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Participants:

Name	Nationality	Position
José Perurena	Spanish	President (Executive Committee Member)
Istvan Vaskuti	Hungarian	1st Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre	Sao Tome and	2nd Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Tony Estanguet	France	3rd Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Luciano Buonfiglio	Italian	Treasurer (Executive Committee Member)
Simon Toulson	British	Secretary General (Executive Committee Member)
Helen Brownlee	Australian	President OCA - Oceania Canoe Association
Albert Woods	British	President ECA - European Canoe Association
Cecilia Farias	Argentinian	President COPAC - Panamerican Canoe Federation
Maree Burnett	New Zealander	Continental Representative Oceania
Ahmad Donyamali	Iranian	Continental Representative Asia
Octavio Morales Vallarta	Mexican	Continental Representative America
Branko Lovric	Croatian	Continental Representative Europe
Andrej Jelenc	Slovenian	Continental Representative Europe
Saifudin Patwa	Kenyan	Continental Representative Africa
Tim Cornish	South African	Continental Representative Africa
Victor G. Ruiz	Puerto Rican	Continental Representative America
Mario Santos	Portugal	Continental Representative Europe - Chair Ocean Racing
Thomas Konietzko	German	Continental Representative Europe
Frank Garner	Canadian	Chair Canoe Sprint
Jean-Michel Prono	French	Chair Canoe Slalom
Jorn Cronberg	Danish	Chair Canoe Marathon
Jens Perchwitz	German	Chair Wildwater Canoeing
Andrea Donzeli	Italian	Chair Canoe Polo
Dr LUK Wai Hung	Hong Kong	Chair Dragon Boat
Lluís Rabaneda i Caselles	Spanish	Chair Canoe Freestyle
Donald McKenzie	Canadian	Chair Medical and Anti-Doping
John Edwards	Canadian	Chair Paracanoe Committee
Anders Gustafsson	Swedish	Chair Athlete Committee (Absent)

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Description	Responsible Person	Deadline
<p>PRESIDENT'S WELCOME</p> <p>The ICF President welcomed everybody to Madrid.</p> <p>He announced that the Chairman for the Athlete Committee was not present and he emphasised the importance of having a representative from the Athlete Committee at all the meetings.</p>		
<p>APPROVAL OF THE BoD MINTUTES - Cape Town, December 2015</p> <p>The BoD approved the minutes from the meeting in Cape Town, South Africa.</p>		
<p>PRESIDENT REPORT</p> <p>The President had a meeting in Lillehammer with the IOC Sports Director. The IOC was happy with the ICF's decision regarding equity for the Olympic Games. It was important to send an official letter to Thomas Bach regarding the ICF's decision to show the movement to gender equality.</p> <p>The decision concerning moving K4 1000m to K4 500m was important and which was approved at the last BoD. However the IOC was not so keen on this move and requested the ICF to re-examine the change.</p> <p>In Cape Town there had been discussions regarding the appointment of the SportAccord President. The ICF's President position was that he would not be a candidate and would concentrate on canoeing.</p>		
<p>SECRETARY GENERAL REPORT</p> <p>Eurosport proposed the ICF pay 200,000 Euros in order to have Canoeing World Cups on their channel. The ICF declined the offer. Eurovision was willing to help with the loss of Eurosport audiences by selling territory by territory. The ICF would focus on this strategy for 2016 and getting as much exposure as possible with the TV highlight packages.</p> <p>TV deals done so far included Canada, New Zealand, France, Azerbaijan and some other countries which had shown interest in specific events. However, it was clear that the audience numbers would be lower than previous years due to the loss of Eurosport. The production budget was squeezed considerably but the ICF had managed to ensure all events in 2016 would be produced live.</p> <p>It was proposed to go to EBU with all Canoeing events as a package to see if the financial value could be increased. Negotiations for the next contract would continue throughout 2016.</p>		

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<p>Regarding the legal case against ITA/GBR, all papers and evidence had now been filed by all parties to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The hearing would be 14th March with a decision due a few weeks later.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to the number of federations involved, the complexity of the evidence and assessing the possible consequences of all the possible legal arguments, the bill for the case for the ICF stood at 150,000 Euros and was likely to exceed 200,000 Euros at the end of the process.</p> <p>The draft of an ICF Strategic Plan had been distributed to the BoD. It was proposed to have a separate session to discuss the objectives and work together to pull all ideas together and make the document intrinsic to the work of the BoD and ICF Headquarters.</p> <p>ASOIF and the IOC had drafted a questionnaire regarding the state of IF Governance. They would not force IFs to change Governance structures for the time being but did not discount it in the future. Self regulation by IFs would be promoted.</p> <p>It was proposed to immediately amend the ICF Governance to achieve more positive marks in response to the questionnaire. The BoD was given a deadline of 30th April to send feedback and comments before the document would be finalised in time for the ICF Congress.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the increase in ICF's workload and continued support of disciplines as well as external demands required an additional five to six more staff for the ICF. Apart from Golf, Canoeing had the lowest number of staff of all other IFs.</p>		
<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</p> <p>Istvan Vaskuti Report</p> <p>Referred to his report. He highlighted that it was important to set minimum technical standards for continental Olympic qualification events and contingency plans should be drawn up for the future events to ensure the events could occur.</p> <p>Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre Referred to his report.</p> <p>Tony Estanguet</p> <p>Highlighted a few points.</p> <p>He proposed direct communication with athletes with issues regarding Rio and to update them on elements such as water quality, Zika virus,</p>		

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<p>medication and immunisations. An information document would be circulated to NFs regarding Rio topics.</p> <p>The competition for a “New gates proposal” would be launched by the ICF. NFs would be asked to participate and propose new ideas with the aim to simplify understanding and judgement in Canoe Slalom.</p> <p>It was recommended that the BoD try to convince all major event organisers to include Canoe Slalom if they had connections with them.</p> <p>There was continued development regarding a temporary slalom course and the ICF was encouraged to endorse this project.</p>		
<p>TREASURER’S REPORT</p> <p>Following the conservative investment of the ICF it had turned a significant return in interest over the previous few years. However due to the CAS case, additional funding for Canoe Sprint and Slalom World Championships the budget had overrun by some margin. To ensure all activities could continue for 2016 it was proposed to reduce all budget by 10% until the end of 2016. The BoD agreed to accept this proposal and the budget would be revised accordingly and distributed to BoD members.</p>		
<p>CANOE SPRINT – Frank Garner</p> <p>Discussed Rio 2016 preparations. The largest problem for Canoe Sprint was the course depth which was uneven. Rio would appoint a company to dredge the lake which would fix the problem.</p> <p>Two progression system plans for the Olympic Games would be drafted to stop teams trying to gain unfair advantage with lane selection.</p> <p>A Canoe Sprint summit would take place in November 2016 in Frankfurt, Germany.</p> <p>2018 World Cups were approved by the BoD. They would be Duisburg, Szeged and Moscow.</p> <p>The ITOs for Junior and U23 World Championships in Minsk (BLR) were approved by BoD.</p>		
<p>CANOE SLALOM – Jean Michel Prono</p> <p>Referred to his report.</p> <p>The Olympic course tuning in Rio was scheduled to be signed off on 25th March.</p>		

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<p>Canoe Slalom inclusion in the Asian Games Slalom was validated by the organising committee in Indonesia.</p> <p>NFs were requested to send their projects regarding the design of Canoe Slalom gates to the ICF by 1st July 2016. A Jury would decide and select the best project(s). The goal was to implement the design in 2017.</p> <p>2018 World Cups were approved by the BoD. They would be Augsburg (GER), Mikulas (SVK), Ljubljana (SLO), Seu de Urgell (ESP) and provisionally Krakow (POL).</p>		
<p>CANOE MARATHON – Jørn Cronberg</p> <p>Referred to his report.</p> <p>The ITOs for the Canoe Marathon World Championships were approved by the BoD.</p> <p>Boat weight limitation: The Marathon Committee would like to implement the same rules for Canoe Sprint for Marathon. They were discussing with the Sprint Committee to see if a compromise weight could be found for both disciplines.</p>		
<p>CANOE FREESTYLE – Lluís Rabaneda</p> <p>Referred to his report.</p> <p>There would be two World Cups in October 2016, in Argentina and Brazil.</p> <p>The Final World Cup would be held in Rio de Janeiro and the Freestyle Committee was willing to set the configuration of the course as soon as possible after the Olympic Games.</p>		
<p>CANOE POLO – Andrea Donzeli</p> <p>The Canoe Polo Rule Changes had involved 15 people around the world, athletes and coaches and the Technical Committee. The changes would transform the World Championships from 2020 into two separate World Championships.</p> <p>ICF manufactures list for Canoe Polo numbered 21 companies and was seen as a big success for the sport.</p>		
<p>WILDWATER CANOEING – Jens Perlwitz</p> <p>Referred to his report.</p> <p>ITOs for the World Championships were approved by the BoD.</p>		

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<p>The 2017 World Cup bid from Switzerland was approved by the BoD.</p>		
<p>DRAGON BOAT – Dr Wai Hung Luk</p> <p>Referred to his report.</p> <p>Inclusion of Dragon Boat in Asian Games 2018 under ICF ownership had been approved.</p> <p>There had been a proposal to change the date for 2017 World Championships. This was being assessed.</p> <p>ITO list for 2016 World Championships was approved by the BoD.</p>		
<p>OCEAN RACING – Mario Santos</p> <p>2016 World Cups would be in Tahiti and Portugal, with the addition of Mauritius. The World Cups were approved by the BoD.</p> <p>The 2017 World Cups were postponed until the next BoD Meeting.</p>		
<p>MEDICAL COMMITTEE – Donald McKenzie</p> <p>The risks and symptoms of the Zika Virus were presented, there are a number of test which showed the presence of the virus in the body. Precautions needed to be taken by people visiting Rio for the Olympic Games.</p> <p>IOC and Rio 2016 were sampling the water quality in 6 different areas of the lagoon. Water quality in Nov to Dec was very bad and in January it improved. In August 2015 the values were low, the ICF remained concerned about the problem but not alarmed.</p> <p>Final decision for cancellation of events due to water quality rested with the IOC Executive Committee Board.</p> <p>The newly sanctioned substance (Meldonium) and stories behind it was discussed. The ICF had some cases involving this substance and was working with WADA on how to deal with the cases.</p>		
<p>PARACANOEING – John Edwards</p> <p>Outlined the development of a Classification Sub-committee. In addition a questionnaire for National Federations regarding Paracanoes would be sent out to understand what was happening worldwide in the sport.</p>		

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<p>The ICF would apply for IPC AGITOS Foundation funding again this year after not being successful in 2015.</p> <p>The Paracanoe Committee would develop a World Ranking system for Paracanoeists and extend to 2 World Cups from 2017.</p> <p>The ICF planned to put to the IPC by 2017 a submission for new events including Va'a as well as more athlete quotas per event in relation to Tokyo 2020.</p>		
<p>ATHLETE COMMITTEE</p> <p>No report submitted.</p>		
<p>AFRICAN CONTINENTAL REPORT</p> <p>The upcoming Olympic Qualification in South Africa, had 20 NFs registered to compete. There would also be at the same time an Officials examination.</p> <p>The 2022 Commonwealth Games was awarded to South Africa and unfortunately canoeing was not considered for the programme. It was proposed to organise a commonwealth canoeing event and ask ICF for funds.</p>		
<p>Bidding Process for 2022 World Championships</p> <p>2020 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships Brandenburg an der Havel (GER)</p> <p>2019 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships Rio de Janeiro (BRA)</p> <p>2020 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships Baerum (NOR)</p> <p>2018 ICF Wildwater Canoeing Classic and Sprint World Championships Muotathal/River Muota (SUI)</p> <p>2017 Ocean Racing World Championships Hong Kong (HKG)</p> <p>2019 Ocean Racing World Championships Saint-Pierre de Quiberon (FRA)</p>		
<p>AMERICAS CONTINENTAL REPORT</p> <p>Referred to the report.</p>		

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<p>There had been Paracanoe seminars in Cuba and Colombia with 20 participants in each. The outcome of the seminar was a national championship in Colombia. Cuba was progressing well but more development was needed in the discipline.</p>		
<p>ASIA CONTINENTAL REPORT</p> <p>Referred to the report.</p> <p>Asian Games programme had seen the inclusion of Dragon Boat under the authority of ICF rules. Traditional boat had been added under the canoeing discipline. Canoe Polo would be a demonstration event but unfortunately it was only the men's event. Continued efforts to add a women's event were underway.</p> <p>13 NFs were participating in the upcoming Asian Championships in Toyama (JPN). In September 2016 there would be an Asian Canoe Sprint Cup in UZB and the first Asian Paracanoe Championships.</p>		
<p>EUROPE CONTINENTAL REPORT</p> <p>Referred to the report.</p> <p>For the next European Games the European Olympic Committee had issued their preference to support a Russian bid, however, with the doping scandal in Russia the situation was complicated so no city had been chosen.</p>		
<p>OCEANIA CONTINENTAL REPORT</p> <p>Referred to the report.</p> <p>Canoe Sprint for the Pacific Games in 2019 is was cancelled. However for the future editions it would be included in the programme alongside Va'a.</p> <p>Canoe paddling in Oceania Championships had been added but there was difficulty in having suitable competitions due to the lack of boats in Oceania. Oceania would be looking for donations of canoes to give to the islands.</p> <p>New Zealand was hosting the World Master Games in 2017 and a large canoeing programme was included.</p>		
<p>WOMEN'S COMMISSION/ EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY COMMISSION</p> <p>It was decided to change the name of the Commission to Equality and Diversity to better represent the role of the group.</p>		

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<p>The ASOIF's Women in Leadership Forum was attended by three ICF BoD members from 7-9 March in Lausanne. Recommendations from the Forum were discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that a multi-facet approach to create pathways for women aspiring to leadership positions inside the ICF.</p> <p>These strategies would include changes to representation of women at ICF Congress, change to representation of continental board members, identification of potential women leaders, general mentoring and a gender equality session at the 2016 ICF Congress for all delegates.</p> <p>The video "why gender quality is good for everyone-including men" was presented at the meeting.</p>		
<p>ICF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM</p> <p>A summary of the ICF's Development meeting was presented.</p> <p>There was a request by the Oceania Canoe Association for increased development focus on them. It was agreed that boat donations would be to Oceania and Africa. In 2017, boats would be sent to Asia and America and in 2018 Europe would receive donations.</p> <p>The Paracanoe development budget 4000 Euros was supported by the Development Programme.</p> <p>ECA requested to support canoe polo and the development commission was waiting to receive their proposed plan.</p> <p>It was requested that the ICF headquarters produce template for the Development Programme activities brochure for the ICF Congress.</p>		
<p>CONGRESS 2016 AND RULE CHANGES</p> <p>Rule Changes were discussed by the BoD. Technical and General Rules would be published for the ICF Congress in time for the meeting in Baku.</p> <p>The BoD was in favour of the Canoe Sailing Rule changes proposed.</p>		
<p>SPORT COMMISSION</p> <p>The Sport Commission had met before the BoD to discuss and approve the technical rules for each discipline in preparation for the BoD meeting.</p> <p>At the next meeting it was proposed to examine the Events Calendar and see if a more effective plan could be reached for each discipline to avoid clashes.</p>		

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<p>ICF GOVERNANCE REVIEW</p> <p>The Board of Directors and Executive Committee voted in favour of the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three Vice Presidents (two male and one female) to be elected by ICF Congress - The Chairs of Canoe Sprint and Canoe Slalom would sit on the Executive Committee as well as on the Board of Directors - Treasurer would be removed and replaced by a Finance Committee - The Athlete Representative was added to the Executive Committee and would continue to be elected by his/her peers. - The 5 Continental Presidents would sit on the Executive Committee. <p>The Executive Committee would be consist of 13 members (including President and Secretary General).</p> <p>One additional African BoD member would be added to the Board of Directors composition.</p> <p>The ICF would amend the rules of its own Court of Arbitration to include a dedicated Ethics Commission as well.</p>												
<p>MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>ICF Congress 2016</p> <p>The next ICF Congress would take place in Baku, Azerbaijan 23 – 27 November 2016.</p> <p>Some issues remained regarding VISA entry to Azerbaijan as many countries did not have embassies in their country. This issue was being resolved with the local authorities and NFs would be informed of the outcome.</p> <p>Jury members for 2016 World Championships and Olympic and Paralympic Games</p> <p>2016 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships, Banja Luka (BIH)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="145 1800 810 1973"> <tr> <td>Albert Woods</td> <td>President of the Jury</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andrej Jelec</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thomas Konietsko</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Branko Lovric</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NF Representative</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> </table> <p>2016 ICF Paracanoe World Championships, Duisburg (GER)</p>	Albert Woods	President of the Jury	Andrej Jelec	Member	Thomas Konietsko	Member	Branko Lovric	Member	NF Representative	Member		
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2016 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Moscow (RUS)

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2016 Rio Paralympic Games, Paracanoe

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Other Topics				
<p>The ICF 2020 Canoe Sprint Jun/U23 World Championships clashed with Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Different dates needed to be found.</p>				
<p>For the 2018 YOG qualification system a proposal for a larger spread of continental quota places was proposed and would be given to the IOC for their approval.</p>				
<p>It was commented that an Athlete Commission representative must come to BoD meetings.</p>				
<p>ICF Order of Merit Awards were approved for 3 persons for their commitment to the ICF and Canoeing : Greg Smale (former Canoe Polo Chair), François Ryffel (former Dragon Boat chair) and Fitz Jaegger (former Canoe Polo chair). The Congress would be asked to ratify these awards and presentations would be made in Baku.</p>				
<p>The next ICF Board meeting will be Baku, Azerbaijan in conjunction with the ICF 2016 Congress</p>				