



# Report ja, Spain

ICF Ordinary Congress  
Rome, Italy  
4-6 November 2021

**Name of the BoD Member: Victor G. Ruiz**

**Function on BoD: COPAC President**

## **1. Major events since last ICF Congress**

- *Meeting in Panama with the national President to discuss item related to the Panama Games (September 27, 2019)*
- *Pan American Canoe Slalom Championship 2019 – Três Coroas/BRA*
- *Pan American Paracanoe Championship 2019 – São Paulo/BR*
- *Pan American Games 2019 – Lima/PER*
- *Pan American Canoe Marathon Championship 2019 – Patagonia/ARG*
- *Pan American Canoe Polo Championship 2019 – S. Miguel Arcanjo/BRA*
- *Pan American Ocean Racing Championship 2019 – Salvador/BRA*
- *Continues communication with PanamSport in relation with the Pan-American Junior Games to be held in Cali, Colombia.*

## **2. Tasks undertaken since the last ICF Congress**

1. Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico CUP: Several meeting with the intention to formalize and event with both countries and incorporate develop coteries in this event.
2. Training CAMP held in Cuemanco, Mexico (3-12 june 2019)
3. Peru Federation recognize the support of COPAC in the reorganization of the federation (April 2019).

#### 4. Implementation IPCa (Pan-American Institute of canoeing) (2020)

When it comes to canoeing, how can you learn at flexible times according to your routine? This is one of the great advantages that online education offers. The study methodology was designed to meet the educational needs at different levels for those interested in knowing / improving their knowledge about the sport we love, Canoe. The method helps you achieve your goals. The dedication and management of study time plays a fundamental role in obtaining good results. This Platform it can be accessed from any computer or mobile device connected to the Internet.

##### **COURSES LEVEL 1:**

- **COACHES (Canoe Sprint, Marathon, Paracanoe, Canoe Slalom and Kayak Polo)**
- **CLASSIFIERS**
- **TO (Technical Officials) (Canoe Sprint, Marathon, Paracanoe, Canoe Slalom and Kayak Polo)**
- **MANAGER**

#### 5. COPAC Magazine Creation (2020)



#### 6. Media (see attached details):

- New COPAC website
- New social networks (Instagram + twitter)
- Production of stories about sport at the continent
- Sharing the content of athletes' social media
- In preparation for Tokyo 2020, Production of media content for international events valuing the continent's athletes
- Integration of COPAC Facebook with ICF broadcast Planet Canoe events simultaneously.

## 7. Reporting and monitoring of athletes at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and 2020 Paralympic Games

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

1. COPAC once to give special thanks to Joao Tomasini a Man that dedicated his live to canoe.



2. COVID 19 Challenge in America and the rest of the world.
  - Cancellation of events
  - Develop activities were putting on hold
3. New communication plan for COPAC
4. Greater dissemination of countries at the continent
5. Support for other entities and National Federations to promote the sport, event with the COVID-19 challenge.
6. Olympic Classification System need to be defined and have in the formula the pandemic aspect.

#### **4. Future Initiatives and recommendations to be considered**

##### **1. 510 Project for Centro America and Caribbean:**



The Caribbean is the name by which the Caribbean Sea is known, all the islands that are located in it and the coasts that surround the sea.

The countries that are part of the Caribbean are all those islands that live along this entire sea.

**Main Antilles:** A group of islands in the northern Caribbean, which is made up of some of the largest islands in the entire Caribbean. These islands are Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Puerto Rico.

**Minor Antilles:** They are a group of small islands that form an arc to the south of the Greater Antilles. These islands are Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia Saint Martin, Aruba, and Trinidad and Tobago, Bahamas.

#### **Why project 510?**

This 510 project aims to strengthen the Caribbean and develop countries in Centro America area by using sea kayaks instead of Olympic kayaks / canoes. In principle, it is a change of strategy in the development of the Caribbean as it had been done in the past.

In addition, to resume canoeing in countries such as the British Virgin Islands, Barbados, Antigua and others.

The goal is to insert the 510 kayak in countries with potential to celebrate the Caribbean games. With this intention, we will ensure that we have Canoeing in these Caribbean games.

Today we have the following amounts of 510 kayak in the Caribbean area:

- Puerto Rico 25

- Saint Martin 20
  - Dominica 10
  - Guadalupe 27
  - Jamaica 10 (in process)
2. Sustainability Strategy: Financial, use of professionals (Technical and administration), Good Governance.
  3. Sport Results: Achieve a good classification system for Paris 2024, Ensure canoe events in Cali 2021 and Santiago 2023, achieve balance in the competition calendar in the Americas.
  4. Development: Ensure training for coaches and management. In addition, to incorporate again the countries that are not active in COPAC.
  5. Integration: Achieve Collaboration agreements between ICF, PanamSport, National Olympic Committees among others.
  6. Creation of a group for the exchange of communication between journalists from the National Federations
  7. By year end establish communication with organization committees of:
    - Santiago 2023 (Pan-American Games)
    - El Salvador 2023 (Centro American and Caribbean Games)
    - Barranquilla 2027 (Pan-American Games)