



# Report

XXXVI ICF Ordinary Congress  
Baku, Azerbaijan  
25th-26th November 2016

**Report for:**

**Name of the ICF Board Member: Shoken Narita (ACC President)**

**Name of the Committee: Asian Continental Representatives**

**Continental Members: Dr. Wai-Hung Luk, Dr. Ahmad Donyamali**

## ***1. Tasks undertaken 2014-2016***

### **Asian Championships and Events**

- The 16th Asian Canoe Polo Championships was held in Hong Kong on 22-25 October 2015
- The 16th Asian Canoe Sprint Championships cum Rio Olympic Games Qualifier was held in Palembang, Indonesia on 4-8 November 2015
- The 9th Asian Canoe Slalom Championships cum Rio Olympic Games Qualifier was held in Toyama, Japan on 23-24 April 2016
- The 1st Asian Paracanoe Championships and Asian Open Canoe Sprint Cup was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on 28 September to 1 October 2016

### **Regional International Events**

- The 9th Boracay Dragon Boat Festival was held in Boracay, Philippines on 24-26 April 2015
- The Asian Cup Canoe Sprint and Marathon was held in Hong Kong on 4-6 December 2015
- The 2016 Shaoxing International Canoe Marathon was held in Shaoxing, China on 20-23 October 2016
- The 2016 Taiwan International Canoe Polo Tournament was held in Taipei City, Taiwan on 28-30 October 2016
- The 4th Asian Dragon Boat Championship and International Club Crew Championships was held in Palawan, Philippines on 11-13 November 2016
- The International Ocean Race "Dragon Run" with events of Surf-ski, Sea Kayak and Stand-up Paddling was held in Hong Kong on 19-20 November 2016

### **Asian Meetings**

- The 18<sup>th</sup> ACC Ordinary Congress was held in Palembang, Indonesia on 3rd November 2015
- ACC Board of Directors Meetings were held twice during this 2 year period, in Palembang, Indonesia on 2 November 2015 and 3 November 2015
- ACC Executive Committee Meetings were held four times during this period, in Kathmadu, Nepal on 12 March 2015; in Palembang, Indonesia on 2 November 2015; in Toyama, Japan on 22 April 2016; and in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on 29 September 2016
- There was a meeting with Jakarta Asian Games Organizing Committee on 2018 Asian Games preparation, Jakarta, Indonesia on 11-14 January 2015.

### **Development Activities**

- An ICF Canoe Polo Development Programme- "Expand & Extend" Training Camp was held in Nakhon Nayok, Thailand on 22-19 March 2015
- An ICF Canoe Slalom Judge Seminar and Examination was held in Toyama, Japan on 2-5 April 2015
- ICF Canoe Polo Referee Course and Examination in Hong Kong on 22-25 October 2015
- An ICF CSP ITO Examination was held in Hong Kong on 4-6 December 2015
- An ICF CSL Development Programme "Expand & Extend, Women & Canoe" was held in Nakhon Nayok, Thailand on 27 February to 7 March 2016
- An ICF CSL ITO Examination was held in Toyama, Japan on 23-24 April 2015
- An ICF Classifier Workshop for Paracanoe was conducted in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on 26-27 September 2016

## **2. Issues and Main Points 2014 – 2016**

### **Asian Games**

- Preparation work for 2018 Jakarta Asian Games had been started. The 3rd OCA Coordination Committee meeting held in January 2016 at Fairmont Hotel, Jakarta supported the inclusion of Canoe Sprint, Canoe Slalom and Traditional Boat (Dragon Boat) under the Canoeing Sport and add Canoe Polo as a demonstration-exhibition event.

### **South East Asian Games**

- Despite meetings with the Indonesia National Olympic Committee President, HE Prince Tunku Imran & Secretary General Dato Low Beng Choo on 1-2 June 2016 re: proposal of canoe sprint and slalom events in 2017 SEA Games, SEA games still does not have any Canoeing events in the program.

### **Development**

- During this 2 year period, ACC has encouraged and supported the holding of international events in various regions of Asia. These regional events are utilized as opportunities to strengthen the local and regional organization. These events serve to train and educate local leaders and federations to host and operate canoeing events.
- Asia's focus has been and continues to be the increase of participation in canoeing, the improvement of the athletes' performance in international events, and the capability of NFs to regularly send athletes to the World Championships.
- The 1st Asian Paracanoe Championships was held along with

### **Proposal: ACC Budget Management**

- As a part of its duties to the ICF Treasury, the ACC is obligated to produce an annual budget report. The Asian continental association is engaged in many canoeing competitions (canoe sprint, slalom, polo, traditional/dragon boat, ocean canoe racing) and hosts annual competitions and games in the regional and continental level. In addition, the ACC is currently heavily involved in development activities via training camps, and is actively mobilizing 30 federations. In order to propel this large-scale development activity, it is imperative that the distribution of funds is swift and accurate. **Therefore, ACC requests the right, ability, and freedom to manage its own ICF Asian Continental Budget. From 2016 onward, ACC proposes to receive the full 2-year budget at the start of the fiscal term and henceforth manage its expenses directly from the ACC Treasury and bank account.**

### **Proposal: IOC Members in the Executive Committee**

- It is imperative that ICF members who become IOC members are, by default, included into the ICF Executive Committee.

- In reference to the current predicament, Mr. Tony Estanguet, IOC member of France, is currently running for the ICF re-election as Vice President. If he is re-elected for this position at the 36<sup>th</sup> ICF Congress, this will mean that the ICF Executive Committee will again have two IOC members. Although this is a strong and valuable asset to the ICF, as it is apparent when observing the current ICF situation, it is a large amount of work and obligations for an individual to wield, and this will have repercussions on the mobility and activity of the ICF Executive Committee. With this in mind, **I request the amendment of the statutes to ensure that by the 37<sup>th</sup> ICF Ordinary Congress in 2016 all IOC members in the ICF are unconditionally included in the ICF Executive Committee.**

### **ICF Membership Fee**

- Currently the ICF Membership Fee is decided based on each country's GDP. However, federations like Brunei and Darussalam are still in the preliminary developing stages. Currently Brunei is charged 500 euros annually for their membership fee based on their country's GDP, despite their federation having no money and the country's canoeing inactive. I question whether this system of determining membership fees by GDP is suitable and appropriate.

### **Canoeing in Tokyo 2020 Olympics**

- The venues for the canoeing events are predominantly same to the originally proposed plan. With regard to the Canoe Sprint venue "Sea Forrest Waterway", the high cost has been challenged by the new governor of Tokyo, Yuriko Koike and proposals have been made to move its location to Miyagi Prefecture, more than 350km away from the current Venue.
- Mr. Narita has acted to keep the venue plan as proposed, from early stages by meeting Daichi Suzuki, Japan's Chief of Sports Agency, Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee, Governor of Miyagi Prefecture, Governor Yuriko Koike of Tokyo, and other related parties.
- Japan Canoe Federation is in Cooperation with the Japan Rowing Association in preventing any kind of movement against the "athletes first" mentality.
- Objective observation of the Naganuma Rowing Course made clear the difficulties in hosting canoeing events in the course. The venue is a permanent Rowing course, and will require major re-construction for use by canoe.
- At the current date of 25 Oct 2016, no decision has been made, however it is

### **3. Future Initiatives and Tasks**

#### **Future Events in Asia**

- 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Canoe Slalom Championships on 24-26 February 2017 at Nakhon Nayok, Thailand.
- 2017 SEA Games will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Events to be confirmed).
- 2017 Asian Canoe Sprint Championships and ACC Congress, Shanghai, China.
- 2017 Asian Canoe Polo & Marathon Championships, Malaysia.
- 2018 XVIII Asian Games will be held in Jakarta & Palembang Indonesia (Events- CSP, CSL, TBR; Demo- CAP) August 24~.

#### **Future Meetings in ACC**

- The 19th ACC Ordinary Congress will be held in the beginning of November 2017 in Shanghai, China.

#### **Future Tasks**

- To enable more Asian ITOs to provide services in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic, NFs had been encouraged to nominate their ITOs for World Cups and World Championships in 2017, 2018 & 2019.
- Conduct meetings with the NOC of Philippines to request inclusion of Canoeing events in the 2019 SEA Games.
- In the 2015 ACC Congress, 28 out of the total of 37 federations participated. Nine federations are currently inactive, and as a continent we are deliberating how best to strengthen these organizations.