

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



**Report from François Ryffel  
Dragon Boat Racing Committee Chair  
For the XXXII. ICF Congress in Rome, 2008**

**Following period has been respected**

**September, 9<sup>th</sup> 2006 to October, 25<sup>th</sup> 2008**

2006-9-22 to 2006-10-3	Dragon Boat Racing National World Championships in Kaoshiung/CHINESE TAIPEI Examination Day Dragon Racing Officials	12 days
2006-10-06	Invitation ARMADACUP Dragon Boat Racing 9km race as Chairman of the ICF Dragon Boat Racing Committee in Wohlen/SWITZERLAND	1 day
2006-10-26 to 2006-10-29	Meeting ICF Competition Commission in Lausanne/SWITZERLAND	3 days
2006-11-17 to 2006-11-19	Invitation Athletes Meeting Switzerland as Chairman of the ICF Dragon Boat Racing Committee in Flims/SWITZERLAND	2 days
2007-01-07 to 2007-01-16	ICF Congress in Hongkong and 2 Meetings ICF Board of Directors	8 days
2007-03-13 to 2007-03-18	Seminar for coaches in Tel Aviv/ISRAEL	6 days
2007-03-23 to 2007-03-25	ECA Congress Larnaka/CYPRUS	2 days
2007-06-06 to 2007-06-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination for dragon boat racing officials</li> <li>• ICF Dragon Boat Racing Club Crew World Championships in Gérardmer/France</li> </ul>	6 days
2007-10-27	Invitation ARMADACUP Dragon Boat Racing 9km race as Chairman of the ICF Dragon Boat Racing Committee in Wohlen/SWITZERLAND	1 day
2008-02-15 to 2008-02-17	Meeting ICF Competition Commission in	3 days

	Lausanne/SWITZERLAND	
2008-04-10 to 2008-04-13	Meeting ICF Board of Directors Madrid/SPAIN	4 days
2008-09-23 to 2008-09-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination for dragon boat racing officials</li> <li>• ICF Dragon Boat Racing National World Championships in Poznan/POLAND</li> </ul>	7 days
2008-10-25	Invitation ARMADACUP Dragon Boat Racing 9km race as Chairman of the ICF Dragon Boat Racing Committee in Wohlen/SWITZERLAND	1 day
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56 days</b>

## EDUCATION – COACHING

- We had further a coaching seminar in March 2007 in Tel Aviv in the Daniel Rowing Center in ISRAEL .
- Meanwhile we have still an increasing number of educated dragon boat racing officials: **115 officials** from following countries: France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Namibia, Poland, Republic South Africa, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, Ukraine and USA (**14 countries**).

## WORLD AND CONTINENTAL EVENTS

- In the last event in Kaohsiung/CHINESE TAIPEI, the dragon boat racing world championships 2006, **15 Nations from 4 Continents** took part. What a success!
- The Dragon Boat Racing Club Crew Championships 2007 in Gérardmer/FRANCE were in point of view of organisation on a very high level regarding quality of the event.
- The Dragon Boat Racing National Championships 2008 in Poznan/POLAND were a identic follow up of the quality of the event.
- For the World Games 2009 ICF is in the driver seat for the organisation of the dragon boat racing events. The event will take place on the same venue like the worlds in 2006 in Kaohsiung/CHINESE TAIPEI on the Lotus Lake. ICF is official partner and member of the IWGA regarding the canoe events such like dragon boating.

### Next events:

- Dragon Boat Racing Club Crew World Championships 2009 in Ulsan/KOREA
- Dragon Boat Racing National World Championships 2010 in Szeged/HUNGARY

## GENERAL

ICF is still in the position to organise its own events like World Championships on national or club level. Even after recognition of IDBF membership in GAISF, there are now two bodies to organise dragon boat worlds:

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### **New situation in the GAISF...**

...IDBF as a new member emphasizes the position of the ICF within the GAISF family for the dragon boat sports. There are now two coexisting sport federations to dedicate their contribution to this new upcoming paddle sport.

Although IDBFs CEO Mike Haslam would like a world monopoly position, GAISF's president clears up the current and future situation after a request to GAISF leading body (see the position of GAISF in the email below):

**From:** gaisf [mailto:info@agfisonline.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 18, 2007 9:07 AM  
**To:** Ulrich FELDHOFF, Canoeing  
**Cc:** Mike HASLAM; Faqiang Zhang; Antoine GOETSCHY  
**Subject:** Re: Your letter dated 11th July

### **To Mr Ulrich Feldhoff, ICF President**

Dear President,

Further to your request, I would like to confirm that as regards to the acceptance of the International Dragon Boat Federation as a GAISF Member at the General Assembly on 27 April 2007 in Beijing, my answer to the request of a delegate was that **GAISF cannot prevent the ICF from organising its dragon boat events and that the acceptance of IDBF as a GAISF member does not mean that ICF must cease its activities.**

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- The statement above should clear up the situation whatever the rumours will say...
- ICF keeps on working according its strategy and missions.

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On October, 2008