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THE ECA BOARD REPORT FOR THE ICF CONGRESS 2016

During 2015/2016 period the following meetings, competitions and other activities were organised:

1. Meetings since last ICF Congress

ECA MEETINGS DURING 2015-2016:

a) ECA CONGRESS

The 12th ECA Congress was organised on 28 March 2015 in Sofia (BUL), with the participation of 35 countries.

b) ECA BOARD MEETINGS

2015

- 17 January - ECA Board meeting I Essen (GER)
- 27 March - ECA Board meeting II Sofia (BUL)
- 29 March - ECA Board meeting III Sofia (BUL)
- 4 May - ECA Board meeting IV Prague (CZE)
- 15 July - ECA Board meeting V Potsdam (GER)
- 6 November - ECA Board meeting VI Ljubljana (SLO)
- 8 November - ECA Board meeting VII Ljubljana (SLO)

2016

- 5 March - ECA Board meeting I - Potsdam (GER)
- 4 and 6 November 2 ECA Board meetings - Dusseldorf (GER)

c) OTHER MEETING AND VISITS

2015

- 2/6 2015 April – Baku European Games Baku 2015 Test event (Elly Muller, Miroslav Haviar, Branko Lovric)
- 28 July/2 August 2015 – visit to Georgia (Albert Woods, Andrej Jelenc)
- 6 November 2015 – Ljubljana (SLO) Meeting with European organisers of the World and European official events
- 7 November 2015 – Ljubljana (SLO) Annual Meeting of the European Federations
- 20/21 November 2015 – European Olympic Committee General Assembly (invited Albert Woods)

2016

- 2 meetings of the ICF Slalom Committee – (Andrej Jelenc)
- ICF Slalom Conference Epinal France (Andrej Jelenc)
- 7 November 2016 – Annual Meeting of the European Federations

d) OFFICIAL EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS IN PERIOD 2015/2016

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Discipline	2015	2016
SENIOR SPRINT	CZE Račice 1-3 May	RUS Moscow 24-26 June
JUNIOR AND U23 SPRINT	ROU Bascov-Budeasa 17-20 Sept	BUL Plovdiv 14-17 July
SENIOR CANOE SLALOM	GER Markkleeberg- Leipzig 29-31 May	SVK Liptovsky Mikulas 13-15 May
JUNIOR AND U23 CANOE SLALOM	POL Krakow 26-30 August	SLO Solkan 8-10 July
SENIOR WILDWATER CANOEING	BiH Banja Luka 04-07 June	
JUNIOR WILDWATER CANOEING		AUT Predlitz Mur 20-24 July
CANOE MARATHON	SLO Bohinj 2-5 July	ESP Pontevedra 1-3 July
CANOE POLO	GER Essen 26-30 Aug	

CANOE FREESTYLE		GER Plattling 25-29 May
EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT & CLUB-Champs	ITA Venice 3-5 July	
OCEAN RACING		ITA Cagliari-Sardegna 18-25 September

OTHER EUROPEAN CANOE COMPETITIONS IN 2015

Discipline:	Venue 1	Venue 2	Venue 3	Venue 4	Venue 5	Venue 6
ECA CANOE FREESTYLE EURO CUP	1 Plattling, GER 5-6 June	2 Wildalpen AUT 3-5 July	3. Pilsen/Prague (CZE) 12-13 Sept	4. Jelenia Gora, (POL) 26- 27 Sept		
EUROPEAN JUNIOR CUP - SLALOM	1/2. Bratislava- Čunovo SVK 11-12 July	3. Flattach AUT 15 July	4/5 Augsburg GER 18-19 July	6/7 Solkan SLO 25-26 July	8/9 Č. Budejovice CZE 30-31 July	10 Final: Krakow POL 8-9 August
EUROPEAN WW CUP	1 9 -10 May Augsburg (GER)	2 10 -11 June Bihac (BiH)	3 - FINAL 13 - June Celje (SLO)			

OTHER EUROPEAN CANOE COMPETITIONS IN 2016

Discipline:	Venue 1	Venue 2	Venue 3	Venue 4	Venue 5	Venue 6
EUROPEAN JUNIOR CUP - SLALOM	Race 1-2 Solkan (SLO) 25-26 June	Race 3 Flattach (AUT) 29 June	Race 4-5 Augsburg (GER) 2-3 July	Race 6-7 Krakow (POL) 23-24 July	Race 8-9 Bratislava (SVK) 30-31 July	Race 10-11 Ceske Budejovice (CZE) 4-5 Aug
EUROPEAN WW CUP	Skopje (MKD) 9 April	Banja Luka (BiH) 23-24 April	Final Race Augsburg (GER) 7-8 May			
ECA CANOE POLO EURO CUP	Kaniow (POL) 28-29 May	Mechelen (BEL) 25-26 June	Thury (FRA) 16-17 July			

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- **Development activities**

During 2015 and 2016 in cooperation with the ICF activities have been concentrated on development of the Olympic and non-Olympic disciplines. In cooperation with the ICF TIP programme and support of the Canoe Federation of MKD have been organised 2 combined slalom and WW camps in Skopje. One from 28 March till 5 April 2015; second from 31 March till 11 April in 2016 with participation of 16 competitors and 3 coaches. All athletes have participated at the slalom race Ikas in Skopje after the camp.

Always moving forward

Before the European Junior and U23 slalom Championships in Solkan (SLO) from 20 to 28 August 2016 with support of the ICF, Organising Committee and Canoe Federation of SLO was organised slalom camp with participation of new and development European Countries (BLR, GRE, FIN, HUN, LTU, MKD, NOR, TUR and UKR) total 9 athletes and 3 coaches from 9 European Countries. All athletes have participated at the European Championships that followed after the camp. ECA Slalom Junior Cup continued in the past years with great success and in 2016 we counted 570 competitors from 30 Countries (between them 309 in U16 Category and 261 in U18 Category).

- **TV and Media**

All European Senior Championships in Olympic disciplines in 2015 and 2016 had high quality TV coverage and Live Stream, some of the Championships have been covered too with highlights and Live Stream.

- **Including the Canoeing in the programme of the Multisport Games**

Canoeing programme in the programme of the European Games 2015 has been great success and pictures from the Games have been watched in 149 Countries all over the World.

Successful of the canoeing events in Baku and strong cooperation with European Olympic Committee resulted and with including the canoeing competitions in the programme of the European Youth Festival in Győr 2017.

3. Future Initiatives and Tasks

To continue initiatives in education of coaches, so as organisation of the training camps in Olympic disciplines, with special orientation on women and canoe disciplines.

To include new European countries in development program in Olympic disciplines and to work closely with the ICF Chairmen and ECA Technical delegates of the non Olympic disciplines in finding the way of popularisation of all canoeing disciplines.

To continue work on the marketing activities and sponsorships, so as on development of the social media promotions and presentations.

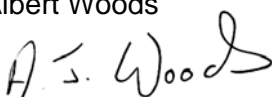
Next ECA Congress will be organised in Bucharest on 1st April 2017.

4. Recommendations

To rise funding for the Anti-doping activities on the World and Continental levels and to improve strategy against the doping in sport

For and on behalf of the ECA representatives to the ICF Board:

Albert Woods



ECA President

Branko Lovric



ECA Secretary General