ParaCanoe

Challenges Opportunities FUTURE

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WHY?

Isn't this who we are?

















"Celebrate the human spirit"

"Canoe sport, like all sport in the past, has always focused on the outward presentation of success and physical beauty and perfection. However, the Paracanoe athletes have taught all of us a more important message of sport.

What we truly celebrate in our World Championships is the human spirit and its desire for improvement. The body is the outward container of the human spirit which far exceeds what can be seen by the eye.

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WHY NOT!

ParaCanoe - WHY

To expand the sport
To reach out to new populations
To practice inclusion
To build community
To realize human potential

"CLUBHOUSE CULTURE"

2007





Paralympics World Champs

Clubs

Schools

Disability groups

Paracanoe

 Montreal PaddleALL conference - 2008
 9 nations represented
 NF's from Italy, France, Ukraine, Hungary, Brazil, Canada
 Individuals from USA, UK, New Zealand

 ICF 2008 Congress accepts Montreal Conference Report

ParaCanoe – The Beginning

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RIO 2016 ME DID IT!

• NOV. 2010

- IPC ACCEPTS PARACANOE AS A SPORT IN THE RIO 2016 PROGRAMME (with conditions)
- Scientific evidence-based athlete classification
- SEPT 2012 NOV 2014
 - New system researched & developed

SEPT 2014 Bonn....."The long dark night"



OCT. 2014 – IPC Gathering - Berlin JAN. 2015

- Kayak Classification system approved by IPC
- six RIO 2016 events approved
- Paracanoe accepted for TOKYO 2020

MAY 2015 – JUNE 2016 238 athletes re-classified

• SEPT., 2016 – RIO PARALYMPIC GAMES!

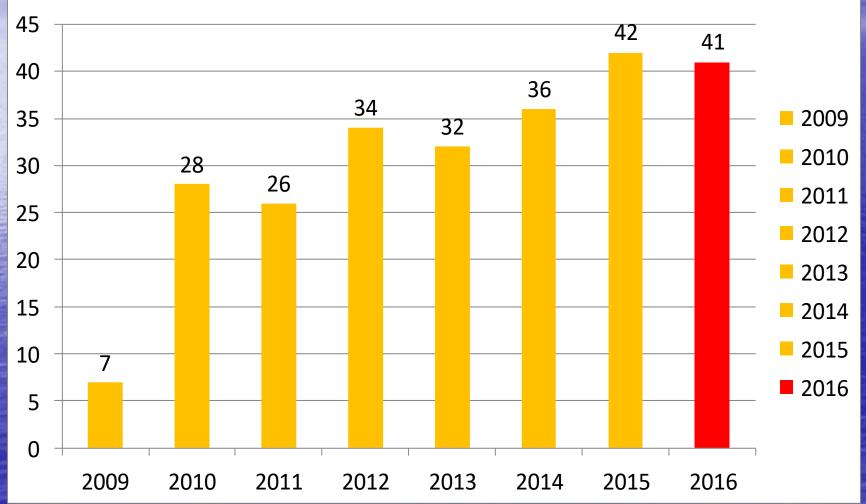
- 42 NF's compete @ Qualifiers
- 26 NF's qualify (all continents)
- 9 NF's win medals (3 continents)

• 2015/2016

- 5 ICF classifier training workshops
- 40 trainee classifiers from 22 NF's
- 11 Int'l classifiers

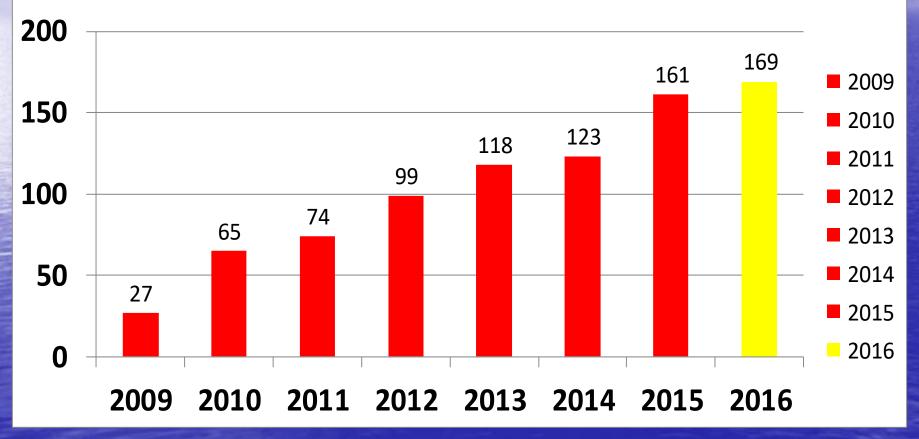
Participation Numbers

Federations at World Championships



Participation Numbers

ATHLETES at WORLDS



63 FEDERATIONS IN PARACANOE

Worlds 2016
Worlds 2010-2015
Continental
Development

41

5

13

63 WORLD-WIDE FEDERATIONS



14

3

5

29

ASIA
EUROPE
OCEANIA

AFRICA

AMERICAS

PARACANOE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2016-2020

Mission of Paracanoe

To make canoeing, kayaking, *paddling* a fully inclusive sport.

(*next to swimming, <u>the most</u> popular water sport & recreation for persons with impairments)*

Enabling Paracanoe

KEY STRATEGIES

Technical Accessibility (equipment)
 Stable kayaks & Va'a's
 Inexpensive equipment

Geographic Accessibility
 – Regional Expansion to new NF's & NPC's

KEY STRATEGIES

 Out-reach to new groups
 Conference on Paddling with Impairments for sport, tourism and medical therapy sectors

Solidify & grow ICF/IPC partnership
 – Provides credibility & high profile
 – CONSOLIDATE events
 – Honour IVF/ICF agreement

Paracanoe 2016-2020 2016 – VA'A Classification study

Audit of Classification Rules to ensure IPC compliance (new IPC code)
 Classifier Training – Budapest, Samarkand



Paracanoe 2016-2020

• 2017 – Va'a Classification System research New 2015 compliant Classification Code - Competitions World Championships, 2 World Cups support to Continental Champs Classifier training (workshops & mentoring) Thailand, Ecuador

Paracanoe 2016-2020

2018

 Va'a Classification System Approved
 Athlete re-classifications
 Competitions
 World Championships, 1 World Cup
 support to Continental Champs

Paracanoe 2016-2020 • 2018 cont'd Research – ongoing in classification Establish framework for possible classification system changes for 2021-24 quadrennial. Classifier training (workshops & mentoring) Curitiba, Nottingham, Halifax - PARACANOE ACCEPTED INTO PARIS 2024 - Paracanoe Conference

Paracanoe 2016-2020

<u> 2019</u>

- Competitions Worlds & 2020 Qualifier (SZEGED)
 - with supported Training Camp
 - I World Cup POZNAN,
 - Continental Champs
 - Research ongoing in classification
 - Establish framework for possible classification system
 - changes for 2021-24
 - Classifier training
 - (workshops & mentoring)



Paracanoe 2016-2020

<u> 2020</u>

Events – Worlds (DUISBURG) & Qualifier, Continental Champs
Tokyo PARALYMPIC GAMES
Ongoing research in classification

Possible classification changes for 2021-24 Quad.

Classifier training (workshops & mentoring)

Next Steps

More entries in existing categories
More competitions
Including Upper Limb impairments
Outreach – Recreation/rehabilitation
Others:

More distances

 Impairment groups: tetra, CP, Visual Imp., Int. Imp.

stockholm | sweden

PARACANOEING World Conference save the date | October 5-7, 2018

Topics:

Competition: the Road to Rio, Tokyo and beyond Medical Rehabilitation Benefits Recreational Paracanoeing + Tourism









for more information, please visit: www.canoeicf.com/discipline/paracanoe

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Paralympics, World Champs

Clubs

Schools

Disability groups

Commercial tourism

Therapists



The Paralympic Movement's ultimate aspiration is:

"To make for a more inclusive society for people with an impairment through parasport......."



"....The Paralympic Games are the world's number one sporting event for transforming society's attitudes towards impairment. By broadening the reach of the Paralympics, growing para-sport events and furthering brand awareness, the Paralympic Movement's transformational legacy will be amplified."

