



Report

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ICF Board of Directors, Manchester, UK 23rd - 25th March 2017

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ICF Position: Chairman of Dragon Boat

1. Visits and Meetings since last Board Meeting

- (a) Meeting with Chinese Canoe Association on 27-28 February 2017 at Shanghai, China. A fruitful discussion on dragon boat competitions to be organized under the Chinese Canoe Association.
- (b) Meeting with Organizing Committee of 2017 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships and Technical Inspection to finalize logistical arrangements: 3-5 March 2017, Venice, Italy.
- (c) Meeting with Blue Circle Sports on 6-7 March 2017 at London re: Dragon Boat World Series events.
- (d) Meeting with Ukraine Canoe Federation on 12-15 March 2017 at Kiev, Ukraine. A constructive meeting with the Ukrainian Sport Ministry in which supports had be granted for further development of dragon boating in Ukraine.

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- (a) The Host Agreement of 2017 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Venice was finalized in January 2017 and sent to Italian Canoe Federation for signing.
- (b) The bulletin and official website (www.venice2017.com) of the 2017 Venice ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships have been launched. Bulletin
- (c) To close monitoring the progress and preparation of Venice2017, a Venue inspection was held on 3-5 March 2017.
- (d) The forthcoming ICF DBR ITO examinations would be organized on 4-6 September 2017 in Venice, Italy.

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- (a) The race courses for 2017 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Venice have been confirmed. 200m and 500m will be held at the Regatta Course at Tronchetto. As for 2000m, it would be a circle race course at The Arsenale Di Venezia.
- (b) The Chinese Canoe Association will organize in 2017 International Dragon Boat competitions in China in addition to considering inclusion of DBR in the Asian Canoe Sprint Championships in October 2017 at Shanghai, China.
- (c) OCA Coordination Committee has confirmed that Traditional Boat events (6 medals) would be included in the 2018 XVIII Jakarta Asian Games. Dr. LUK Wai-hung has been appointed as the Technical Delegate of the Traditional Boat event.
- (d) Upon satisfactory application of the revised race schedule/time table to cater for the increased number of categories in World Championships, the Dragon Boat Committee would develop an updated operational guidelines after the 2nd trial in 2017 Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships.

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- (a) The 1st China International Famous School Canoe / Dragon Boat Regatta (Ningbo-Ordos), Zhejiang Province & Inner Mongolia, China (28 May to 5 June 2017).
- (b) 2017 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Venice, Italy (3-8 September 2017).
- (c) ICF Dragon Boat Committee Meeting (4 September 2017).
- (d) 1st ICF Traditional Dragon Boat Championships, Lake Victoria, Kenya, Africa (18-22 October 2017).
- (e) The 7th National University Student Dragon Boat Championships cum 1st China International University Student Dragon Boat Invitational Tournament, Tongzhou Lake, Dali, Shaanxi Province, China (20-29 October 2017).
- (f) 2018 Jakarta Asian Games Traditional Boat races, Palembang, Indonesia in August 2018.
- (g) Follow up actions with Organizing Committee of 2018 ICF Dragon Boat Championships, Lake Sidney Lanier, USA on 13-16 September 2018.
- (h) Looking forward to establish a collaboration between ICF and ICBF for future World Series Dragon Boat Championships.