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## **INTRODUCTION**

*This is the first edition of the **official e-newsletter** published by the ICF, sent to the National Federations to the special attention of President and Secretary General. It contains official and important information that National Federations need to notice. If you wish to post information in this newsletter, please contact ICF Communication Assistant Ms. Ségolène Paquet: [segolene.paquet@canoeicf.com](mailto:segolene.paquet@canoeicf.com)*

## **MEETINGS**

- **First ICF Olympic Disciplines Symposium – Warsaw (POL) - January 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2006**

The ICF Olympic Disciplines Chairmen have decided to organise a symposium for those disciplines. The goal of this symposium will be to design the concepts of the aim to continuously keep canoeing high position in the Olympic movement and achieve even better results in the future. It will be a good occasion for the National Federations as well as for the Slalom and Flatwater Committees to express their comments, opinion, suggestions and discuss freely on the future of Canoe/Kayak Racing.

The ICF invite one responsible person representing each National Federation for the two Olympic Disciplines to take part in this symposium in Warsaw/Poland from January 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The subjects of the symposium – (provisional):

- Situation in Olympic canoeing recent evolutions, weak points, progress strategy
- Principles of the ICF Olympic Qualification system for Beijing 2008
- ICF Competition Calendar organisation
- Evolution of the World Cup system
- Developing Canoe Category & Women participation
- Planning major rule changes for Congress 2006

Please note that English will be the official language without interpretation. ICF will pay for full board accommodation for one person per National Federation. National Federation may be represented by up to three people but will have to pay their full board accommodation for extra persons. Transport will be covered by the National Federations.

Please fill in the attached form and confirm the participation of your Federation to the symposium to the ICF Headquarters in Madrid, **no later than December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

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- **ICF Congress – Kish Island (IRI) – December 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 2006 & Dead lines**

The next ICF Congress will take place from December 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the Kish Island in Islamic Republic of Iran. The deadline for submitting the National Federation proposals to the ICF Secretary General is January, 1<sup>st</sup> 2006. The Congress materials together with the Agenda will be sent to all National Federations by August 8<sup>th</sup> 2006.

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- **ICF Board of Directors Meeting – New Delhi (IND) – March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 2006**

The Congress proposals will be discussed at the next ICF Board of Directors Meeting, which will be held from March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 2006 in New Delhi in India.

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- **ACC Ordinary Congress – Putrajaya (MAS) - December 18<sup>th</sup> 2005**

President and Secretary General of all Asian National Canoe Federations are being invited to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> ACC Ordinary Congress (as well as the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Canoe Championships) that will be held on December, 18<sup>th</sup> in Putrajaya Marriot Hotel in Malaysia. During this meeting will be elected ACC President, ACC Treasurer and 3 ACC Executive committee members for the period 2005-2009.

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## CALENDAR

- **Wildwater Racing Seniors World Championships 2006 Vacancy**

On November 4<sup>th</sup> 2005, ICF Headquarters have sent information to all ICF National Federations about British Canoe Union withdrawing candidacy for the organisation of the Wildwater Seniors World Championships 2006 in Bala (UK).

Until today we have not received any application.

As, for logistics and technical reasons, ICF would like to keep this event in Europe, we would like to once again kindly ask the European National Federations to submit their applications for the Wildwater Racing Seniors World Championships 2006 **not later than December 15<sup>th</sup> 2005.**

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- **Dragon Boat Racing World Championships 2006 in Taiwan**

The next Dragon Boat Racing World Championships will be held in Taiwan. All necessary information regarding this event will be published on the following website in the future: [www.icftaiwan.com](http://www.icftaiwan.com).

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## NATIONAL FEDERATION

- **ICF Membership Fee 2005 – Reminder**

We would like to remind you that according to the ICF Statutes (Article 12, Paragraph 1) : *“National Federations whose Membership Fees are unpaid shall not be eligible to attend the Congress and to take part in ICF Championships and any other international competition until all outstanding fees have been paid”.*

Hereby, we are kindly asking all National Federations whose ICF Membership Fees for the year 2005 are still unsettled to pay immediately their outstanding fees until the end of this year. Otherwise these National Federations will have to pay a supplementary charge of 25% of the 2005 Membership Fee amount, therefore a total of **625 euros** (ICF Statutes; Article 12; Paragraph 2), **together with their 2006 Fee.** ICF Memberships Fee 2005 is 500.00 Euros

Find enclosed the ICF bank details:

**Beneficiary:** International Canoe Federation

**ICF Bank:** Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena (Ag.25 di Firenze)

**Address, city bank:** Via Sassetti 4. 50123 Firenze - ITALY

**IBAN:** IT33L 01030 02834 000000668632

**Cod. SWIFT:** PASCIT MM FIR

**ABI:** 1030

**CAB:** 2834

**Acc. Number:** 668632

**Reason of Payment:** “National Federation’s Name” – ICF 2005 Membership Fee

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- **Athletes Eligibility decisions for the year 2006**

Following athletes are allowed to start for another country from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2006:

1. Mr. Stanislav Gejdos for Italy (previously for Slovakia)
2. Ms. Rebecca Hunter for Netherlands (previously for Great Britain)
3. Mr. Torsten Lachmann for Australia (previously for Germany)
4. Ms. Katalin Moni for Germany (previously for Hungary)
5. Ms. Yvonne Schuring for Austria (previously for Germany)

Mr. Nicolo Riosa originally competing for New Zealand is allowed to start for another country.

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- **6<sup>th</sup> World conference on Sports and Environment - Nairobi (KEN) - November 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 2005**

The 6<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Sports and Environment was held in Nairobi (Kenya) from November 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, which discussed the relationship between Sport and Environment. This conference was organised by the United Nations Environment Program and the IOC and



attended by 300 heads of UNEP (e.g. Director Dr Klaus Toeper), IOC (e.g. IOC Vice President M/s Gunilla Lindberg, chairman of IOC commission on Sport and Environment Mr Pal Schmitt), National Olympic Committees, International and National Federations, international sport organizations, UN agencies as well as sport stars.

The Conference adopted a final declaration underlining the Olympic Movement's attachment to the principles of sustainable development. This text can be consulted on [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org).

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## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- **Olympic Solidarity Scholarships for Beijing 2008 – Reminder**

ICF Secretary General sent on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2005 the information to all ICF National Federations that the Olympic Solidarity is offering financial assistance for the Olympic Scholarships for Athletes and Coaches, Technical Courses for Coaches, an opportunity to receive a coach from abroad, fund for Continental and Regional Games Preparations, Training Grants for young Athletes etc.

The application for the Olympic Solidarity financial support should be sent with the approval of your National Olympic Committee.

ICF is highly recommending to your National Federation to urgently submit the Olympic Scholarships proposals to your National Olympic Committee for those athletes who can fulfil the following criteria:

"Each NOC can propose athletes who practice an individual Olympic sport, have great potential and do not have the means to train properly because of lack of adequate infrastructure or funding".

The first Olympic Scholarships will be assigned as early as January 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 and will last until the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing in 2008, in case the athlete complies with all the given terms.

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- **ICF Flatwater Racing books**

Csaba Szanto, Director of Development Program, is the author and co-author of two books available at the ICF.

Flatwater Racing / Level 1 / Beginning Coach by Csaba Szanto and Dan Henderson:

This is the first ICF coach education material for Canoe / Kayak Flatwater Racing. The book contents the following 10 Chapters on the total 158 page s: Course Administration, Introducing to Canoe/Kayak, Safety and Rescue, Canoe & Kayak Coaching, Teaching Sports Skills, Equipment, Canoe /Kayak Technique, Teaching Beginners, Basic Conditioning & Training, and Introducing to Racing.

Price: 8 Euros plus postage costs

Racing Canoeing 2, by Csaba Szanto :

This book gives a cross-section of canoeing from the basic knowledge as equipment, basic and advanced technique, training methods, physiology, endurance, speed, strength development, training programmes and coach's job etc. till some psychology aspects of this sport. It summarizes what every competitor and coach should know about Canoe / Kayak Flatwater Racing. While the book emphasizes mainly the practical facts of the racing canoeing, it also has a solid scientific foundation.

Several new articles, photos and figures are implanted in this new edition and have been updated by some new knowledge, facts, rules and materials from other authors comparing to the first edition of "Racing Canoeing".

Price: 20 Euros plus postage costs

### Example of Postage costs:

The weights or 30 Coaches Manual books are approx 15kg. The postal expenses to France for this book from Spain costs approx 56 euros and the delivery is in 15days.

The weights of 15 books of Racing Canoeing 2 are approx 15 kg. These postal expenses to France from Spain costs also approx 56 Euros and the delivery is also in 15days.

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## COMMUNICATION

- **ICF Yearly Magazine**

The ICF will issue a yearly magazine (74 pages) about 2005 past canoeing activities and the season 2006 in March 2006. If any National Federation is interested in submitting an article or information to be integrated in the next magazine, please send all contribution before December, 31<sup>st</sup>

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## MORE INFO ABOUT THE HQ

- **ICF Headquarters staff is changing  
Some former ICF Headquarters staff members have left the ICF:**

Volker BERNARDI, former Administrative Director, left the ICF HQ in Madrid (August, 31<sup>st</sup> 2005), as well as Javier RUIZ, former webmaster (July, 10<sup>th</sup> 2005) and Alicia GISBERT, former Assistant (June, 20<sup>th</sup> 2005).

Since Javier Ruiz departure, the ICF website hasn't been updated. This situation will be solved beginning of year 2006. We do apologize for the inconvenience.

- **New staff members are working now for the ICF in Madrid Headquarters:**

Antoine GOETSCHY has been appointed Secretary General of the ICF (April, 15<sup>th</sup> 2005). He comes from the French Canoe Federation (FFCK) where he was Chief executive officer (CEO) and Technical Director



(DTN) for nearly eight years. He obtained a Master in Business Administration (major in Marketing) in 1990 and a Superior Sport Teacher certificate from French Ministry of Sport in 2004. He has been 3 times World Champion in Wildwater Kayaking (1987-1989). He was team leader of France for The Olympics in Sydney and Athens.

The ICF is also welcoming Ana-Marija GARCEVIC as Sport Administration Assistant (arrived on November, 1<sup>st</sup> 2005) and Ségolène PAQUET as Communication Assistant (arrived on December, 1<sup>st</sup> 2005).

Ana-Marija GARCEVIC comes from the Croatian Canoe Federation where she was working fulltime and was also Administrative Secretary for the European Canoe Association. She has much experience in organisation like ICF World Flatwater Racing Championships in Zagreb in 2005, Final Race of the World Flatwater Cup in Zagreb in 2003 or also ECA Congress in Dubrovnik (Croatia) in 2005. She was member of the Croatian National Team of Rowing for 3 years. Ana-Marija speaks English fluently and understands Russian.

Ségolène PAQUET comes from the French Canoe Federation (FFCK) where she worked as a Communication Assistant. She also worked for the French National Olympic Committee as a translator and was involved in the organisation of the European Youth Olympic Festival 2003. Ségolène speaks English and German fluently.

Please note that Csaba Szanto is still working in the ICF Headquarters mainly as Manager for the Development program.

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• **Job offer**

The ICF is looking for an Executive Administrative Assistant.

Requirements:

- ✓ Perfect English writing and a knowledge of one of the ICF other ICF official languages : French, German, Spanish or Russian will be appreciated;
- ✓ Preferably with European Citizenship or Swiss but no restrictions;
- ✓ Ready to come to Madrid (ESP) from now until August 2006 and then move to Lausanne (SUI);
- ✓ Experience in accounting and/or Antidoping issues;
- ✓ Knowledge about Canoeing or similar experience in a Canoeing Federation will be welcomed.

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• **ICF Headquarters are moving to Lausanne (SUI)**

After Board members voted a proposal made by the President, it has been decided that the ICF Headquarters will move to Lausanne (SUI) at the latest August 1st 2006. It will be located in a building made especially for International Federations (Rowing, Fencing, Boxing, Archery and International Sports Organisation: ASOIF, WADA European office, IOC....

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• **Skype at the ICF Headquarters**

Since recently, the ICF is using a communication software called "Skype" in order to minimize the phone call expenses. Making phone calls through Skype might be free of charge worldwide.

This software is quick and easy to get started with. Download, register, install, plug-in your headphone set, speakers or USB phone. The calls have excellent sound quality and are highly secure with end-to-end encryption. In case you are interested of installing Skype, all you have to do is to search for [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com) and download the programme.

ICF Headquarters Skype names (which can be found in the Global Skype Directory):

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Mr. Csaba Szanto	csabaszanto
Ms. Ana-Marija Garcevic	anamarijagarcevic
Ms. Ségolène Paquet	segopak

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• **Christmas Holidays**

Please note that the ICF Headquarters will be closed from Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2005 to January, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 for Christmas holidays.

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## International Canoe Federation

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### REPLY FORM

### First Olympic Disciplines Symposium Warsaw / Poland from January 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006

The meeting will be held in the Hotel Novotel at Warszawa airport (1 Sierpnia Street, 02-134 Warszawa, Poland). The ICF will financially support accommodation but no travel. There is a limitation of three representatives from each National Federation to attend the symposium. But please note that the ICF can financially support the participation of only one person for each National Federation, in double room accommodation only.

ICF will pay for the followings for one representative per NF:

- 2 nights (January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>)
- 2 x lunch (28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>), 2 x dinner (27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>) and 2 x breakfast (28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>),
- 4 x coffee/refreshment
- transport between the airport and the hotel

Please arrange the travel of your representative to arrive in Warsaw on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2006 before 14:00 (after lunch) and leave on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2006 after 14:00 (after lunch).

**Please fill in this form and send it back to the ICF Headquarters  
Before Monday December, 19<sup>th</sup> 2005  
Fax: +34 91 506 11 51**

**National Federation of** .....

**Will participate**

**Representative**

Mr / Mrs .....

**Accompanied by (accommodation paid by my National Federation)**

Mr / Mrs .....

Mr / Mrs .....

**Will not participate**

**Date:**

**Signature:**