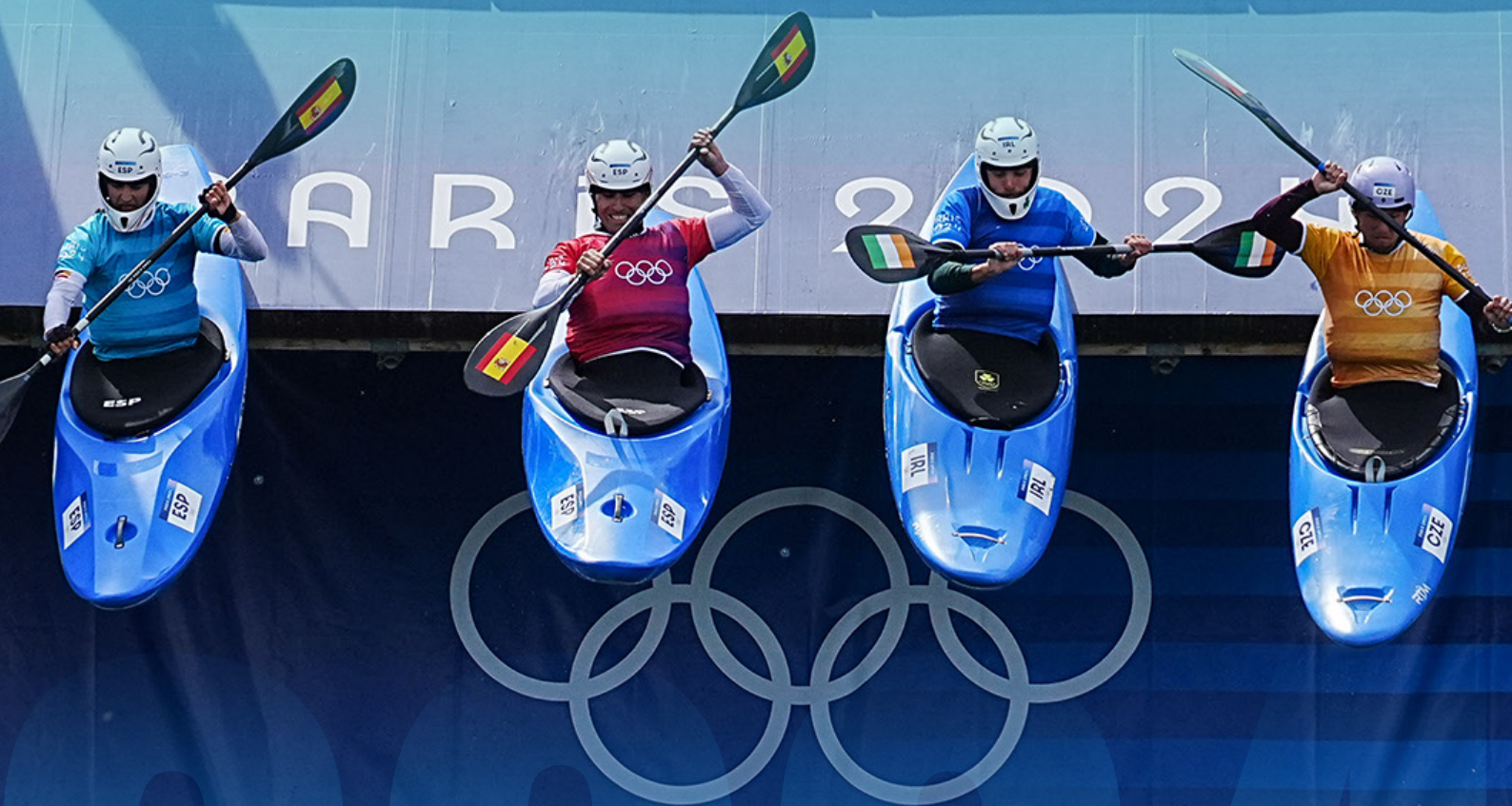




# Annual Review 2024



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## The President's Overview



I am pleased to present to you our review of 2024 which has been a year like no other as we shared significant achievements both on and off the water.

This year, we celebrated a major milestone in our history with the 100th anniversary as the global governing body for paddle sport.

It has not only been a time to reflect on what we have achieved over the past century but also a time to look confidently into the future as we strive to implement plans to take all our disciplines to the next level over the coming years.

### Innovation and unity are pillars for success

The love and passion for our sport was clear to see during a hugely successful Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris.

Under the leadership of Tony Estanguet, the Games were brilliantly organised and proved to be fantastic for our sport.

The atmosphere was electric across all our competitions with the stands almost completely packed for every session.

The introduction of kayak cross on the Olympic stage was also a great success as we demonstrated our readiness to innovate and adapt in the ever-changing sports landscape while attracting new fans.

Looking ahead to LA28, I am delighted that we have secured Oklahoma City as the host of our Canoe Slalom competition.

This was a major victory for our sport, ensuring canoeing will prominently feature at the Games in four years' time, with the Marine Stadium in Long Beach set to provide a terrific venue for Canoe Sprint.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris have formed part of a packed calendar of events as we have held World Championships across eight of our 10 disciplines in 2024 as well as putting on numerous World Cup competitions.

Another highlight was the staging of the ICF Hangzhou Super Cup in October that brought together Canoe Sprint, Canoe Slalom, Canoe Marathon and Canoe Polo.

This was an important step forward for our federation as we look to unite our disciplines and engage audiences across our entire sport.

### Globalisation of paddle sports and organisational expansion

It is essential to promote and develop our sport in different parts of the world as we continue our push for global growth.

This year saw the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships take place on Asian soil for the first time with Samarkand, Uzbekistan delivering an historic and memorable event.

I am also looking forward to taking the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships to Australia next year and the United States in 2026.

Our efforts to globalise the sport are bearing fruit as all five continents won gold medals across the Olympics and Paralympics for the first time in Paris.

As we continue to expand and thrive under our Fit for Future Evolution strategy, we are looking to increase the number of employees.

This will be made possible with the establishment of a new headquarters in Budapest that will sit alongside our offices in Hangzhou and Lausanne.

We have also been boosted by partnerships with major brands including Alibaba, BYD and Deloitte that are helping us to grow across a number of areas.

Our centenary year will be remembered as a poignant one in our history as we build towards a successful future, and I am proud to be the President of our federation for the next four years following my re-election.

Thomas Konietzko  
ICF President



# Canoe Slalom





- Australia's Jessica Fox captured the women's kayak and canoe titles in Paris to become the most successful Canoe Slalom paddler in Olympic history with three golds, one silver and two bronzes.
- France's Nicolas Gestin followed in Tony Estanguet's footsteps by securing men's canoe gold in front of a packed crowd at the Vaires-sur-Marne Nautical Stadium, while Italy's Giovanni De Gennaro sealed the men's kayak crown.



- Kayak cross made a sensational Olympic debut with New Zealand's Finn Butcher and Australia's Noemie Fox winning historic titles.
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups were successfully staged in Augsburg, Prague, Krakow, Ivrea and La Seu, where the final was held.
- Jessica Fox of Australia became the first athlete to win three individual gold medals over a single weekend at an ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup courtesy of her hat-trick of titles in Krakow.

- The overall World Cup titles went to Australia's Jessica Fox in women's canoe, Germany's Ricarda Funk in women's kayak, Great Britain's Kimberley Woods in women's kayak cross, Slovakia's Matej Benus in men's canoe, France's Anatole Delassus in men's kayak and Great Britain's Joseph Clarke in men's kayak cross.
- Short slalom was introduced as an official ICF event for the first time as part of the first-ever multi-discipline ICF Hangzhou Super Cup.





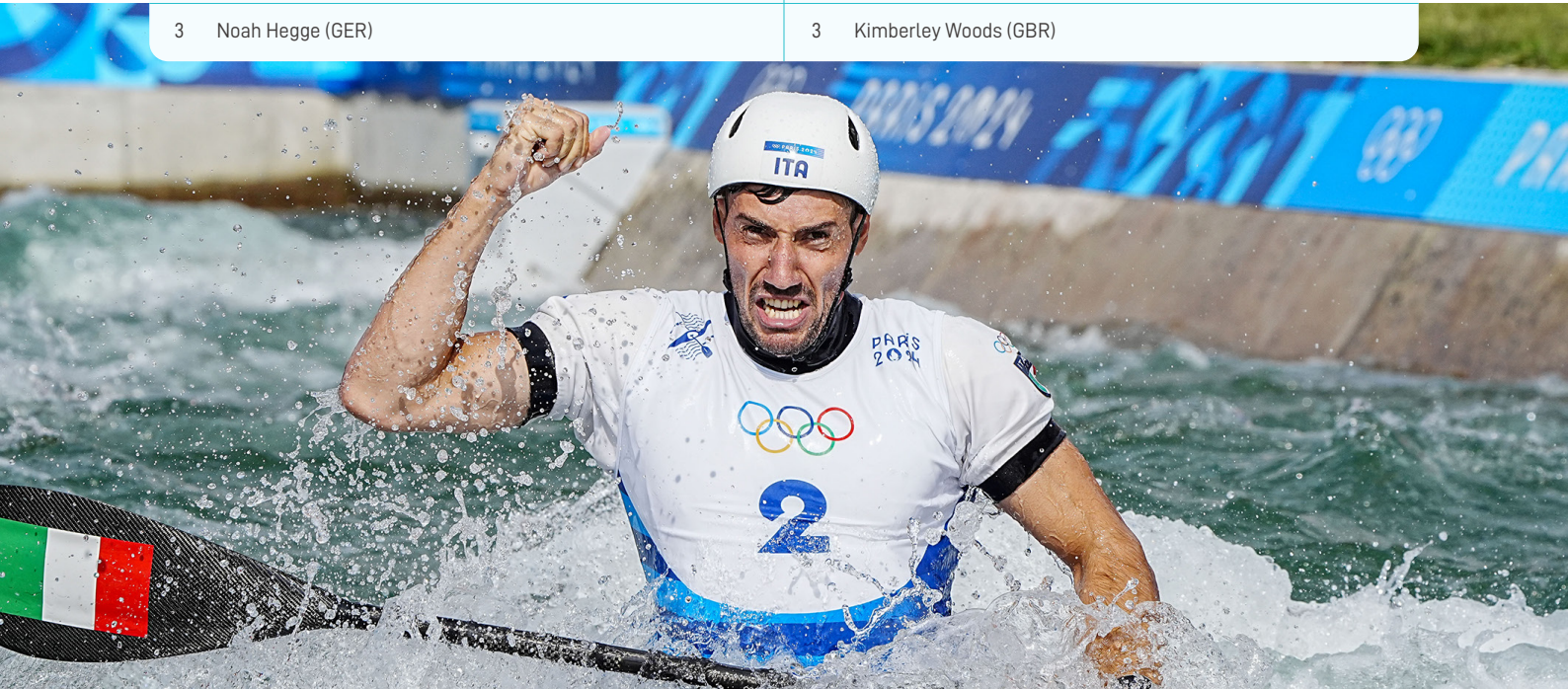


Results: Paris 2024 Olympics

K1 Men			K1 Women		
1	Giovanni De Gennaro (ITA)	88.22	1	Jessica Fox (AUS)	96.08
2	Titouan Castryck (FRA)	88.42	2	Klaudia Zwolinska (POL)	97.53
3	Pau Echaniz (ESP)	88.87	3	Kimberley Woods (GBR)	98.94

C1 Men			C1 Women		
1	Nicolas Gestin (FRA)	91.36	1	Jessica Fox (AUS)	101.06
2	Adam Burgess (GBR)	96.84	2	Elena Lilik (GER)	103.54
3	Matej Benus (SLK)	97.03	3	Evy Leibfarth (USA)	109.95

Kayak Cross Men			Kayak Cross Women		
1	Finn Butcher (NZL)		1	Noemie Fox (AUS)	
2	Joseph Clarke (GBR)		2	Angele Hug (FRA)	
3	Noah Hegge (GER)		3	Kimberley Woods (GBR)	





# Canoe Sprint







- Josef Dostal and Martin Fuksa delivered Olympic golds for Czechia after winning the men's K1 1000m and men's C1 500m respectively, while China underlined their dominance in the men's and women's C2 500m with triumphs for Hao Liu and Bowen Ji and Shixiao Xu and Mengya Sun.
- Pan America enjoyed a clean sweep of the medals in the women's C1 200 with Canada's Katie Vincent coming out on top.

- New Zealand's Lisa Carrington increased her Olympic gold medal tally to eight with a hat-trick of titles in Paris thanks to victories in the women's kayak single, double and four.
- Max Lemke and Jacob Schopf picked up two Olympic titles each with success in the men's K2 and men's K4 for Germany.



- Two weeks after the Olympics, Uzbekistan became the first Asian country to host the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships as paddlers competed across 20 non-Olympic events in Samarkand.
- Poznan and Szeged held ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups in 2024 with the latter also hosting the European Olympic qualifier and ICF Paracanoe World Championships.
- Canoe Sprint was among the four disciplines that were held as part of the first-ever ICF Hangzhou Super Cup.





## Results: Paris 2024 Olympics

K1 Men 1000			K1 Women 500		
1	Josef Dostal (CZE)	03:24.07	1	Lisa Carrington (NZL)	01:47.36
2	Adam Varga (HUN)	03:24.76	2	Tamara Csipes (HUN)	01:48.44
3	Balint Kopasz (HUN)	03:25.68	3	Emma Jorgensen (DEN)	01:49.76

K2 Men 500			K2 Women 500		
1	Jacob Schopf / Max Lemke (GER)	01:26.87	1	Lisa Carrington / Alicia Hoskin (NZL)	01:37.28
2	Bence Nadas / Sandor Totka (HUN)	01:27.15	2	Tamara Csipes / Alida Dora Gazso (HUN)	01:39.39
3	Jean van der Westhuyzen / Thomas Green (AUS)	01:27.29	3	Paulina Paszek / Jule Hake (GER) / Noemi Pupp / Sara Fojt (HUN)	01:39.46

C1 Men 500			C1 Women 200		
1	Martin Fuksa (CZE)	03:43.16	1	Katie Vincent (CAN)	44.12
2	Isaquias Queiroz (BRA)	03:44.33	2	Nevin Harrison (USA)	44.13
3	Serghei Tarnovschi (MDA)	03:44.68	3	Yarisleidis Cirito Duboys (CUB)	44.36

C2 Men 500			C2 Women 500		
1	Hao Liu / Bowen Ji (CHN)	01:39.48	1	Shixiao Xu / Mengya Sun (CHN)	01:52.81
2	Gabriele Casadei / Carlo Tacchini (ITA)	01:41.08	2	Liudmyla Luzan / Anastasiia Rybachok (UKR)	01:54.30
3	Joan Antoni Moreno / Diego Dominguez (ESP)	01:41.18	3	Sloan MacKenzie / Katie Vincent (CAN)	01:54.36

K4 Men 500			K4 Women 500		
1	Germany	01:19.80	1	New Zealand	01:32.20
2	Australia	01:19.84	2	Germany	01:32.62
3	Spain	01:20.05	3	Hungary	01:32.93

## Results: 2024 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships

K1 Men 200			C1 Men 200		
1	Messias Baptista (POR)	00:34.876	1	Oleksii Koliadych (POL)	00:38.660
2	Jakub Stepun (POL)	00:34.945	2	Pablo Grana (ESP)	00:39.083
3	Carlos Garrote (ESP)	00:35.308	3	Zaza Nadiradze (GEO)	00:39.180
K1 Women 200			C1 Women 500		
1	Liudmyla Kuklinovska (UKR)	00:41.414	1	Liudmyla Luzan (UKR)	02:06.881
2	Anastasiia Dolgova (AIN)	00:42.183	2	Maria Mailliard (CHI)	02:08.912
3	Bolette Nyvang Iversen (DEN)	00:42.761	3	Mariya Brovkova (KAZ)	02:09.731
K1 Men 500			C1 Men 500		
1	Josef Dostal (CZE)	01:37.309	1	Serghei Tarnovschi (MDA)	01:47.312
2	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	01:38.049	2	Martin Fuksa (CZE)	01:48.405
3	Uladzislau Kravets (AIN)	01:38.437	3	Catalin Chirila (ROM)	01:48.456
K1 Women 1000			C1 Women 1000		
1	Emese Kohalmi (HUN)	04:03.433	1	Alena Nadrova (AIN)	04:45.286
2	Maryna Litvinchuk (AIN)	04:07.277	2	Giada Bragato (HUN)	04:47.684
3	Melina Andersson (SWE)	04:07.687	3	Xina Jiang (CHN)	04:49.521
K1 Men 5000			C1 Men 5000		
1	Mads Brandt Pedersen (DEN)	22:39.488	1	Wiktor Glazunow (POL)	25:33.565
2	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	22:55.097	2	Serghei Tarnovschi (MDA)	25:49.241
3	Joakim Lindberg (SWE)	22:59.119	3	Balazs Adolf (HUN)	26:30.410
K1 Women 5000			C1 Women 5000		
1	Emese Kohalmi (HUN)	25:18.913	1	Maria Mailliard (CHI)	31:15.084
2	Maryna Litvinchuk (AIN)	25:35.267	2	Annika Loske (GER)	31:37.596
3	Miriam Vega (ESP)	25:58.804	3	Valeriia Tereta (UKR)	31:53.552
K2 Men 1000			C2 Men 1000		
1	Mikita Borykau / Aleh Yurenia (AIN)	03:19.104	1	Zakhar Petrov / Ivan Dmitriev (AIN)	03:41.510
2	Joakim Lindberg / Martin Nathell (SWE)	03:20.543	2	Balazs Adolf / Daniel Fejes (HUN)	03:42.120
3	Felix Frank / Martin Hiller (GER)	03:32.736	3	Yurii Yandiuk / Pavlo Borsuk (UKR)	03:42.433
K2 Women 200			C2 Women 200		
1	Svetlana Chernigovskaya / Anastasiia Dolgova (AIN)	00:37.326	1	Yuliya Trushkina / Inna Nedelkina (AIN)	00:43.053
2	Teresa Portela / Francisca Laia (POR)	00:37.420	2	Daniela Cociu / Maria Olarasu (MDA)	00:44.104
3	Volha Khudzenka / Maryna Litvinchuk (AIN)	00:37.667	3	Shengnan Xu / Jingjing Xiang (CHN)	00:44.664
K2 Mixed 500			C2 Mixed 500		
1	Teresa Portela / Messias Baptista (POR)	01:37.592	1	Alexey Korovashkov / Ekaterina Shliapnikova (AIN)	01:47.898
2	Volha Khudzenka / Dzmitry Natynchyk (AIN)	01:37.603	2	Kincso Takacs / Jonatan Hajdu (HUN)	01:48.693
3	Josef Dostal / Anezka Paloudova (CZE)	01:38.340	3	Uladzislau Paleshko / Inna Nedelkina (AIN)	01:49.343
K4 Mixed 500			C4 Mixed 500		
1	AIN	01:24.907	1	AIN	01:37.187
2	Hungary	01:25.731	2	AIN	01:38.694
3	Portugal	01:26.320	3	Spain	01:39.753

in Samarkand, Uzbekistan



# Paracanoe



- Algeria's Brahim Guendouz made history by becoming the first African paddler to win Paracanoe gold at the Paralympic Games following victory in the men's KL3 in Paris.
- Women's VL3 made its Paralympic debut to ensure gender equality as Great Britain's Charlotte Henshaw won the title at Paris 2024.
- Australia's Curtis McGrath secured his fourth Paralympic gold with success in the men's KL3.
- All five continents featured on the Paralympic medal table for the first time, with Great Britain finishing first with four golds and four silvers.
- Great Britain also topped the medal standings at the ICF Paracanoe World Championships that was held in Szeged and was a qualifier for the Paralympic Games.



## Results: Paris 2024 Paralympics

KL1 Men			KL1 Women		
1	Peter Pal Kiss (HUN)	00:44.55	1	Katherine Wollermann (CHI)	00:51.95
2	Luis Cardoso da Silva (BRA)	00:46.42	2	Maryna Mazhula (UKR)	00:52.87
3	Remy Boulle (FRA)	00:47.01	3	Edina Muller (GER)	00:53.13

KL2 Men			KL2 Women		
1	Curtis McGrath (AUS)	00:41.31	1	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)	00:49.07
2	David Phillipson (GBR)	00:42.43	2	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	00:51.56
3	Mykola Syniuk (UKR)	00:42.61	3	Anja Adler (GER)	00:52.17

KL3 Men			KL3 Women		
1	Brahim Guendouz (ALG)	00:39.91	1	Laura Sugar (GBR)	00:46.66
2	Dylan Littlehales (AUS)	00:40.68	2	Nelia Barbosa (FRA)	00:47.91
3	Miqueias Elias Rodrigues (BRA)	00:40.75	3	Felicia Laberer (GER)	00:48.79

VL2 Men			VL2 Women		
1	Fernando Rufino de Paulo (BRA)	00:50.47	1	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	00:58.88
2	Igor Alex Tofalini (BRA)	00:51.78	2	Brianna Hennessy (CAN)	01:00.12
3	Steven Haxton (USA)	00:51.81	3	Susan Seipel (AUS)	01:01.39

VL3 Men			VL3 Women		
1	Vladyslav Yepifanov (UKR)	00:47.49	1	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)	00:55.70
2	Jack Evers (GBR)	00:47.87	2	Hope Gordon (GBR)	00:56.58
3	Peter Cowan (NZL)	00:48.28	3	Yongyuan Zhong (CHN)	00:57.43



## Results: 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships

KL1 Men			KL1 Women		
1	Luis Cardoso da Silva (BRA)	00:46.17	1	Katherinne Wollermann (CHI)	00:52.83
2	Remy Boulle (FRA)	00:46.63	2	Maryna Mazhula (UKR)	00:53.13
3	Saeid Hosseinpour (IRI)	00:48.42	3	Edina Muller (GER)	00:53.62

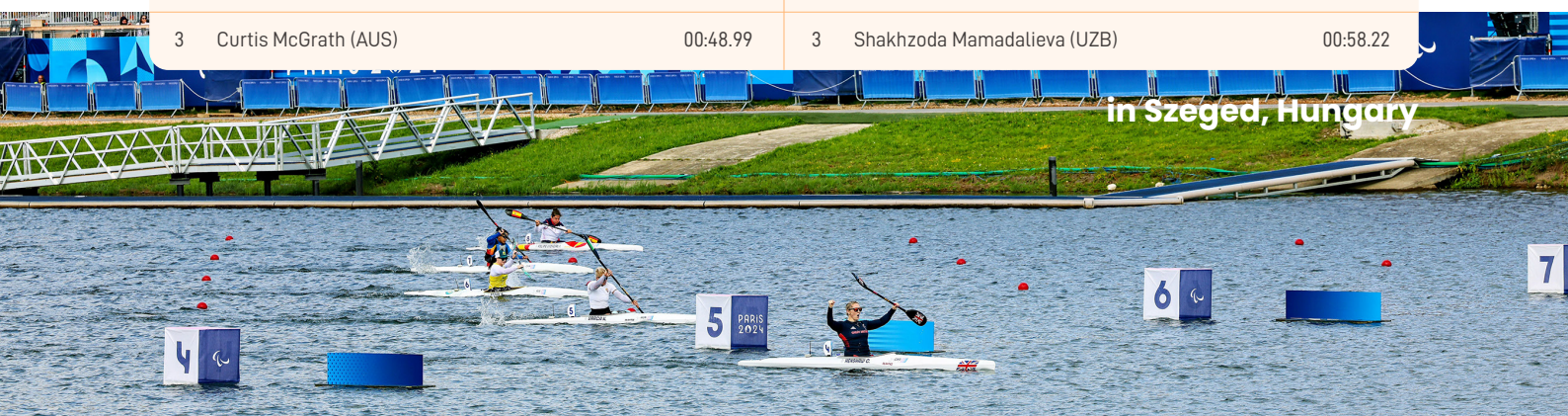
KL2 Men			KL2 Women		
1	Curtis McGrath (AUS)	00:42.89	1	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)	00:48.79
2	David Phillipson (GBR)	00:43.60	2	Katalin Varga (HUN)	00:50.89
3	Fernando Rufino de Paulo (BRA)	00:43.64	3	Anja Adler (GER)	00:52.64

KL3 Men			KL3 Women		
1	Juan Valle (ESP)	00:40.17	1	Laura Sugar (GBR)	00:45.97
2	Dylan Littlehales (AUS)	00:40.27	2	Hope Gordon (GBR)	00:46.94
3	Miqueias Elias Rodrigues (BRA)	00:40.40	3	Nelia Barbosa (FRA)	00:47.15

VL1 Men			VL1 Women		
1	David Gonzalez (ESP)	01:06.89	1	Viktoryia Shablova (ITA)	01:19.15
2	Carlos Glenndel Moreira (BRA)	01:07.15	2	Pooja Ojha (IND)	01:24.51
3	Yuta Takagi (JPN)	01:07.60	3	Jocelyn Munoz (CHI)	01:26.06

VL2 Men			VL2 Women		
1	Fernando Rufino de Paulo (BRA)	00:50.59	1	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	00:58.69
2	Igor Alex Tofalini (BRA)	00:51.20	2	Brianna Hennessy (CAN)	01:00.35
3	Steven Haxton (USA)	00:52.25	3	Susan Seipel (AUS)	01:02.15

VL3 Men			VL3 Women		
1	Vladyslav Yepifanov (UKR)	00:47.80	1	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)	00:56.80
2	Peter Cowan (NZL)	00:48.51	2	Hope Gordon (GBR)	00:56.91
3	Curtis McGrath (AUS)	00:48.99	3	Shakhzoda Mamadalieva (UZB)	00:58.22



In Szeged, Hungary



# Canoe Marathon



- Sweden's Melina Andersson broke Hungary's Vanda Kiszli's stranglehold on the women's K1 long-distance world title with victory in Metkovic where she also achieved women's K1 short-distance gold.
- Denmark's Mads Brandt Pedersen captured the men's K1 titles over both short and long distances to underline his dominance in the event, while Ukraine's Liudmyla Babak won the women's C1 long-distance crown for a seventh successive time and Poland's Mateusz Borgiel clinched both the men's C1 and men's C2 titles.
- A new mixed relay race was tested at the ICF Canoe Marathon World Cup in Brandenburg.
- Canoe Marathon formed part of the first-ever multi-discipline ICF Hangzhou Super Cup where Andersson, Babak and Pedersen all won two golds each.



## Results: 2024 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships

K1 Men Short Distance			K1 Women Short Distance		
1	Mads Brandt Pedersen (DEN)	12:27.69	1	Melina Andersson (SWE)	14:02.03
2	Hamish Lovemore (RSA)	12:41.25	2	Emese Kohalmi (HUN)	14:08.58
3	Ivan Alonso Lage (ESP)	12:49.68	3	Vanda Kiszli (HUN)	14:09.90

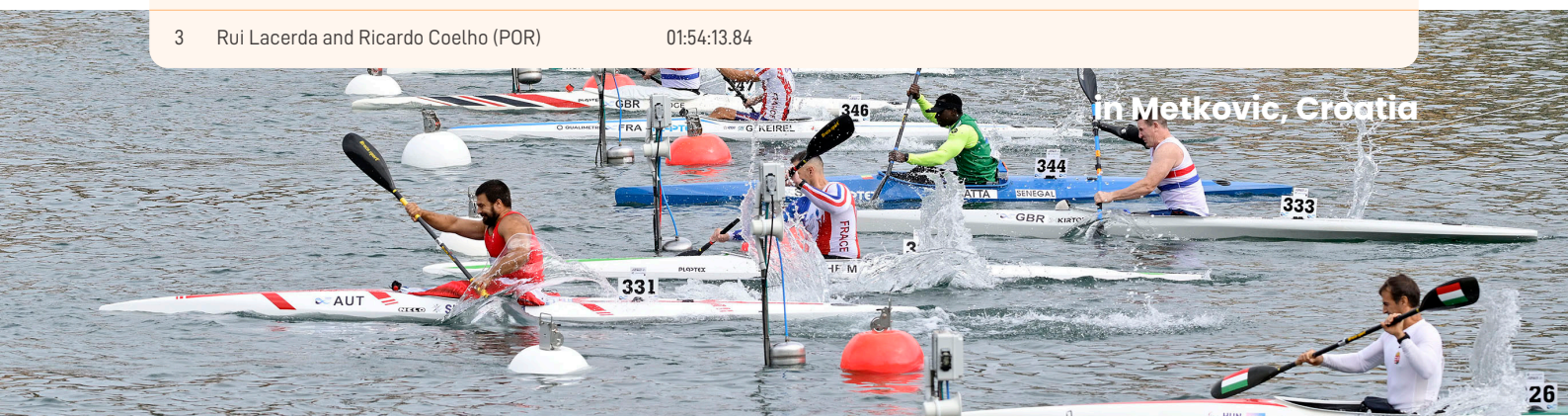
C1 Men Short Distance			C1 Women Short Distance		
1	Zsafia Kisban (HUN)	16:48.93	1	Ignacio Calvo (ESP)	14:51.24
2	Liudmyla Babak (UKR)	17:07.88	2	Mateusz Borgiel (POL)	14:55.07
3	Olena Tsyhankova (UKR)	17:34.09	3	Thomas Dubois Dunilac (FRA)	14:59.87

K1 Men Long Distance			K1 Women Long Distance		
1	Mads Brandt Pedersen (DEN)	02:03:28.75	1	Melina Andersson (SWE)	01:58:37.51
2	Jose Ramalho (POR)	02:05:53.21	2	Vanda Kiszli (HUN)	01:58:43.42
3	Adrian Martin (ESP)	02:06:14.22	3	Emese Kohalmi (HUN)	01:59:21.09

K2 Men Long Distance			K2 Women Long Distance		
1	Fernando Pimenta and Jose Ramalho (POR)	01:53:56.58	1	Zsoka Csikos and Emese Kohalmi (HUN)	01:53:01.90
2	Quentin Urban and Jeremy Candy (FRA)	01:53:58.23	2	Saskia Hockly and Christie MacKenzie (RSA)	01:53:33.16
3	Adrian Boros and Tamas Erdelyi (HUN)	01:54:19.68	3	Melina Andersson and Ella Richter (SWE)	01:54:13.84

C1 Men Long Distance			C1 Women Long Distance		
1	Mateusz Borgiel (POL)	01:44:00.95	1	Liudmyla Babak (UKR)	01:21:33.44
2	Manuel Antonio Campos (ESP)	01:45:06.65	2	Zsafia Kisban (HUN)	01:22:27.61
3	Rui Lacerda (POR)	01:46:01.82	3	Olena Tsyhankova (UKR)	01:23:11.79

C2 Men Long Distance		
1	Mateusz Zuchora and Mateusz Borgiel (POL)	01:53:01.90
2	Jaime Duro and Oscar Grana (ESP)	01:53:33.16
3	Rui Lacerda and Ricardo Coelho (POR)	01:54:13.84







## Wildwater Canoeing

- France topped the medal standings at the ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships by winning 13 of the 22 events in Sabero.
- There was double delight for Slovenia in the men's kayak single with Anze Urankar retaining the sprint title and fellow countryman Simon Oven capturing the classic crown for the second time.
- Laura Fontaine clinched the women's canoe single titles in both the classic and sprint categories as well as helping France win the women's C1 teams sprint and women's C1 teams classic crowns, while compatriot Theo Viens captured five gold medals including the men's C1 title.
- Veles and Mezzana hosted ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cups featuring classic and sprint races in back-to-back weeks in June.





## Results: 2024 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships

K1 Men Classic			K1 Men Sprint		
1	Simon Oven (SLO)	17:33.71	1	Anze Urnkar (SLO)	00:37.58
2	Maxence Barough (FRA)	17:33.75	2	Nejc Znidarcic (SLO)	00:37.81
3	Leo Montulet (BEL)	17:34.26	3	Maxence Barouh (FRA)	00:37.91
K1 Women Classic			K1 Women Sprint		
1	Claire Bren (FRA)	19:27.78	1	Marie Nemcova (CZE)	00:42.79
2	Kerry Christie (GBR)	19:29.44	2	Kristina Novosadova (CZE)	00:43.22
3	Cecilia Panato (ITA)	19:32.94	3	Ana Steblaj (SLO)	00:43.32
K1 Men Teams Classic			K1 Men Teams Sprint		
1	France	17:46.45	1	Slovenia	00:39.81
2	Germany	18:04.76	2	France	00:40.42
3	Belgium	18:11.85	3	Italy	00:40.64
K1 Women Teams Classic			K1 Women Teams Sprint		
1	Italy	19:51.97	1	Czechia	00:45.84
2	France	20:14.74	2	France	00:45.95
3	Belgium	20:16.06	3	Italy	00:46.23
C1 Men Classic			C1 Men Sprint		
1	Theo Viens (FRA)	19:40.60	1	Matej Vanek (CZE)	00:42.39
2	Ondrej Rolenc (CZE)	19:45.16	2	Nicolas Sauter (FRA)	00:43.03
3	Nicolas Sauter (FRA)	19:55.07	3	Ondrej Rolenc (CZE)	00:43.47
C1 Women Classic			C1 Women Sprint		
1	Laura Fontaine (FRA)	21:16.40	1	Laura Fontaine (FRA)	00:46.76
2	Eve Vitali-Guilbert (FRA)	21:23.81	2	Elsa Gaubert (FRA)	00:48.34
3	Cecilia Panato (ITA)	21:24.96	3	Anna Retkova (CZE)	00:48.35
C2 Men Classic			C2 Men Sprint		
1	Theo Viens and Nicolas Sauter (FRA)	19:13.78	1	Correntin Combe and Clement Monjanel (FRA)	00:41.82
2	Daniel Suchanek and Ondrej Rolenc (CZE)	19:31.45	2	Hugues Moret and Pierre Troubaday (FRA)	00:41.83
3	Correntin Combe and Clement Monjanel (FRA)	19:46.56	3	Theo Viens and Nicolas Sauter (FRA)	00:42.44
C2 Women Classic			C2 Women Sprint		
1	Kerry Christie and Emma Christie (GBR)	21:03.54	1	Clara Gaubert and Elsa Gaubert (FRA)	00:47.25
2	Laura Fontaine and Eve Vitali-Guilbert (FRA)	21:07.31	2	Mona Clavadetscher and Hannah Mueller (SUI)	00:47.75
3	Claire Bren and Lise Vinet (FRA)	21:12.77	3	Eve Vitali-Guilbert and Lisa Lebouc (FRA)	00:48.12
C1 Men Teams Classic			C1 Men Teams Sprint		
1	France	20:20.27	1	Czechia	00:45.40
2	Czechia	20:21.04	2	France	00:45.51
3	Germany	20:36.18	3	Germany	00:47.59
C1 Women Teams Classic			C1 Women Teams Sprint		
1	France	21:38.81	1	France	00:50.21
2	Czechia	22:00.61	2	Czechia	00:51.43
3	Great Britain	23:10.42	3	Spain	01:01.93
C2 Men Teams Classic			C2 Men Teams Sprint		
1	France	19:39.91	1	France	00:44.19
2	Czechia	20:08.22	2	Czechia	00:47.41
3	Germany	20:38.12	3	Great Britain	00:48.51

in Sabero, Spain





- Germany's Gordan Harbrecht became the first-ever European paddler to win the overall men's surfski single title at the ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships with victory in Madeira.
- Kira Bester overcame fellow South African Michelle Burn to win the overall women's SS1 world crown, while Spain's Victor Rodriguez and Chloe Bunnett defeated compatriot and defending champions Walter Bouzan and Judit Verges to clinch mixed surfski double gold.
- Reunion, France successfully hosted a ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Cup in November.

# Canoe Ocean Racing

## Results: 2024 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships

### SS1 Men

1	Gordan Harbrecht (GER)	01:27:31.69
2	Cory Hill (AUS)	01:28:24.62
3	Hank McGregor (RSA)	01:28:34.35

### SS1 Women

1	Kira Bester (RSA)	01:43:39.79
2	Michelle Burn (RSA)	01:44:01.56
3	Katriana Swetich (USA)	01:45:16.51

### SS2 Mixed

1	Victor Rodriguez and Chloe Bunnett (ESP)	01:29:32.86
2	Walter Bouzan and Judit Verges (ESP)	01:29:54.95
3	Matthew Fenn and Saskia Hockly (RSA)	01:30:50.68

in Madeira, Portugal





# Canoe Polo



- Germany retained the men's title with a 2-1 triumph against France in what was the first ICF Canoe Polo World Championships to be held in Asia for 20 years with Deqing, China playing host.
- New Zealand swept aside Italy 6-1 to capture their first women's world crown since 2016.
- Canoe Polo featured in the first-ever multi-discipline ICF Hangzhou Super Cup where Germany and Spain won the respective men's and women's titles.

## Results: 2024 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships

Men	Women
1 Germany	1 New Zealand
2 France	2 Italy
3 Denmark	3 The Netherlands

in Deqing, China







## Canoe Freestyle



- Great Britain's Otilie Robinson-Shaw marked her return from a serious shoulder injury to win two gold medals at the first ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup in Plattling, Germany.
- Landon Miller of the United States also clinched two titles in Plattling which will stage the 2025 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships.
- The second ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup finished two days earlier than planned due to rising water levels as France's Tom Dolle and Japan's Hitomi Takaku secured the respective men's and women's kayak crowns.





# Stand Up Paddling



- Andrii Kraitor of Bulgaria and Katniss Paris of the United States made history by becoming the first-ever winners of the respective men's and women's 100m sprint titles at the ICF SUP World Championships in Sarasota.
- France's Noic Garioud bounced back from the disappointment of failing to defend his sprint crown by capturing the men's technical title, while Duna Gordillo got the better of fellow Spaniard Esperanza Barreras to seal women's technical gold.
- Barreras made it three women's long distance titles in a row, while Japan's Shuri Araki struck gold in the men's long distance.
- ICF SUP World Ranking Events were staged in Italy, Austria and Sweden before Greece held an ICF SUP World Cup in September.

## Results: 2024 ICF Stand Up Paddling World Championships

Sprint Men			Sprint Women		
1	Andrii Kraitor (BUL)	00:23.05	1	Katniss Paris (USA)	00:28.32
2	Mauel Hoyuela (ESP)	00:23.47	2	Sey Chelle (USA)	00:28.71
3	Cameron Tripney (RSA)	00:23.67	3	Alba Alonso Fray (ESP)	00:29.24

Technical Men			Technical Women		
1	Noic Garioud (FRA)	03:51.97	1	Duna Gordillo (ESP)	04:35.97
2	Shuri Araki (JPN)	03:54.33	2	Esperanza Barreras (ESP)	04:42.98
3	Manuel Hoyuela (ESP)	03:54.65	3	Rika Okuaki (JPN)	04:48.41

Long Distance Men			Long Distance Women		
1	Shuri Araki (JPN)	01:05:41.76	1	Esperanza Barreras (ESP)	01:11:50.18
2	Noic Garioud (FRA)	01:05:46.13	2	Mariecarmen Rivera (PUR)	01:11:54.66
3	Eri Tenorio (BRA)	01:05:47.56	3	Juliette Duhaime (ARG)	01:11:55.86

in Sarasota, United States





# Dragon Boat



- Hosts Philippines topped the medals table with 11 gold medals at the 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships in Puerto Princesa.
- Quota places for The World Games World Games 2025 in Chengdu were also on the line in Puerto Princesa with Myanmar, Cambodia and Hungary among the teams to qualify.
- Indonesia and Thailand became the first teams to secure quotas for Chengdu 2025 with success at the ICF Dragon Boat World Cup in Yichang.
- Dragon Boat was demonstrated at both the Paris 2024



## Results: 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships

20-seater 200 Mixed			10-seater 2000 Women		
1	Philippines	00:47.07	1	Iran	10:39.20
2	Canada	00:48.69	2	AIN	10:47.75
3	AIN	00:49.03	3	Philippines	10:55.47

20-seater 200 Open			10-seater 200 Open		
1	Thailand	00:40.37	1	Thailand	00:47.52
2	Philippines	00:47.59	2	Malaysia	00:49.09
3	Hong Kong	00:47.76	3	Iran	00:49.50

20-seater 200 Women			10-seater 200 Women		
1	Thailand	00:49.41	1	Thailand	00:53.98
2	AIN	00:50.45	2	Singapore	00:55.85
3	Philippines	00:50.48	3	Ukraine	00:56.19

20-seater 500 Open			10-seater 200 Mixed		
1	Thailand	01:49.69	1	Indonesia	00:50.59
2	Philippines	01:50.24	2	Malaysia	00:51.20
3	AIN	01:53.11	3	Chinese Taipei	00:51.20

20-seater 500 Mixed			10-seater 500 Mixed		
1	Ukraine	01:57.51	1	Malaysia	02:05.33
2	Philippines	01:58.13	2	Hungary	02:05.71
3	AIN	01:59.17	3	Indonesia	02:05.87

20-seater 2000 Open			10-seater 500 Open		
1	Czechia	08:42.74	1	Thailand	02:03.23
2	Philippines	08:54.49	2	Iran	02:05.20
3	India	09:06.70	3	AIN	02:06.06

20-seater 2000 Women			10-seater 500 Women		
1	AIN	09:23.16	1	Thailand	02:14.62
2	Philippines	09:34.47	2	Iran	02:19.57
3	Iran	09:46.90	3	AIN	02:19.98

20-seater 2000 Mixed		
1	Czechia	08:39.23
2	Spain	08:43.27
3	AIN	08:47.77



in Puerto Princesa, Philippines



# Board meetings



## Online – January 10

- Plans to move forward with negotiations over the establishment of a satellite office in Hangzhou were approved by the ICF Board.
- A joint online meeting for all the Board members with the heads of all the departments was announced to exchange news and information, making the first step to improve communication in decisions and make the process more transparent to all stakeholders.
- The Board members supported the proposed agenda for the ICF Congress 2024 and agreed that due to the variety of topics and the anniversary of the federations, workshops should be avoided and instead the ECA should be given the chance to hold its Extraordinary Congress on November 9.

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## London, Great Britain – April 5 to 6

- ICF Vice President Cecilia Farias presented a comprehensive report on the ICF development programmes, emphasising the importance of coach education with more than 500 coaches trained and numerous seminars conducted.
- Paris 2024 Canoe and Paracanoe Sports Manager Cyril Nivel gave an update on preparations for the Olympics and Paralympics, including infrastructure developments and successful ticket sales.
- The Board members agreed to continue to move forward with YouTube as its streaming provider, reviewing the opportunity to utilise the pay-per-view option when possible.
- ICF President Thomas Konietzko praised the professionalism and dedication of the ICF Finance Commission members, highlighting the significant improvements in financial management over the past year.
- ICF Secretary General Richard Pettit shared the rebranding proposal to change the ICF's name to Paddle Worldwide, citing strategic reasons for the move, which the Board voted in favour of implementing.
- Reports were presented by each of the Standing Committees, Sports Commissions and Continental Associations while a financial update was given by ICF Treasurer and Acting Vice President Luciano Buonfiglio.
- The five locations of the 2026 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Series and destinations for three ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups 2026 were officially confirmed.
- Numerous hosts were also announced for a series of major events including the ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships from 2025 to 2028, the ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships in 2025, the ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships in 2028, the ICF Stand Up Paddling World Championships in 2025 and 2026 and the ICF Canoe Polo World Championships in 2028.

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## Online – July 2

- ICF President Thomas Konietzko hailed the announcement that Oklahoma will host the Canoe Slalom competition at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, expressing his gratitude for the collaboration with the IOC, LA28 and partners in Oklahoma.
- The Board members voiced their disappointment at the IOC's decision to move from the sports programme to the engagement programme for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games as IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell explained the rationale behind the move.
- The opening of the satellite office in Hangzhou and partnership between the ICF and BYD were celebrated, while updates were given on final preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games as well as information on plans for celebrations at the new French Federation headquarters and an ICF centenary dinner during the Games.

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## Online – October 2

- The Board decided that National Federations must pay membership fees to be eligible to vote, emphasising the importance of financial compliance and participation in governance processes.
- Togo's request to operate independently from the Rowing and Canoe Federation was approved by the Board, showcasing the ICF's flexibility and support for National Federation autonomy.
- The membership of the Central African Republic was given the green light by the Board, indicating the ICF's ongoing expansion.

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## Antalya, Turkiye – November 6

- ICF President Thomas Konietzko opened the meeting by expressing his gratitude to all the Board members for their dedication and contributions over the past three years.
- ICF Secretary General Richard Pettit provided a review of the 2025-2026 budget, with the focus remaining on ensuring clarity, accountability and due diligence in allocations, supported by robust financial systems established over the past two years. He spoke about the introduction of the Innovation Fund and the development of dashboards to promote greater transparency and efficiency.
- The Fit for Future Evolution strategy and the plan to seek endorsement for the name change to Paddle Worldwide at the Congress was presented along with the proposed structure for the offices in Lausanne and Hangzhou and the new headquarters in Budapest.
- A new ICF Code of Ethics, highlighting its alignment with IOC principles but tailored to fit the ICF's needs, was approved by the Board.
- An update was given on the transgender policy working group which has carried out extensive research, stakeholder consultations, and analysis of existing international policies.
- ICF Vice President Luis Rabaneda shared the progress of the Olympic Qualification Working Group which has completed defining its scope and objectives, conducted consultations with National Federations and gathered feedback on rules for both Canoe Sprint and Canoe Slalom.
- The Board of Directors unanimously adopted two resolutions. One of the resolutions was the relocation of the ICF headquarters to Hungary. The second resolution was granting the Board the authority to withdraw from the relocation process at any time after the Congress' decision.
- The Board also unanimously adapted the amendment to the Statutes required to the relocation of the headquarters with the effectiveness from the Hungarian authorities.

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## Antalya, Turkiye – November 9

- A moment of mourning was held for Canada's Frank Garner, the long-serving ICF Board of Directors and Executive Committee member who passed away.
- ICF President Thomas Konietzko welcomed newly-elected Board of Directors members and outlined the responsibilities of the Vice Presidents with Cecilia Farias continuing to focus on development, sustainable practices, and gender equality, Lluís Rabaneda remaining responsible for sports disciplines and related issues, and Luciano Buonfiglio will handle cooperation with Continental Associations and manage international relations.
- Wai-hung Luk was unanimously approved as the Chair of the ICF Dragon Boat Commission.
- Maree Burnett was unanimously approved as the Chair of the ICF Finance Commission which also includes Nick Donald of Great Britain, Suzanne Britt of the United States, and Farhad Aliyev of Azerbaijan.
- The make-up of all the Committees and Commissions were also decided after members were proposed by the respective Chair.
- Mr Konietzko outlined his vision for the ICF's organisational review, aiming to strengthen the federation's structure, procedures, and policies to enhance operational efficiency, governance and global engagement.
- Skopje, North Macedonia and Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina were rubber stamped as hosts of the 2025 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cups.

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# Congress in review

## Antalya, Türkiye – November 7–8

- Germany's Thomas Konietzko was re-elected as President of the ICF, securing 87 votes in favour and one abstention.
- Argentina's Cecilia Farias and Spain's Lluís Rabaneda i Caselles were re-elected as ICF Vice President, while Italy's Luciano Buonfiglio was elected as Vice President having previously held the role on an interim basis.
- China's Xin Li was elected as the ICF Treasurer in the third round of votes, beating Hungary's Peter Karai by 47 votes to 34, with four abstentions.
- Australia's Richard Fox was elected as Chair of the ICF Canoe Slalom Committee, while Belgium's Marian Sarbu beat South Africa's Colin Simpkins by 54 votes to 31 to become Chair of the ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Committee and Hungary's Noemi Horvath beat Moldova's Martin Marinov by 58 votes to 28.
- Japan's Toshi Furuya (Canoe Sprint), Germany's Manuela Gawehn (Wildwater Canoeing), Netherlands' Ruud Heijsselaar (Canoe Marathon), Great Britain's Greg Smale (Canoe Polo), Great Britain's Terry Best (Canoe Freestyle) and Canada's John Edwards (Paracanoe) were all re-elected as the Chair of the respective Committee, while Great Britain's Jane Gibson was elected Chair of the ICF Medical and Anti-Doping Committee.
- Great Britain's Albert Woods, Hungary's Istvan Vaskuti, Czechia's Jaroslav Pollert and France's Jean-Michel Prono were approved as ICF Honorary Members.
- In a video message, IOC President Thomas Bach celebrated 100 years of progress at the ICF in a special speech marking the organisation's centenary.
- The Congress overwhelmingly approved the relocation of the ICF's headquarters to Budapest, Hungary.
- Central African Republic became the newest member of the ICF after the Congress voted unanimously in favour of the nation's application. The decision increased the ICF's membership to 171 countries.
- ICF Secretary General Richard Pettit unveiled the new Fit for Future Evolution strategy, with the priorities including enhancing administrative support, strengthening governance and decision-making, advancing the development model, evolving event delivery and expanding digital initiatives.
- The Congress voted in favour of the new name of the International Canoe Federation as Paddle Worldwide. The new name will be applicable from the next ICF Congress in 2026.
- Oklahoma City, United States, was awarded the hosting rights for the 2026 ICF Congress.

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