

Always moving forward

ICF Board of Directors, MANCHESTER (GBR) / 24 – 25 March 2017

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1. Visits and Meetings since last Board meeting

ICF meeting

- Meeting with the IOC, the ICF and the ISA concerning SUP issue
- ICF Headquarters – meeting with ICF Secretary General, which enabled us to exchange on the ICF / EBU contract.

IOC family meeting

- Winter Asian Games – Sapporo (JAP) – 17th until 21st February
 - *Discussions with John COATES, chair of the Coordination commission for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and with Tsunekazu TAKEDA, IOC member in Japan, concerning the state of progress of the location and construction of the canoeing venues*
- International forum for sports integrity– Lausanne (SUI) – 15th February
- IOC and WADA meetings – Lausanne (SUI) – 11th to 13th March
 - Working Group on WADA governance matters: exchange on means to improve the anti-doping system, especially through a stronger independence and a clearer allocation of responsibilities between anti-doping stakeholders;

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- WADA Athletes' committee: discussions on how to improve the anti-doping system and ensures it is made for protecting clean athletes (stronger involvement of athletes in the WADA governance, development of new athletes-friendly tools to raise awareness and help them respecting anti-doping rules...).

White Water Sport Commission – 1st meeting

Reminder:

With the new governance and after the 2nd board meeting of Baku, I have been entrusted with chairing this commission.

The 1st meeting aims to clarify our main duties, define a way of working and establish our key tasks for the next few months.

Current situation:

The 1st meeting will be organised on March 22nd, just before our Executive Committee meeting.

Developing a new gate for canoe slalom

Reminder:

During the ICF Board in Cape-Town, we decided to associate the NFs in our reflexion to improve the current gates and judgment system in canoe slalom competitions. Through this reform, our goal is to make canoe slalom easier to understand and thus, more appealing.

In coordination with ICF canoe slalom committee and Headquarters, a call for projects was published on the ICF website and sent to each NF in April 2016.

26 proposals have been received by the end of June 2016 from NFs or individuals from the canoeing family.

Current situation:

As of now, the canoe slalom committee members have selected six projects and asked the respective national federations to provide the ICF with more details.

Next step:

In cooperation with the canoe slalom committee, we will organise an extraordinary jury during the SportAccord Convention 2017 (on April 5). This jury, that I will have the honour to chair, is aimed to assess the pre-selected projects and define the best process to implement the new gate system.

In addition to ICF board members, the jury will gather experts from relevant organisations, with representatives from the IOC, from OBS, and from the EPFL.