

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



**Report from Jens Perlwitz
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For the XXXII. ICF Congress in Rome, 2008**

On the ICF Congress in Hong Kong January 2007 I was elected as the new Chairman of the Wildwater Racing Committee. At the end of 2006 the Committee Member Mr. David Mason resigned on his position. So, one place in the WWRC was emptied. The ICF Board of Directors designated Mr. Tomislac Crnkovic (Croatia) as the 4th Member of the WWRC. The other members of the WWR Committee are Mrs. Liba Roleckova (Czech), Mr. Mike Tordoff (GB) and Francois Beauchard (France). We will work together in this constellation until the next congress in Roma 2008.

Meetings of the WWRC during the period 2007 – 2008:

1. July 2007 in Charlotte/USA
2. September 2007 in Paris (working with Mike Tordoff and Francois Beauchard for the Development Program)
3. November 2007 in Straßbourg/France
4. June 2008 in Ivrea / Italy

There will be one more committee meeting in October 2008 in Sort / Spain.

In the meetings the Committee prepared rule changes (technical rules) for decision for the Board of Directors Meeting 2008 and rule changes (general rules) for the Congress 2008 and also a Development Plan for the years 2009 to 2012.

Another important point for the committee work was the discussion and preparation of the Monotype Project, which was content of the development program. At last the committee changed something, now we can present a “Development Masterplan” for the Congress in Roma.

In the period 2007 to 2008 there were four important ICF Events:

1. The World Cup Series with Races 1 – 6 in Lofer (Austria), Karlovy Vary (Czech) and Ivrea (Italy), June 2007
2. World Championships for Juniors in Columbia and Charlotte USA, 16 Nations participated
3. World Championships Seniors in Ivrea, Italy, 23 nations participated (June 2008)
4. The World Cup Series 1 – 4 in Karlovy Vary and Lofer, June 2008

It was the first time that Team Sprint competitions were organized. This discipline is very spectacular for TV and the spectators. At this point I have to thank the organizing committees in Charlotte/Columbia and in Ivrea for the good work for the Wildwater sport.

In this year we only had four races in the World Cup because we did not find an organizer for the 5th and 6th race. It is getting much harder to find organizers for international races, so that we have to be careful and the requests for the organizers should not be too on very high level.

I participated in the Congress in Hong Kong (January 2007) and in the Board meetings in Guatemala (October 2007) and Madrid (April 2008).

In February 2008 there was a competition committee meeting in Lausanne which I also visited.

For the preparation of the Junior World Championships 2009 in Buochs and 2012 in Macot/La Plagne I had a technical visit at both places in September 2007.

In April 2008 I made a technical visit in Sort/Spain for the preparation of the World Championships in 2010.

All the places are suitable for the international events and the organizers will do their best to support smaller and new nations.

In July 2008 I observed the international WW race in Buochs. It was the testing for the organizing committee of the Junior Worlds in the next year. It is a good river for the juniors and the organization was quite well.

I also visited the Junior European Championships in Valtellina. No other nation knew this course before the competition. For the juniors it was pretty difficult but it is an option to organize international WW races in the following years, maybe World Cups.

In August 2007 I was a guest at the flatwater Racing World Championships in Duisburg. I used this opportunity to talk to the international representatives of other national federations about Wildwater competitions in the following year and to recruit new nations for the Wildwater Racing sport.

In the end I want to thank the Headquarter in Lausanne and the Executive for their support of the Wildwater Racing.

Jens Perlwitz, Chairman