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The President's Overview



This year has been richly rewarding as we celebrate the success and growth of paddle sport across the world.

There have been so many highlights in 2023 having staged outstanding World Cups and World Championships and witnessed our disciplines develop thanks to our dedicated staff and the work of all our federations, coaches, officials and volunteers.

One of our greatest successes of the past 12 months was confirmation at the IOC Session in Mumbai that both sprint and slalom will be on the programme at LA 28.

It has also been fantastic to see the implementation of our Fit for Future strategy as we aim to take our sport to a higher level with collective and progressive action.

Excitement builds on the water

With the Olympics and Paralympics on the horizon, our athletes have excelled on the global stage in the hope of securing their place at Paris 2024.

Our World Championships in slalom and kayak cross in London and in sprint in Duisburg proved to be superb events as quota spots were sealed for the Games.

There remains growing interest in our sport which has been reflected by the high volume of tickets that have been sold for the Olympics.

We have also held top-class competitions in our non-Olympic disciplines with World Championships in Canoe Marathon, Canoe Freestyle, Wildwater Canoeing, Ocean Racing, Dragon Boat and Stand Up Paddling. Coverage of these events have increased after securing new contracts with TV stations and sealing an exciting partnership with China Media Group.

Important decisions made off the water

Ukrainian paddlers impacted by war continue to receive great support from our canoe family which is demonstrating solidarity in times of conflict.

We have adhered to the International Olympic Committee recommendations in allowing Russian and Belarusian paddlers to participate as Individual Neutral Athletes under special conditions.

While the world is drifting further apart, it is crucial that the Olympic Movement shows the unifying power of sport.

We have achieved a pioneering partnership with Alibaba Cloud to ensure that we deliver on our sustainability goals at competitions.

Another highlight of 2023 was holding our first Women's Symposium which brought together more than 100 delegates from 35 countries to take part in a series of workshops.

This gathering in Dublin was essential to our gender equality strategy as we commit to increasing the role of women in the global paddling community.

Plans are also afoot to create an International Canoe Federation satellite office in Hungary as we look to maximise the success of our sport in the coming years.

Thomas Konietzko

ICF President



Canoe Slalom

- A total of 24 nations from five continents have confirmed canoe slalom quotas for the Paris 2024 Olympics after the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in London, England and the European Championships in Krakow, Poland.
- Spain, Czech Republic, Great Britain, France, Italy, Slovenia and Slovakia have qualified athletes in all four categories – men's and women's K1 and C1.
- Great Britain made home advantage count at the World Championships at Lee Valley, with Joseph Clarke winning the men's K1 and men's kayak cross titles, Mallory Franklin triumphing in the women's C1 and Kimberley Woods capturing the women's kayak cross crown.
- Australia's Jessica Fox returned to the top of the women's K1 podium for the first time since 2018, while Benjamin Savsek of Slovenia ended his six-year wait for a second individual world title with victory in the men's C1.
- The Paris 2024 Olympic venue hosted the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Final in October as Fox topped the overall World Cup standings in both the women's C1 and women's K1, while Clarke and Woods were series winners in the respective women's and men's kayak cross and Czech Vit Prindis and Slovenia's Luka Bozic accumulated the most points from the men's K1 and men's C1 races respectively in the 2023 season.



Results: 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships

	K1 Men			K1 Women	
1	Joseph Clarke (GBR)	91.32	1	Jessica Fox (AUS)	103.6
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2	Jiri Prskavec (CZE)	93.26	2	Eliska Mintalova (SVK)	104.73
3	Mathis Soudi (MAR)	93.91	3	Klaudia Zwolinska (POL)	105
	K1 Men Teams			K1 Women Teams	
1	Czech Republic	91.76	1	Australia	108.62
2	France	92.99	2	Spain	108.91
3	Poland	95.23	3	Great Britain	109.02
	C1 Men			C1 Women	
1	Benjamin Savsek (SLO)	97.4	1	Franklin Mallory (GBR)	108.05
2	Nicolas Gestin (FRA)	98.58	2	Kimberley Woods (GBR)	108.47
3	Paolo Ceccon (ITA)	98.9	3	Jessica Fox (AUS)	108.94
	C1 Men Teams			C1 Women Teams	
1	France	99.17	1	Great Britain	112.45
2	Great Britain	99.2	2	Czech Republic	114.55
3	Italy	100.31	3	Slovenia	115.32
	Kayak Cross Men			Kayak Cross Women	
1	Joseph Clarke (GBR)		1	Kimberley Woods (GBR)	
2	Boris Neveu (FRA)		2	Camille Prigent (FRA)	
3	Martin Dougoud (SUI)		3	Eva Tercelj (SLO)	







Canoe Sprint

- A total of 28 countries from four continents have confirmed canoe sprint quotas for the Paris 2024 Olympics following the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Duisburg, Germany.
- Hosts Germany earned the most athlete quota spots with 17, while Spain and Hungary both earned 15 Olympic starters, while six nations – Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia and the USA – earned just one place.





- Five-time Olympic champion Lisa Carrington of New Zealand took her world title tally to 15 after coming out on top in the women's K1 200, women's K1 500 and women's K4 500.
- Canada's Katie Vincent also completed a golden hattrick, triumphing in the women's C1 500, women's C1 5000 and mixed C2 500.
- Chinese Taipei won its first-ever World Cup gold thanks to Kuan-Chieh Lai's victory in the men's C1 500 in Poznan, Poland.
- A three-day World Cup in Paris, France doubled up as a test event for the Olympic Games as top paddlers tried out the Vaires-sur-Marne venue.

Results: 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships

1	Arturas Seja (LTU)	00.35.243	1	Artur Guliev (UZB)	00:38.729
2	Badri Kavelashvili (GEO)	00:35.364		Joan Antoni Moreno (ESP)	00:38.769
3	Carlos Garrote (ESP)	00:35.380		Oleksii Koliadych (POL)	00:39.046
3	K1 Women 200	00.55.560	0	C1 Women 200	00.39.040
1	Lisa Carrington (NZL)	00.38.932	1	Yarisleidis Cirilo Duboys (CUB)	00:44.799
2	Yale Steinepreis (AUS)	00:40.010	2	Antia Jacome (ESP)	00:45.418
3	Dominika Putto (POL)	00:40.367	3	Lin Wenjun (CHN)	00:45.623
				C1 Men 500	
1	Balint Kopasz (HUN)	01:36.262	1	Catalin Chirila (ROU)	01:45.373
2	Jean van der Westhuyzen (AUS)	01:36.632	2	Conrad Scheibner (GER)	01:45.723
3	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	01:36.908	3	Serghei Tarnovschi (MDA)	01:46.746
1	Lisa Carrington (NZL)	01:47.769	1	Katie Vincent (CAN)	02:01.545
2	Emma Aastrand Jorgensen (DEN)	01:49.102	2	Maria Corbera (ESP)	02:02.860
3	Tamara Csipes (HUN)	01:50.699	3	Maria Mailliard (CHI)	02:03.218
1	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	03:27.712	1	Martin Fuksa (CZE)	03:45.124
2	Adam Varga (HUN)	03:28.141	2	Catalin Chirila (ROU)	03:45.958
3	Jakob Thordsen (GER)	03:28.303	3	Sebastian Brendel (GER)	03:46.581
1	Alyssa Bull (AUS)	03:54.864	1	Maria Mailliard (CHI)	04:24.958
2	Justyna Iskrzycka (POL)	03:56.663	2	Jacy Grant (CAN)	04:26.955
3	Eszter Rendessy (HUN)	03:57.556	3	Li Li (CHN)	04:27.113
1	Mads Pedersen (DEN)	19.55.467	1	Balazs Adolf (HUN)	22:12.975
2	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	20:09.974	2	Sebastian Brendel (GER)	22:18.883
3	Nico Paufler (GER)	20:36.042	3	Wiktor Glazunow (POL)	22:35.386
1	Estefania Fernandez (ESP)	22:45.357	1	Katie Vincent (CAN)	25:57.255
2	Madeline Schmidt (CAN)	22:46.612	2	Zsofia Kisban (HUN)	26:04.048
3	Melina Andersson (SWE)	22:56.996	3	Li Li (CHN)	26:51.612
1	Martyna Klatt / Helena Wisniewska (POL)	00:36.681	1	Shuai Changwen / Lin Wenjun (CHN)	00:42.516
2	Paulina Paszek / Jule Hake (GER)	00:36.877	2	Antia Jacome / Maria Corbera (ESP)	00:42.760
3	Blanka Kiss / Anna Lucz (HUN)	00:37.302	3	Lisa Jahn / Hedi Kliemke (GER)	00:43.623
1	Joao Ribeiro / Messias Baptista (POR)	01:29.037	1	Peter Kretschmer / Tim Hecker (GER)	01:36.972
2	Bence Nadas / Balint Kopasz (HUN)	01:29.184	2	Liu Hao / Ji Bowen (CHN)	01:38.126
3	Adrian Del Rio / Rodrigo Germade (ESP)	01:29.389	3	Cayetano Garcia / Pablo Martinez (ESP)	01:38.571
1	Lena Roehlings / Jacob Schopf (GER)	01:33.033	1	Connor Fitzpatrick / Katie Vincent (CAN)	01:45.771
2	Alyssa Bull / Jackson Collins (AUS)	01:33.179		Wiktor Glazunow / Sylwia Szczerbinska (POL)	01:46.219
3	Barbara Pardo / Inigo Pena (ESP)	01:33.912		Olympia Della Giustina / Daniele Santini (ITA)	01:47.663
	K2 Women 500			C2 Women 500	
	Emma Aastrand Jorgensen / Frederikke Hauge				
1	Matthiesen (DEN)	01:39.856	1	Xu Shixiao / Sun Mengya (CHN)	01:52.775
2	Martyna Klatt / Helena Wisniewska (POL)	01:40.824	2	Antia Jacome / Maria Corbera (ESP)	01:52.916
3	Paulina Paszek / Jule Hake (GER)	01:41.597		Sloan MacKenzie / Katie Vincent (CAN)	01:52.956
	K2 Men 1000	01.11.037	Ü	C2 Men 1000	01.02.300
1	Pedro Vazquez / Inigo Pena (ESP)	03:11.512	1	Nicolae Craciun / Daniele Santini (ITA)	03:34.565
2	Bence Vajda / Tamas Szantoi Szabo (HUN)	03:12.366		Moritz Adam / Nico Pickert (GER)	03:35.296
3	Anton Winkelmann / Leonard Busch (GER)	03:13.550		Ilie Sprincean / Oleg Nuta (ROU)	03:36.490
	K4 Men 500	33.10.330	J	C4 Men 500	55.55.450
1	Germany	01:19.183	1	Spain Spain	01:30.808
2	*	01:19.183		Poland	01:32.373
3	Hungary Ukraine	01:19.631		Ukraine	01:32.373
J		01.19.001	3		01.02.720
1	K4 Women 500	01:20 606	1	China	01,47106
1 2	New Zealand Poland	01:30.606 01:31.320		Cormony	01:47.186
3		01:31.320		Germany Canada	01:47.780 01:48.143
3	Spain	01.31.933	3	Canada	01.40.143



Paracanoe

- Great Britain sealed its place at the top of the medal standings at the ICF Paracanoe World Championships in Duisburg, Germany, with four golds and three silvers.
- Victories for the British team came courtesy of Charlotte Henshaw in the women's KL2, Laura Sugar in the women's KL3, Emma Wiggs in the women's VL2 and Hope Gordon in the women's VL3.
- Paracanoe World Cups were held in Szeged, Hungary and Paris, France with the later staged as a test event on the Vaires-sur-Marne course for the 2024 Paralympic Games.

Results: 2023 ICF Paracanoe World Championships

				VL1 Men	
1	Peter Pal Kiss (HUN)	45.193	1	Benjamin Sainsbury (AUS)	01:02.735
2	Remy Boulle (FRA)	46.036		David Gonzalez (ESP)	01:05:932
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3	Luis Cardoso da Silva (BRA)	46.542	3	Carlos Glenndel Moreira (BRA)	01:14.74
1	Maryna Mazhula (UKR)	51.824	1	Viktoryia Pistis Shablova (ITA)	01:10.952
2	Katherinne Wollermann (CHI)	53.571	2	Pooja Ojha (IND)	01:18.736
3	Brianna Hennessy (CAN)	53.800	3	Jocelyn Munoz (CHI)	01:19.618
1	Curtis McGrath (AUS)	40.200	1	Fernando Rufino de Paulo (BRA)	50.344
2	Mykola Syniuk (UKR)	41.614	2	Igor Tofalini (BRA)	51.299
3	Federico Mancarella (ITA)	41.658	3	Steven Haxton (USA)	52.089
				VL2 Women	
1	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)	48.706	1	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	57.100
1 2		48.706 49.690			57.100 58.766
1 2 3	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)		2	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	
	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR) Emma Wiggs (GBR)	49.690	2	Emma Wiggs (GBR) Brianna Hennessy (CAN)	58.766
	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR) Emma Wiggs (GBR) Katalin Varga (HUN)	49.690	3	Emma Wiggs (GBR) Brianna Hennessy (CAN) Susan Seipel (AUS)	58.766
	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR) Emma Wiggs (GBR) Katalin Varga (HUN) KL3 Men	49.690 50.808	2 3	Emma Wiggs (GBR) Brianna Hennessy (CAN) Susan Seipel (AUS) VL3 Men	58.766 59.232
3	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR) Emma Wiggs (GBR) Katalin Varga (HUN) KL3 Men Dylan Littlehales (AUS)	49.690 50.808 40.050	2 3 1 2	Emma Wiggs (GBR) Brianna Hennessy (CAN) Susan Seipel (AUS) VL3 Men Vladyslav Yepifanov (UKR)	58.766 59.232 48.238
1 2	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR) Emma Wiggs (GBR) Katalin Varga (HUN) KL3 Men Dylan Littlehales (AUS) Jonathan Young (GBR)	49.690 50.808 40.050 40.200	2 3 1 2	Emma Wiggs (GBR) Brianna Hennessy (CAN) Susan Seipel (AUS) VL3 Men Vladyslav Yepifanov (UKR) Jack Eyers (GBR)	58.766 59.232 48.238 48.602
1 2	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR) Emma Wiggs (GBR) Katalin Varga (HUN) KL3 Men Dylan Littlehales (AUS) Jonathan Young (GBR) Brahim Guendouz (ALG)	49.690 50.808 40.050 40.200	2 3 1 2 3	Emma Wiggs (GBR) Brianna Hennessy (CAN) Susan Seipel (AUS) VL3 Men Vladyslav Yepifanov (UKR) Jack Eyers (GBR) Curtis McGrath (UKR)	58.766 59.232 48.238 48.602
1 2	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR) Emma Wiggs (GBR) Katalin Varga (HUN) KL3 Men Dylan Littlehales (AUS) Jonathan Young (GBR) Brahim Guendouz (ALG) KL3 Women	49.690 50.808 40.050 40.200 40.492	2 3 1 2 3	Emma Wiggs (GBR) Brianna Hennessy (CAN) Susan Seipel (AUS) VL3 Men Vladyslav Yepifanov (UKR) Jack Eyers (GBR) Curtis McGrath (UKR) VL3 Women	58.766 59.232 48.238 48.602 48.879
3 1 2 3	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR) Emma Wiggs (GBR) Katalin Varga (HUN) KL3 Men Dylan Littlehales (AUS) Jonathan Young (GBR) Brahim Guendouz (ALG) KL3 Women Laura Sugar (GBR)	49.690 50.808 40.050 40.200 40.492 45.418	2 3 1 2 3 1 2	Emma Wiggs (GBR) Brianna Hennessy (CAN) Susan Seipel (AUS) VL3 Men Vladyslav Yepifanov (UKR) Jack Eyers (GBR) Curtis McGrath (UKR) VL3 Women Hope Gordon (GBR)	58.766 59.232 48.238 48.602 48.879 56.199

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Canoe Marathon

- Vejen, Denmark was the venue for the ICF Canoe
 Marathon World Championships where home favourite
 Mads Pedersen clinched his third men's K1 title.
- Hungary's Vanda Kiszli continued her domination of the women's K1, winning for the fifth successive time, while Spain's Manuel Campus sealed his fifth men's C1 crown – four years after claiming his fourth and 11 years after he won his first.

Results: 2023 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships

1	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	00:12:49.12	1	Diego Romero (ESP)	00:14:55.07
2	Mads Pedersen (DEN)	00:12:49.77	2	Jaime Duro (ESP)	00:14:57.15
3	Ivan Alonso (ESP)	00:13:08.60	3	Mateusz Kaminski (POL)	00:15:15.63
1	Melina Andersson (SWE)	00:14:22.83	1	Bethany Gill (GBR)	00:17:27.18
2	Estefania Fernandez (ESP)	00:14:24.79	2	Zsofia Kisban (HUN)	00:17:31.78
3	Samantha Rees-Clark (GBR)	00:14:41.77	3	Beatriz Fernandez (POR)	00:17:57.50
1	Vanda Kiszli (HUN)	02:05:55.35	1	Liudmyla Babak (UKR)	01:25:49.80
2	Melina Andersson (SWE)	02:05:56.99	2	Zsofia Kisban (HUN)	01:27:40.44
3	Samantha Rees-Clark (GBR)	02:06:18.97	3	Bethany Gill (GBR)	01:28:28.80
1	Andrew Birkett (RSA)	02:08:25.94	1	Manuel Garrido (ESP)	02:04:52.36
2	Jose Ramalho (POR)	02:08:27.04	2	Marton Kover (HUN)	02:05:03.19
3	Mads Pedersen (DEN)	02:08:27.36	3	Manuel Campos (HUN)	02:10:03.02
1	Tania Fernandez / Tania Alvarez (ESP)	01:58:09.56	1	Manuel Campos / Diego Romero (ESP)	02:01:10.75
2	Renata Csay / Zsofia Czellai (HUN)	01:58:19.10	2	Fernando Busto / Diego Miguens (ESP)	02:01:15.34
3	Melina Andersson / Johanna Johansson (SWE)	01:58:46.03	3	Mateusz Borgiel / Mateusz Zuchora (POL)	02:01:42.03
1	Jose Ramalho / Fernando Pimenta (POR)	01:58:04.39			
2	Miguel Llorens / Alberto Plaza (ESP)	01:58:10.40			
3	Eivind Vold / Amund Vold (NOR)	01:58:15.43			



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Wildwater Canoeing

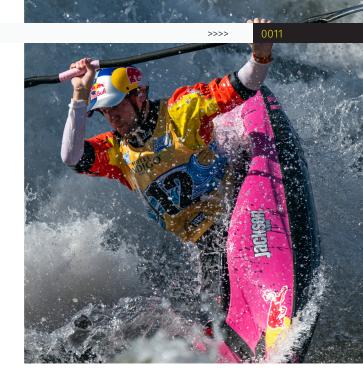
- Anze Urankar clinched men's K1 sprint gold at the ICF Wildwater Canoe World Championships in Augsburg, Germany, denying six-time champion and fellow Slovenian Nejc Znidarcic a fifth successive crown.
- France finished with six golds, including two from Laura Fontaine in the women's C1 and in the women's C1 team alongside Margot Beziat.

Results: 2023 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships

	K1 Men Sprint			C1 Men Sprint	
1	Anze Urankar (SLO)	59.93	1	Charlie Ferrion (FRA)	64.82
2	Simon Oven (SLO)	60.15	2	Blaz Cof (SLO)	65.55
3	Luca Barone (FRA)	60.19	3	Frantisek Salaj (CZE)	66.36
	K1 Men Sprint Teams			C1 Men Sprint Teams	
1	Slovenia	63.84	1	Germany	69.55
2	Germany	64.32	2	France	70.40
3	France	65.52	3	Czech Republic	71.76
	K1 Women Sprint			C1 Women Sprint	
1	Marie Nemcova (CZE)	66.50	1	Laura Fontaine (FRA)	70.68
2	Giulia Formenton (ITA)	66.64	2	Cecilia Panato (ITA)	71.75
2	Lise Vinet (FRA)	66.64	3	Marie Nemcova (CZE)	72.96
	K1 Women Sprint Teams			C2 Men Sprint	
1	France	70.91	1	Daniel Suchanek / Ondrej Rolenc (CZE)	64.61
2	Czech Republic	73.97	2	Nicolas Sauteur / Theo Viens (FRA)	64.92
3	Slovenia	74.54	3	Hugues Moret / Pierre Troubady (FRA)	64.95
				C2 Women Sprint	
			1	Elsa Gaubert / Margot Beziat (FRA)	71.99
			2	Alice Panato / Cecilia Panato (ITA)	72.37
			3	Hannah Mueller / Mona Clavadetscher (SUI)	73.11

Canoe Freestyle

- American Dane Jackson reigned supreme again at the ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships, claiming his fifth men's kayak crown – his third in a row and 10th title overall in Columbus, Georgia.
- Ottilie Robinson-Shaw of Great Britain defended her women's C1 crown but hopes of retaining the women's K1 title as well were ended by Sage Donnelly of the USA.



Results: 2023 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships

	K1 Men			C1 Men	
1	Dane Jackson (USA)	1363.33 pts	1	Seth Chapelle (USA)	858.33
2	Nicholas Troutman (CAN)	1213.33	2	Dane Jackson (USA)	850.00
3	Tom Dolle (FRA)	818.33	3	Landon Miller (USA)	803.33
	K1 Women			C1 Women	
1	Sage Donnelly (USA)	445.00	1	Ottilie Robinson-Shaw (GBR)	175.00
2	Ottilie Robinson-Shaw (GBR)	410.00	2	Zofia Tula (POL)	78.33
3	Emily Jackson (USA)	381.67	3	Tamsyn McConchie (GBR)	65.00
	Squirt Men			Canoe Decked Men	
1	Taft Sibley (USA)	1993.33	1	Seth Chapelle (USA)	858.33
2	Andrew Grizzell (USA)	1960.00	2	Dane Jackson (USA)	850.00
3	Clay Wright (USA)	1280.00	3	Landon Miller (USA)	803.33
	Squirt Women			Canoe Decked Women	
1	Rose Wall (USA)	1800.00	1	Ottilie Robinson-Shaw (GBR)	175.00
2	Ottilie Robinson-Shaw (GBR)	1600.00	2	Zofia Tula (POL)	78.33
3	Tamsyn McConchie (GBR)	1200.00	3	Tamsyn McConchie (GBR)	65.00
				Open Canoe	
			1	Landon Miller (USA)	133.33
			2	Zachary Zwanenburg (CAN)	81.67
			3	Philip Josef (GER)	40.00



Canoe Polo

- With no ICF Canoe Polo World Championships taking place in 2023, Continental Championships were the focus with events staged Germany, Singapore, New Zealand, South Africa and Brazil.
- Coaching and refereeing courses were successfully held in Egypt with all candidates passing the written exam a feat unmatched by any other National Federation.



Stand Up Paddling

- Spain's Esperanza Barreras and France's Noic Garioud finished with two gold medals each at the ICF Stand Up Paddling World Championships in Pattaya, Thailand.
- Garioud won his first men's long distance gold as well as the men's sprint title, while Barreras defended her women's long distance crown and emerged victorious from the women's technical race.

Results: 2023 ICF Stand Up Paddling World Championships

1	Noic Garioud (FRA)	50.75	1	Seychelle Webster (USA)	01:03.04
2	Connor Baxter (USA)	51.57	2	Juliette Duhaime (ARG)	01:04.77
3	Adrii Kraitor (BUL)	51.76	3	Tarryn King (RSA)	01:05.39
1	Noic Garioud (FRA)	01:29:36.17	1	Esperanza Barreras (ESP)	01:43:44.57
2	Shuri Araki (JPN)	01:29:36.83	2	Kimberly Barnes (USA)	01:43:58.26
3	Rai Taguchi (JPN)	01:29:38.37	3	Duna Gordillo (ESP)	01:44:06.68
1	Connor Baxter (USA)	05:57.82	1	Esperanza Barreras (ESP)	06:45.96
2	Itzel Delgado (PER)	06:01.11	2	Melanie Lafenetre (FRA)	06:49.11
3	Antonio Morillo (ESP)	06:02.05	3	Juliette Duhaime (ARG)	06:49.38

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Canoe Ocean Racing

- Hosts Australia enjoyed historic success at the ICF
 Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships in Perth,
 with Cory Hill becoming the first man to win three titles
 and Jemma Smith becoming the first woman to claim
 back-to-back crowns.
- Spanish pair Judit Verges Xifra and Walter Bouzan won the first-ever double titles with the SS-2 competition making its debut after featuring as an exhibition event in 2014.

Results: 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships

1	Cory Hill (AUS)	01:11:46.50	1 Jemma Smith (AUS)	01:22:35.80
2	Joshua Fenn (RSA)	01:12:54.10	2 Melanie van Niekerk (RSA)	01:26:17.90
3	Oscar Jones (AUS)	01:13:24.90	3 Brianna Massie (AUS)	01:27:49.20

Dragon Boat

- The International World Games Association announced in July that Dragon Boat will join Canoe Polo and Canoe Marathon as ICF sports at The World Games in 2025 in Chengdu, China.
- Yichang, China successfully staged the ICF Dragon Boat World Cup in June with races held over 200, 500 and 2000 metres.





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Board meetings 2023 in review

Budapest, Hungary - April 28-29

- The ICF agreed to establish the principles for organizing the 100-year anniversary of the organisation, including the budget and framework.
- Mario Santos, Wolfgang Over and Albert Woods were named as members of the Individual Neutral Athlete Eligibility Panel.

Full minutes available here

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- The ICF Policy and Process for Individual Neutral Athlete Eligibility was accepted.
- With Liu Aijie unable to conduct his Vice
 President duties for an extended period, it
 was agreed that Luciano Buonfiglio would take
 on the role on an interim basis alongside his
 deposition as Treasurer.
- A proposal to establish a Finance Commission, led by Maree Burnett, was unanimously approved.

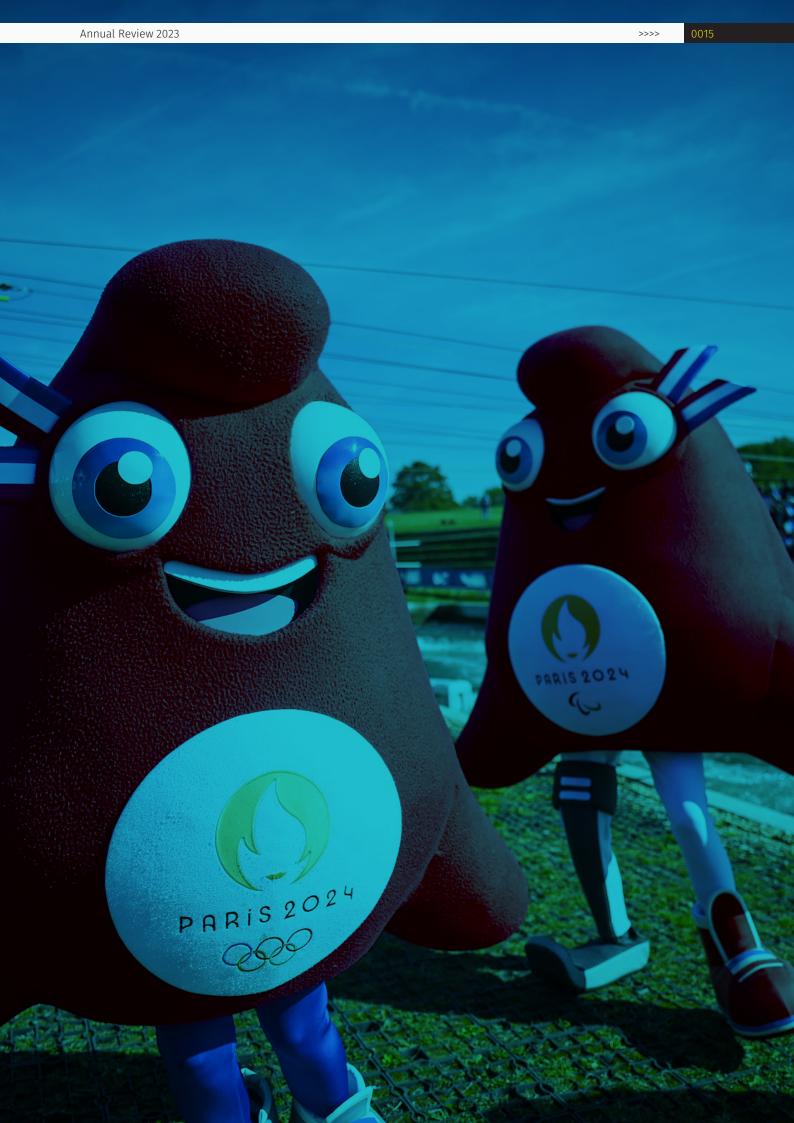
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- Ticket sales for Paris 2024 reported to be going very well, with the majority of canoe sprint sold and only a few sessions for canoe slalom still available online.
- ICF Secretary General Richard Pettit updated the situation on the satellite office in Hungary, which will provide a good opportunity to expand the team, and he also shared a planned staff structure to the Board.
- European Canoe Association President Jean Zoungrana reiterated his commitment to establishing its headquarters at the Vaires-sur-Marne in Paris, France.

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