL)	38.120	1	Isaquias Queiroz (BRA)	04:04.408
2	Teresa Portela (ESP)	38.883	2	Liu Hao (CHN)	04:05.724
3	Emma Jorgensen (DEN)	38.901	3	Serghei Tarnovschi (MDA)	04:06.069

K1 Women 500			C2 Women 500		
1	Lisa Carrington (NZL)	01:51.216	1	Xu Shixiao and Sun Mengya (CHN)	01:55.495
2	Tamara Csipes (HUN)	01:51.855	2	Liudmyla Luzan and Anastasiia Chetverikova (UKR)	01:57.499
3	Emma Jorgensen (DEN)	01:52.773	3	Laurence Vincent-Lapointe and Katie Vincent (CAN)	01:59.041

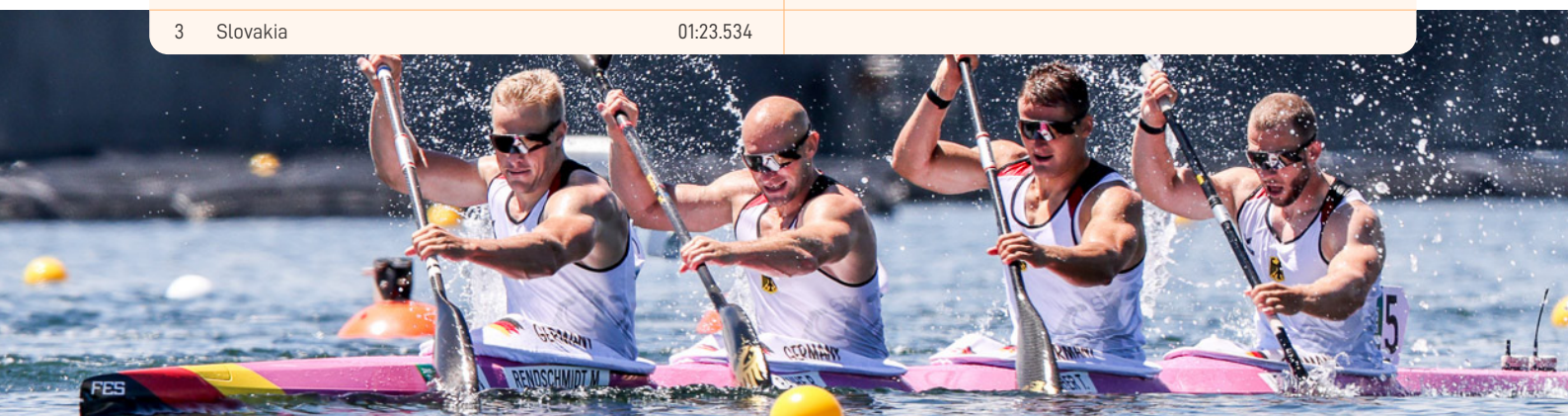
K1 Men 1000			C2 Men 1000		
1	Balint Kopasz (HUN)	03:20.643	1	Serguey Torres and Fernando Jorge (CUB)	03:24.995
2	Adam Varga (HUN)	03:22.431	2	Liu Hao and Zheng Pengfei (CHN)	03:25.198
3	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	03:22.478	3	Sebastian Brendel and Tim Hecker (GER)	03:25.615

K2 Women 500					
1	Lisa Carrington and Caitlin Regal (NZL)	01:35.785			
2	Karolina Naja and Anna Pulawska (POL)	01:36.753			
3	Danuta Kozak and Dora Bodonyi (HUN)	01:36.867			

K2 Men 1000					
1	Jean van der Westhuyzen and Thomas Green (NZL)	03:15.280			
2	Max Hoff and Jacob Schopf (GER)	03:15.584			
3	Josef Dostal and Radek Slouf (CZE)	03:16.106			

K4 Women 500					
1	Hungary	01:35.463			
2	Belarus	01:36.073			
3	Poland	01:36.445			

K4 Men 500					
1	Germany	01:22.219			
2	Spain	01:22.445			
3	Slovakia	01:23.534			





Results: 2021 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships

K1 Men 200			C1 Women 200		
1	Andrea Di Liberto (ITA)	34.78	1	Katie Vincent (CAN)	46.52
2	Petter Menning (SWE)	34.81	2	Antia Jacome (ESP)	46.79
3	Roberts Akmens (LAT)	34.95	3	Dorota Borowska (POL)	46.90

K1 Women 200			C1 Men 500		
1	Emma Jorgensen (DEN)	39.98	1	Conrad-Robin Scheibner (GER)	
2	Anna Lucz (HUN)	40.71	2	Martin Fuksa (CZE)	
3	Natalia Podolskaya (RCF)	40.79	3	Oleg Tarnovschi (MDA) and Carlo Tacchini (ITA)	

K1 Men 500			C1 Women 500		
1	Mikita Borykau (BLR)	01:38.87	1	Maria Mailliard (CHI)	02:05.09
2	Joao Ribeiro (POR)	01:39.88	2	Liudmyla Luzan (UKR)	02:05.77
3	Moritz Florstedt (GER)	01:40.04	3	Alena Nazdrova (BLR)	02:05.86

K1 Women 500			C1 Men 1000		
1	Aimee Fisher (NZL)	01:48.08	1	Conrad-Robin Scheibner (GER)	03:50.73
2	Tamara Csipes (HUN)	01:49.00	2	Martin Fuksa (CZE)	03:51.39
3	Emma Jorgensen (DEN)	01:49.85	3	Balazs Adolf (HUN)	03:51.69

K1 Men 1000			C1 Men 5000		
1	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	03:25.82	1	Balazs Adolf (HUN)	23:08.62
2	Balint Kopasz (HUN)	03:26.49	2	Sebastian Brendel (GER)	23:09.28
3	Aleh Yurenia (BLR)	03:30.47	3	Kirill Shamshurin (RCF)	23:30.18

K1 Women 1000			C1 Women 500		
1	Alida Dora Gazso (HUN)	03:56.04	1	Volha Klimava (BLR)	26:18.94
2	Lizzie Broughton (GBR)	03:59.29	2	Zsofia Kisban (HUN)	26:37.32
3	Pernille Knudsen (DEN)	04:00.32	3	Maria Mailliard (CHI)	26:39.51

K1 Men 5000			C2 Women 200		
1	Balint Noe (HUN)	20:02.96	1	Patricia Coco (ESP)	43.88
2	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	20:03.19	2	Yarisleidis Cirilo and Katherin Nuevo (CUB)	43.89
3	Mads Pedersen (DEN)	20:13.25	3	Giada Bragato and Bianka Nagy (HUN)	44.37

K1 Women 5000			C2 Men 500		
1	Emese Kohalmi (HUN)	22:57.48	1	Nicolae Craciun and Daniele Santini (ITA)	01:39.90
2	Jennifer Egan (IRL)	22:58.58	2	Jonatan Hajdu and Adam Fekete (HUN)	01:40.20
3	Lizzie Broughton (GBR)	22:59.45	3	Viktor Melantsev and Vladislav Chebotar (RCF)	01:40.92

K2 Women 200			C2 Women 500		
1	RCF	37.41	1	Oleksii Koliadych (POL)	00:38.660
2	Hungary	37.65	2	Pablo Grana (ESP)	00:39.083
3	Poland	37.67	3	Zaza Nadiradze (GEO)	00:39.180

K2 Men 500			C2 Men 1000		
1	Marcus Walz and Rodrigo Germade (ESP)	01:29.04	1	Kirill Shamshurin and Vladislav Chebotar (RCF)	03:32.83
2	Tobias-Pascal Schultz and Martin Hiller (GER)	01:30.01	2	Wiktor Glazunow and Tomasz Barniak (POL)	03:34.38
3	Samuel Balaz and Denis Mysak (SLK)	01:30.09	3	Serguey Torres and Fernando Jorge (CUB)	03:35.22

K2 Women 500			C4 Men 500		
1	Danuta Kozak and Tamara Csipes (HUN)	01:40.52	1	Ukraine	01:31.20
2	Volha Khudzenka and Maryna Litvinchuk (BLR)	01:40.70	2	Poland	01:31.31
3	Hermien Peters and Lize Broekx (BEL)	01:42.15	3	RCF	01:31.55

K2 Men 1000			C4 Women 500		
1	Dennis Kernen and Martin Nathell (SWE)	03:13.70	1	Belarus	01:48.62
2	Simon Jensen and Morten Graversen (DEN)	03:14.46	2	Hungary	01:49.50
3	Balint Noe and Tamas Kulifai (HUN)	03:14.83	3	Ukraine	01:49.79

K4 Men 500			C2 Mix 200		
1	Ukraine	01:20.19	1	Irina Andreeva and Ivan Shtyl (RCF)	39.10
2	Slovakia	01:20.59	2	Michal Lubniewski and Dorota Borowska (POL)	39.82
3	Czech Republic	01:20.69	3	David Korisanszky and Kincso Takacs (HUN)	40.02

K4 Women 500					
1	Belarus	01:32.55			
2	Hungary	01:32.71			
3	RCF	01:35.30			

K2 Mix 200					
1	Anna Lucz and Kolos Csizmadia (HUN)	33.94			
2	Messias Baptista and Francisca Laia (POR)	34.34			
3	Marta Walczykiewicz (POL)	34.35			

Paracanoe



- Paracanoe made its second successive appearance at the Paralympics with Great Britain topping the overall standings courtesy of golds for Charlotte Henshaw in the women's KL2, Laura Sugar in the women's KL3 and Emma Wiggs in the women's VL2.
- Australia's Curtis McGrath left Tokyo 2020 with two golds after triumphs in the men's KL2 and men's VL3.
- Great Britain impressed at the ICF Paracanoe World Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark, with five golds including two for Henshaw.
- Szeged, Hungary staged a ICF Paracanoe World Cup in May which acted as a Paralympic qualifier.



Results: Tokyo 2020 Paralympics

KL1 Men			VL2 Men		
1	Peter Pal Kiss (HUN)	45.447	1	Fernando Rufino de Paulo (BRA)	53.077
2	Luis Carlos Cardoso (BRA)	48.031	2	Steven Haxton (USA)	55.093
3	Remy Boulle (FRA)	48.917	3	Norberto Mourao (POR)	55.365

KL1 Women			VL2 Women		
1	Edina Muller (GER)	53.958	1	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	57.028
2	Maryna Mazhula (UKR)	54.805	2	Susan Seipel (AUS)	01:01.481
3	Katherinne Wollermann (CHI)	55.921	3	Jeanette Chippington (GBR)	01:02.149

KL2 Men			VL3 Men		
1	Curtis McGrath (AUS)	41.426	1	Curtis McGrath (AUS)	50.537
2	Mykola Syniuk (UKR)	42.503	2	Giovane Vieira de Paula (BRA)	52.148
3	Federico Mancarella (ITA)	42.574	3	Stuart Wood (GBR)	52.760

KL2 Women					
1	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)	50.760			
2	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	51.409			
3	Katalin Varga (HUN)	52.622			

KL3 Men					
1	Serhii Yemelianov (UKR)	40.355			
2	Leonid Krylov (RPC)	40.464			
3	Robert Oliver (GBR)	41.268			

KL3 Women					
1	Laura Sugar (GBR)	49.582			
2	Nelia Barbosa (FRA)	51.558			
3	Felicia Laberer (GER)	51.868			



Results: 2021 ICF Paracanoe World Championships

KL1 Men			VL1 Men		
1	Peter Pal Kiss (HUN)	45.94	1	Artur Chuprov (RCF)	01:04.80
2	Luis Carlos Cardoso (BRA)	46.30	2	Robinson Mendez (CHI)	01:15.69
3	Robert Suba (HUN)	47.86	3	Alessio Bedin (ITA)	01:16.40

KL1 Women			VL1 Women		
1	Maryna Mazhula (UKR)	52.69	1	Lillemor Koper (GER)	01:24.32
2	Edina Muller (GER)	53.74	2	Esther Bode (GER)	01:36.22
3	Katherinne Wollermann (CHI)	54.02	3	Celine Brulais (FRA)	01:42.18

KL2 Men			VL2 Men		
1	Mykola Syniuk (UKR)	41.77	1	Fernando Rufino (BRA)	52.93
2	Federico Mancarella (ITA)	41.96	2	Higinio Rivero (ESP)	56.21
3	Markus Swoboda (AUT)	42.88	3	Norberto Mourao (POR)	56.54

KL2 Women			VL2 Women		
1	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)	48.73	1	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	57.55
2	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	50.70	2	Maria Nikiforova (RCF)	01:05.11
3	Katalin Varga (HUN)	52.02	3	Debora Benevides (BRA)	01:06.30

KL3 Men			VL3 Men		
1	Serhii Yemelianov (UKR)	39.54	1	Jack Eyes (GBR)	50.01
2	Robert Oliver (GBR)	40.68	2	Stuart Wood (GBR)	50.13
3	Juan Valle (ESP)	41.04	3	Vladyslav Yepifanov (UKR)	50.55

KL3 Women			VL3 Women		
1	Laura Sugar (GBR)	47.77	1	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)	59.33
2	Hope Gordon (GBR)	48.25	2	Hope Gordon (GBR)	01:00.69
3	Nelia Barbosa (FRA)	48.78	3	Nataliia Lagutenko (UKR)	01:02.09

Canoe Marathon



- Hungarians Balazs Adolf and Vanda Kiszli were among the standout performers at the ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships in Pitesti, Romania, winning two golds after success in both the long and short races in the respective men's C1 and women's K1 events.
- Ukraine's Liudmyla Babak also struck twice, claiming gold in the women's C1 long race and short race.
- The event served as a qualification event for The World Games 2022 in Birmingham, USA where canoe marathon will make its debut.

Results: 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships

K1 Men Short Distance			C1 Men Short Distance		
1	Jose Ramalho (POR)	14:19.85	1	Balazs Adolf (HUN)	16:04.23
2	Mads Pedersen (DEN)	14:23.13	2	Mateusz Borgiel (POL)	16:08.41
3	Ivan Alonso (ESP)	14:28.59	3	Jakub Brezina (CZE)	16:12.45

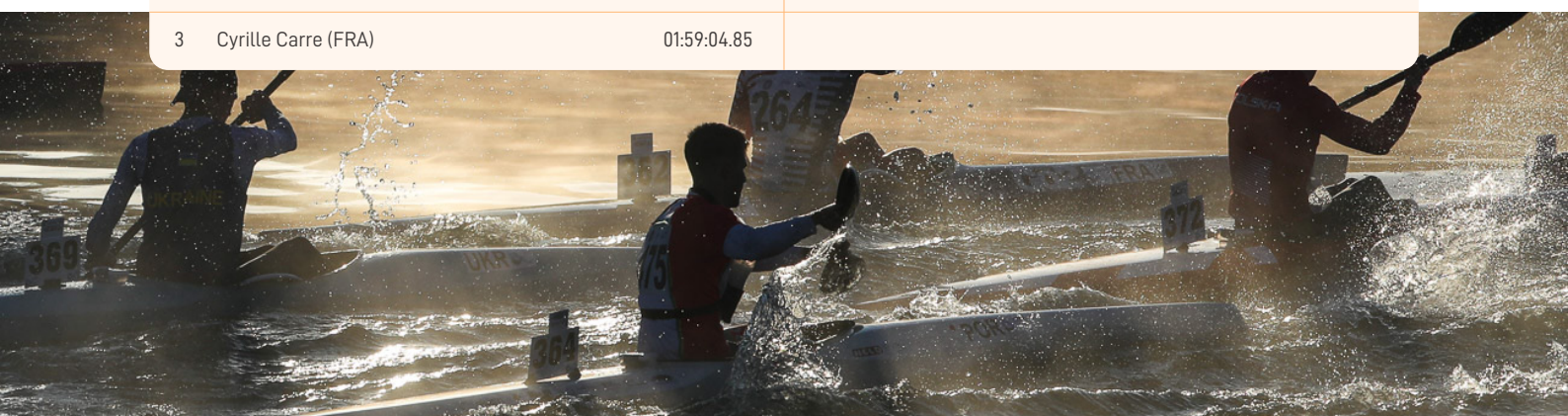
K1 Women Short Distance			C1 Women Short Distance		
1	Vanda Kiszli (HUN)	16:11.11	1	Liudmyla Babak (UKR)	18:32.93
2	Lizzie Broughton (GBR)	16:14.95	2	Zsafia Kisban (HUN)	18:46.71
3	Kristina Bedec (SRB)	16:16.37	3	Volha Klimava (BLR)	19:11.79

K1 Women Long Distance			C1 Women Long Distance		
1	Vanda Kiszli (HUN)	02:05:14.38	1	Liudmyla Babak (UKR)	01:21:01.53
2	Zsafia Czellai-Voros (HUN)	02:05:17.44	2	Volha Klimava (BLR)	01:22:40.47
3	Lizzie Broughton (GBR)	02:05:18.09	3	Zsafia Kisban (HUN)	01:22:56.90

K1 Men Long Distance			C1 Men Long Distance		
1	Mads Pedersen (DEN)	02:03:38.96	1	Balazs Adolf (HUN)	02:02:58.08
2	Ivan Alonso (ESP)	02:04:03.61	2	Marton Kover (HUN)	02:03:07.70
3	Stephane Boulanger (FRA)	02:05:29.31	3	Denys Davydov (UKR)	02:06:05.98

K2 Women Long Distance			C2 Men Long Distance		
1	Emese Kohalmi and Eszter Rendessy (HUN)	01:55:07.23	1	Manuel Campos and Diego Romero (ESP)	01:56:34.95
2	Tania Fernandez and Tania Alvarez (ESP)	01:55:12.29	2	Mateusz Borgiel and Mateusz Zuchora (POL)	01:56:44.68
3	Jenna Ward and Saskia Hockly (RSA)	01:55:21.68	3	Marton Kover and Marton Horvath (HUN)	01:57:11.80

K2 Men Long Distanc					
1	Quentin Urban and Jeremy Candy (FRA)	01:59:03.21			
2	Adrian Boros and Tamas Erdelyi (HUN)	01:59:04.30			
3	Cyrille Carre (FRA)	01:59:04.85			





Wildwater Canoeing

- Bratislava, Slovakia hosted the 37th edition of the ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships alongside the Canoe Slalom World Championships in September.
- France impressed with four golds as Lise Vinet claimed an individual title in the women's K1 while the Czech Republic sealed three golds and Germany, Italy and Slovenia also tasted success.



Results: 2021 ICF Wildwater Canoe World Championships

K1 Men Sprint			C1 Men Sprint		
1	Nejc Znidarcic (SLO)	51.46	1	Ondrej Rolenc (CZE)	57.09
2	Luca Barone (FRA)	52.02	2	Quentin Dazeur (FRA)	57.36
3	Maxence Barouh (FRA)	52.03	3	Charles Ferrion (FRA)	57.36

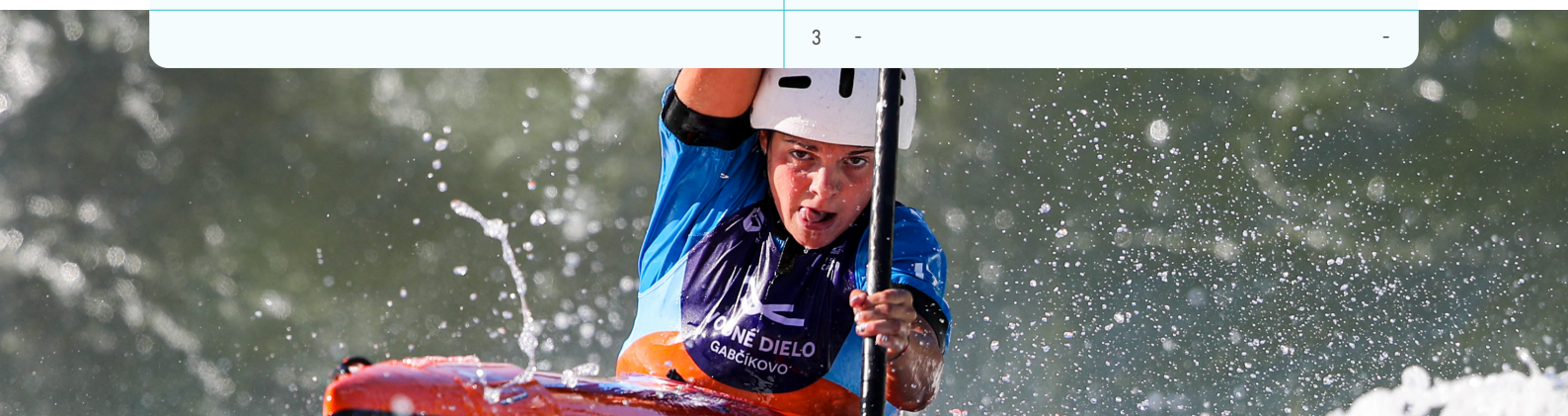
K1 Men Sprint Teams			C1 Men Sprint Teams		
1	Germany	57.30	1	France	01:00.94
2	France	57.31	2	Czech Republic	01:01.08
3	Slovenia	57.88	3	Italy	01:03.58

K1 Women Sprint			C1 Women Sprint		
1	Lise Vinet (FRA)	58.13	1	Cecilia Panato (ITA)	62.33
2	Tereza Kneblova (CZE)	58.27	2	Tereza Kneblova (CZE)	62.80
3	Jil-Sophie Eckert (GER)	58.48	3	Martina Satkova (CZE)	64.51

K1 Women Sprint Teams			C1 Women Sprint Teams		
1	Czech Republic	01:02.18	1	1 France	01:09.13
2	Germany	01:03.02	2	2 -	-
3	France	01:03.10	3	3 -	-

			C2 Men Sprint		
			1	Daniel Suchanek and Ondrej Rolenc (CZE)	55.77
			2	Stephane Santamaria and Quentin Dazeur (FRA)	55.90
			3	Pierre Troubady and Hugues Moret (FRA)	55.91

			C2 Men Sprint Teams		
			1	France	01:02.44
			2	Czech Republic	01:03.64
			3	-	-



Canoe Ocean Racing

- South Africa stole the show at the ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships in Lanzarote, Spain, taking the two gold medals on offer.

- Two-time world silver medallist Michelle Burn finally broke through for a win in the women's K1 while Nicolas Notten swept to victory in the men's K1.

Results: 2021 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships

K1 Men			K1 Women		
1	Nicolas Notten (RSA)	01:30:47	1	Michelle Burn (RSA)	01:42:25
2	Gordan Harbrecht (GER)	01:31:45	2	Ana Swetish (USA)	01:44:32
3	Victor Doux (FRA)	01:33:19	3	Judit Verges Xifra (ESP)	01:45:43

- A demonstration of the sport was held during the Tokyo 2020 Olympics with IOC President Thomas Bach in attendance.
- Poznan, Poland was due to stage the Dragon Boat World Championships only to be cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dragon Boat

Canoe Polo

- Catania, Italy successfully held the ECA European Canoe Polo Championships but Continental Championships in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Oceania were all cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The ICF Canoe Polo Committee agreed to donate equipment to Argentina in a bid to grow the discipline.

Canoe Freestyle

- The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the postponement of the ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships in Nottingham, England from 2021 to 2022 along with World Cups in Columbus, USA.
- The ICF Canoe Freestyle Committee staged its first ever online seminar and examination for judges and international technical officials.

Stand Up Paddling



- Fiona Wylde of the United States and Noic Garloud of France were the star performers at the ICF Stand Up Paddling World Championships in Balatonfured, Hungary, securing two golds each.
- Wylde won the women's long distance crown and Garloud claimed the men's sprint title before they captured the respective women's and men's technical golds.
- Gdynia, Poland was announced as the host of the 2022 SUP World Championships.

Results: 2021 ICF Stand Up Paddling World Championships

Men Sprint		Women Sprint	
1	Noic Garioud (FRA) 48.01	1	Elena Prokhorova (RUS) 01:02.21
2	Connor Baxter (USA) 49.00	2	Nataliia Novitskaya (RUS) 01:02.95
3	Claudio Nika (ITA) 50.79	3	April Zilg (USA) 01:04.36

Men Long Distance		Women Long Distance	
1	Titouan Puyo (FRA) 01:46:49.62	1	Fiona Wylde (USA) 02:05:41.43
2	Noic Garioud (FRA) 01:46:55.97	2	Esperanza Barreras (ESP) 02:06:12.24
3	Daniel Hasulyo (HUN) 01:47:04.60	3	Elena Prokhorova (RUS) 02:10:30.75

Men Technical		Women Technical	
1	Noic Garioud (FRA) 04:46.15	1	Fiona Wylde (USA) 05:34.55
2	Connor Baxter (USA) 04:57.98	2	Esperanza Barreras (ESP) 05:43.66
3	Itzel Delgado (CAN) 05:02.34	3	April Zilg (USA) 05:49.71

Men Inflatable		Women Inflatable	
1	Andrey Kraitov (RUS) 46:49.38	1	Olivia Piana (FRA) 51:25.10
2	Marton Kover (HUN) 46:51.46	2	Emilie Fournel (CAN) 52:36.66
3	Christian Taucher (AUT) 46:55.51	3	Noemi Horvath (HUN) 53:08.76



Board meetings



Online – March 12–19

- Hosts were announced for a series of events, including Penrith, Australia for the 2025 Canoe Slalom World Championships, Milan, Italy for the 2025 Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships and Maderia, Portugal for the 2024 Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships.
- The findings of a survey on the COVID-19 pandemic found that 91 per cent of athletes felt safe when attending ICF events.
- The Board unanimously agreed British Canoeing's request to postpone the ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships, scheduled to be held in Nottingham, England, until 2022.
- A survey of National Federation found that 60 per cent supported a change in the name of the ICF.

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Online – April 14

- The Board voted in favour of Tokyo 2020 qualifiers in Canoe Slalom, Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe being staged in Hungary and Russia against the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic.
- It was agreed that the ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cup in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina would be postponed to the weekend of July 2 to 4.

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Rome, Italy – November 3

- The ICF was praised in the Treasurer's report for the way it overcame the financial challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic to make a profit.
- An update was given on activities at the ICF headquarters, with staff hailed for working hard in the face of a global health crisis to put on events.
- The National Federation of Saudi Arabia received the backing of the Board to become a member of the ICF.

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Rome, Italy – November 7

- Thomas Konietzko chaired his first meeting as the new head of the ICF following his election 24 hours earlier and thanked outgoing President Jose Perurena for his outstanding leadership over the past 13 years.
- Christoph Kirsten was confirmed the new whitewater technical manager, replacing Cyril Nivel who had joined Paris 2024 as the canoeing and paracanoe sport manager.
- The Chair of each discipline announced the make-up of their Standing Committees.

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Lausanne, Switzerland – December 14

- ICF President Thomas Konietzko hailed the IOC's decision to confirm canoeing as one of the sports on the Olympic programme for LA 28 and underlined his efforts not to lose any quotas.
- The principles for qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics were outlined and approved by the Board.
- Audience figures from Tokyo 2020 were reported as ICF Secretary General Simon Toulson announced that there were more viewers for canoeing than rowing for the first time at the Olympics and revealed that over 120 million people watched the sport in China.
- The ICF Board voted unanimously to join the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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Congress in review

Rome, Italy – November 4-6

- Germany's Thomas Konietzko was elected as the new President of the ICF, beating Russia's Evgenii Arkhipov by 94 votes to 6 with no abstentions.
- Argentina's Cecilia Farias, China's Aijie Liu and Spain's Lluís Rabaneda were elected as Vice Presidents, while Italy's Luciano Buonfiglio was named Treasurer.
- France's Jean-Michel Prono (Canoe Slalom), Japan's Toshi Furuya (Canoe Sprint), Germany's Manuela Gawehn (Wildwater Canoeing), The Netherlands' Ruud Heijselaar (Canoe Marathon), Great Britain's Greg Smale (Canoe Polo), Great Britain's Terry Best (Canoe Freestyle), South Africa's Colin Simpkins (Canoe Ocean Racing) and Canada's John Edwards (Paracanoe) were all elected as Chairs of Standing Committees.
- In a video message, IOC President Thomas Bach paid tribute to outgoing ICF President Jose Perurena who was elected as Honorary President.
- The National Federations of Sierra Leone, Kosovo and Saudi Arabia were approved as members of the ICF.
- ICF Secretary General Simon Toulson thanked organisers and local authorities for working with them to hold events throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

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