



Report

ICF Ordinary Congress
Rome, Italy
4-6 November 2021

Name of the BoD Member: Mr. Tomislav Crnković

Function on BoD: Wildwater Canoeing Technical Committee Chair

1. Major events since last ICF Congress

2021

ICF CSL and WWC Championships, Bratislava (SVK), 21-26.09.2021

ECA WWC Jun and U23 Championships Solkan (SLO) 25-28.08.2021 (replacing ICF World Championships due to Covid-19 Pandemic)

ICF WWC World Cups Banja Luka (BIH) 2-4.07 & Treignac (FRA) 1-3.10.2021

2020

ICF WWC Championships Nantahalla (USA) Cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic

ICF WWC World Cups Albright (USA) Cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic

2019

ICF CSL and WWC Championships, La Seu d'Urgell (ESP), 25-29.09.2019

ICF WWC Jun and U23 Championships, Banja Luka (BIH), 23-28.07.2019

ICF WWC World Cups Treignac (FRA) 8-9.06 & Liukuzhen (CHN) 13-15.12.2019

2.

Governance

6 Technical Committee Meetings in, Banja Luka (BIH), La Seu d'Urgell (ESP), Bratislava (SVK) and Online due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

1 Nations Meeting in La Seu d'Urgell (ESP)

Development

- ICF and ECA TIP Projects have continued to develop alongside the Worlds in Bratislava (SVK), La Seu d'Urgell (ESP) and at the European Championships in Banja Luka (BIH).
- International Coach Seminar WWC: December 2018 in Kraljevica (CRO).
- Annual International Coach Seminars 2019 on-line and International WWC Youth Kayaking development with Erasmus funding is continuing
- Implementation of Online Coaching and ITO Examinations with 14 new ITO's qualified in 2021 and 7 to be homologised at international competitions in 2022
- Development of an International Wildwater Coaching network as one of the proposals for new sources of income

International Development : Africa, South America & Asia

- World Cup Races in China in December 2019 building on the success of International WWC Races at the same venues in Panzihuhua City, Liu Ku and the Salween River (CHN), December 2019
- Successfully organised two classic mass-start world cups (China 2019 and Treignac 2021). This shows that the adaptation of the rules and new formats of competition are a reality.

3. Tasks undertaken since the last ICF Congress

Issues

- We are waiting on feedback from the Chinese Canoe Association before any further planning meetings take place for the 2023 World Championship Races in China

WWC Objectives for the next 5 Years remain:

- To grow the sport at National, Regional and International Level*
- To increase the number of nations and move from being a largely European Sport to one with true World-wide appeal*
- To make the rules more open to new races formats and new ideas*
- To stay connected with nature and sustainability*

The main Issues:

- Support additional National Federations and growing regional and international Competitions in Americas and Asia*
- Increasing resources for Athlete Development*
- finding new organisers & venues*
- Replacing the 2020 ICF WWC Championships & World Cups in Nantahalla & Albright (USA) Cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Committee proposal is to target 2024.*
- increasing our range of Online services.*

4. Issues and Main Points for the function since last ICF Congress

Recommendations

- Agree & Implement WWC Committee Rules changes proposed

Future Initiatives

- Develop more online Educational Activities - these will be vital during the continuing Covid pandemic.
- Develop ICF WWC Media Video and Photographic Resources.
- Run further worldwide International Development and Coaching Seminars covering Asia, Americas and Europe
- Implement WWC rule changes following the next ICF Congress in November 2021 focused on universality and sustainable competition formats
- Simplify Boat Rules to support basic competition in Generic Kayaks, Sit-on-tops & Open Canoes, Wavehoppers & other boat types
- Develop local, regional and international manufacturers of Generic Wildwater and Specific WWC Boats
- Build on the existing International development program and making a wider range of boats and equipment available
- Increasing flexibility in the rules
- Enable competition in commercially available canoes and kayaks to increase accessibility to extreme water, engage new countries and reduce transport costs

4. Future Initiatives and recommendations to be considered