

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Participants:

Thomas Konietzko	TK	President	GER
Cecilia Farias	CF	Vice President	ARG
Lluís Rabaneda i Caselles	LRC	Vice President	ESP
Luciano Buonfiglio	LB	Treasurer	ITA
Richard Pettit	RP	Secretary General	GBR
Maree Burnett	MB	Oceania Canoe Association President	NZL
Joao Manual Da Costa Alegre Afonso	JDC	Confederation of African Canoeing President	STP
Jean Zoungrana	JZ	European Canoe Association President	FRA
Sebastian Gomez	SG	Pan American Canoe Federation President	URG
Chainarong Charoenruk	CC	Asian Canoe Confederation President	THA
Toshi Furuya	TF	Canoe Sprint Chair	JPN
Jean-Michel Prono	JMP	Canoe Slalom Chair	FRA
John Edwards	JE	Paracanoe Chair	CAN
Bridgitte Hartley	BH	Athlete Committee Chair	RSA
Olubunmi Ola Oluode	OO	Continental Representative - AFR	NGR
Ahmed Mahamoud Abdoukader	AMA	Continental Representative - AFR	DJI
Branko Lovric	BL	Continental Representative - EUR	CRO
Andrej Jelenc	AJ	Continental Representative - EUR	SLO
Jovana Stanojevic	JS	Continental Representative - EUR	SRB
Victor G. Ruiz	VR	Continental Representative - PAM	PUR
Martha Hernandez Sanches	MHS	Continental Representative - PAM	MEX
Budiman Setiawan	BS	Continental Representative - ASI	INA
Danielle Woodward	DW	Continental Representative - OCE	AUS
Ruud Heijselaar	RH	Canoe Marathon	NED
Manuela Gawehn	MG	Wildwater Canoeing	GER
Colin Simpkins	CS	Ocean Racing	RSA
Greg Smale	GS	Canoe Polo	GBR
Terry Best	TBE	Canoe Freestyle	GBR
Wai-hung Luk	WL	Dragon Boat Commission Chair	HKG
Noémi Horváth	NH	SUP Commission Chair	HUN

Excused:

Shao Yaping	SY	Continental Representative - ASI	CHN
Tim Brabants	TBR	Medical and Anti-Doping	NZL



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Appendices:

- **Appendix 1: Fit For Future Q1 review**
- **Appendix 2: ITO`s lists for Paris 2024**

1. President's welcome

- Sebastian Gomez was welcomed as the new President of the Pan American Canoe Federation. Victor Ruiz was thanked for his contributions to COPAC and will continue to work on the ICF Board as elected Continental representative.

2. Fit For Future Q1 review

- The progress with eight pillars was reported. (appendix 1)
- Thomas and Richard will visit Turkey in the middle of December to prepare for the Congress in 2024 and the 100th anniversary celebration.
- The situation with Recast was updated

3. Paris 2024

- Update on accreditation for the Games provided by Michel Alarcon
 - o There will be enough accreditations for board members
 - o Rooms with a price of 175 euros per night were booked
 - o The deadline for accreditation requests from board members is Dec.01.2023
- It was confirmed that will be no BoD or Exco meeting arranged due to the tight schedule and limited possibilities to prepare during the busiest period of the season.
- The ticket sales for the Games are going very well, the majority of the canoe sprint is sold, and only a few sessions for canoe slalom are still available online. The audience is young and gender balanced.

4. ITO`s lists for Paris 2024 approval

- The Chairs of Canoe Sprints, Canoe Slalom and Paracanoe explained the principle for selection and presented the ITO`s lists, which were sent to the board members before.
- It is agreed that in the LA Olympic cycle to review the process. However it was acknowledged that all Chairs are started the selection three years before Paris 2024 and have looked to ensure a string balance of universality, gender balance and experience.
- African jury will be appointed in the slalom events for Paris 2024.
- ITO`s lists for Paris 2024 were approved. (Published on ICF Website)

5. Olympic qualification system



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- Thomas updated again the reason for changing the Olympic qualification system in Sprint at short notice before the world championships. The organising committee Duisburg sent a letter to ICF 5 days before the start of the world championships, said 13 national teams had not received visas at that time. In this case, IOC amended the regulation to ensure equal access to all competitors and aligning the rule with the canoe slalom qualification process.
- Ola shared the visa problem that Team Nigeria faced as one of the typical cases.

6. Human Resources and Office Proposal

- Richard updated the situation of the satellite office in Hungary, which will provide a good opportunity to expand the team. A planned staff structure was also shared with Board Members.
- ICF is also looking for potential opportunities with similar model in other continents.
- The ICF also signed an MOU with the American Canoe Association and Riverside Stadium to increase high-performance opportunities across the United States.
- Jean ZOUNGRANA, the ECA president, reiterated his commitment to establishing the ECA headquarters in PARIS Vaires Sur Marne at the new FFCK headquarters, set to be completed in 2024.

7. Partnerships and Financial Activities

- The financial situation was updated with the Board Members with an underspend on the budget at mid-way point and a healthy position regarding investments.
- Partnerships for 2024 with existing partners and new sponsors from Asia were highlighted.

8. Miscellaneous

- Maree proposed the fourth candidate for financial commission, Nick Donald, Board Member of British canoeing. The appointment was approved by the Board members.
- Next planned Exco meeting is in Lausanne, from February 4 to 7.
- Next planned Board of Directors meeting is in London, from April 3 to 7.