

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

# ORDINARY CONGRESS

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MINUTES OF THE ICF ORDINARY  
CONGRESS

HELD IN ISLA DE LA TOJA, SPAIN  
29 & 30 OCTOBER 2010





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**Opening of the Congress**

The ICF President, Mr Jose Perurena Lopez, opened the XXXIII ICF Ordinary Congress 2010 and welcomed all the National Federation delegates, the ICF Board of Directors and guests. Mr Perurena then commemorated the friends of canoeing who had passed away since the last ICF Congress. Special mention was given to Professor Sergio Orsi, Honorary ICF President, Mr Raymond Kamber and Mr Arturo Canovi both Honorary ICF members. A minute's silence was held in remembrance.

**2. Roll-call of delegates and establishment of quorum**

The President announced that a quorum had been reached in accordance with the ICF Statutes. ICF Secretary General confirmed that there were 79 countries present who had registered properly for the Congress. Nine new Federations would be approved to join the ICF and with the late arrival of some National Federation delegates, the total came to 86 voting members. This number includes the 11 proxy votes.

**For voting 54 would be the majority vote, 40 votes for simple majority. 79 NFs allowed to vote on the first day.**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2008 ICF Ordinary Congress, Rome**

The Minutes of the 2008 ICF Congress were approved.

**4. Appointment of scrutinisers for the period of the Congress**

Congress accepted the Scrutinisers for the voting as being:  
Mr Jan Bache-Wiig (NOR)  
Gina Sanchez (USA)  
Victor Ruiz (PUR)

**5. Reports**

**a) President's Report**

Delegates were asked to refer to the Report in the Congress Delegate Kit. The ICF President

presented on the following:

**Structure and Decision Making**

After 2 years as President and 20 years at different Congresses, some changes for the future:

1. Analysis of having all elections every 4 years. President is elected at end of Congress. Helpful to hold an Ordinary Congress just for Elections, then the next Congress is all of the elected people working together.
2. In BoD, Ocean Racing would require its own committee as would Paracanoeing if it became a Paralympic sport.
3. We can enlarge or reduce the size of the Board of Directors. All members have to be accountable.
4. ExCo, specific task. 1<sup>st</sup> VP, responsible for Jury, on all calm water disciplines. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP the same but for white water.
5. Commission Structure including Financial Commission, Women's Commission, Development Programme and Competition Commission.
6. Staff in HQ no longer administrative staff but qualified service staff in operational roles. Goal is to have zero paperwork in the office. We will use more Technology to optimise the performance of the HQ office.

**International Multi-Sport Events**

President made huge efforts to be at every multi-sport event. Special mention for Youth Games

Universidad  
Continental Games

**Working Programme of XXXII Congress**

Most resolutions had been fulfilled. ICF had evaluated the ICF Development Programme. ICF had targeted inclusion of Paralympics. WADA code had been implemented. TV broadcasting, activated, worked with OBS. Provided more professional media service at events and ICF staff had been at every competition from 2008.

ICF had started to implement the Licensing Programme and the Education Manual however further work was needed.



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### Planning and Operations

ICF now worked much closer with event organisers.

### Olympic Programme 2012

First changes made for 30 years. OBS agreed to the changes and in July 2010 the IOC agreed to make the changes for London 2012. Some of these changes have been discussed since 2003. The decision was made for the London Games 2012. The 2016 and 2020 programme would need to be refined and the programme reviewed. The President proposed Managing Committees and Working Groups to consolidate this path, possibly made up of Secretary Generals from major NFs from all Continents. The Working Group needed to be set-up and in progress before the next Congress.

### World Championships and World Cups

President acknowledged the importance of making decisions together but also important that the programmes were consistent, especially World Cups. The final Programmes were the ICF's decision, not the Organising Committees.

As of 2013, Chairs of Canoe Sprint and Canoe Slalom would ideally be full-time ICF staff.

### Development Programme

Delegates were referred to the leaflet. Point made that developing nations should be in Multi-sport Games.

#### b) Secretary General's Report

ICF HQ had expanded and upgraded to become a modern business. The focus was on more professional staff providing services for the NFs including:

### ICF Image and Brand

ICF HQ had established a business identity for the sport. The branding had been used on TV and on the website to make Canoeing identifiable.

- The website development with a focus on engaging the general public and a dedicated NF Area. This would be the key platform for our communication. Over 20000 individuals visited the site

per month with over 100000 hits per month.

- Social Networking activity created and developed.
- Photography, thanks to Balint Vekassy (HUN).
- All combine to raise the profile of the ICF. The focus on the Athletes had built a story of our sport. We now had an identity as a young, dynamic, friendly, healthy, lifestyle sport.
- ICF TV and development of the broadcasting strategy. 50 countries from 400 programmes had taken our productions and the ICF had seen a 300% rise in viewership figures in the last 2 years.

### Event Management

The Event Manuals had been created. Manuals would also be developed with Technical Chairs. They were important tools to create a standardised product.

Organisers' Workshops had provided a platform to work with the organisers.

Professional events attract credible sponsors.

If there would be weaknesses, no sponsor would be enticed. The ICF was building a base to attract sponsors.

### Future Activities

What we could do:

- Improve Licensing programme with a partnership programme.
- Look at producing ICF's own live TV Production for the ICF World Cups giving ICF more control and a standardised product.
- Work on Results Management and Database. Acknowledged that this was not working properly yet. It will be worked on during 2011. All results, entries, starting lists, biographies would be available next year.
- ICF actively searching for sponsors.
- Extend media strategy.

### Issues Raised

Development of NF Area. NF contact details are no longer available. The problem would be resolved immediately.



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World Cup coverage statistics, number of 2010 broadcasters had decreased by half from 2009. This was attributed to the Football World Cup and affected many sports not just Canoeing.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

**7. Auditor's Report**

A Financial Committee was formed with President and Secretary General. With help from HQ and Fidurev the Committee could confirm that expenditure was within budget for 2008 - 2010. Revenues increased due to TV rights and ICF benefitted from favourable exchange rates. The future 2010 - 2012 budget shows the vision of the ICF and the President.

The Treasurer has been asked by the Board to pay more attention to Continental Association spending. Therefore, while the global amount had been approved by the Board the final Budget and details would be redistributed to members.

**Issues Raised**

HQ expenditure has increased 70%. This was attributed to the increase and expansion of HQ. Further, the ICF did not comply with Swiss law for pensions etc, hence the huge increase in social charges.

With €3.3m at the end of June, what was the purpose of the loan for 2.4m Euros in June? Loan was taken because of interest rates so low. The ICF took a loan at lower interest rates for cash, rather than withdraw investments. The ICF would be looking into the best strategy to repay the loan next year depending on the economic situation at the time.

Regarding the Partnership Programme. Where is the 200,000 Euros revenue being allocated? It would be allocated to special activity budget and would be for the sport.

The ICF needed to invest in events. It was very hard for Organising Committees to achieve the top quality, so the ICF should think about Financial Support for the

Organisers. ICF noted the comment and was committed to supporting NF and the events.

What guarantees were there for the 2010-2012 TV production, where is this in the budget? Also, there was no increase in budget for Anti-Doping testing.

The President replied that an increase in costs for the Anti-Doping Committee would be covered under special activities.

TV production would be discussed later at the end of the Congress as a separate budget item.

Why is there a reduction for photography in Special Activities budget, why was the website at zero and why the Marketing budget was reduced?

The Secretary General explained that there had been €12000 per year for photography. Previously it was under "special activities". The last Website funding was for setting it up. The maintenance was much cheaper and the Database project was a different budget item. The budget would be realigned to show these items properly.

Judges and Coaches seminars had remained the same. But there will be more for Canoe Freestyle. The budget was able to provide these additional courses.

<b>8. Vote to Approve the Budget</b>	
<b>Ballot</b>	<b>Votes</b>
YES	70
NO	5
ABSTEIN	3
NO VOTES	
<b>BUDGET APPROVED</b>	

**9. Reports**

**a) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

He referred delegates to report. He participated at most events, and had general contact with everyone including



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athletes, organisers, coaches etc. He then worked on relaying and using this information to the ExCo. His role had been based on building relationships between stakeholders.

**b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Delegates were asked to refer to the report. The areas to continue to develop were to improve technical standards, improve internet, TV and event standards. It's not clear in the budget how this would be paid for but the discussion would come. If ICF did not invest we won't be able to advance. The Board was working very hard within disciplines and that needed to be recognised and not just in Olympic Disciplines. It was recommended that the ICF should conduct a governance review to improve its operations, rules and standards for the next congress.

**c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

Delegates were referred to the report. As 3<sup>rd</sup> VP was stepping down he thanked the Congress for unforgettable memories. Asia had been at every major event and the presence of Asian nations in Canoeing had increased thanks to the ICF Development Programme.

**10. ICF Membership Report & Affiliation of new National Federations to the ICF**

The Secretary General confirmed that all nine NFs had submitted all the necessary paperwork. They included Libya, Congo, Malawi, Mali, Eritrea, Tahiti, Kiribati, Kuwait, Palestine.

Tahiti and Palestine were already present, Kuwait was to arrive on Day Two of Congress. There were now 156 countries within the ICF. 9 new countries in 2 years was a great success.

Roll call confirmed there were 86 voting countries at the Congress.

**11. Resolutions on Proposals Submitted by NFs, ExCo and BoD**

**a) ICF Statutes**

**ART 22 - Quorum**

Reason for change: reducing the minimum required NFs for Congress to 50 will reduce the chance of Congress being made ineligible.

**Issue Raised:** Europe had 40 NFs there would be no democracy under this rule. The rule should not just be straight numbers, there needs to be regional representation.

Vote on Art 22		
Ballot	Votes	2 <sup>nd</sup> vote
YES	45	32
NO	36	33
ABSTEIN	0	
NO VOTES	5	21
<b>MOTION NOT CARRIED</b>		

\* Note: Second vote was made due to voting system not clear to members at the time.

**Art 27.4 Proposal from Athletes' Commission**

Athletes vote for their own Chair to create a more independent Committee.

Vote on Art 27.4	
Ballot	Votes
YES	63
NO	11
ABSTEIN	3
NO VOTES	
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 29 New Rule proposed by Canada NF**

Concerned with duties of the ICF Board of Directors and authority to change World Championship and Olympic Programme.

Vote on Art 29	
Ballot	Votes
YES	43
NO	33
ABSTEIN	3
NO VOTES	7
<b>MOTION NOT CARRIED</b>	

**Art 32.2 Proposal by Athletes' Committee**

To be voted on by athletes the year after the



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Olympic Games with Chair elected by Athlete Committee Members.

Vote on Art 32.2	
Ballot	Votes
YES	68
NO	12
ABSTEIN	0
NO VOTES	6
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**MOTIONS**

GBR: to introduce an ICF Junior World Championship in CSP and CSL every year. And to introduce U21 category.

FRA: to introduce U21 category at every Junior World Championship for every discipline.

Vote on Adding Age Group to Junior Championships	
Ballot	Votes
YES	55
NO	20
ABSTEIN	0
NO VOTES	11
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

Vote on the Age Group U23	
Ballot	Votes
U21	33
U23	47
ABSTEIN	0
NO VOTES	6
<b>MOTION FOR U23 CARRIED</b>	

Vote on Annual Junior World Championships	
Ballot	Votes
2 Years	35
Every Year	47
ABSTEIN	0
NO VOTES	4
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**b) Rule Changes  
Canoe Sprint Competition**

**Rule Changes**

**Art 2.4 Proposal from Hungary**

To create Masters category.

Vote on Art 2.4	
Ballot	Votes
YES	27
NO	52
ABSTEIN	1
NO VOTES	6
<b>MOTION NOT CARRIED</b>	

**Art 2.4, Art 3.6 Proposals from AUS, BLR and CSPC**

Already discussed in Statutes. Withdrawn.

**Art 3.7 Proposal from HUN**

Modify, clarify age group for Masters events.

Vote on Art 3.7	
Ballot	Votes
YES	26
NO	50
ABSTEIN	3
NO VOTES	7
<b>MOTION NOT CARRIED</b>	

**Art 4.2 Delete article entirely**

Vote on Art 4.2 – Delete article, no longer needed	
Ballot	Votes
YES	64
NO	11
ABSTEIN	
NO VOTES	3
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 11.1 Proposal of CSPC**

Continental Official to be a new level for International Officials.

Vote on Art 11.1	



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Vote on Art 11.1	
Ballot	Votes
YES	60
NO	16
ABSTEIN	
NO VOTES	10
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 11.2 Proposal of CSPC**  
Concerning Continental Officials

Vote on Art 11.2	
Ballot	Votes
YES	70
NO	8
ABSTEIN	1
NO VOTES	
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 11.1.5 Proposal of ExCo and BoD**  
Officials card renewal fee

Vote on Art 11.1.5	
Ballot	Votes
YES	48
NO	30
ABSTEIN	1
NO VOTES	7
<b>MOTION CARRIED FOR ALL DISCIPLINES</b>	

**Art 13.2 (f) Proposal of CSPC**  
Get rid of the word telegram  
**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 34.1.2 Proposal of AUS/USA**  
Addition of Women Canoe events, make WC2 500m an official event and not a demonstration event

Vote on Art 34.1.2	
Ballot	Votes
YES	41
NO	40
ABSTEIN	0
NO VOTES	5
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 34.1, 34.1.1, 34.1.2, 34.2, 34.3**  
**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 46.1, 46.2, 46.6, 46.7, 47, 47.1 All covered by preceding Statute/Rule Changes. All withdrawn.**

**Art 47.1 Proposal from BLR**

Principle that Junior Programme is the same as the Senior Programme. Paracanoeing to be the exception. Includes the 200m.

Vote on Art 47.1	
Ballot	Votes
YES	64
NO	7
ABSTEIN	4
NO VOTES	11
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Issue Raised:** Programme cannot be exactly the same, 32 races in the Senior programme, that is 28 without Paracanoe. So for Junior that is 28 races. Does this include U23 class as well? CSPC would meet before Day Two and present proposal to Congress the next day.

**Canoe Slalom Competition Rule Changes**

**Art 2.3 Proposal of FRA & CSLC**  
Clarify Classification of Competition

Vote on Art 2.3	
Ballot	Votes
YES	67
NO	8
ABSTEIN	3
NO VOTES	8
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 3.2 Proposal of CSLC**

Clarify process of entering competition

Vote on Art 3.2	
Ballot	Votes



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Vote on Art 3.2	
YES	60
NO	11
ABSTEIN	5
NO VOTES	10
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 3.4 withdrawn**

**Art 4.1 Proposal of CSLC**

Repair miswording and clarification regarding entering event on International Calendar.

Vote on Art 4.1	
Ballot	Votes
YES	69
NO	3
ABSTEIN	2
NO VOTES	12
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

NB: National will be reinserted each time we mention Federation.

**Art 6.2.2-6.2.5**

Update the Single event rule for individuals to the team event.

Vote on Art 6.2.2-6.2.5	
Ballot	Votes
YES	66
NO	6
ABSTEIN	3
NO VOTES	11
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 7.3-7.3.2, 7.3.3**

Advertising wording change

Vote on Art 7.3, 7.3.2, 7.3.3	
Ballot	Votes
YES	69
NO	7
ABSTEIN	1
NO VOTES	9
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 13, 41.8 and 44.5.1 Proposal by CSLC and FRA**

Change to ICF Ranking not ICF World Ranking

Vote on Art 13, 41.8 and 44.5.1	
Ballot	Votes
YES	76
NO	2
ABSTEIN	0
NO VOTES	8
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 9.1 Proposal of CSLC**

Include Chief Official as a member of Course Approval Committee

Vote on Art 9.1	
Ballot	Votes
YES	72
NO	3
ABSTEIN	1
NO VOTES	10
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 9.12 Proposal of CSLC**

Reword to make consistent with ICF Partnership Programme

Vote on Art 9.12	
Ballot	Votes
YES	70
NO	10
ABSTEIN	1
NO VOTES	5
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 10.1 Proposal of CSLC**

Detail: Just to maintain consistency. Also remove the word telegram.

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 11.1 Proposal of CSLC**

Insert time zone into Competition Times

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 36.2 Proposal of CSLC**

Clarification of Protest procedure

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 36.3 Proposal of CSLC**



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revised wording on Protest rule

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 37.2.2 Proposal of CSLC**

Revised wording to clarify process of appeal to competition jury

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 39.4 Proposal of CSLC**

New rule, to clarify penalty for Competitor who does not finish in the correct manner

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 39.5, 39.6 Proposal of CSLC**

Regarding disqualification at the start

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 40.1, 40.2 Proposal of CSLC**

Regarding disqualification from entire event, clarify process and decision maker

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 41.4.6 Withdrawn, covered already**

**Art 41.6.4 Proposal of CSLC**

Late entries, clarify meaning and process

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 41.13.1 Proposal of CSLC**

Wording amended to ensure compliance with Anti-Doping code

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 41.14.2 Proposal of CSLC**

Regarding awards

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 41.14.5.1 Proposal of CSLC**

Include Women Canoe 1

Vote on Art 41.14.5.1	
Ballot	Votes
YES	70
NO	7
ABSTEIN	0
NO VOTES	9
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 41.14.6 Proposal of CSLC**

New rule, what can be given at Medals Ceremony, wording taken from 41.14.2

**Motion carried**

**Art 42.1 to 42.3 withdrawn**

**Art 42.4 Proposal of CSLC, AUS & FRA**

Addition of events for women at Junior World Championships

Vote on Art 42.4	
Ballot	Votes
YES	66
NO	9
ABSTEIN	2
NO VOTES	9
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

**Art 42.7-8 withdrawn**

**Art 44.1.2 Proposal of CSLC**

Wording to include WC1 in World Cup

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Art 44.1.3 Proposal of CSLC**

Deadline to announce date of World Cups

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Last Article withdrawn**

**Wildwater Canoeing Competition Rule Changes**

- Clarify Classification of Competitions as with CSL Rules
- To have Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Worlds every year
- Have additional events for women in C1
- to reduce number of World Cups from 6 races to 4 races.

Vote on Wildwater Competition Rule Changes	
Ballot	Votes
YES	76
NO	3
ABSTEIN	1
NO VOTES	



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<b>Vote on Wildwater Competition Rule Changes</b>
<b>All motions carried in one single vote</b>

**Canoe Freestyle**

<b>Vote on Canoe Freestyle Competition Rule Changes</b>	
Ballot	Votes
YES	75
NO	3
ABSTEIN	1
NO VOTES	
<b>All motions carried in one single vote</b>	

**Canoe Marathon, Canoe Polo and Dragon Boat**

No General Rules changes for these disciplines

**12. Election of Executive Committee Members**

Roll call establishes 85 voting federations present. 43 is the deciding majority.

**a) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Thomas Konietzko Presentation**

46 years old, president of German Federation, owner of Advertising and Marketing Company. Athlete until 16, gave up due to injury, then became a full-time coach. Dream was to be a coach again, possible once the marketing company was established. President of German Canoe Federation since Spring 2010. Ideas are based on transparency on decision making. Wanted to develop the sport, educate the local coaches. Delegates were referred to the report.

**Istvan Vaskuti Presentation**

Spent all my life in the sport, former Olympic Champion, coach, Chair of Committee, Technical Delegate in Olympic Games and last two years as 1<sup>st</sup> VP of ICF. As former athlete, coach and expert, important to keep in touch with the athletes. With work on Development Programme, he saw different people and cultures, and had learned a lot about the sport. It was complex managing a sport such

as our and he called on his knowledge to improve the activities of the ICF.

<b>Vote for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	
Ballot	Votes
Thomas KONIETZKO	32
Istvan VASKUTI	52
<b>Istvan Vaskuti confirmed 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	

**b) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

**Joao Tomasini Presentation**

The President of Brazilian Canoe Federation. He Had worked in the sport on national and Continental level. In 1994-1998 represented America on ICF Board and was in the ExCo for 10 years. Rio being an Olympic Venue gave a strong position to support Canoeing in the coming years. The ExCo must reflect on the Universal nature we have.

**Jaroslav Pollert Presentation**

President of Czech Canoe Union. Between 1961-1974 won various gold medals at World Championships. Official career started in 1990. Highlight had been 1996-2000, battle to reintroduce Canoe Slalom into Olympic Programme, when he was working on hydrolic design as a Professor in civil engineering, an official and athlete his Canoe knowledge was thorough.

**Irina Siraeva Presentation**

Russian Secretary General. Since 2005 was a member of BoD of ICF, since 2007 had been a Board member of ECA. Promised to work with great honour and enthusiasm to improve the sport. Canoeing was her life, and her aim was to strengthen the sport internationally. Expressed the willingness to serve NFs and forward their questions as well as fulfill the dream to make Canoeing the sport it could be.

<b>Vote for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President</b>	
Ballot	Votes
Joao TOMASINI	45



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Vote for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	
Jaroslav POLLERT	8
Irina SIRAEVA	31
<b>Joao Tomasini confirmed 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President</b>	

**13. Election of the Chairs of the Standing Committees**

- a) Dragon Boat** Committees must contain more than 20 countries for a period of four years at the World Championships. Francois Ryffel must be elected by the ICF Board following the Congress.
- b) Canoe Polo** There was one single Candidate. Greg Smale. 68 in favour, 5 abstentions
- c) Canoe Freestyle** There was one single Candidate. Lluís Rabaneda. 71 in favour, 8 abstentions
- d) Medical and Anti-Doping** There was one single Candidate. Don MacKenzie. 69 in favour, 9 abstentions, 1 invalid

**14. Presentation of the Continental Reports**

- a) Africa** Seif Patwa referred to the following projects:  
All Africa Games: Will use obstacle Slalom course that was used in YOG.  
Lake Victoria Expedition  
Breakthrough sponsorship deal with Nelo.  
Aim to get Canoeing in the next Beach Games, include Ocean Racing.
- b) Americas** Charles Yatman remarked on the excellent dedicated people working for America. Cecilia Farias and Victor Ruiz who both do an excellent job and the re-elected Tomasini. Delegates were referred to the report.
- c) Asia** Chua Kee-Huat, referred delegates to the report.
- d) Europe** Albert Woods expressed gratitude to Branko Lovric, Mario Santos, Irina Siraeva.

Referred delegates to the report.

**e) Oceania** Helen Brownlee expressed gratitude to Maree Burnett also on the Oceania Continental Association and referred delegates to the report.

**Day Two**

**Issue Raised:**

It was remarked that the decision making process for Congress be reviewed. They would like to make decisions in a different way in the next conference.

It was acknowledged that people should prepare in advance for the Congress. It was not possible to discuss every single article. President would propose changes in the working system/committee so that decisions could be made after proper discussions. These changes were not possible at this Congress.

**15. Reports by Chairs of Standing Committees**

**a) Canoe Sprint**

Delegates were referred to the report. Following issues raised:

**Annual Junior and U23 World Championships**

Highlighted that it will be expensive, with less participation, may impact Continental Programmes, needed to find more officials and human resources, and the decreased racing opportunity for Juniors.

The Committee's suggestion was that there would be 28 races in total:

- Jr Men Olympic Prog – 8 races
- Jr Women Olympic Prog – 4 races
- Jr Women C1 200m and C2 500m – 2 races
- U23 Men Olympic Prog – 8 races
- Jr Women Olympic Prog – 4 races
- Jr Women C1 200m and C2 500m – 2 races

The programme was to start in 2013 in Welland, Canada.



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Response from Congress: Continents would struggle with the development if it was to happen every year. It also challenged participation at Continental level which was seen as the base of development. Also seen as a tremendous opportunity. Board to make decision on the finer details of the decision.

**2011 ICF Junior Canoe Sprint World Championships**

Situation with the event does not look good. ICF asked for three things: a guarantee from government that they would fund the equipment and operating budget; a date of the purchase of equipment; Organigram and Operating Plans including list of people responsible.

ICF has received a letter from Govt which clearly stated they could not guarantee and couldn't before end of year, because of the upcoming budget vote in September 2010. They did say operational budget would be €80000 which was not seen as sufficient. The late procurement of starting systems could threaten the event.

The decision would be at the BoD meeting decide but the situation was presented to Congress.

**Provisional Rule for K4s in 2011 only**

For 2011 only, the rule concerning MK4 1000m and WK4 500m where athletes have just one chance at OG qualification was to be amended. The Rule would accommodate teams who are in trouble with athletes who could not compete. The proposed wording was:

“In K4 events, athletes can be replaced if approved by the Competition Committee these requests can be made after the heats and semi-finals of the event as per Art 16.1.”

Sick athletes can already be replaced. “Sickness and Injury” is not part of this rule. The rule covers the team, you would be free to put your best team forward, if the best team was not on form.

<b>Vote on Provisional Rule for K4 s in 2011</b>
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<b>Vote on Provisional Rule for K4 s in 2011</b>	
<b>Ballot</b>	<b>Votes</b>
YES	64
NO	9
ABSTEIN	1
NO VOTES	5
<b>PROVISIONAL RULE APPROVED</b>	

**2011 World Cup Programme**

World Cups would all have the same core programme schedule at all three events. It would reflect the Olympic Games programme.

Final afternoon was flexible and could include Long Distance, Relay and/or Paracanoe races.

**2011 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship Programme**

The ICF had proposed two days of finals on Saturday and Sunday. This was based on these principles:

- TV and Media: Live audience was huge, it doubles on Saturday, triples on Sunday
- Universality vs double ups
- Gender equity, more Women's Canoe
- 32 Finals (12 Olympic)

The ICF had to find rest time for athletes. It was possible to double up within the distance, and across distances.

The Programme was built backwards: Olympic events A and B finals were prioritised and the non-Olympic events were positioned strategically.

Thee Committee was waiting additional information, with Organisers who proposed a three day finals, research from EBU regarding broadcasting statistics and for the ICF ExCo to approve the programme.

**Issue raised:**

The reduction of 9 to 8 lanes. The decision had been made without discussion with Congress. 50%, rather than one third of athletes would be excluded after the heats.



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The decision would make a big difference for sponsorship.

CSPC: The guiding principles were media, appeal, spectators etc. Commentators understand and could handle 8-lane racing. For 2012 Olympics we have no choice, it was part of the agreement with the IOC.

The ICF President stated that according to the ICF Statutes, Technical rules are decided by the Board of Directors and not the Congress. He reiterated that the IOC had been asking for 8-lanes for many years. A group of NFs requested the ICF BoD to reconsider the decision. The ICF President promised to discuss it at the next ICF BoD.

**b) Canoe Slalom**

Thanks go to new Committee members, Sue Natoli, Helen Reeves, Eric Lokken, Thomas Schmidt.

Delegates were referred to the report with the following issues raised:

**Canoe Slalom ICF Ranking**

Calculated from 18 ICF ranking competitions. The points from the last two seasons were recorded. It took the average of the best three points. In 2010, 1,200 boats ranked and 650 boats ranked with 3 (or more) results.

**Canoe Slalom World Cup Series**

from 2011 there would be 4 events, 5 from 2012. They would be in two blocks.

**Other**

Both Women in Canoe Slalom and dissemination of information had grown.

Next year's challenges included standardising the ICF Events with event manual, Events website, standard technical services. Officials; education and training and selection process.

Canoe Slalom would not be at the PanAm Games. It had been withdrawn, so how to decide qualification? Investment had been done and Continental Championships had been confirmed for beginning of January 2012, deadline for Olympic Continental qualifier. Still small hope that this could be in

Mexico. But after investigation we were told the original venue was not in a safe place in Mexico, so venue was being reviewed and the qualifier would be done before Spring 2012. The issue desperately needed to be addressed to go forward with a secured future of Slalom in the Games.

**Presentation by John MacLeod, Canoeing Manager at LOCOG**

Progress Report: Both Lake Dorney (existing venue, privately owned) and Lee Valley White Water Park (brand new venue, just completed, council owned) are on track. Main features on the courses are as follows:

**Canoe Sprint, Lake Dorney**

- Two new bridges completed.
- April 2011: Albano System would be installed.
- September 2011: Invitational event will be held. This would be for a technical rehearsal, approximately 160 athletes, it would be a low-key, low-budget event, teams can stay at the Olympic Village. Expecting friends and family but no spectators.
- Training during the Games would be restricted because of the Rowing event.
- FISA have agreed with ICF that athletes could train before and after the Rowing events.

**Canoe Slalom, Lee Valley White Water Park**

- New system of obstacles installed.
- Rails had been placed at bottom of the channel so optical can move to any position.
- It is a pumped facility, 300m long with a 5m drop with a water flow of 10-12 cumecs.
- The stands house 12000 spectators. Training course as well.
- Training schedule has been established to fit in with international event schedule, October 2011, training dates have already been announced and are on the ICF website.
- An invitational event will be held in



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July 2011, details were on the ICF Website.

### Issue Raised:

Ramadan during the Games, are facilities able to cope with that? Yes its an Olympic Games. How to select athletes for Invitational Events and Training Camps? CSL will use the Ranking, and process will be similar to that of World Cup selection.

Discussion that CSL follows a 5-day (rather than 4-day) programme were progressing. ICF formally requests two video screens at the CSP venue, Mr MacLeod was pushing for it. Demo Event from other disciplines being discussed as part of sport presentation.

### c) Wildwater Canoeing

Delegates were referred to the report. Other issues raised were:

Thanks to new federations, the committee was able to pay for the new canoes to support the discipline.

By implementing the Junior Championship programme, the committee would be able to find more athletes from around the world. Chair hoping to confirm the World Cup in Sort in the very near future.

### d) Canoe Marathon

Delegates were referred to the report. Other points raised were:

Main focus had been on increasing the standards for competitors, spectators and media.

Banyoles had been a great improvement and thanks to RFEP for excellent organisation. Currently trying to establish a Classic Canoe Marathon World Series. Several applications had been made and others had shown they might. Hope to start this important project in 2011.

Singapore Presentation from Kee-Huat Chua concerning the 2011 Canoe Marathon World Championships: Presentation of the venue. Development of the sport within Asia, intention was to get ten Asian nations to compete. An NF Survey at the Congress would

help Singapore to prepare. Website for the event would be:

[www.canoemarathon2011.org](http://www.canoemarathon2011.org)

### e) Dragon Boat

Delegates were referred to the report. Other issues raised were:

Appeal to NFs to bring number of competing nations up to a good level for World Championships.

Dragon Boat would work with Canoe For All Committee with regard to paracanoeing Information for Toronto World Championships was distributed.

Questions raised regarding IDBF. ICF President told Congress that the ICF has been in discussion with IDBF for over 10 years. The reply to the ICF's offer to work together was that they are responsible for Dragon Boat, so now there were two IFs for the sport. The difference was that 156 NOCs recognise Dragon Boat as an ICF sport. An NF can, of course collaborate with them but IDBF constantly attacked the ICF, which was unacceptable.

The official line was that ICF does not want to interfere with NF International Relations, each NF could decide how they would like to work with Dragon Boat.

### f) Canoe Polo

Delegates were referred to the report. Other points raised were:

World Games 2009: great success despite the typhoon, thanks to Chinese Taipei for reorganising the venue

Sponsorship deal with Conti. Noted that the sponsors needed recognition on ICF website. 2010 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships saw the return of the U21 Women's category. Also, the coverage of the event on TV was a huge success.

Online education for referees nearly in place. Going forwards:

Motion to call non-Olympic disciplines "World Sports" so as to take the focus away from the



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negative.  
TV from other countries  
Coaching and website to be developed.

**g) Canoe Freestyle**

The main objective these past two years was to organise a big event. The World Championships in Thun (SUI) attracted 35 countries from 5 continents. Proper judging meant zero protests. Very good for subjective judging. Also, very proud to have the IOC there. Goal was to reach Olympic standards. Would like to develop regional events. 2010 COPAC Canoe Freestyle Championships were held. Going forwards, more cooperation needed so that we can get our athletes compete in more disciplines, an opportunity that should be encouraged. Licensing, or Partnership Programme, Canoe Freestyle could contribute, Freestyle Kayak manufacturers could be seen as very important in the global industry, they produce around 300000 unit per year so could be good for the ICF.

**h) Ocean Racing**

World Series with 6 events introduced in 2010. They had featured live streaming and TV production and all were a big success. Prize money ranged between €15000 to €40000. Highlighted that Ocean Racing could identify talent and the sport could be used as a strategic development tool. ICF President commented that a name change was needed from Surfski to Ocean Racing because Life Saving Federation did not like it and the ICF wanted to avoid problems such as with IDBF. Lifesaving's Surfski events were 200m canoeing discipline much different.

Vote on Ocean Racing forming a Committee	
Ballot	Votes
YES	73
NO	6
ABSTEIN	4

Vote on Ocean Racing forming a Committee	
NO VOTES	3
Canoe Ocean Racing a formal Official Committee	

**i) Medical & Anti-Doping Committee**

The testing programme has been very successful and Canoeing has one of the premier Doping Programmes that exists. We have had an active and reasonably aggressive programme outside of competition. The Doping section on ICF Website is comprehensive with RTP, Q&As, forms and publication of those who receive sanctions. Committee was looking at making Pure Paddling Performance a compulsory activity for young athletes. At the moment Committee activity was restricted to just Doping Control. A Medical Handbook that would be funded by IOC and ICF is at the planning stages.

**j) Athletes' Commission**

New Chair, Pierpaulo Ferrazi (ITA) was introduced. The President called for nominations of members of the Commission, both to be women, one for Canoe Sprint, cone for Canoe Slalom.

**k) Canoe For All**

Paracanoe: The new project taken on was done in record time, 28 NFs from all Continents competed in this year's World Championships. Work was still needed to be done. In December 2010 the IPC would announce their decision. Canoeing was seen as one of the leading applicants but it is not assured.

Planet Canoe Conference: provisionally to be held in London 2011. It would focus on how to build a sport that is sustainable. About bringing best working practices together and present them in order to help the smaller federations.

Masters competition: Committee working on



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finding out what were the current conditions, they would assess activity and come up with a coordinated ICF strategy.

**I) Women's Commission**

Delighted Women Canoe 2 has been included. Promotion of women athletes had increased.

Concerning the IOC Action Programme the ICF had been actively involved in the advancement of the role of women, promoting women's sport, providing equal media coverage, and encouraging access to executive positions for women.

The Commission had issued a Mission Statement, the aim was to develop a culture that values the diversity of women and enables their full involvement in every aspect of the sport. The objective was to take responsibility for that.

Concerning Performance Measures:  
ICF only had 13% women on ICF Board All Committees but CAM, all have at least one woman member

Athletes Commission – 50% were women  
Competition Juries, 4 positions filled by Women.

Congress, ICF had 22 women delegates from 18 NFs.

There were now 4 women Presidents in NFs; there were additional World Championships and World Cup events in CSP, CSL and WWC and in CAP the Women's U21; and WK1 200m was now an extra Olympic event.

Seminar on Women in Leadership would be held immediately after Congress.

**16. & 17. Debrief of the Development Programme**

Delegates were referred to the report. Special note went to the progress of:

The Talent Identification Programme (TIP)  
Women in Canoeing  
Paracanoeing development

Great steps had been taken in Canoe Sprint,

Canoe Slalom, with the emergence of new athletes and new National Federations. Going forward, equipment donation was crucial for Continental Development.

**Youth Olympic Games**

The ICF was one of few IFs who made a special format especially for the Games. There had been very good feedback from most parties, including IOC officials.

We had only 64 quotas, so we thought it was necessary for athletes to take part in both Canoe Slalom and Canoe Sprint.

In Singapore we saw a very high standard of organisation.

In conclusion, for the second edition some things will develop but fundamentally the format will remain the same.

**18. ICF Awards**

Congress presented the following awards to these individuals:

Etsuya Hosotani (JPN) – Honorary Member  
Ariel Arbo (ARG) – Honorary Member  
Birgit Fischer (GER) – Order of Merit  
Antonina Seredina (RUS) – ICF Medal

**19. Establishment of ICF Working Programme for 2010-2012**

Congress was directed to Point 11, which covers the improvement of TV coverage. This was important for obtaining sponsors and the ICF needed to make some investment. The idea was to secure the quality of TV production for ICF CSP and CSL World Cups. The ICF needed 500,000 Euros to invest in this special project. This was not to increase the budget presented at the beginning of Congress, this was to be a special project and would be taken out of the ICF's reserves. The ExCo had requested we open the amount to tender.

Eurosport and a couple of channels in Europe had guaranteed the coverage if the ICF could guarantee decent quality broadcast. This was the first time the ICF had been in this position.



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Some concern from NFs that there was a lack of documentation to back-up the benefits (viewing statistics etc) but the Secretary General explained that this opportunity had arisen just recently.

President highlighted that Germany was one of the main TV markets for Canoeing, so our goal was to have it broadcast on German TV.

Overall feeling was that Congress supported the idea; TV was a huge budgetary burden for OCs and this would give the ICF the opportunity to control the programme with a real shift of responsibility towards the ICF.

Documents would be presented at the Organisers' Workshop at the end of November.

Vote on Allowing the Board to Invest CHF 500k	
Ballot	Votes
YES	68
NO	4
ABSTEIN	7
NO VOTES	2
<b>ICF Board to use 500,000 Euros to invest in Live TV Production</b>	

**20. Approval of Annual ICF Membership Fees, 2010-2012 – Unanimously approved**

**21. Establishing Time and Place of Next ICF Congress**

Vote on St Petersburg as Place of Next Congress	
Ballot	Votes
YES	74
NO	2
ABSTEIN	2
NO VOTES	3
<b>XXXIV ICF Ordinary Congress to be in St. Petersburg</b>	

**23. Closing of the Congress**

Mr Jose Perurena Lopez thanked the translators for their work in completing a difficult task, to MSL for the electronic voting system and to the ICF Staff for organising the Congress. He also expressed his gratitude to the Spanish Federation for hosting a very successful Congress, to Jesus, Maria and Martine in particular.

**The President declared the XXXIII ICF Ordinary Congress in Isla de la Toja (Spain) officially closed.**