



# Report

## ICF Ordinary Congress Rome, Italy 4-6 November 2021

**Name of the BoD Member: Frank Garner**

**Function on BoD: Chair Canoe Sprint Committee**

**Committee members: Dr. Jens Kahl (GER), Alison Harris (NZL), Toshi Furuya (JPN), Charles Luckman (USA), Advisors Miroslav Haviar (SVK), Narciso Suarez (ESP), VP Thomas Konietzko (GER) and staff Martin Marinov**

### ***1. Major events since last ICF Congress***

#### ***Annual World Championships***

***2019 Szeged HUN – 97 entered – 93 raced –***

***note! 7.565,689 TV hrs on Eurovision(Eurovision sport report)***

***2020 World Championships Cancelled (World Cup in HUN in Sept.)***

***2021 Copenhagen – 67 entered – 64 raced***

***2020 Olympics – 51 Nations competing***

#### ***Junior & U23 Championships***

***2021 Montemor 67 federations***

### ***2. Tasks undertaken since the last ICF Congress***

- . new Super Series
- . 2018 – Barnaul, 2019 – Lindau China, 2021 Oklahoma City
- . 2020 Olympic preparation
- . sport presentation innovations – work with ICF – Simon and staff to improve and implement new techniques

### **3. Issues and Main Points for the function since last ICF Congress**

#### **Setback**

**Canoe Sprint has lost 2 Olympic events for 2024 Paris Olympics**

**Must begin to plan a strategic plan to help direct the future direction for our discipline**

### **4. Future Initiatives and recommendations to be considered**

#### **Preserving Canoe Sprint discipline**

- . younger audience appeal**
- . reach more audiences**
- . tv friendly**
- . keep gender equity**
- . keep competitions costs reasonable**
- . continue to improve sport presentation**
- . mixed events**
- . Long Distance events**
- . test new ideas at Junior and U23 Event**
- . look towards 2028 programme now!**