

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION ICF

# MINUTES

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## 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

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The President of the ICF Mr. Ulrich FELDHOFF opened the ICF Ordinary Congress 2004 and welcomed the delegates of the National Federations present at the XXX ICF Ordinary Congress in Stockholm 2004.

The President especially welcomed Mr. Otto BONN, ICF Honorary Member and fmr Secretary General of ICF and all guests and friends of the Canoeing family.

The President mentioned that a total number of 102 National Federations are represented (26 by proxy). After the acceptance of the new member Federations 108 National Federations will be represented (27 by proxy) and ICF will include 135 National Federations. These figures are an enormous success and mark a record in ICF history.

The President introduced into the Congress issues mentioning that a lot of aims have been achieved in the past two years but also there remain some issues to be solved for the future. The ICF however has achieved positive results over the last two years.

The ICF has not only consolidated its position in the world of sport but even expanded its position. This result only has been achieved by the strong co-operation of ICF with its National Federations and Continental Associations.

At the beginning of the new century the world of sport is under a dramatic change. International Canoeing has to face a lot of challenges. The organisation of major events is depending of the establishment of a positive image of Canoeing in the Media. This factor is decisive for the attractiveness of ours sport for young people. The presence in the Media and Television is important for the contact to Sponsors. The President showed himself convinced that the increase of competence on all levels of Canoeing is necessary for the future.

The absolute highlight for Canoeing in the past two years has been the competitions of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad Athens 2004 being the best Olympic competitions of the past since Flatwater racing has been included 1936 in the Berlin Games. The maintenance of the Slalom Racing discipline within the Olympic programme was a great success. The President thanked ATHOC, the IOC, the volunteers and the involved persons of the organisation for their dedication for the event. The President especially expressed his gratitude towards the athletes having competed on a high level and having shown a great sportsmanship and to the responsible officers of the ICF.

The President wished the delegates the best for a successful Congress.

The President of the hosting Swedish Canoe Federation MIKAEL PETERSSON welcomed the delegates to Sweden and Stockholm, wished all the best for a successful Congress and invited the delegates to attend the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday evening.

The ICF President then asked the Congress to remain in a minute or silence and to commemorate the men and women and members of the Canoeing family having passed away in the period since the last Congress in Madrid 2002. The Congress observed in a minute of silence for:

- Mr. Yoshio SAKURAUCHI (JPN), ICF Honorary Member, fmr President JCF
- Mr. Alexandre ROGOV (RUS), President of the Russian Canoe Kayak Federation
- Mr. John W. DUDDERIDGE (GBR), ICF Honorary Member, fmr President BCU

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## 2. ROLL CALL OF THE DELEGATES AND ESTABLISHING OF THE QUORUM

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The ICF Secretary General Mr. PERURENA LOPEZ made the roll call.

Present are: 97 Federations in total

Absolute Majority: 49 Votes

2/3 Majority: 65 Votes

The President informed the Congress that the Commission according to the ICF Statutes was established by the Board of Directors on the day prior to the Congress and is composed of Ms. PIKULA, Mr. RUIZ and Mr. BERNARDI. The Commission has checked the votes represented and confirmed that the delegates are correctly appointed.

### AGENDA:

The President proposed to include a new point 15 to the agenda as “Awards” in order to decide and present about the ICF Awards according to Article 6 ICF Statutes.

### **Resolution C 01/2004:**

**The agenda was modified by including one new point 10 “Awards” and was accepted in this version.**

1. Opening of the session
2. Roll-call of delegates and establishing of the quorum
3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of the Congress
4. Report by the
  - President
  - Vice-Presidents
  - Continental Representatives
  - Chairmen of the Committees
5. Treasurer’s report on financial matters and approval
6. Auditors’ report and approval
7. Discussions and resolution on the proposals submitted by National Federations, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors

- a.) Proposals concerning ICF Statutes
  - b.) Proposals concerning competition rules
  - c.) Proposal concerning data-base
8. Reports on membership applications
  9. Report on preparations World Championships
  10. Awards
  11. Election of the President
  12. Election of the Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer
  13. Election of the Chairmen of the Standing Committees
    - a) Flatwater Racing Committee
    - b) Slalom Racing Committee
    - c) Wildwater Racing Committee
    - d) Marathon Racing Committee
    - e) Canoe Sailing Committee
  14. Election of the Auditor
  15. Presentation of Continental Representatives as applicable by their respective Continental Associations or elections by delegates present at the Congress from a Continent where there is no Continental association recognised by the ICF (Continental Representative for Oceania)
  16. Working Programme for the next two years (2004-2006)
  17. ICF Development Programme 2004-2006
  18. Women and Sport
  19. Fixing the annual membership fee for the next two years
  20. Establishment of the Budget for the next two years
  21. General information
  22. Establishing time and place for the next Congress
  23. Miscellaneous
  24. Closing of the Congress

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### 3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CONGRESS

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The President presented the proposals for the Scrutineers:

- Dr. Jens KAHL (GER)
- Mr. Paul OWEN (GBR)
- Mr. Anders DANIELSSON (SWE)
- Mr. John BISSET (AUS)
- Mr. Joao COSTA ALEGRE (STP)

#### **Resolution C 02/2004:**

The scrutineers were accepted unanimously.

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**4. REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT  
(VICE PRESIDENTS, CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES,  
CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES)**

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The President referred to his written report which has been distributed to all delegates and made some additional comments.

IOC Olympic Programme Commission:

The Commission established by the 114<sup>th</sup> session of the IOC in Mexico City serves the purpose to review the Olympic Programme for 2012. New disciplines may only be accepted by the IOC when others are taken out of the programme. The President reported that the Congress in Madrid had agreed upon a special budget and the establishment of a Commission “Beijing and Beyond”. After the presentation of the convincing plans to the IOC in Lausanne the decision of the IOC maintained Slalom Racing in the programme of the Olympic Games 2008. In the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad Slalom Racing was tremendous success offering the only sport being sold out in the first week of the Games. Many IOC Members attended the Slalom races and praised the high level of that discipline.

The Sports Evaluation Questionnaire of the Olympic Programme Commission will have to be answered within the next two weeks. The talks with IOC members have been very encouraging so far with respect to the position of Canoeing within the programme of the future. Even the media figures are very impressive but ICF has to work on the media presence of Canoeing between the Games of the Olympiad.

The number of countries participating in qualifying competitions prior to the Games and World Championships in the Olympic disciplines however has reached a satisfying level.

All these successes can only be reached with the support of the National Federations especially in the area of Media and TV presence. The President reminded all delegates that the presence of Canoeing in TV only can be increased if the Federations work closely with their National Broadcasters.

Long term presence in the Olympic Games:

The President underlined that Canoeing is represented in the Olympic Games with 12 events in Flatwater Racing and 4 events in Slalom Racing. The programme of the World Championships and the World Cups needs to be examined in the future in order to meet the requests for an attractive programme for TV, spectators and sponsors. The World Cup system did not reach the requested levels so far.

Development Programme:

The President reported that ICF has delivered the annual reports to Olympic Solidarity and they explicitly acknowledged that the ICF development Programme is of a very high quality and one of the best of all IFs. Olympic Solidarity has paid a financial contribution to the programme. The ICF Development Programme also in the future will not include direct financial subsidies to Federations but will be allocated related to projects.

The President asked the delegates for question about the report.

The delegate from Norway mentioned that he wishes to receive the report of the President together with the other documents prior to the Congress.

There were no other remarks or questions.

### **Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

Mr. VENOT referred to his report and commented that the ICF already includes all disciplines defined as Canoeing and does not have to accept all new disciplines explicitly. ICF will need to work on the contacts with the international organisations of the new disciplines in order to avoid the same problems as in the past. He underlined that the National Federations must also recognise the new disciplines on the national level and it is of great importance that the Federations recognise all Canoeing disciplines.

AUS asked for the outcome of the proposals resulting from the workshop on Flatwater Racing in Budapest and expressed his concern about the future of the Flatwater Racing discipline in the Olympic programme. He asked the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for explanation how ICF would comment on the respective criteria in the Sports Evaluation Questionnaire e.g. on the Canoe category or the participation of women in the Games.

Mr. VENOT answered that the workshop in Budapest was organised in order to see which proposals could be made with respect to Flatwater Racing for the future as a brainstorming. He commented that the Flatwater Racing Committee afterwards had refused to take into account the proposals made during that meeting and that the concepts should be discussed in the new Committee now. Mr. VASKUTI has worked out a concept for Canoe events but these concepts must be implemented. He mentioned that the new Chairman of the Committee would have to work after his election on the Questionnaire in order to present the best image of Canoeing possible to the IOC.

ESP explained that the Royal Spanish Canoe Federation has recognised Freestyle and made a proposal to accept that discipline. 45 athletes from different countries have participated in the World Championships in Sort (ESP) 2003. The delegate considered Freestyle to be very important for the future of Canoeing.

The President reported that the members of the Olympic Programme Commission had attended the Flatwater Racing and Slalom Racing competitions in Athens when they urgently recommended not to change anything with regards to the disciplines. The 16 events must be kept as they are. These comments were very convincing. The Questionnaire will be sent to the IOC prior to the final deadline which marks one of the most important dates for our sport.

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:**

Mr. TOMASINI SCHWERTNER gave comments on his written report. The participation especially in the Olympic disciplines has been increased resulting from the work of the Development Programme.

ESP congratulated on the successful work in that area and the detailed report.

### **Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:**

Mr. GHALAMSIAH reported about his activities in the area Sport for All. The World Day of Canoeing has promoted the issue of Keeping Water clean in the last two years. He reported about the efforts in the area of canoeing for Disabled.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President presented a promotional DVD for Canoeing showing artistic pictures of Canoeing.

### **Report of the Continental Representatives for Europe:**

Mr. WOODS added to his report that ECA as largest Continental Association has conducted a large scale of work. ECA has held the first Freestyle European Championships in Sort 2003. He added to the report of Mr. Ghalamsiah that the Sub-Committee for Canoeing for Disabled is composed of Mr. Conforti, Mr. Ghalamsiah and Mr. Woods. The International Paralympic Committee is requesting 18 countries from 3 continents competing on World Championships level and that should be achievable.

### **Report of the Continental Representatives for America:**

Mr. YATMAN mentioned that COPAC has achieved considerable activities particularly in including new countries to the Association, the incorporation of new disciplines and successful Pan American Games.

### **Report of the Continental Representatives for Asia:**

Mr. WU gave a report on the ACC activities of the last two years. In the 14<sup>th</sup> Asian Games 13 countries participated in Canoeing. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Olympic qualification competition for the Asian continent has been held in Komatsu (JPN). Mr. WU congratulated the Chinese Canoeists on their Gold Medal in the Athens Games.

### **Report of the Continental Representatives for Africa:**

Mr. CORNISH added to his report that now 23 member Federations are affiliated to the African Continental Association. The Development Programme has shown particular success in the African continent. The table of the plans for the activities shows that in Africa there is huge work to do. He appealed to ICF to continue the support for the African continent. He also asked to increase the financial support of ICF for the Continental Association in Africa (CAC).

### **Report of the Continental Representative for Oceania:**

Ms. BROWNLEE underlined that the work in the region of Oceania has been very difficult in the past two years. All NOCs in that region have been contacted to support Canoeing development. There are contacts to the National Federation of New Zealand in order to have established a Continental Association in Oceania.

### **Report of the Chairman of the Flatwater Racing Committee:**

Mr. LEUKEMANS referred to his report and added that the Flatwater Racing Committee has been working very hard on the Canoe events. He showed himself surprised about the comment

of the Vice-President that no proposal of the Budapest meeting was taken into consideration by the Committee. The Flatwater Racing Committee was working on a new programme and the programme has been presented to the Board of Directors. Parts of that programme have been operational during the World Cup in Duisburg as the 200m relay and the 3000m.

AUS encouraged the Flatwater Racing Committee to focus on 200m events and 200m relays as attractive events for the Media and to attract the athletes to participate in events and to look at the question to use the Development Programme to support the participation in female canoe and kayak competitions.

#### **Report of the Chairman of the Slalom Racing Committee:**

Mr. HORSTER referred to his report and expressed his gratitude to all persons involved into the successful work of the Slalom discipline in the last four years. The main aim for Slalom Racing is to establish attractive events for the Media and spectators being also interesting for sponsors.

The President added that during the K1 Men Finals in the Athens Olympic Games ICF achieved a top Television presence rate with 169 TV stations broadcasting the event.

CZE underlined the importance of the increase of the TV presence at ICF World Cups and World Championships and asked for the steps having been taken to meet the requirements. The reduction to three World Cups would reduce the opportunities to have the sport on TV and this is contradictory to the idea to increase TV presence.

Mr. HORSTER answered that the new World Cup system will be in force from 2005 and is based on the experience and analysis from the World Cups 2001-2004. The statistics show that the number of participating athletes in the six World Cups in the past was very low. As the Media are interested in the Slalom races they are requesting ICF to make sure that the top athletes participate in the major competitions. If the athletes are accepting the system ICF can extend the system.

#### **Report of the Chairman of the Marathon Racing Committee:**

Mr. CRONBERG did not make comments on the written report.

### **COFFEE BREAK**

#### **Report of the Chairman of the Wildwater Racing Committee:**

Mr. CIRINI referred to his report and added that the ICF has organised one World Championships Juniors and one World Championships Seniors. He underlined that ICF would have to work on the further development of that discipline and that there would be a proposal later during the Congress.

GER mentioned that the Federation hosted the World Championships in 2004 and in 1998. In 1999 a total number of 38 Nations participated and in 2004 only 23 Nations participated. Obviously the growth of ICF has forgotten Wildwater Racing. The number of athletes participating is decreasing as well. He asked the Chairman about his ideas to develop the discipline and stop the decrease.



Mr. CIRINI acknowledged that here is a heavy problem with the decrease. One problem is the costs of the discipline. Plastic boats e.g. would contribute to decrease the costs considerably.

The President added that the Board of Directors has discussed the Wildwater Racing problems in detail. New ideas must be developed in order to maintain that attractive discipline. ICF must rely on the experts when making proposals. One proposal was the introduction of a monotype boat. In Flatwater Racing a great majority of the delegates always has been refusing this idea. He underlined that the National Federations must be involved in any idea about that issue and asked about the opinion of the delegates from the Wildwater Racing Nations.

FRA replied that the answer is difficult and one cannot find a solution today. The monotype boat could reduce the costs and contribute to the development. Wildwater Racing competitions must be promoted during other events e.g. in Slalom events and could be organised in the same venue. A second problem is that Wildwater races are taking place in locations which can be reached only with great difficulties also avoiding higher Media presence.

BRA has been talking to a boat constructor from Double Dutch recently and they have developed a new technology to have glass-fibre integrated with polypropylene to reduce costs. A Slalom boat would cost 600 € and such example could be used for Wildwater.

GER added that the main problem is that Wildwater does not have a chance to get into the Olympic programme. Therefore the National Federations do not work on that sport and do not establish racing courses.

The President mentioned that ICF must avoid getting into the illusion to add more disciplines to the Olympic programme and closed the point mentioning that ICF must continuously work on the issue to give a better image to that discipline.

### **Report of the Chairman of the Canoe Polo Committee:**

Mr. JAGER referred to his report and underlined the importance of the education of referees for the sport. He thanked Mr. Wu who supported the development of the discipline in Asia. The number of national teams is decreasing and one must establish Continental Championships in order to see that the best teams from each continent participate in the World Championships. The number of competitions is increasing very well especially in Europe.

The President mentioned that the problem with the U21 women event must be discussed. As this event was not held in the World Championships in Miyoshi the Committee proposed to postpone that category for the next two consecutive World Championships until further development with the Continental Associations. There shall be six teams for U21 men category more instead (16 in total). From 2010 on the U21 women category shall be reintroduced if there is a success in the development of that category. The President mentioned that this proposal is supported by the Executive Committee.

### **Resolution C 03/2004:**

**The proposal has been accepted.**

VEN informed that the Federation wants to establish a national league but that there are no referees so far. They asked for support in educating referees during a course in 2005. Mr. JAGER

replied that there are more Federations asking for that support and that he would discuss the question with the Committee so the members or other experts can help.

#### **Report of the Chairman of the Dragonboat Racing Committee:**

Mr. RYFFEL referred to his report and added that the first Continental Championships have been organised by ACC in Chinese Taipei in 2003 and congratulated them on the job. In 2005 after the World Games in Duisburg (GER) ICF will hold the Dragonboat Racing Club Crew World Championships in Barcelona / Casteldefells (ESP) where some 3000 athletes are expected to participate. In 2006 the Dragonboat Racing National World Championships will be held in Chinese Taipei.

#### **Report of the Chairman of the Canoe Sailing Committee:**

Mr. FULLER reported about several meetings with the preparation of the World Championships 2005 in Weymouth. The Committee established new website as communication way between sailors and the Committee.

#### **Report of the Chairman of the Medical Committee:**

Dr. MCKENZIE referred to his report and underlined that the acceptance of the World Anti Doping Code by ICF and the establishment of the new Doping Control rules mean that ICF is fully Code compliant. ICF in addition to the Medical Committee has established a Doping Control Panel to meet the requirements of the testing procedure. There are six cases currently under review. Some are serious cases. But this result shows that ICF does have a strong testing programme.

Dr. MCKENZIE informed the delegates that athletes using prohibited substances from the WADA list must announce that previously to the ICF in every case. Mostly this is asthma medication and corticosteroids. Otherwise athletes show positive tests even only for administrative reasons. The correct form must be downloaded from the WADA website.

Dr. MCKENZIE concluded thanking the ICF staff and the Medical Committee for the huge work conducted in the last two years. With the modification of the ICF doping control rules and the establishment of the whereabouts system tasks have increased massively.

In the future ICF as many Federations will reduce the whereabouts being from some several athletes by collecting information from 150 athletes in a Registered Testing Pool. The registered testing pool is being reduced to 150 athletes. A web-based, online whereabouts system is being developed. This will be supplemented, as necessary, by conventional means of information transfer.

The Doping control programme of ICF is strong and the education of athletes is an important point. In addition research activities are needed in order to enhance doping control procedures.

AUS congratulated ICF on the very good achievements reached in the doping control area and especially the huge number of tests conducted on international level and asked whether the number of tests on national level also could be published on the website. In the interest of transparency and the Fair-Play ICF should establish a benchmark for tests on national levels. Funding from the Development Programme should be limited to those Federations willing to cooperate in the area of publishing tests results.

Dr. MCKENZIE answered that such information is currently not available for ICF as the Federations are not delivering such contents but the Medical Committee would work in that direction. With regards to the Registered Testing Pool the Medical Committee will meet end of the year and establish the criteria for selection.

The President reminded the National Federations to submit the necessary whereabouts information for the ICF testing programme and the testing results on national level to the ICF. He underlined that each positive test is one test too much.

Finally he urged the Federations to submit the proper Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) applications to ICF in order to avoid the cases in which athletes are sanctioned due to administrative mistakes when using prohibited substances in accordance with allowed prescriptions of the medication and not submitting the Therapeutic Use Exemption applications beforehand as requested by the ICF Doping Control rules.

It is the task of the National Federations to instruct and inform their athletes respectively.

### **Report of the Chairman of the PR & Media Committee:**

Mr. RODRIQUEZ INCLÁN reported about the activities of the Committee in the past two years. Besides to the publication of the Canoeing International Magazine and the publication of the Canoeing News Bulletin composed of four pages a special issue for the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad Athens 2004 has been published and distributed during the Games. The members of the Committees participated as Media Officers in various competitions like the Test event in Athens, the World Championships in Gainesville in Flatwater Racing, the Slalom events and the Wildwater Racing World Championships in Garmisch Partenkirchen. Three meetings of the Committee have been held producing proposals to the Executive Committee about the Media policy of ICF.

It was requested that the reports of the various Chairmen of the Committees should be established according to a certain frame and include detailed statistics in order to provide better information to the delegates.

IRL requested that the area of PR & Media should be conducted by professionals as the image of Canoeing as an Olympic sport is depending on the way in which ICF is presenting itself in the Media.

The President informed the Congress that the Board of Directors on the day prior to the Congress has decided to dissolve the PR & Media Committee and that the task in the future would be conducted by professionals within the ICF. The President repeated that the Media presence during the Game is very good but the Media presence in the interim periods is one of the weak points of the ICF. The Executive Committee will propose some ideas to the Congress e.g. the occupation of a professional agency for Media matters in the future. SUI requested that the job description for the Communication Manager be communicated to all Federations so candidates from Federations can apply for such position. The President replied that such job would be conducted by an agency.

SLO requested that each action in that area also should involve the organisers of the ICF major competitions.

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## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL MATTERS AND APPROVAL

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The ICF Treasurer Mr. CONFORTI presented his financial report about the period 2002-2004. He underlined that he managed to find very interesting investment solutions for ICF. The Executive Committee has agreed upon a special budget for Slalom Racing. The exchange rate between the USD and Euro currency caused problems for the ICF and the missing amounts had to be compensated by a decision of the Executive Committee to increase the budget by 10%.

Mr. CONFORTI presented the balance sheets of the costs and the revenues received from the IOC, the Olympic Solidarity, membership fees and other sources.

NOR requested that the accountings about the amounts spent by ICF should be more transparent and more information should be given.

GER requested information about the payments of Australian canoeing Inc. for the Penrith Whitewater course which obviously is not solved since four years. Mr. CONFORTI informed that they already have paid parts of the amount and that the final amount will be paid 2005.

AUS supported the request from NOR and requested the ICF to conduct a professional audit by a contracted company to establish clear and transparent financial reports according to international standards.

CZE requested information about the Status Quo of the Athletes Commission as there were some funds spent but there obviously was no activity in the past two years.

The President commented that the budget has been approved by the Congress in 2002 and that the financial report is exactly established in that structure and is fulfilling every international standard. The additional income from the Olympic Solidarity is not included to the report as the report was established prior to the reception of the amount.

IRI informed the Congress that they would like to support the development of Canoeing by allocating 20.000,- € to ACC, 20.000,- € to the African continent and 10.000,- € to the Federation of Iraq.

### **LUNCH BREAK**

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## 6. AUDITOR'S REPORT AND APPROVAL

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After the report of the Treasurer the Auditor of the ICF Mr. Manfred MODLI reported that he has reviewed the books in Madrid (Headquarters) and Florence (Treasurer) and all financial documents have been in excellent order. He pointed out that the investments have been made according to excellent conditions regarding the interests and he congratulated the Treasurer for these achievements.

Upon request the President explained that all Federations represented in the Congress have paid their membership fees and that has been the condition for them to be accepted by the Commission checking the votes.

It was clarified that the financial report audited by Mr. Modli has been the very report presented to the Congress.

The President thanked Mr. Modli for his excellent work and also for the critical remarks reflected in the report.

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**7. DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL FEDERATIONS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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In the following time the proposals submitted to the Congress by the National Federations, the ICF Board of Directors and the ICF Executive Committee regarding the ICF Statutes and competition rules were discussed.

The President asked Mr. Albert WOODS as Chairman of the Statutes Commission to proceed with the discussions about the ICF Statutes and competition rules.

Mr. WOODS explained that modifications of the Statutes would need a 2/3 majority and the modifications of the competition rules would need an absolute majority.

The ICF Secretary General Mr. PERURENA LOPEZ made the roll call.

Present are: 96 Federations in total

Absolute Majority: 49 Votes

2/3 Majority: 65 Votes

**Agenda Point 7a – ICF Statutes:**

**Proposal from the National Federations of Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Spain and Russia - Article 7.1 ICF Statutes – Official Languages of the ICF – inclusion of Spanish and Russian as official languages:**

**Resolution C 04/2004:**

The proposal was accepted. (69 Yes, 7 No, 8 Abstentions).

**Proposal from the Executive Committee - Article 11.2 ICF Statutes – Membership fee:**

The proposal is withdrawn.

**Proposal from the Sweden - Article 15.4 ICF Statutes – Chairmanship of the Congress:**

The proposal is withdrawn.

**Proposal from the Czech Republic - Article 19 ICF Statutes – General discussion:**

**Resolution C 05/2004:**

The proposal was rejected. (3 Yes).

Proposal from the Executive Committee - Article 20.4 ICF Statutes – Nominations:

The proposal will be discussed later.

Proposal from the Czech Republic - Article 21.2 ICF Statutes – Amendments to the Statutes and competition rules:

Resolution C 06/2004:

The proposal was rejected. (4 Yes).

Proposal from Sweden and the Czech Republic - Article 23.2 ICF Statutes – Voting – Proxy votes:

Resolution C 07/2004:

The proposal did not reach the requested majority and was rejected. (49 Yes).

Proposal from the Czech Republic - Article 27.4 ICF Statutes – Election of members of the Board of Directors:

The proposal is withdrawn.

Proposal from the Executive Committee - Article 20.1 ICF Statutes – Submission of proposals:

The proposal is withdrawn.

Proposal from the Executive Committee - Article 5 ICF Statutes – Emblem and Flag:

Resolution C 08/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (89 Yes).

Proposal from the Executive Committee - Article 6 ICF Statutes – Awards:

Resolution C 09/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (90 Yes).

Proposal from the Executive Committee - Article 20.4 ICF Statutes – Nomination of the Auditor – signature competence for nominations:

Resolution C 10/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (89 Yes).

Proposal from the Executive Committee - Article 21.3 ICF Statutes – Amendments to the Statutes and competition rules:

Resolution C 11/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (92 Yes).

**Proposal from the Executive Committee - Article 26.2 ICF Statutes – Board of Directors:**

The proposal is withdrawn.

**Proposal from the Executive Committee - Article 27.5 ICF Statutes – Election of members to the Board of Directors:**

Resolution C 12/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (70 Yes, 6 No).

**Proposal from the Executive Committee - Article 32 ICF Statutes – Standing Committees:**

Resolution C 13/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (89 Yes).

**Proposal from the Executive Committee- Currency of the ICF:**

The delegates were informed that this is a Standing Bye-Law and has been accepted by the Board of Directors.

**Agenda Point 7b – ICF Competition rules – General rules:**

**ALL DISCIPLINES:**

**Proposal from the Executive Committee – Eligibility:**

Concerning:

Rule 3.3 Flatwater Racing competition rules

Rule 3.3.1 Slalom Racing competition rules

Rule 3.3.1 Wildwater Racing competition rules

Rule 3 Marathon Racing competition rules

Rule 3 Canoe Polo competition rules

Rule 2 Canoe Sailing competition rules

Rule 3.3 Dragonboat Racing competition rules

Resolution C 14/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (72 Yes).

**FLATWATER RACING:**

**Proposal from the Executive Committee – New Article 2 Flatwater Racing competition rules:**

Resolution C 15/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (86 Yes).

Proposal from the Flatwater Racing Committee – Article 7.5.1 Flatwater Racing competition rules:

Resolution C 16/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (90 Yes).

Proposal from the Flatwater Racing Committee – Article 21 Flatwater Racing competition rules:

Resolution C 17/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (92 Yes).

Proposal from the Flatwater Racing Committee – Article 30.1 Flatwater Racing competition rules:

Resolution C 18/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (93 Yes).

Proposal from the Russian Federation – Article 34.1 Flatwater Racing competition rules:

Resolution C 19/2004:

The proposal was rejected. (1 Yes).

Proposal from the Flatwater Racing Committee – Article 46.5 Flatwater Racing competition rules:

Resolution C 20/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (83 Yes).

Proposal from the Flatwater Racing Committee – Article 68 Flatwater Racing competition rules:

Resolution C 20/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (95 Yes).

**COFFEE BREAK**

**SLALOM RACING:**

Proposal from the Slalom Racing Committee – Article 36.2 Slalom Racing competition rules:



It was proposed to modify the text to “The Team Manager must verbally announce their intention to file a protest no longer than 5 minutes after the Chief Judge has signed the results for the last competitor in that run”. The 5 minutes are running from the time of the signature by the Chief Judge and the 20 minutes are running from the posting of the results.

Resolution C 21/2004:

The proposal was accepted with the new wording. (80 Yes).

Proposal from the Slalom Racing Committee – Article 36.2.1 Slalom Racing competition rules:

The amount of the deposit was modified to 25 €.

Resolution C 22/2004:

The proposal was accepted with the new amount. (80 Yes).

Proposal from the Slalom Racing Committee – Article 37.1 Slalom Racing competition rules:

Resolution C 23/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (84 Yes).

Proposal from the Czech Republic – Article 41.10.1 Slalom Racing competition rules:

Resolution C 24/2004:

The proposal was rejected. (4 Yes).

Proposal from the Slalom Racing Committee – Article 44.1.1 Slalom Racing competition rules:

Resolution C 25/2004:

The proposal was accepted. (84 Yes).

Proposal from the Slalom Racing Committee – Article 44.1.3 Slalom Racing competition rules:

Proposal from the Czech Republic – Article 44.1.3 Slalom Racing competition rules concerning the same rule:

Resolution C 26/2004:

The proposal of the Slalom Racing Committee was accepted. (80 Yes).

The proposal from the Czech Republic thereby was rejected.

## **Canoe Polo:**

### **Proposal from the Canoe Polo Committee – Article 41.2 Canoe Polo competition rules:**

**Resolution C 27/2004:**

**The proposal was accepted. (74 Yes).**

### **Proposal from the Canoe Polo Committee – Article 41.3 Canoe Polo competition rules:**

**Resolution C 28/2004:**

**The proposal was accepted. (68 Yes).**

## **Canoe Sailing:**

### **Proposal from the Canoe Sailing Committee – New Article 7 Canoe Sailing competition rules:**

**Resolution C 29/2004:**

**The proposal was accepted. (73 Yes).**

### **Agenda Point 7c – Proposal from Spain – Establishment of a Database of competitors:**

ESP explained that the database should be used as a mechanism to control starting rights and eligibility of athletes.

The President mentioned that ICF currently does not have the means to maintain such database.

The proposal was withdrawn.

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## **8. REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

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The President reported that these Federations have fulfilled all requests for a membership by presenting the certification of the National Olympic Committee of highest Sports authority and have been accepted as provisional members by the ICF Executive Committee. The Congress now has to take the decision concerning their full membership.

The following Federations submitted their application for full membership to the Congress:

116 Fédération Togolaise d`Aviron et de Canoe

**Resolution C 30/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

117 Brunei Darussalam National Canoe Association

**Resolution C 31/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

118 Federacion Nacional de Canoa y Kayak de Honduras

**Resolution C 32/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

119 Fédération Camerounaise des Sports Nautiques

**Resolution C 33/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

120 Sudanese Rowing and Canoeing Federation

**Resolution C 34/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

121 Somali Canoe Federation

**Resolution C 35/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

122 Ethiopian Canoe Association

**Resolution C 36/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

123 Federacion Ecuatoguineana de Canoa/Kayak

**Resolution C 37/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

124 Associacao de Canoagem e Remo de Mocambique

**Resolution C 38/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

125 Federacao de Canoagem da Guinea-Bissau

**Resolution C 39/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

126 National Association of Canoeing and Kayaking in Sri Lanka

**Resolution C 40/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

127 Burkina Rowing and Canoeing Federation

**Resolution C 41/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

128 Bhutan Canoe Federation

**Resolution C 42/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

129 Federacao de Canoagem de Timor-Leste

**Resolution C 43/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

130 Fédération Nationale de Canoe du Burundi

**Resolution C 44/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

131 UAE Marine Sports Federation

**Resolution C 45/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

132 Netherlands Antilles Aquatic Federation

**Resolution C 46/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

133 Guyana Canoe Federation

**Resolution C 47/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

134 Surinam Canoe Federation

**Resolution C 48/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

135 Trinidad and Tobago Canoe Federation

**Resolution C 49/2004:**

**The National Federation was unanimously accepted as full member by acclamation.**

The President welcomed all new members and wished all success for the future.

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**9. REPORT ABOUT PREPARATIONS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005**

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**9a: World Championships 2005:**

**ICF Flatwater Racing World Championships Seniors Zagreb (CRO) 2005:**

Mr. LOVRIC informed about the latest standing of the preparations with a presentation showing the location of the course, the accommodation possibilities and the data of the course.

**ICF Flatwater Racing World Championships Juniors Szeged (HUN) 2005** and **ICF Flatwater Racing World Championships Seniors Szeged (HUN) 2006**

Mr. SCHMIDT informed about the latest standing of the preparations. The Bulletin No. 1 will be sent to all NFs end of the year and the website will be operating. MKKSZ is aiming to increase the number of participating Federations and will offer food and accommodation for free for developing countries and asked the ICF to support the travel for these countries.

**ICF Slalom Racing World Championships 2005 Penrith (AUS)** and **ICF Marathon Racing World Championships 2005 Perth (AUS):**

Mr. KEADING informed about the standing of the preparations of the event to be held between September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 (Slalom Racing) and October 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (Marathon Racing). The Slalom Racing venue has been the Olympic venue of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

The President mentioned that it would be imperative to present the signed agreement for the Slalom event in Penrith to the EBU by Monday in order to guarantee the TV Broadcast and ICF would have to discuss with ACI definitely as the ICF cannot wait any longer for the Olympic discipline.

**ICF Slalom Racing World Championships Juniors 2006 Solkan (SLO):**

Mr. JELENC informed about the standing of the preparations of the event. The competition will be held on a natural course with a controlled dam.

**ICF Slalom Racing World Championships 2006 Prague (CZE):**

Mr. POLLERT informed about the standing of the preparations of the event to be held between August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006, and underlined that there were major improvements of the infrastructure

since the floods have devastated the venue. A new section of the boathouse as social and administration centre for the event is under construction as well as a new bank system, cable hanging, communication cables or parking for VIPs and competitors.

**ICF Wildwater Racing World Championships Juniors 2005 Vipiteno (ITA):**

Mr. CIRINI informed about the standing of the preparations of the event. The Senior and Junior World Championships already have been held there. Next international airport is Innsbruck (AUT).

**ICF Wildwater Racing World Championships Seniors 2006 Bala (GBR):**

Mr. CIRINI on behalf of the British Canoe Union gave some explanations about the venue in Wales. Bala already hosted Senior and Junior World Championships.

The President requested information about the agreement to be signed between ICF and BCU. Mr. WOODS replied that the main concern is the host Broadcaster and there will be talks about that matter as a basis for the signature of the contract.

**ICF Marathon Racing World Championships 2006 Trémolat / Dordogne (FRA):**

Mr. GOETSCHY informed about the standing of the preparations of the event. Nearest international airport is Bordeaux and there is another airport in Bergerac.

**END OF DAY 1**

**DAY 2**

The President welcomed the delegates for the second day of the Congress.

The ICF Secretary General Mr. PERURENA LOPEZ made the roll call.

Present are: 98 Federations in total

Absolute Majority: 50 Votes

**ICF Canoe Polo World Championships 2006 Amsterdam (NED):**

Mr. JAGER informed about the standing of the preparations of the event and referred to the written information given. Amsterdam Schiphol is the next international airport. 64 Teams will participate (24 Men, 24 Women and 16 U21 Men Teams). NKB will launch a website at the beginning of 2005.

**ICF Canoe Sailing World Championships 2005 Weymouth (GBR):**

Mr. FULLER informed about the standing of the preparations of the event.

**ICF Dragonboat Racing Club Crew World Championships 2005 Barcelona/Casteldefells (ESP):**

Mr. RYFFEL informed about the standing of the preparations of the event to be organised in the third week of June on the Olympic Channel in Casteldefells near Barcelona. For the first time

after the 1992 Olympic Games a World Championships will be held there hosted by the Spanish Federation. All facilities are in good order. The Dragonboat Racing Committee has visited the venue already and approved the course.

### **IWGA World Games 2005 Duisburg (GER):**

The President informed the delegates that Dragonboat Racing managed to include the discipline to the programme of the IWGA World Games 2005 in Duisburg (GER). Mr. OVER informed that the German Canoe Federation even when not organising the events in Duisburg is deeply involved in the preparations. The World Games as Multisport event for the Non-Olympic disciplines will be held July 14<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Dragonboat Racing competitions will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as part of the invitational programme. Canoe Polo is established in the official programme. Both competitions will be held on the Wedau regatta course.

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## 10. AWARDS

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The President informed the delegates that there are two motions from the Executive Committee supported by the Board of Directors for Honorary Membership for Mr. LEUKEMANS and Mr. BARSANESCU. The President asked the two applicants to leave the room and presented their merits to the Congress.

### **Resolution C 50/2004:**

**The Congress unanimously elected Mr. Cornel BARSANESCU and Mr. John LEUKEMANS as ICF Honorary Members.**

The President informed the delegates that the Finnish Canoe Federation has applied for a badge of Merit for Mr. Yrjö HÄMÄLÄINEN. This proposal is supported by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

### **Resolution C 51/2004:**

**The Congress unanimously awarded the badge of Merit to Mr. Yrjö HÄMÄLÄINEN.**

The President awarded the badge of Merit to Mr. HÄMÄLÄINEN with the following words:

“Dear delegates, Mr. Hämäläinen, it is my great pleasure and honour after the unanimous decision of this Congress at this historic date when we have a participation of National Federations here being unprecedented in the history of the International Canoe Federation and I am quiet sure that you will particularly appreciate receiving this badge of merit in front of this great Congress session. Thank you very much for everything what you have contributed to Canoeing and its development, thank you very much indeed for all what you have done especially for young people in Canoeing and it is my pleasure to bestow upon you the badge of merit which is a distinction which the ICF awards very rarely. I wish you all the best and once again very much and of course you are welcome to attend the further Congress as our guest.”

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## 11. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

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The President upon acclamation of the delegates invited Mr. BONN, ICF Honorary Member, to supervise the election of the President. Mr. BONN accepted the office and thanked the delegates for their confidence. He informed the delegates that candidates must be elected with absolute majority.

The ICF Secretary General Mr. PERURENA LOPEZ informed that with the presence of the delegate from VEN the majority is as follows:

Present are: 100 Federations in total

Absolute Majority: 51 Votes

### **The Election of the President (period: 2004-2008):**

Candidate for the election for the ICF President was:

Mr. Ulrich FELDHOF (GER)

The election was held in a secret separate ballot with the following results:

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Ulrich FELDHOF	84
No		7
Not valid		1
Abstentions		8
Total		100

### **Resolution C 52/2004:**

**Elected as President of the ICF is Mr. Ulrich FELDHOF.**

The President after re-obtaining the presidency of the Congress thanked the delegates for the confidence expressed to him by re-electing as President of the ICF and promised to do his very best together with the new Executive Committee for the prosperity of ICF.

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## 12. ELECTION OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT, THE 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT, THE 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT AND THE TREASURER

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Mr. BERNARDI explained the voting procedure according to the ICF Statutes and informed that the three Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer will be elected in one voting round.

### **The Election of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President (period: 2004-2006):**

Candidates for the election for the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President were:

Mr. José PERURENA LÓPEZ (ESP)



Mr. Marcel VENOT (FRA)  
Mr. Albert WOODS (GBR)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>José PERURENA LOPEZ</b>	<b>61</b>
	Albert WOODS	23
	Marcel VENOT	15
	No	0
Not valid		1
Abstentions		0
Total		100

**Resolution C 53/2004:**

Elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the ICF is **Mr. José PERURENA LÓPEZ**

**The Election of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (period: 2004-2008):**

Candidate for the election for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President was:

Mr. Joao TOMASINI SCHWERTNER (BRA)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>Joao TOMASINI SCHWERTNER</b>	<b>69</b>
No		23
Not valid		0
Abstentions		8
Total		100

**Resolution C 54/2004:**

Elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the ICF is **Mr. Joao TOMASINI SCHWERTNER.**

**The Election of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President (period: 2004-2006):**

Candidates for the election for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President were:

Mr. Ali GHALAMSI AH (IRI)  
Mr. Shoken NARITA (JPN)  
Mr. Mikael PETERSSON (SWE)

Mr. PETERSSON withdrew his candidature.

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>Shoken NARITA</b>	<b>59</b>
	Ali GHALAMSI AH	35
No		1
Not valid		0
Abstentions		5

Total	100
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**Resolution C 55/2004:**

Elected as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President of the ICF is Mr. Shoken NARITA.

**The Election of the Treasurer (period: 2004-2008):**

Candidate for the election for the Treasurer was:

Mr. Francesco CONFORTI (ITA)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>Francesco CONFORTI</b>	<b>85</b>
No		8
Not valid		2
Abstentions		5
Total		100

**Resolution C 56/2004:**

Elected as Treasurer of the ICF is Mr. Francesco CONFORTI.

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**13. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

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**The Election of the Chairman of the Flatwater Racing Committee (period: 2004-2006):**

Candidates for the election were:

Mr. Frank GARNER (CAN)  
 Mr. Miroslav HAVIAR (SVK)  
 Mr. Istvan VASKUTI (HUN)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>Istvan VASKUTI</b>	<b>56</b>
	Frank GARNER	35
	Miroslav HAVIAR	7
	No	0
Not valid		2
Abstentions		0
Total		100

**Resolution C 57/2004:**

Elected as Chairman of the Flatwater Racing Committee of the ICF is Mr. Istvan VASKUTI.

**The Election of the Chairman of the Slalom Racing Committee (period: 2004-2006):**

Candidates for the election were:

Mr. Peter HORSTER (GER)  
Mr. Jaroslav POLLERT (CZE)  
Mr. Jean Michel PRONO (FRA)

Mr. POLLERT withdrew his candidature.

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>Jean Michel PRONO</b>	<b>51</b>
	Peter HORSTER	45
	No	0
Not valid		0
Abstentions		4
Total		100

**Resolution C 58/2004:**

**Elected as Chairman of the Slalom Racing Committee of the ICF is Mr. Jean Michel PRONO.**

**The Election of the Chairman of the Marathon Racing Committee (period: 2004-2008):**

Candidate for the election was:

Mr. Jorn CRONBERG (DEN)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>Jorn CRONBERG</b>	<b>93</b>
No		4
Not valid		1
Abstentions		2
Total		100

**Resolution C 59/2004:**

**Elected as Chairman of the Marathon Racing Committee is Mr. Jorn CRONBERG.**

**The Election of the Chairman of the Wildwater Racing Committee (period: 2004-2008):**

Candidate for the election was:

Mr. Vittorio CIRINI (ITA)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>Vittorio CIRINI</b>	<b>90</b>
No		7
Not valid		1
Abstentions		2
Total		100

**Resolution C 60/2004:**

**Elected as Chairman of the Wildwater Racing Committee is Mr. Vittorio CIRINI.**

**The Election of the Chairman of the Canoe Sailing Committee (period: 2004-2008):**

Candidate for the election was:

Mr. Benjamin A.G. FULLER (USA)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>Benjamin A.G. FULLER</b>	<b>88</b>
No		3
Not valid		2
Abstentions		7
Total		100

**Resolution C 61/2004:**

**Elected as Chairman of the Canoe Sailing Racing Committee is Mr. Benjamin A.G. FULLER.**

**The Election of the Continental Representative for Oceania (period: 2004-2008):**

The President explained that according to ICF Statutes only the delegates from Oceania may elect here. Candidate for the election of Continental Representative was Ms. Helen BROWNLEE. The delegate of NZL declared that his Federation supports that proposal.

**Resolution C 62/2004:**

**Elected as Continental Representative for Oceania is Ms. Helen BROWNLEE.**

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**14. ELECTION OF THE AUDITOR**

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**Election of the Auditor (Period: 2004 – 2006):**

AUS referred to the speech given on the previous day about the auditing principles of ICF and requested information on the candidate. Mr. AUMAYR presented information about his experience in such business. AUS underlined their opinion about a potential conflict of interest between a National Federation and the ICF and requested to have a secret vote.

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>Mr. Walter AUMAYR</b>	<b>73</b>
No		14
Not valid		3
Abstentions		10
Total		100

**Resolution C 63/2004:**

**Mr. Walter AUMAYR has been elected as Auditor of the ICF.**

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## 15. PRESENTATION OF THE CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES

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The Continental Associations presented their representatives for the next period.

**CAC:** Timothy CORNISH (RSA) President until next CAC Congress 2005  
**Africa** Abdellah LARAICHI (MAR) until next CAC Congress 2005

**COPAC:** Charles H. YATMAN (USA) President until 2007  
**America** Ariel ARBÓ (ARG) until next Congress 2006  
Victor G. RUIZ (PUR) until next Congress 2006

**ACC:** WU Wen-Ta (TPE) President until next ACC Congress in 2005  
**Asia** Anthony CHAN (HKG) until 2008

**ECA:** Albert WOODS (GBR) President of ECA until 2007  
**Europe** Halina PIKULA (POL) until the next ECA Congress  
Elly MÜLLER (NED) until the next ECA Congress  
ECA will replace the fourth Continental Representative in 2005

**Oceania:** Helen BROWNLEE (AUS) until 2008 elected during ICF Congress

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## 16. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS (2004-2006)

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Mr. CORNISH requested a point about the work on the new disciplines to be included to the working programme as the Board of Directors has included Freestyle in the meeting the day before.

### **Resolution C 64/2004:**

**The ICF Congress unanimously accepted the working programme including this additional point**

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## 17. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2004-2006

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Mr. TOMASINI SCHWERTNER reported about the Development Programme.

The President requested Mr. TOMASINI SCHWERTNER to inform the delegates about the highlights of the Development Programme for the next two years. The budget will be divided for the Federations for various positions what will allow ICF to work in various areas.

CAN requested more detailed information about the programme of the future including plans and projects showing the exact breakdowns of the budgets for the various Federations and giving information specifically about the objectives of the budgets.

NOR supported the request from CAN and requested information about the plans.

AUS congratulated on the production of the report about the Development Programme 2002-2004 and asked about the inconsistency of the final figure of 765.665,39 USD with the figure in the report of the Treasurer of 711.396,58 USD.

It also was asked how ICF would support the Canoe and Women events by the means of the Development Programme.

Mr. LEUKEMANS explained that the Flatwater Racing Committee had established a sub-committee dealing with these questions. Mr. VASKUTI reported that the steps developed by that committee must be put into action now.

Mr. HORSTER explained that the Development Programme is based on three pillars: the increase of the number of Federations participating in the events for the reason of Universality, the support of developing countries and the third part is the education. Especially in the second pillar there are measures to work on Canoe and women events.

### **LUNCH BREAK**

Mr. CONFORTI replied to AUS that the figures in his report are correct and he was not involved in the establishment of the figure in the report to the Olympic Solidarity. It was stated that the figure should be corrected and the Olympic Solidarity be informed that the amount spent was even higher than outlined in the report.

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### **18. WOMEN AND SPORT**

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Ms. BROWNLEE commented on her detailed written report about the issue of women and sport. She underlined that only 27 National Federations had answered to her questionnaire about the issue and requested all delegates to submit their answers immediately. She informed the Congress that the number of women in the Committees would be increased considerably when after the Congress each Committee would include at least one women as agreed upon by the Board of Directors.

The President thanked Ms. BROWNLEE for her work on the issue and asked the delegates for their opinion.

CAN acknowledged the decision of the Board of Directors that each Standing Committee must include at least one women and requested the Statutes to be modified in that way that each delegation for the Congress should also include at least one women.

NOR underlined that the applicants for positions should be the best candidates and not defined by gender only.

AUS requested information what is done by the means of the Development Programme in order to increase women participation in the Olympic disciplines.

Mr. TOMASINI SCHWERTNER pointed out that the main support for the programme 2004-2006 is directed to the women and Canoe events.

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19. FIXING THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS (2004-2006)

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**Resolution C 65/2004:**

**The ICF Congress accepted the amount of € (EURO) 500,- as membership fee per annum and for new Federations € (EURO) 250,- for the first two years by 68 votes in favour.**

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20. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS (2004-2006)

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The budget of the next two years was presented by Mr. CONFORTI. He underlined that the budget was established in Euro.

Upon request about the international insurance for the Olympic revenues offered by the IOC and ASOIF the President informed that the ICF Executive Committee decided not to subscribe to such insurance.

The President reported upon request that the International Federations do not have final knowledge concerning the Olympic revenues to be received from the IOC for the Athens Olympic Games so far. It is however expected that the Olympic revenues from the Games of the XXIX Olympiad Beijing 2008 would be higher than the revenues from the Athens Games.

The President explained that the Board of Directors has decided in the meeting prior to the Congress to dissolve the PR & Media Committee and therefore this part of the budget will be used for other Media tasks. In addition ICF considering the major importance of the work in the Media area would be prepared to assign higher amounts for the Media work as established in the budget if necessary. The Congress took knowledge of that point.

It was requested that ICF should work on the Media coverage worldwide in order to ensure TV coverage on all continents. The President replied that ICF after the work of eight years has ensured partial contracts for the Americas and Canada for certain events. He underlined that ICF from the Headquarters in Europe cannot work on that on all continents. That aim only may be reached by the National Federations working together with their National Broadcasters and the Continental Associations working together with their Continental Broadcasting Organisations.

FRA requested that the ICF should aim to be able to cover one Olympic period without Olympic revenues without cutting any activities. The President replied that that would be the primary principle as long as he would serve the ICF as President. The IOC would consider that policy as a role model for all International Federations.

**Resolution C 66/2004:**

**The ICF Congress accepted the draft budget 2004-2006 as proposed by the Treasurer by 86 votes in favour.**

**COFFEE BREAK**

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## 21. GENERAL INFORMATION

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The Secretary General informed that the Board of Directors in the meeting prior to the Congress unanimously has accepted Freestyle as discipline within the ICF. He requested that the National Federations would have to include Freestyle as discipline in their Statutes. From 2005 the World Championships will be held as ICF World Championships.

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## 22. ESTABLISHING TIME AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT CONGRESS IN 2006

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The President informed that the Congress would be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, with the Executive Committee meeting to be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006, and the meetings of the Board of Directors to be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The President informed that three National Federations have applied for hosting the Congress 2006: Hong Kong China, Islamic Republic of Iran and Chinese Taipei.

TUR requested information about the deadline until which applications to host the Congress must be sent to the ICF. The President answered that applications in general can be made until this point on the agenda is called upon and opened for discussion and decision. The terms are fixed in a general agreement between ICF and the National Federation.

AUS referred to the report of the Development Programme and respectfully requested information about the situation of acceptance of Visa applications for citizens coming from certain countries. Mr. GHALAMSI AH mentioned that the request would be answered during his presentation.

All three candidates having sent applications prior to that deadline previously have signed the Draft agreement agreeing to pay for the following costs:

1. Rent of the Congress Hall
2. Rent of rooms for the Executive Committee meeting and the two Board of Directors meetings
3. Rent of rooms for the Congress secretariat
4. Two times lunch for participants of the Congress
5. Four times coffee break for participants
6. Transport from/to Airport
7. Technical requirements as mentioned below
8. Simultaneous Translation service in five languages (English, French, German, Spanish, Russian)

### **1. Application sent by the Hong Kong Canoe Union:**

Proposed City: Hong Kong, presented by Mr. CHAN.

Mr. CHAN underlined that as the Congress never has been held in Asia it would be a pleasure for his country to be the first host in that continent. He gave an overview about the conditions of that area and assured that there would be no problems to issuing Visa for any country.

### **2. Application sent by the Canoe Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran:**

Proposed Venue: Kish Island, presented by Mr. GHALAMSI AH.



Mr. GHALAMSI AH underlined that the Congress would be held on Kish Island and promised that the host Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran would pay for the following costs in addition to the agreement signed previously between ICF and the Federation:

9. Transportation of all delegates, board members and staff between Kish Island and Tehran airport,
10. Free accommodation for a maximum number of three delegates of each participating country for the Congress days (three nights per person), for a maximum number of all members of the Board of Directors (five nights per person) and for the staff members (six nights per person) in adequate hotels on the venue of the Congress.

Concerning the request from AUS Mr. GHALAMSI AH promised that for each country it would be possible without any problem to receive a Visa within one day without limitation.

### 3. Application sent by Chinese Taipei Canoe Association:

Proposed Venue: Taipei City, presented by Mr. CHEN.

Mr. CHEN presented the application of Chinese Taipei and invited the delegates to attend such Congress in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> ICF Dragonboat Racing World Championships 2006 in October 2006 and to connect these two occasions. He informed that the Federation would offer special rates with a 60% discount on two international airlines for the delegates to fly to Chinese Taipei.

FRA requested clarification on the offer from IRI and resumed that this Federation is offering free accommodation for up to three delegates for each Federation for the Congress period. That was confirmed by Mr. GHALAMSI AH.

The Congress then voted on the host for the ICF XXXI Ordinary Congress 2006.

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	<b>Kish Island (IRI)</b>	<b>36</b>
	Taipei City (TPE)	32
	Hong Kong (HKG)	27
Not valid		0
Abstentions		3
Total		98

### Resolution C 67/2004:

**The ICF XXXI Ordinary Congress will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, on Kish Island (IRI).**

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### 23. MISCELLANEOUS

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SUI requested the job descriptions for the position of the Secretary General to be sent to interested Federations. The President informed that applications may be sent to his office until a deadline of two weeks from the Congress.

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## 24. CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS

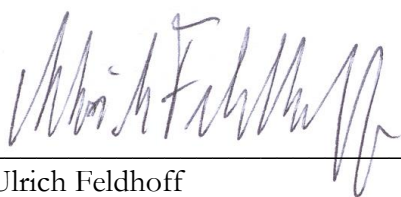
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The President thanked all members having left the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for their involvement in the past and their contribution to the success of the ICF.

He thanked the Swedish Canoe Federation for their excellent preparation of the Congress in Stockholm 2004.

The President declared the XXX Ordinary Congress of the ICF in Stockholm 2004 closed.

Done at Madrid, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004.



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Ulrich Feldhoff  
ICF President



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