

PARACANOE

Report for XL ICF Congress

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Activities 2023-2024:

List all competitions and development activities since the previous congress.

1. 2023 Asia Classifier Workshop (Jan.) (Bhopal, IND)
2. Level 5 Classifier Conference (March) (Paris)
3. 2023 Asian Champs (April) (Samarkand)
4. 2023 CSP World Cup (Szeged)
5. 2023 Classifier Workshop (June) (Duisburg)
6. 2023 ECA Champs. (Montemor, POR)
7. 2023 CSP World Championships (Duisburg)
8. 2023 Paris WC
9. 2023 Marathon WCH (Vejen, DEN)
10. 2023 West Africa Competition (Nov)(Abuja, NGR)
11. Completion of ParaCanoe promotional videos produced by Hit The Roof
12. 2024 Oceania Classifier Workshop (Feb.) Brisbane, AUS
13. 2024 Asian Champs (April) (Tokyo)
14. 2024 Talent ID Camp (May) (Barcelona)
15. 2024 ParaCanoe WCH (Szeged)
16. 2024 ECA Championships (Szeged)
17. 2024 ECA Marathon Champs (Poznan)
18. 2024 Marathon WCH (Metkovic, CRO)
19. 2024 PanAm Champs (Montevideo, URU)
20. Numerous meetings with IPC on Athlete Classification, Development, monitoring, Paralympic Games

Key Achievements:

1. 2022 Asian Paralympic Games in Hangzhou (delayed to October, 2023) - 9 nations and 53 athletes
2. 2024 Paris Paralympic Games -30 nations and 100 athletes (increase from 28 nations and 90 athletes in Tokyo; all continents represented; all continents achieve podium results)
3. LA28 – accepted as a sport on the Paralympic Games programme
4. Development Programme:
 - West Africa project completion
 - Targeted HP for Africa for Paris (two athletes achieve Finals, ALG achieved the gold medal)
 - Barcelona TIP Camp
5. Completion of ParaCanoe Promotional videos
6. Marathon Worlds (2023, 2024) exhibition competitions successfully held.
7. Incorporation of Special O/”II” events as exhibition events in some events to honour an agreement with Special O International

Strategic Plans for Future Implementation:

1. Event application for LA24 in February, 2025
2. Para PanAm sport application
3. Sport application for Brisbane2032 in 2027
4. Increase number of NFs/NPCs participating in Qualifying events to mid-40's
5. Broaden Paralympic Games qualification opportunities
6. Promote inclusion in regional Games (Asian, PanAM, Pacific)
7. Expand education opportunities in Athlete Classification & coaching
8. Development Programming
9. Upper Limb Impairment project expansion.
10. Compliance with new IPC Athlete Classification Code
 - a. Classifier Personnel & Training policies
 - b. Data Management policies
 - c. Conflict of Interest policies
 - d. Trunk Test study review