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## **ICF Congress, Roma, Italy 4 – 6 November 2021**

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### ***1. Visits and Meetings since last ICF Congress***

- (a) ICF Dragon Boat Committee had a site visit to "Bilawali Lake", Indore, India and meeting with the Organizing Committee of 2020 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships on 15-18 December 2018.
- (b) Meeting with Chinese Canoe Association on 20-22 January 2019 in Beijing, China. A fruitful discussion on bidding arrangements of 2019 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup.
- (c) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 13-16 March 2019 in Beijing, China.
- (d) Meeting with the Organizing Committee of 2019 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup to finalize technical arrangements on 27-29 May 2019, Ningbo, China.
- (e) Meeting and site visit to Sea Forest (Olympic2020 venue) with JCF on 13-17 September 2019 re: Dragon Boat Sports Presentation preparation.
- (f) Meeting with HAGOC on 20-24 October 2019 in Beijing, China re: arrangements for Hangzhou2022 dragon boat events in Wenzhou, China.
- (g) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 20-23 November 2019 in Antalya, Turkey.
- (h) ICF Dragon Boat Committee Meeting, 31 January to 2 February 2020 in Frankfurt, Germany.
- (i) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 5-7 March 2020 in Barcelona, Spain.
- (j) ICF Board of Director On-line Meeting on 6 April 2020.
- (k) Meeting with Chinese Taipei Canoe Association in May 2020 re: arrangements of ICF Dragon Boat Coach (Level 2) Course, Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei on 11-13 December 2020.
- (l) ICF Flatwater Committee On-line Meeting on 17 November 2020.
- (m) ICF Board of Director On-line Meeting on 12 March 2021.
- (n) ICF Flatwater Committee On-line Meeting on 2 April 2021.

## **2. Tasks undertaken for this period**

- (a) The 2019 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships was held on 12-15 September 2019 in Kiev, Ukraine.
- (b) A Dragon Boat ITO Examination was conducted on 11-15 September in Kiev, Ukraine with 10 candidates passed.
- (c) The 1<sup>st</sup> ICF Dragon Boat World Cup was held between 31 October and 4 November 2019 in Ningbo, China.
- (d) In the ICFDBC Meeting held in Frankfurt (31 Jan to 2 Feb 2020), the proof of 2022 Dragon Boat Competition Rules was finalized. In addition to clarifying the grey areas in 2000m events, one major change is to replace "Men Category" by "Open Category" in which the open crew can be composed of both male and female athletes.
- (e) The ICFDBC closely observed the Covid-19 situation in India. After several e-meetings in June 2020 among ICFDBC members, we proposed to cancel the 2020 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships in Bilawali Lake, Indore. The proposal was supported by the ICF BoD Meeting held on 27 June 2020.
- (f) The ICFDBC after reviewed the pandemic situation and impacts on international travel restriction, proposed to cancel the 2021 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships in Poznan, Poland. The proposal was supported by the ICF BoD Meeting held on 16 June 2021.

## **3. Issues and Main Points of Report**

- (a) The 30<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Games was held on 30 November to 10 December 2019 in Philippines with Traditional Boat events.
- (b) Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, two (2) ICF Dragon Boat Championships were cancelled (i) 2019 Indore, India; (ii) 2020 Poznan, Poland. In addition, ICF Dragon Boat Coach (Level 2) Course, Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei was also cancelled.
- (c) On 28 June 2021, the Dragon Boat Sports Presentation was organised at Sea Forest before the canoe sprint competitions. It was induced to the IOC President, Mr. Thomas Bach.
- (d) The 2021 World Master Games, Kansai, Japan has been postponed to 13-29 May 2022. Dragon Boat will be one event under Canoe Sport together with other 4 disciplines i.e. Marathon, Sprint, Slalom, Polo. Coordination has been established with the Dragon Boat event Organizer (Japan Canoe Federation).

#### **4. *Future Initiatives and Tasks***

- (a) Keep close contact with Organizing Committee on preparation of the 2022 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Ternopil, Ukraine (Ternopil Regatta Course, 22-25 September 2022). Draft Host Agreement has been sent by ICF to the Ukrainian Canoe Federation.
- (b) Keep close contact with JCF on preparation of the 2021 World Master Games, Kansi, Japan Dragon Boat event. There could be a chance of further postponement.
- (c) Future ICF Dragon Boat Competitions:
  - (i) 2022 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup, Chengdu, China. October-December 2022.
  - (ii) 2023 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Hangzhou, China. August-September 2023.
  - (iii) 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Ningbo, China. September-October 2024.
  - (iv) 2025 ICF ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Ruse, Bulgaria. September-October 2025.