



INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR AMERICA

September 29th 2008
Cc. To the ICF Secretary
General Mr. Simon Toulson

To the ICF President
Mr. Ulrich Feldhoff

Dear Sir,

I would like to submit to your consideration and to the one of the ICF Congress 2008 the following brief which consists of the last 3 reports that I presented to the BOD since my election as Continental Representative in September 2006.

I deleted the pictures of the original documents in order to make this document not so heavy.

The following are the referred reports:

September 19th 2007

Re: ICF Continental Representative Report

Dear Members of the ICF Board of Directors

I am pleased to submit my first report as Continental representative to the ICF Board of Directors which will be focused on the following subjects:

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The lack of responses and formal requests from the NFs, despite they were consulted about their specific needs, has made this activity very difficult, making it necessary to change the strategy to punctual offers based on the criteria established by the Development Program working group:

Partnerships:

The most developed National Federations were requested to support the other in South America as follows:

1. - Slalom: Brazil: accepted to continue with the support
2. - Flatwater Canoe: Chile.
3. - Flatwater Women: Venezuela

I would like to point out that I requested to the mentioned NFs. to work in bringing the support of the most qualified coaches, written records about each participant received, follow up of the post activities (if possible) and a written report for the NF who would send their athletes, for the host NF and for the Development Program of the ICF.





Those reports would facilitate the post support that would be given in terms of participation at the ICF Major events, requests of scholarships, etc.

To reactivate NFs inactive:

Contacts were established with the Guyana National Federation and Surinam National Federation, waiting to concrete the possibility of visits of one coach.

Peru Canoe Federation:

Has had a slalom activity and it is currently into a process of changing authorities, and will probably move the activities from Cuzco to Lima, focusing also in flatwater. A visit as soon as possible is being considered in order to reinforce the relationship with the NF, NOC and to encourage the participation at the international level of both Olympic disciplines, as well as the non Olympic. Rowing has long tradition in Lima being in the recent past, very difficult to make a formal space for canoeing.

Cooperation with the ICF Technical Director and assistance to the NFs: To formalize the participation of the athletes at the World Championships and to apply for scholarships.

Non Olympic Disciplines:

Dragon Boat:

I encouraged the border NFs. of Ecuador and Colombia to start with dragon boat. Ecuador has a cultural tradition of fishermen towns still alive, in which the natural abilities to paddle canoe are present. The social aspect that I will mention in a paragraph apart, show this as a real possibility to put the seed for the practise of the dragon boat in South America.

With the support of Mr. Francois Ryffel I could get the costs of dragon boats, paddles and shipping, but even the cheapest option results unaffordable by the suffering South American economies.

Again, looking for achieving the objective, I found out together with the President of the Ecuadorian Canoe Federation, that it is possible to build the dragon boat canoes in Ecuador if we can have the plans. Materials will be donated and work will be local. We expect this project will be concreted as soon as possible.

Plans were requested but unfortunately never sent.

Canoe Polo:

Pan American Championships will be held in Paraguay.

Canoeing Schools: Escuelas Sostenidas de Ecuador (Supported schools of Ecuador)

I am fully supporting this project which currently has 3 schools working with 80, 20 and 40 kids between 10 and 16 years old

The President of the Federation was the main promoter of this project which is the result of the communion between: The private sponsor: a food company, the Municipality and the National Federation

It has both objectives sport and social, bringing to the kids and youths of the marginal areas and their families, the possibilities of

- Practise of our sport
- Care and improvement of their environment
- Education about the ecosystem (mangroves, fishing and birds and river and ocean life)
- Work as a tourist guides at the mangroves
- Involve their families on the selling of the handcrafts products for the tourists as one way more of generating economical resources.

The donation of canoes plus the visit of one canoe coach is being requested to the development plan.



EDUCATION

Seminars for Canoe:

It is being planned to hold a seminar for canoe flatwater. Conversations in order to define a location and date are in progress.

Seminars for officials:

Were requested by the Dominican Rowing and Canoe Federation, and Mexican Canoe Federation.

Seminars for officials of National Federations

For a long time ago I have been stating that probably most of the frequent problems of communication between NFs, NFs with ICF, NOCs, local authorities, etc are due to the lack of sport education management of the highest officials of some NFs.

To that end, I submitted a program of education for those officials. I strongly recommend considering it as a need for improving not only the communications, but mainly the development, the participation, the access to the resources in general and the knowledge about the Olympic Movement.

Boat Construction Course:

The Bolivian Canoe Federation has very small resources. They will host the next Bolivarian Games and the need of boats has become urgent.

One course for construction of boats at the country is being planned for the next months.

GAMES

ODESUR Games (South American Sport Organization Games) FW, held in Mar del Plata, ARG, November 2006.

XV Pan American Games, Rio 2007: flatwater discipline Held in Rio de Janeiro Brazil, July 2007. I cooperated with the writing and revision of the documents of competitions.

Next Games:

ODESUR Games: Medellin 2010

Bolivarian Games (Regional Games) Bolivia 2009

XVI Pan American Games; Guadalajara 2011: I have cooperated with the preparatory documents.

For the ODESUR and Bolivarian Games I kindly suggested to the Development Program the identification of one Technical Delegate who would be able to support the Organizing Committee and the respective NFs with the management of the competitions, and especially with the identification of the locations of the possible venues.

MEETINGS

I have had personal meetings with some Presidents of NFs. in order to treat subjects mainly referred to development and the projects above mentioned were the result of those meetings:



Chile: Mr. C. Moya Leon
Paraguay: Mr. L. Bejarano Duarte and Secretary General: Mr. J. D. Galeano Grassi
Brasil: Mr. J. Tomasini Schwertner and Secretary General and COPAC Slalom Chairman Mr. A. Behs
Ecuador: Mr. Edward Mcintosh
Venezuela: Mr. S. Navarro Rovero
Colombia: Mr. G. Rojas Sanchez
Cuba: Mr. J. Villavicencio
Dominican Republic: Mr. S. Melo Rodriguez
Mexico: Mr. O. Morales Vallarta
USA: Ms. Gina Sanchez
Netherlands Antilles Canoe Federation: Allan MacDonald

Requested meeting with the President and Secretary General of the Argentinean Olympic Committee.

Meeting with the authorities of the Hungarian Canoe Federation: to make a review of the current situation of flatwater.

Meeting with Mr. Jose Perurena: in Brazil and in Beijing

PAN AMERICAN CANOE FEDRATION

The fact of being the Secretary General of the COPAC necessitates the contact and involvement with all the affiliated NFs. as well as the knowledge of the different instances on the life of those NFs. since 1999, with a mandate until 2011.

WOMEN AND SPORT

I am in permanent contact and had given my support to the Women in Canoe group, for their participation at the Pan American Championships.

Listening to the suggestion made by Ms. Helen Brownlee during the last board meeting, and having the opportunity to modify the COPAC statutes, my National federation (Netherlands Antilles Canoe Federation) submitted a formal proposal of having at least one woman as a Continental representative, plus other modifications, all based on the equity of gender and according with the changes previously made at the ICF Statutes, and in accordance with the Olympic Charter.

The treatment of the modifications of COPAC Statutes was postponed for an extraordinary Congress to be held in May 2008. Unfortunately, the group ad-hoc did not receive in a favourable way the proposals considering them unnecessary.

On this matter if we want to succeed we should analyse which one is the most adequate way of facilitating the understanding that it is not a matter of putting a specific woman or just any woman on the positions of decision, but the ones most capable for the relevant task; otherwise, the accomplishment of the objectives fixed by the IOC will be more difficult day by day.

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATIONS

I have written two short articles for its publication at the ICF Magazine which content are based on **Mexican Canoe Federation**: brief history since its foundation until the year when they got first Flatwater World Championship, and **XV Pan American Games, Rio 2007**.



LAST CONSIDERATIONS

Based on the content of this brief I want to call to the attention of the board members the following points:

1. The need of simplifying the procedures of the development programme in order to be more efficient.
2. The need of incorporating to the Development Programme en **Education Programme** which should be based on the Olympic Movement teaching of management
3. The need of being supportive of the Regional games accompanying the initial process to make flexible the requirements
4. The need of generating the regulative tools that could assure the real incorporation to the women at the positions of decision, as pre the requirements of the IOC.

Yours faithfully

Dr. Cecilia Farías MacDonald

Buenos Aires, February 25th, 2008

Re: ICF Continental Representative Report

Dear members of the ICF Board of Directors,

I hereby submit for your consideration my second report as Continental representative from America:

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Activity: Seminar for Flatwater Judges

Venue: Pan American 2003 Flatwater Venue Bonao

Date: October 15-18, 2007

Attendants: 35

We had the opportunity of visiting all the facilities used during the Pan American Games Santo Domingo 2003, as the seminar was given there.

In general the facilities are in good conditions, but still under the authority of the government which allows the Federation to use them for training.

I kindly advised the authorities and coaches about the general maintenance and use of the facilities



Content of the Seminar:

The seminar was based not only on the FWRR and ICF statutes but also on some instructions for organizing a competition.

The participants were very curious and avid to know more about organization of competitions, despite not being my main objective I was glad to encourage them to host a Pan American Championship in the future, pointing out the need of boats and a well prepared base staff.

Printed material was distributed by the Federation: FWRR & ICF Statutes.

Printed material was distributed by me: the forms for competition that I compiled for the Asian Games. I taught about the use of the forms and encouraged them to start with some additional very useful for the organizers

There was an opening ceremony with the presence of the Governor of Bona0 and other sport authorities.

The closing consisted of the delivery of attendance diplomas.

Next Steps:

The Federation has no judges and they requested me to send a written exam which I should correct later and send the results back to them to recognise the first national judges.

Women Participation:

The Federation is opened to the participation of women at positions of decision such as a Vice Presidency and a Secretariat.

Together with them, 4 other female attendants were present.

RO & CA Situation:

RO & CA are still into the same federation and the coaches are mostly dedicated to RO. **I believe that the division of the two federations should happen as soon as possible if we do not want to loose canoeing there.**

A very positive action is being taken through the visits to the schools in order to recruit future athletes.

With limited resources they still have a permanent concentration of athletes close to the venue, where they receive accommodation and meals plus a small scholarship.

I instructed them about the facilities being brought not only by the ICF but from the Pan American Olympic Solidarity, and other ways to promote the sport in order to get the support that they need.

The outcome:

Is very positive in terms of:

- enthusiasm for organizing competitions
- taking good care of the facilities and sport material
- increasing the knowledge about canoeing in general
- encouraging them in order to keep the athletes motivated for training



- start to think about long term planning and not just participating at some competitions
- expectation for making the exams before the end of the year
- hope to improve their experience in order to become ICF officials
- better understanding about the women participation at all the levels of the sport
- commitment with sport and their community
- hope of being the organizers of one major Pan Am event

PERU

I visited Peru on February 17th 2008. It was very difficult to meet the authorities but finally, despite the current situation is far from the ideal; a very positive result was reached with them.

None of the authorities recognized the existence of a Peru Canoe Federation, as the laws of the sport establish that it is necessary to count with a certain number of clubs to conform a league and a number of leagues make a national federation.

All agreed on the possible existence, in the past, of a Counsel of Canoe-Kayak as a preparatory National Federation, which in any case, was neither recognized by the Peruvian Institute of Sports (IPD) nor by the NOC.

We can in consequence conclude that the Perú Canoe Federation does not exist.

Result of the Meetings:

The governmental authorities showed special interest in promoting, developing and spreading the practise of canoeing throughout the country.

The President of the Peruvian Institute of Sports was really impressed by the participation of 600 paddlers in Iquitos, at the interior of Perú on occasion of a demonstration with native canoes.

It is opportune to mention that many places of the interior of Perú (being the headwaters of the Amazon) have as a sole means of transport the canoe, providing a unique cultural basis for the development of our sport. The Amazonas and Peruvian Andes have many isolated regions as well as the natural melting rivers which descend from the mountains as natural wild waters.

The Peruvian Institute of Sport, which is the maximum authority of sport in the country depending on the Republican Government, is launching a programme of expansion of all sports throughout the country.

The donation of rowing boats was already done and the President indicated to the National Director of Affiliated sports to increase the number of canoes to be purchased and apply to the above mentioned programme, from 10 to 20 boats.

They are aware that this number will not be enough to attend the needs of the youths of the various areas, but it is an important step in order to incorporate canoeing with the 48 existing sports which receive funds from the government

During the meetings, and knowing the interest of Perú in submitting the candidacy of Lima for hosting the Pan American Games 2015, I encouraged the President Woodman to face the construction of both venues for flatwater and slalom.

He informed me that he had already a meeting with an electrical company, which needs water to cool high temperature equipment, and offered the help of the government for making the



excavations while the company would fill with water to form what would constitute a canoeing flatwater and rowing course.

The President gave the instructions to meet the President of the Rowing Federation in order to request the incorporation of canoeing to their federation and to proceed with the necessary modification of their statutes. They understand that in a short time, if the sport develops on the way that they expect, it will be necessary to found the Canoe Federation as an independent body.

The Secretary General of the Peruvian Olympic Committee, Mr. Alfredo Deza, considered that it is possible to include the sport of canoe-kayak into the rowing federation, as well as the Vice President, present also at the meeting together with the General Manager, Mr. Raúl Kinosita Castillo

Recommendation:

- I strongly recommend in disregard of any previous donation, to proceed with the donation of 2 k-2 and 3 k-1 for flatwater and paddles, plus the module for slalom (boats, life jackets, helmets, paddles); as well as the respective moulds for construction.
- To proceed with the seminars for coaches and for judges, in a date to determine sometime after the customs clearance of boats
- I do not consider it necessary to instruct about the construction except they request, since in Perú there is a long tradition on sailing boats made with fibre glass at the famous port of El Callao and the entire Pacific coast.
- To request to the IPD, maximum authority of the sport in Perú; to be the custodian of the donation meanwhile canoeing is being incorporated to the Rowing Federation.
- To request information about the status of the process of incorporation to the Rowing Federation and contact with authorities, in order to make the follow up.
- To inform to the Peruvian National Olympic Committee about that process and our desire to incorporate canoeing to the Rowing Federation.
- To request the mutual cooperation between the NOC and IPD, in order to finalize the incorporation in the shortest possible time.
- To ask to the IPD the destination of the donations and the use that they will give
- To assist the IPD providing a list of possible providers of boats, as per their request
- To be in contact only with the identified authorities.

XVI PAN AMERICAN GAMES GUADALAJARA 2011

On February 11th and 12th, on behalf of the President of the Pan American Canoe Federation (COPAC), Mr. Charles Yatman, I attended the meetings held at the headquarters of the Organizing Committee, in Guadalajara, MEX.



From the Organizing Committee, the present authorities were:

Mr. Carlos Andrade,	General Director
Mr. Ivar Sisniega	Logistics and Sports Director
Mr. Hugo Rodríguez	Infrastructure Director
Mr. Luis Enrique Gómez	Sports Operations Manager
Mr. Valentín Yanes	Technical and Sport Manager
Mr. Carlos Durán	IT Manager
Mr. Lalu Coriolan Dino	Canoeing Technical Advisor

The representatives of rowing:

Ms. Magdalena Klapp	President Mexican Rowing Federation
Mr. Jorge Toruno	President Pan American Rowing Federation
Mr. Johan Blondell	Courses-Venues FISA expert

Representatives of canoeing:

Mr. Octavio Morales Vallarta	President Mexican Canoeing Federation
Ms. Cecilia Farías	Pan American Canoe Federation Secretary General

Location of the venue:

The Organizing Committee made a presentation about the two possible locations of the course, and it was selected the one that offers the better situation for paddlers, spectators and TV coverage. We visited the location at Ciudad Juarez which is more than 1 ½ hour far of Guadalajara. The possibility of having accommodation in the proximities of the course will be evaluated.

Competition Programme:

CA FW will be held between the 26th and 29th of October 2011, along 7 days, being 4 days for competitions. The date was moved in order to facilitate the transition of the course from RO into CA and to have our sport during one Saturday, which would help the presence of spectators at the remote venue.

Sport Equipment. Contracts, tenders, and procedures.

I provided a list of sport equipment for both RO and CA that I prepared and asked the representatives of RO to check it and then bring their feedback.

I informed that up to the moment ICF has no exclusive or preferred sport suppliers.

We can bring the details of the companies for buying the boats but no contracts exist and the process established by the OCCC has to be followed for tenders and or other procedures.

I especially requested to have common meetings related to the sport equipment in order to optimize the requirements for both sports and to facilitate the process to the OCCC

ITOs & NTOs:

The number of ITOs was established in 24 plus 10 NTOs.

The Organizing Committee requested also to hold seminars for judges in Jalisco, Guadalajara.



Qualifier System:

The qualifier system will be the same established for the Pan American Games Rio 2007 with a total quota for FWR of 125 athletes for 12 events (3 Women and 9 Men).

The Organizing Committee is keen to hold the Pan American Championship 2010, which will be the qualifier event. The Mexican Federation has already requested to COPAC the approval.

Technical Documents:

I have already cooperated with Mr. Goetschy regarding the elaboration of the preliminary information and they gave me the first drafts of their manuals for revision.

Documents have to be reviewed by appointed ICF's TD.

Management and TD:

I pointed out that the ICF Technical Delegate is Mr. Tomasini Schwertner. The COPAC FWR Committee should assist to the OOCC.

I requested the organizational charter in order to know who would be making the follow up of and for the resolutions taken and agreed points, and for the moment we can count with Mr. Othon Diaz as a Canoeing Coordinator in situ.

Rowing will have Ms. Magdalena Klapp, the President of the Rowing Federation as Coordinator.

Manual of Organization:

FISA will provide basic plans and organization manual which is very complete and accurate. Unfortunately ICF has not, at this time, that kind of material and once again in front of Games the need arose and we cannot satisfy it.

I kindly suggest: to take the necessary actions in order to produce the organization manual plus the support of photo and video material.

Slalom:

It was postponed the inclusion of the slalom competitions until it would be determined the viability of the project.

Before my trip I tried to establish contact with the Major of the City and with the Chairwoman of the Youth and Sport Congress Commission in Mexico DF.

The major of the city gently answered my requests but it was not possible to meet him and I tried to coordinate with him a good way of a permanent contact.

I am confident that this would be possible. He also expects to have another meeting during 2008 despite the OOCC is not planning that until 2009, when the basic planning will be ready.

I already requested to the ICF development programme, the necessary support for a prompt visit of Mr. Prono and Mr. Gagnet as technical advisor.

I clearly state that the delay in making the visit to Guadalajara would jeopardize the inclusion of slalom into the Pan American games 2011.



MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AMERICA CANOE CONFEDERATION

On December 2007, I met Mr. Walter Calabria, President of the Uruguayan Canoe Federation and the South American Canoe-Kayak Federation, in Buenos Aires.

Between many other subjects he expressed that the current system of support that the development plan is bringing is not being efficient and does not recognize the actual needs of the countries into the process of development.

I kindly requested him to write his suggestions and comments that will be welcomed as a way of improving the development plan.

He expressed his idea of creating a training centre in a location like BRA for SLR and FWR together. We analyzed the relation cost-benefit and we do not see for the moment a real benefit as a return for such a big investment.

COPAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

It was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in January 5th to 7th, with the attendance of the COPAC President, Mr. Charles Yatman, the 1st Vice President, Mr. Dwight Corbin, the 2nd Vice President of the ICF, Mr. Joao Tomasini Schwertner and I.

Many important subjects were discussed, being the main one the modification of COPAC statutes that will be treated during the Extraordinary Congress next May in Montreal.

The EC produced his recommendations for the final document that will be presented at the Congress.

I want to mention my deep disappointment about the fact that the proposal regarding the equity of genders:

“To encourage and support the promotion of women in canoeing, at all levels and in all structures, with a view to implementing the principle of equality of men and women, at least one of the elected Continental Representatives shall be of the opposite gender » was not advised to be approved.

Regarding the development plan the next actions were planned.

The situation of the countries of the Americas constitutes a permanent concern of COPAC and it was also discussed.

It is also my hope that the unit of the America as only one continent persists, as the main factor of the harmonious development and solidarity in sport.

Historically the divisions in all the aspects of the life of the Latin American countries resulted into what seems to be an eternal and chaotic process of development.

I hope that the representatives of the NFs could prioritise the union over the capriciously fiction of one division of my continent that does not exist neither into the sport organizations, nor into the map of the Americas.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE DEVELOPEMEN PLAN

After the seminar given in Santo Domingo, and the visits to Peru and Mexico; the planning of the seminar for judges in Mexico is currently running and to be held in April.

The National Federation of Bolivia is receiving the support for the clearance of the slalom boats and the identification of a coach and judge for bringing the seminars of slalom is in progress.

The National Federation of Ecuador is waiting for the support with the donation of a mould for making boats, a seminar for canoe and the support for participation of athletes at the Olympic Qualifier.

The visits to reactivate the National Federations of Guyana and Surinam were postponed for the next period/budget, and they should imply the confirmation of date for a seminar for coaches of flatwater

I am also planning a seminar for flatwater and for slalom officials in Asuncion, PAR between now and January 2009

In preparation for the ODESUR Games 2010, I am requesting the appointment of a technical advisor.

It is frustrating to mention that the partnership activities that I planned and was working with before, as yet no positive results at this point in time.

EDUCATION

Since many years ago I am asking for the incorporation of a simple and basic educational programme, which should improve several aspects of the harmonious development of our sport together with capacitating the head officials of the NFs.

To summarize the main aspects of this programme I refer to the power point presentation sent to the ICF Secretariat.

Manuals and publications in general (printed and recorded material, videos, etc) are a great support at the moment of transmitting the knowledge and experience, and especially at the moment of introducing some of the canoeing disciplines, totally unknown in some countries at the beginning of the process of development.

The translations into the official languages of the ICF become a need in terms of making a reality the access to the education for athletes and officials.

Support for finalization or for starting with educational and promotional material should be brought through the ICF Educational Programme to implement.

In general, and in connection with the development programme, I believe that education should be incorporated to the programme as seminars for officials (heads and main officials of the NFs), organization of competitions and delivery of material.



The developed NFs that did not receive the benefits of the educational programme, should apply for having this kind of support.

The educational programme should count with the cooperation of all the standing committees in order to include all the ICF disciplines.

This is all that I have to report and I remain available for further questions at your convenience.

Yours faithfully

Dr. Cecilia L. Farías MacDonald
ICF Continental Representative from América

September 29th 2008

Ref: ICF Continental Representative 3rd Report:

Dear Mr. President Feldhoff
Dear BOD members,

Since the last BOD meeting held in Madrid this is the report of the tasks that I have been dealing with:

WOMEN CANOE

After a very intense process of communications via e-mail, I met the representatives of the Canoe Women activities in Montreal last May; where together with the authorities of the Canoe-Kayak Canada: Ms. Anne Merklinger, the USACK Ms Gina Sanchez and the presence of COPAC authorities it was discussed the current status of the canoe women events in flatwater and slalom and many ideas were brought being the result two positions which are not in conflict:

1. One position works on giving the opportunities for practising and developing the women canoe events.
2. The other wants to grant the participation of the women in canoe in major events and have a good technical level of competitors.

It was decided to implement a simple working plan consisting of:

- Requesting to the National Federations affiliated to the COPAC to allow and encourage the participation in women canoe events. I sent the letter to all the COPAC affiliated NFs.
- COPAC had already canoe women events on its programme of competitions and it is expected that it will be secured for the future
- To establish contact with the NFs which have canoe women events
- To organise canoe women training camps during the Pan American Champions (the next one would be in BRA in 2009)
- To organise canoe women training camp during the Flatwater Senior World Championships, Dartmouth 2008, for which was already requested the ICF support as well as the support of Canoe-Kayak Canada in organising the camp.



- Canoe Kayak Canada is already proceeding with the organisation.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMEN PLAN

Peru:

The donation of boats of flatwater and slalom was approved and the boats sent, being finalised this importation procedure.

That donation and the request to the Government of Peru of facilitating the incorporation of the Canoe Federation into the Rowing Federation was included into a Memorandum of Understanding and with the promise of the Peruvian Government already honoured through the materialisation of the legal incorporation.

The next step will be to send coaches for both flatwater and slalom.

Ecuadorian Canoe Federation:

The Ecuadorian Federation has received the donation of moulds from the company Nelo. That will be a very important help for their plan of supported schools, helping with a biggest production.

A seminar for coaches of canoe is being planned to be held in the next 15 days.

Bolivian Canoe Federation:

The Bolivian Federation received a special support for custom clearance of the slalom boats received as donation.

They are currently applying for seminars for judges and for boat builders, which are currently under consideration.

The identified judge and technician should be travelling from border countries in order to reduce costs to the ICF.

They also applied for a technical visit in order to identify the best location for a course that should be built with the support of the Provincial State of Tarija, Bolivia, in preparation for the Bolivarian Games 2009. The host city will be Sucre and the canoe-kayak events would be held in Tarija.

I am currently suggesting that the identification of technical delegates which can support the organisation of the Regional Games (such as the Bolivarian Games and the ODESUR Games) should be identified into the Continental association Flatwater Racing/Slalom Racing Committee. This would speed the process of appointment and relief the requests to the ICF development plan, generating at the same time more involvement from the Continental Association.

Mexican Canoe Federation:

The seminar for judges requested by that NF was successfully brought by Mr. Charles Luckman (USACK member and COPAC Treasurer).



Mr. Prono and Mr Gagnet have already visited Guadalajara regarding the celebration of the slalom events during the next Pan American Games Guadalajara 2011, producing their reports and cooperating with the Organising Committee and with the governmental authorities in constant bases.

EDUCATION

After the approval of the BOD for the Seminar Education of Officials, together with the ICF Secretary General Mr. Toulson; we are working on having ready for consideration of the BOD the master plan related to the seminar.

I received the requests of incorporation of some interesting topics from the Oceania Continental Association of Oceania and from the ICF Doping Committee Chairman, Dr. Mackenzie.

Mr. Toulson has already established contacts with Mr. Richard Palmer who worked for the Education programme of the IOC, to whom I sent the basis of what we are looking for and we will proceed to work on.

Last, I would like to thank the support of COPAC, the ICF, and the National Federations of the Americas, and the recognition of the IOC in awarding me with the “Women and Sport Achievement Diploma”

This is all that I have to report and I remain available for further questions.

Yours Faithfully

Dr. Cecilia Liliana Farías MacDonald
ICF Continental Representative from America