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## **NEXT CONGRESS**

- **Schedule**

**The location and dates of the next ICF Congress have changed and it will now take place Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2007 in Hong Kong.**

As the I.R. Iran Canoe/Kayak & Waterski Federation that was originally hosting the ICF Congress 2006, did not intend to fulfil the promises made during the presentation at the ICF Congress 2004 and reported in the official minutes, the ICF had to reconsider the location of this Congress.

Therefore, the ICF Board of Directors Members, following the ICF Statutes Bylaw article 17 ("*Should circumstances dictate, the Board of Directors may change the date and/or venue of the Congress*") have decided that the next ICF Congress will be organized in Hong Kong.

An official invitation letter will also be sent to all ICF National Federations in due time.

- **Special Congress section on the ICF website**

A special section has been created on the ICF website where you are now able to find documents about the Congress. You should soon receive a username and a password that will enable you to register your delegates to attend the Congress.

These same username and password will also allow you to update your National Federation details displayed on ICF website.

- **Membership Fee 2006 – LAST CALL**

Hereby we would like to inform all National Federations, whose Membership Fee 2006 is still unpaid, will have to settle their dues as following:

- National Federations entered for Slalom Racing World Championships Seniors Prague 2006 – **until 1 August 2006** (bank transfer prior to the event or cash on the site)
- National Federations entered for Flatwater Racing World Championships Seniors Szeged 2006 – **until 16 August 2006** (bank transfer prior to the event or cash on the site)
- National Federations with no intention to participate at any of the 2006 World Championships – **until 1 September 2006** (bank transfer only)

**Please consider that National Federations who will not respect given deadlines will not be able to vote at the next ICF Congress.**



Please find enclosed the ICF bank details:

<b>Beneficiary:</b>	International Canoe Federation
<b>ICF Bank:</b>	COMMERZBANK (Schweiz) AG
<b>Address:</b>	Lintheschergasse 7, CH 8023 Zürich, Switzerland
<b>IBAN:</b>	CH29 0826 5000 0012 3092 9
<b>SWIFT CODE:</b>	COBACHZXXXX
<b>Account Number:</b>	1230929
<b>Reason of Payment:</b>	"Your National Federation's NOC abbreviation" – ICF Membership Fee 2006 (Example: AND-ICF Membership Fee 2006)

In case, for any reason, you did not receive your Invoice, please contact [anamarija.garcevic@canoeicf.com](mailto:anamarija.garcevic@canoeicf.com) and you will receive your Invoice by e-mail immediately.

- **Deadlines**

We are bringing all the deadlines according to the ICF Statutes considering the Congress and we kindly ask you to follow it.

<b>1</b>	Sending out the notices of the meetings of the Ordinary Congress – by the President	4 months before the Opening	<b>13 September 2006</b>
<b>2</b>	Nominating the candidates for the Board of Directors, Committees or Auditor	3 months before the Opening	<b>13 October 2006</b>
<b>3</b>	Application from National Federations for hosting the ICF Congress 2008	Not mentioned in the ICF Statutes	<b>13 October 2006</b>
<b>4</b>	Sending out the Agenda and the motions for the Ordinary Congress – by the Secretary General	45 days before the Opening	<b>29 November 2006</b>
<b>5</b>	Nominating the delegates with the voting right	30 days before the Opening	<b>13 December 2006</b>
<b>6</b>	Changing the delegates with the voting right	By the accreditation time for the Congress	<b>12 January 2007</b>
<b>7</b>	Changes to the Statutes and Byelaws come into force	The day after the Congress	<b>15 January 2007</b>
<b>8</b>	Changes to the General Rules and the Technical Rules come into force	January 1st after the Congress	<b>15 January 2007</b>
<b>9</b>	Sending out the Minutes to all NFs and the members of the Board of Directors	60 days after the Congress	<b>15 March 2007</b>
<b>10</b>	No correction or alteration to the Minutes will be accepted unless written notification has been received and acknowledged by the Secretariat.	Within 2 (two) months of the date of circulation of the Congress Minutes	<b>15 May 2007</b>

For the items number 2 (Nomination of the candidates for the Board of Directors, Committees or Auditor), number 4 (Nomination of the delegates with the voting right) and number 5 (Changing the delegates with the voting right), you will receive the forms to be fulfilled. The forms will be displayed on the ICF website.



- **Vacant Positions**

According to the ICF Statutes, the following positions will be elected during the next ICF Congress:

<b>ICF Vacant Positions to be elected during the Congress</b>		
<b>Executive Committee Members</b>		<b>Period</b>
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice – President	Next Congress to Congress 2010
2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice – President	
<b>Board of Directors Members</b>		<b>Period</b>
1	Canoe Polo Committee Chairman	Next Congress to Congress 2010
2	Dragonboat Racing Committee Chairman	
3	Freestyle Committee Chairman	
4	Medical & Antidoping Committee Chairman	
5	Wildwater Racing Committee Chairman *	
<b>Other position</b>		<b>Period</b>
1	Auditor or Auditing Company	Next Congress to Congress 2008

<b>ICF Vacant Positions to be appointed by the Board members after the Congress</b>		
<b>Committee Members **</b>		<b>Period</b>
1	Canoe Polo Committee Members X 4	Next Congress to Congress 2010
2	Dragonboat Racing Members X 4	
3	Freestyle Committee Members X 4	
4	Medical & Antidoping Members X 4	
5	Wildwater Racing Committee Member X 1 *	Next Congress to Congress 2008

The Vice – Presidents and the Auditor will be elected in one ballot with separate voting forms.  
The Committee Chairmen will be elected in one ballot with separate voting forms.

\* Due to Mr. Cirini's resignation, on the last Board of Directors Meeting, held in New Delhi (IND) from 2 to 4 March 2006, the new (temporary) Chairman was appointed from the Standing Committee members: **Mr. Jens Perwitz (GER)**. Mr. Perwitz will hold the Chairman's position until the next ICF Congress, when the new Chairman will be elected for the period from next Congress to Congress 2008.  
The Board has designated **Mr. David Mason (USA)** as a new Wildwater Racing Committee member after Mr. Perwitz designation as chairman.  
Mr. Mason will hold this member position until the next ICF Congress, when the Board will designate a new member for the period from next Congress to Congress 2008.

\*\* As from the ICF Congress 2004, each ICF Committee should have at least one woman as a member or chair.



- **Exceptional amendment of the ICF Statutes**

Regarding the unforeseen circumstances related to the allocation of the next ICF Congress, the ICF Board of Directors decided to make exceptional alterations to the ICF Statutes and by laws related to the date of taking effect, which will be valid only for this particular Congress.

Board of Directors has exceptionally amended the following articles or Byelaw.

#### ARTICLE 17 - ORDINARY CONGRESS

An ordinary Congress shall take place every even year at the place and date decided by the preceding Congress. Should circumstances dictate, the Board of Directors may change the date and/or venue of the Congress.

#### ARTICLE 21 - AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES AND COMPETITION RULES

1. The Congress may amend the Statutes every two years.
2. The Congress may only alter General Rules every two years.
3. The Board of Directors may amend the Byelaws of the Statutes and the Technical Competition Rules every two years during the first Board meeting in the year of the Congress.

#### BYELAW TO ARTICLE 21

1. Changes to Statutes and Byelaws come into force after the Congress. Changes to General Rules and Technical Rules come into force on January 1st after the Congress.

#### ARTICLE 25 - DATE OF TAKING EFFECT

All decisions of the Congress take effect immediately after the Congress, except for:

- The amendment of Competition Rules, which take effect as of 1st January of the following year.

Therefore, all decisions and changes (including General Rules, Technical Rules and Competition Rules) made during the Congress will come into force the day after the Congress (15 January 2007).

Year 2007 is an uneven year nevertheless next ICF Congress will be organised in 2007.

The Board of Directors have amended the Byelaws of the Statutes and the Technical Competition Rules during their first Board meeting in March 2006 despite the next ICF Congress will be held in 2007.

## CONGRESS 2008

- **Application to host ICF Congress 2008**

The National Federations that would like to apply for hosting the ICF Congress 2008 should send their application and the signed agreement to the ICF Headquarters before **October 13<sup>th</sup> 2006**.

National Federation that wish to apply should request the agreement from the ICF HQ. Please contact Mr goetschy on [antoine.goetschy@canoeicf.com](mailto:antoine.goetschy@canoeicf.com) and you will receive the agreement by e-mail immediately.