



Report

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ICF Congress, Budapest, Hungary
23 – 24 November 2018

Name: Shoken Narita

ICF Position: Asia Continental President

1. Major Meetings since last Congress

ICF Meetings

1. ICF Frank Garner meeting with TMG, Tokyo2020 and FISA Executives. Tokyo, Japan 9-14 February 2017.
2. ICF Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting, Manchester, England. 22-25 March 2017
3. ICF Jean-Michel Prono visit for meeting with TMG, Tokyo 2020 OC. Tokyo, Japan 12-14 June 2017.
4. ICF Executive Committee Meeting, Lausanne, Switzerland 7-8 July 2017.
5. ICF Development and Executive Committee Meeting, Pau, France 27-28 September 2017.
6. ICF Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting, Tokyo, Japan. 21-24 March 2018

ACC Meetings

1. ACC Board of Directors Meeting, Shanghai, China. 27-28 February 2017
2. ACC Executive Committee Meeting, Manila, Philippines. 11-13 May 2017
3. ACC Board of Directors Meeting and Congress Shanghai, China. 12-14 October 2018
4. ACC Executive Committee Meeting Pattaya, Thailand. 25 November 2017
5. ACC Executive Committee Meeting Tokyo, Japan. 21 March 2018

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

1. Meeting with IKCA to discuss International Level Slalom Course Maheshwar, India 12-16 January 2017
2. Meeting with NACKSL regarding boat donation and development Colombo, Sri Lanka 16-17 January 2017
3. 10th Asian Canoe Slalom Championships, Nakhon Nayok, Thailand. 24-26 February 2017. 2017
4. Request of Participation in Asian Championships and Asian Games Brunei 10-11 March 2017
5. Meeting NOC regarding SEA Games 2017, Sports Authorities regarding budgeting of Canoe Polo Championships in November 11-15 March 2017
6. Visit Thailand for Boat Donation and discussion with RCAT regarding Paracanoe Championships in November. Bangkok, Thailand 21-23 May 2017
7. Meeting with Sports Minister, JAICA Chair and Embassy of Japan regarding Boat Donation and future development plans. Phnom Penh, Cambodia 23-25 May 2017
8. Boat Donation and Meeting with VCRSF regarding future development plans 21-31 May 2017
9. ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup 1st Prague, Czech Republic. 15-22 June 2017.
10. ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup 2nd Augsburg, Germany, 22-27 June 2017.
11. ICF Canoe Sprint / Paracanoe World Championships, Racice, Czech Republic. 23-27 August 2017.
12. ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Venice, Italy. 3-8 September 2017.
13. ICF Canoe Slalom / Wild Water World Championships, Pau, France 23 September-1 October 2017.
14. 17th Asian Canoe Sprint Championships, Shanghai, China. 15-18 October 2017.
15. 2nd Asian Paracanoe Championships, Pattaya, Thailand. 20-26 November 2017.
16. 1st Asian Canoe Ocean Racing Championships, Hong Kong. 17 November 2017.
17. ICF 3rd Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships, Hong Kong. 18-19 November 2017
18. 2nd Asian Paracanoe Championships Classification Pattaya, Thailand. 20-26 November 2017.
19. Indonesia Asian Games Site Visit Jakarta/Palembang, Indonesia. 25-29 April 2018
20. 2018 ACC Dragonboat Championship Bitan, Taipei. 4-9 May 2018.
21. ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2nd Duisburg, Germany. 25-27 May 2018
22. Joint Korea Dragonboat Press Conference Seoul, Korea. 18-20 June 2018
23. ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup 2nd Krakow, Poland. 29 June -1 July 2018
24. 5th ACC Dragonboat Championship Dali, China. 5-8 July 2018
25. ICF Visit TMG 2020 CSP Course Wave Absorber Homologation Tokyo, Japan. 9-11 July 2018
26. XVIII Asian Games Palembang-Jakarta, Indonesia. 18 August to 2 September 2018
27. ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Final La Seu d'Urgell, Spain. 7-9 September 2018.
28. ICF Dragonboat World Championship Gainesville, USA. 13-16 September 2018
29. ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 25-30 September 2018
30. Visit TPE NF to discuss International Level Slalom Course in Yilan, Taipei. 22-24 October 2019
31. Asia Games Venue Visit Indonesia. Indonesia 6-9 March 2017
32. Meeting NOC VP to discuss participation in Asia Games. Singapore 9-10 March

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

ACC Congress

ACC Congress has taken place in Shanghai, China in October 2017. Election has been held for the positions of President, Continental Representatives, and Standing Committee Chairs. I, Shoken Narita was re-elected as President, Ms. Jonne Go and Mr. Ahmad Donyamali for Continental Representative. Full result of the Election is available on the ACC website.

We would like to thank President Jose Perurena for supporting ACC by visiting China during this important occasion. Thanks to CCA, a successful Asian Canoe Sprint Championship followed a very well-organized Congress.

18th Asian Games Jakarta – Palembang 2018

18th Asian Games was held in Indonesia from 18 August to 2 September 2018. Canoe Slalom has taken place at Rentang Dam in Majalengka, West Java. Traditional Boat (Dragonboat) Canoe Sprint, and Canoe Polo (demonstration) has taken place at Jakabaring Sports City in Palembang, South Sumatra. The 18th Asian Games has featured 23 events from Canoe, with 5 Traditional Boat events officially organized under ACC, and 2 Canoe Polo events as demonstration in addition to the 12 Canoe Sprint and 4 Canoe Slalom disciplines.

A total of 23 NOC's have participated in the Canoeing discipline, with 12 in Canoe Slalom, 13 in Traditional Boat, all 23 in Canoe Sprint and 10 in Canoe Polo.

18th Asian Games Jakarta – Palembang 2018 (cont'd)

We would like to thank PODSI, the Organizers, the OCA, and the local governing bodies for the successful organization of a great games. Especially from PODSI, Vice President Mr. Budiman Setiawan (ACC VP) has put in tremendous amounts of work into the smooth running of the event.

In Traditional Boat, the Joint Korean Team (COR) has won the first gold medal in history, in an International Multi-Sport event. Korea (COR) has also gotten two bronze medals in the Traditional Boat (TBR) discipline in both Men's and Women's events. It is our great pleasure to report that Canoeing took part in this historical step forward towards the strengthening of a peaceful relationship between the North and the South.

This could not have happened without the great support of ICF. First brought to attention of Mr. Jose Perurena at the Tokyo ICF Board Meeting in March 2018, the Joint Korea TBR Project kicked off with the full support of the ICF president. Matters steadily moved forward as Mr. Lee Kee Heung President of South Korean NOC and Mr. Kim Yong-bin President of South Korea Canoe Federation continued negotiating with the Northern counterpart. Dr. Wai-Hung Luk has spoken to sponsors, and supported by overseeing the whole project as the ICF Dragonboat Committee Chairman. In June, a press conference was held in Seoul to announce the commitment of the South Korean Canoe Federation with the official entry of the Joint Team in the Asian Games. During the whole course of events, Mr. Thomas Konietzko, VP ICF has made an immense contribution to the project, from attending the press conference in Seoul to making an official visit to DPR Korea for further discussion of the project, and by personally congratulating the Team Leaders at the actual event in Palembang.

ACC would like to thank the various related parties.

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

2020 Tokyo Olympics

Detailed report regarding the Tokyo Olympics will be made by the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee Members, led by Mr. Toshihiko FURUYA during the congress.

Kansai World Master Games 2021

The Organizers of Kansai World Master Games 2021 have confirmed the inclusion of all Canoeing discipline. The area of the competition will be separated into 3 Areas in the Kansai region, and 1 in the Shikoku Island. We would like to encourage our canoeing family members to register and participate in these events. More details will be released as the event approaches.

19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022

During the Asian Games in Jakarta, various meetings were held between ACC, the Chinese NF and the Chinese NOC. We are having a positive discussion with China about the inclusion of the two disciplines, Dragonboat and Canoe Polo in addition to the Olympic Disciplines, Canoe Sprint and Canoe Slalom. Further details to be discussed between the ACC, Organizers, and the OCA.

20th Asian Games Nagoya 2026

The Organizing Committee has already confirmed inclusion of the 4 Disciplines from Canoeing, Canoe Sprint, Canoe Slalom, Dragon Canoe, and Canoe Polo. Further details to be discussed between the ACC, Organizers, and the OCA.

5. Recommendations

Development in Asia

Thanks to the cooperation of our ACC member countries, we were able to increase the number of the athlete participation drastically in the Asian Continent in the past 4 years. With 6 of the top 10 most populated counties belonging in Asia, our continent is one of the fastest developing "hot topic" in the sports world. For the further development of the Asian Continent, we are slowly going to shift from a goal of increasing the number of member countries to a goal of making each of the NFs more sustainable in terms of governance and finance. For this, we would need each of the NFs to actively participate in the congress, and to try to be heard. Each NF has a unique and important voice in the ICF and the congress is one of the biggest chances for these voices to be heard.

In the future, we would like the Asian countries to be more actively bidding for international events, and make canoeing truly an around the world sport.