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## **Overview**

In accordance with the decisions of the XL ICF Ordinary Congress, held in Antalya, Turkey 07-08 November 2024, the ICF Board of Directors are hereby made the following decisions and statements.

This was the first meeting of the ICF Board of Directors in 2025, held via e-mail and online vote procedure. The quorum was formed in line with the ICF Statutes, with 29 Board members.

All documents were provided by email.

## **Agenda**

1. Decision on the address of the Hungarian seat
2. Declaration on the past and current practice regarding representation rights
3. ICF proposals for the 2028 Paralympic Programme
4. Appointment of the Dragon Boat Advisor
5. Appointment of the Canoe Slalom Advisor
6. Canoe Slalom ITOs nomination for the 2025 senior and junior and U23 World
7. 2025 Canoe Sprint Competition Programme for World Championships and World Cup

## **Appendice:**

- **Appendix 1: ITOs list 2025 ICF CSL World Championships**
- **Appendix 2: ITOs list 2025 ICF CSL Junior & U23 World Championships**
- **Appendix 3: 2025 Canoe Sprint – Competition Programme**



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**Online vote participants:**

Thomas Konietzko	TK	President	GER
Cecilia Farias	CF	Vice President	ARG
Lluís Rabaneda i Caselles	LRC	Vice President	ESP
Luciano Buonfiglio	LB	Vice President	ITA
Jean Zoungana	JZ	European Canoe Association President	FRA
Chainarong Charoenruk	CC	Asian Canoe Confederation President	THA
Sebastian Gomez	SG	Pan American Canoe Federation President	URG
João Manuel Da Costa Alegre Afonso	JDC	Confederation of African Canoeing President	STP
Toshi Furuya	TF	Canoe Sprint Committee Chair	JPN
Bridgitte Hartley	BH	Athlete Committee Chair	RSA
John Edwards	JE	Paracanoe Committee Chair	CAN
Branko Lovric	BL	Continental Representative - EUR	CRO
Andrej Jelenc	AJ	Continental Representative - EUR	SLO
Jovana Stanojevic	JS	Continental Representative - EUR	SRB
Victor G. Ruiz	VR	Continental Representative - PAM	PUR
Ahmed Mahamoud Abdoukader	AMA	Continental Representative - AFR	DJI
Budiman Setiawan	BS	Continental Representative - ASI	INA
Danielle Woodward	DW	Continental Representative - OCE	AUS
Ruud Heijelaar	RH	Canoe Marathon Committee Chair	NED
Manuela Gawehn	MG	Wildwater Canoeing Committee Chair	GER
Greg Smale	GS	Canoe Polo Committee Chair	GBR
Terry Best	TBE	Canoe Freestyle Committee Chair	GBR
Noémi Horváth	NH	SUP Committee Chair	HUN
Shao Yaping	SY	Continental Representative - ASI	CHN
Martha Hernandez Sanches	MHS	Continental Representative - PAM	MEX
Jane Gibson	JG	Medical and Anti-Doping Committee Chair	GBR
Li Xin	LX	Treasurer	CHN
Marian Sârbu	MS	Canoe Ocean Racing Committee Chair	BEL
Richard Fox	RF	Canoe Slalom Committee Chair	AUS

**Non-participants:**

Richard Pettit	RP	Secretary General	GBR
Maree Burnett	MB	Oceania Canoe Association President	NZL
Olubunmi Ola Oluode	OO	Continental Representative - AFR	NGR

## **1. Decision on the Hungarian seat address**

The XL ICF Congress approved that the headquarters of the Federation shall be relocated to Hungary. As of now the International Canoe Federation is a legal entity, an association existing under the laws of Switzerland, with its registered office in Lausanne.

From the registration, the Federation shall operate under the jurisdiction of Hungarian law.

The headquarters will be situated in Budapest. The exact address is being established by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is hereby obligated to pass a resolution specifying the precise address and to provide this resolution to the competent Hungarian authorities for the purpose of the registration of the relocation of the headquarters.

The proposed address is:

- Street: Váci út 76
- City: Budapest
- Country: Hungary
- ZIP: 1133

**Decision:** In accordance with the decision of the XL ICF Congress, the ICF Board voted in favour to establish the Budapest headquarters at the following address with, one abstention:

- **Street: Váci út 76**
- **City: Budapest**
- **Country: Hungary**
- **ZIP: 1133**

## **2. Declaration on the past and current representation rights**

The XL ICF Congress decided to modify the Statutes with effectiveness of the Hungarian registration and explicitly state that the *“The ICF President and ICF Secretary General shall be entitled to sign on behalf of ICF and represent the ICF towards third parties. Both of them shall have independent representation right. “*

This has been the Federation's practice in the past and present.

**Decision:** The ICF Board voted in favor to declare that according to the past and current practice the following persons are considered to be the legal representatives of the ICF with individual rights of representation, with two abstentions:

- **Mr. Thomas Konietzko, ICF President – Individual representation right**
- **Mr. Richard Pettit, ICF Secretary General – Individual representation right**

### **3. ICF proposals for the 2028 Paralympic Programme**

The Board reviewed the proposal for the 2028 Paralympic Programme, which includes the request for two additional events: Women VL1 and Men VL1. Additionally, there is a request for 12 quotas per event for existing events, and 10 quotas for the new Women VL1 and Men VL1 events.

**Decision: The ICF Board voted in favour to approve the proposal for the 2028 Paralympic Programme, including the addition of Women VL1 and Men VL1 events and the requested quotas, with one abstention.**

### **4. Appointment of a Dragon Boat Committee Advisor**

The Board reviewed the nomination of Amnuay Tanphanich (THA) as new Dragon Boat Committee Advisor. His qualifications and background were presented for approval.

**Decision: The ICF Board voted in favour to approve the appointment of Amnuay Tanphanich (THA) as a Dragon Boat Committee Advisor, with two votes against.**

### **5. Appointment of a Canoe Slalom Committee Advisor**

The Board reviewed the nomination of Rafal Smolen (USA) as a new Canoe Slalom Committee Advisor. His qualifications and background were presented for approval.

**Decision: The ICF Board voted in favour to approve the appointment of Rafal Smolen (USA) as a Canoe Slalom Committee Advisor, with one abstention.**

### **6. Canoe Slalom ITOs nomination for the 2025 World Championships**

The Board reviewed the list of International Technical Officials (ITO) for the 2025 Senior Canoe Slalom World Championships and the 2025 Juniors & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships. Approval was proposed to this online session in advance of the selection process for continental equivalent competitions to assist with personnel planning.

**Decision: The ICF Board voted in favour to approve the list of International Technical Officials for the 2025 Senior Canoe Slalom World Championships and the 2025 Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships, with two votes against and two abstentions (Appendix 1) and (Appendix 2).**



**7. 2025 Canoe Sprint competition Programme for World Championships and World Cups**

The Board reviewed the proposed competition programme for the 2025 Canoe Sprint World Championships and World Cup.

**Decision:** The ICF Board voted in favour to approve the proposed 2025 Canoe Sprint competition programme for the World Championships and World Cup, with one vote against and one abstention (Appendix 3).