

**REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
FLATWATER RACING COMMITTEE
IN THE PERIOD 2007 -2008**



**Report from Istvan Vaskuti
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For the XXXII. ICF Congress in Rome, 2008**

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Thanks

Let me start with expressing my thanks to the Committee members for the voluntary work undertaken and performed in the interest of canoeing in the period 2005-2008. The Committee members always did their best efforts and tried to do their share in the tasks with the very best knowledge.

My thanks go to the ICF Headquarters for the cooperation with the Committee. I express my thanks to Simon Toulson, Csaba Szántó, Ana-Marija Garcevic for the friendly assistance and understanding shown in certain difficult situations which occasionally arose.

Istvan Vaskuti

Activities

2007

Flatwater Racing Committee meeting September 28-30 2007 Prague, Czech Republic

The Committee discussed the following items on the agenda:

- Report of Racice (CZE) Junior World Championship
- Report of Duisburg (GER) Senior World Championship
- Reports of World Cups (Zagreb, Szeged and Gerardmer)
- Review of report of 2007 Test Event Beijing
- Proposals for the Olympic preparations
- Protocol agreements with host organizing committees for World Cups
- Formulation of a standpoint on the TV coverage of ICF events and on the necessity of the ICF marketing programme
- Evaluation of the candidatures submitted for the world championships seniors and juniors in 2011 and formulation of the recommendation for the Board
- Evaluation of the candidature of the World Cup venues in 2009-2012 and formulation of the recommendation for the Board
- Olympic qualification at this stage
- Discussion regarding Iranian qualification situation
- Appointment of the Technical delegates to the continental qualification events
- General Discussion on possible rule changes for next Congress and the future of the organization and direction for the Chair and members of the Racing Committee

Additional activities:

- Preparation of the Duisburg World Championships for Seniors
- Preparation of the Racice World Championships for Juniors
- Preparation of the World Cup series of events
- Examination of new international officials
- In December the FWR Committee sent out a questionnaire to 20 national federations with questions regarding the changes in the World Championships and Olympic programme. The reactions thereto were analysed at the meeting in Palermo.

**Flatwater Racing Committee meeting
January 9-10 2008 Palermo, Italy**

The Committee discussed the following items on the agenda:

- Iranian qualification situation
- 2011 World Championship candidature approvals
- Details of Olympic Qualification
- Report from the meeting with BOCOG in Beijing
- Proposals for FW Rules changes
- Changes in the programme and rules of the World Cup races
- Establishing Olympic and non-Olympic races in the World Cup competition in a separate system
- Change in the World Championships programme in relation to the Olympic programme
- ICF anti-doping system compared to the situation arisen in other sports.
Possibilities to prevent doping

Additional activities:

- Preparation of the Olympic continental qualification events
- Preparation of the canoe competitions at the Beijing Olympic Games
- Preparation of the World Cup series
- Examination of the new international officials
- Elaboration of the canoe competition system at the Youth Olympic Games

September 2008

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