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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
National Rowing Magazines
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Circular No. 3 of 2009

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. 2009 Annual Ordinary Congress

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Congress of FISA will be held at 09:00 hrs on 31 August 2009 at the Poznan International Fair in Poznan, Poland. Registration begins at 08:00 hrs.

Poznan International Fair (Exhibition Center)
Pavilion no. 15 C level,
Glogowska Street 14
60-734 Poznań
POLAND
(Śniadeckich Street Entrance)

Please note:

- a) Any federation wishing to submit an additional agenda item or a specific proposal for inclusion in the Agenda must do so in written form in English and/or French, along with the reasons for the proposal, to be received at FISA Headquarters in Lausanne no later than 09:00 hrs CET on 31 May 2009. A provisional agenda can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=68>

- b) The Congress will attribute the 2013 World Rowing Championships, the 2013 World Rowing Junior Championships and the 2012 World Rowing Under 23 Championships. The deadline for the candidates competing for the honour and responsibility of hosting these championships to submit their final documents is 31 May 2009.

The Council will send an inspection team to each site during April and May 2009, and will meet with the representatives of all candidates on 21 June 2009. The Council's choices will be announced by the beginning of July to be presented for ratification by the Congress.

- c) The following positions on the Council are due for election at the Congress and nominations are called for those positions. Nominations for these positions must be made by the member federations of the persons nominated and must be received at FISA Headquarters no later than 09:00 hrs CET on 31 May 2009:
 - i) President
 - ii) Vice President
 - iii) Treasurer
- d) Federations are requested to advise FISA of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by using the "Congress Attendance Form" attached to this circular. Forms are to be received no later than 31 July 2009.

2. 2009 Extraordinary Congress

The results of the voting at the Extraordinary Congress held last February in Cape Town can be found on the worldrowing website. You will find the new Statutes and Rules as well as the marked-up former rules on this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=71>

3. Juries for 2009 World Rowing Events

FISA International Umpires have been selected to serve on the Juries of the 2009 Rowing World Cup regattas, the 2009 World Rowing Under 23 Championships, the 2009 World Rowing Junior Championships, the 2009 World Rowing Championships, the 2009 World Rowing Masters Regatta and the 2009 European Rowing Championship regatta. National Federations are requested to inform the relevant Jury members of their appointment and **to confirm, in writing**, to FISA that they agree to serve on these juries, they will take contact with the relevant organising committees and will be on location in time to fulfil their duties. This listing is available at the Umpiring Noticeboard at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=54>

3. 2009 Seminars and Examinations for International Umpires

The FISA Umpiring Commission will be conducting seminars and examinations during the year 2009. This listing is available at the Umpiring Noticeboard at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=54>

Any federation wishing to submit candidates for the examinations or names of umpires who wish to attend a seminar are invited to advise FISA Headquarters no later than **one month before the date of the seminar or exam**. The exact location of the meetings will be available at the regatta venues.

4. 2009 FISA Events Programmes

For your information, the provisional “programmes” of racing at the:

- 2009 Rowing World Cup regattas: Banyoles, Munich, Lucerne;
- 2009 World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Racice, Czech Rep.;
- 2009 World Rowing Junior Championships in Brive-la-Gaillarde, France;
- 2009 World Rowing Championships in Poznan, Poland, and;
- 2009 European Rowing Championships in Brest, Belarus.

are available online at this link: <http://original.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=67>

These are, of course, subject to the final number of entries in each boat class and subject to change with notice. In addition, they might be adjusted according to the weather conditions. Please review them and prepare your travel and accommodation accordingly.

5. 2008 FISA Anti-Doping Survey

FISA's survey of all doping tests undertaken in rowing in 2008 is presented below. 50 National Federations responded to this year's survey and show a total of 4'156 tests made in the sport of rowing. Those Federations not responding to this survey may be subject to sanctions by the FISA Executive Committee.

	In Competition	Out of Competition	Total Tests	Positive Tests
FISA/WADA/other international events	235	227	462	2
Reported by Nat Feds	1'249	2'445	3'694	9
Total	1'484	2'672	4'156	11

Announcements of decisions on positive cases:

1. UKR – Irina Iarosh tested positive in an out of competition anti-doping test carried out in Cairo, Egypt. The analysis of the sample showed the presence of oxandrolone and metabolites of nandrolone, both prohibited substances. The rower was banned from national and international competition for two years, until 17 January 2010.
2. SRB - Goran Nedeljkovic tested positive for Amphetamines at the 2008 World University Rowing Championships in Belgrade, Serbia. The SRB M2- was disqualified and both gold medals were returned to FISU. The rower was banned from national and international competition for two years, until 18 November 2010.
3. GRE – Ioannis Tsamis tested positive for Finasteride, a prohibited substance, in a national out of competition test on 22 April 2008. He received a six month ban until 21 October 2008.
4. NZL – Dane Boswell tested positive for the substance Probenecide, a prohibited substance, in a national out of competition test on 17 November 2008. He received a two month ban.
5. IRL - Finn Gebler tested positive for Tetrahydrocannabinol, a prohibited substance, in a national "in" competition test on 9 February 2008. The athlete was reprimanded and received a suspension for three weeks.

6. RUS – Ekaterina Novikova tested positive for the prohibited substance Nandrolone in a national “in” competition test on 21 May 2008. She was disqualified and banned from competition for two years.
7. RUS – Mikhail Burov tested positive for Furosemide, a prohibited substance, in a national “in” competition test conducted on 21 May 2008. He was banned from competition for two years.
8. RUS – Maxim Liventsev tested positive for the nandrolone metabolite, norandrosterone, a prohibited substance, in a national “in” competition test on 12 October 2008. He received a two year ban.
9. RUS – Petr Romanchenko tested positive for Carboxy THC, a prohibited substance, in a national “in” competition test on 12 October 2008. He received a six month ban from competition and from training within the structure of the national team.
10. RUS – Dmitriy Sheredeka tested positive for Carboxy THC, a prohibited substance, in a national “in” competition test on 12 October 2008. He received a six month ban from competition and from training within the structure of the national team.
11. RUS – Viktor Shakurov tested positive for Carboxy THC, a prohibited substance, in a national “in” competition test on 12 October 2008. He received a six month ban from competition and from training within the structure of the national team.

The detailed results of the 2008 FISA Anti-Doping Survey can be found in the Anti-Doping Section of the website at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=101>

6. FISA Family Grandstand and Presidents’ Grandstand forms

The FISA Family Grandstand is an area of the grandstand allocated to the families and close friends of the participating rowers, offering them a prime position close to the finish and medal ceremonies. Tickets are sold exclusively via the National Rowing Federations. They will be valid for the full 8-day period of the Championships.

The Presidents' Grandstand is an area of the grandstand allocated to the leadership and guests of the participating National Federations, offering them a prime position close to the finish and medal ceremonies. Each participating National Federation is given **two** free tickets and may purchase up to **four** additional tickets.

These forms mentioned above is found at the following link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=68>

7. Cancellation of the Forum and Coaches Conference

FISA regrets to announce that the 2009 World Rowing Forum has been cancelled in a move to reduce FISA exposure to the current to financial uncertainties. There will also be no Coaches Conference in 2009. Related documents can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=68>

8. Bidding re-opened for the 2011 and 2012 Rowing World Cup

New, reduced organisational requirements have been established for the organising committees starting in 2011. Full details can be obtained from colleen.orsmond@fisa.org.

9. 2009 FISA International Masters Rowing Calendar

The above mentioned calendar can be found at this link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=68>

10. New FISA Rule Book

The 2009 FISA Rule Book including the new Statutes and Rules of Racing from the Extraordinary Congress is now available to be downloaded from the FISA "worldrowing.com" website and for sale in printed form. Please contact the official FISA Merchandiser for your continent for the printed format. The on-line rule book can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=71>

Yours sincerely,



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President



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Executive Director

Attachments