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1. Visits and Meetings since last Board Meeting

- (a) Meeting with Chinese Canoe Association on 27-28 February 2017 in Shanghai, China. A fruitful discussion on development of dragon boat competitions in China under the Chinese Canoe Association.
- (b) Meeting with Organizing Committee of 2017 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships to finalize logistical arrangements: 3-5 March 2017, Venice, Italy.
- (c) Meeting with Blue Circle Sports on 6-7 March 2017 in London re: ICF Dragon Boat World Series events.
- (d) Meeting with Ukraine Canoe Federation on 12-15 March 2017 in Kiev, Ukraine. A constructive meeting with the Ukrainian Sport Ministry in which supports had been granted for further development of dragon boating in Ukraine.
- (e) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 23-25 March 2017 in Manchester, UK.
- (f) Meetings with IDBF on 26 March 2017 in Manchester, UK and on 2 June 2017 in Hong Kong. The main subject of the meeting was to discuss a possible future collaboration between ICF-IDBF including to hold a joint Club Crew Championships.
- (g) Meeting and site visits with IKCA on 1-5 May 2017 re: venue preparation for 2020 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Bhopal/Indore, India.
- (h) ICF Flat Water Commission Meeting on 18-19 October 2017 in Shanghai, China.
- (i) Meeting with IDBF on 14 March 2018 in Rome, Italy. An agreement has been established to draft common dragon boat racing rules to be used by both ICF & IDBF competitions.
- (j) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 20-25 March 2018 in Tokyo, Japan.
- (k) Meeting with Organising Committee of 2018 Dragon Boat World Championships and Technical Inspection to finalize logistical arrangements: 17-21 April 2018, Gainesville, Lake Lanier, USA.
- (l) Numbers of meetings with the INASGOC in 2017-18 on the arrangements of Dragon Boat (Traditional Boat) event of 2018 Asian Games, Palembang, Indonesia.

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- (a) The 2017 Venice ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships was held on 3-8 September 2017 in Venice, Italy participated with 47 clubs from 16 nations.
- (b) The 2018 Lake Lanier ICF Dragon Boat World Championships was held on 10-17 September 2018 in Gainesville, USA. Entries from 17 nations were received but the participation was only 12 nations because of some Visa issues.
- (c) To close monitoring the progress and preparation of Kiev2019, a Venue inspection was held on 27-30 April 2018.
- (d) A total of 7 ICF DBR ITO examinations were conducted in the years of 2017 and 2018 with 54 newly qualified ITOs. ARM-1, CHN-12, ESP-1, HKG-2, IRI-1, MDA-3, SRI-2, SWE-1, TPE-14, UKR-11, USA-6.
- (e) Participated the 2018 Asian Games Traditional Boat Event as Chairman of Jury on 25-27 August 2018.

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- (a) The race courses at "Water Stadium Obolon" for 2019 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Kiev, Ukraine have been confirmed. Host agreement has been prepared by ICF HQ.
- (b) The Chinese Canoe Association has started their Dragon Boat competitions in China since 2017. The 1st China International Famous University Dragon Boat Regatta was held on 25-31 May 2017 in Guizhou, China and the 5th Asian Dragon Boat Championships was held on 4-8 July 2018 in Dali, China.
- (c) Traditional Boat events (5 medals: 10 paddler boat - M200m, M500m, M1000m, W200m & W500m) were successfully organised in the 2018 XVIII Asian Games, Jakarta-Palembang, Indonesia. 11 nations (including Unified Korean as one nation) participated.
- (d) ICF DBR Commission is coordinating with IDBF on the drafted unified rules. ICF and IDBF expressed the willingness to organize a single Championships for Clubs with the date to be agreed. ICF and IDBF encouraged Continental Federations to consider joint Championships.

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- (a) ICF Dragon Boat Committee will have 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) As the Blue Circle Sport could not find sufficient sponsorship to launch the ICF Dragon Boat World Series events. The Chinese Canoe Association is preparing to hold the 2019 ICF Dragon Boat World Series China Stopover in July/August 2019.
- (c) To meeting the NOC/Philippines and 2019 Philippines SEA Games Organizing Committee on preparation of Traditional Boat event in the 30th Southeast Asian Games which will be held on 30 November to 10 December 2019 in Philippines.
- (d) The 2019 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Kiev, Ukraine on 11-15 September 2019.
- (e) The 2020 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Indore, India on 12-15 November 2020.
- (f) The 2021 World Master Games, Kansi, Japan on 14-30 May 2021. Dragon Boat will be one event under Canoe Sport together with other 4 disciplines i.e. Marathon, Sprint, Slalom, Polo.
- (g) The 2021 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Poznan, Poland (Malta Regatta Course, September 2021).
- (h) The 2022 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Ternopil, Ukraine (Ternopil Regatta Course, 22-25 September 2022).