



Report

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ICF Congress, Rome, Italy
4-6 November 2021

PARACANOE

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ICF Position: PARACANOE Committee Chair.

PARACANOE COMMITTEE: Diego Doga (ITA), Julie Gray (GBR), Andrea Wood (AUS), JC Gonneaud (FRA), Advisors: Fatima Fernandes (BRA) Head of Classification, Hassan Teimourtash (IRI)

1. Major Meetings since last Congress

2018

- Dec. 3 Mtg with Tahiti FPSAH (Federation Polynesienne des Sports Adapte et Handisport) President Mme H. Kamia, Alain Barriere and the President of Tahiti, M. Edouard Fritch
- Attendance at Arab & African Championships – New Alamein City – Dec 12-15
- Dec. Mtg. with Egyptian Canoe & Kayak Federation - Cairo

2019

- Paracanoe committee mtg. – Venice – Feb. 13-14
- Classification Sub-committee – Venice – Feb 15-16
- CSP Committee – Heathrow – Feb 18-21
- Tokyo Site meetings – March 19-20
- Introductory Webinar – April 1 (Europe & Africa)
- 2nd Intro Webinar – April 26 (Oceania)
- Poznan WC & ECA Champs – May 17-25
- Duisburg Site mtg – May 26/27
- IPC “Open Days” mtgs – Bonn – May 28
- IPC Vista Conference & HoC mtgs – Amsterdam – Sept 2-4

2020

- Paracanoe Committee – Heathrow – Jan. 22-25
- CSP Committee – Brandenburg – Jan 27-29
- Classification Sub-committee – Heathrow – Jan. 25-26
- Copenhagen 2021 WChamps – Site inspection – Feb 18-20
- APSO Online call – March 20 – Paralympic Qualification
- IPC mtg with “IFs” – Online – July 10
- Paracanoe Committee – online – Aug. 3
- Paracanoe Committee – online – Dec. 7
- IPC Covid-19 Grant Initiative – online – Dec 9
- ICF Sources of Income mtg. – online – Dec 10 - new ICF initiative
- IPC “IF” online mtg. Dec. 18 – Topics: Tokyo, Classif. Code, Governance Review

2021

- Paracanoe Committee – online – Jan. 19
- IPC Tokyo Playbook briefing – online – Feb. 5
- IPC Tokyo Anti-Doping – online – Feb. 19
- APSO (Assoc. Paralympic Sports Org.) – online - Feb 24 – IPC Governance
- Szeged WC & 2nd Tokyo Qualifier – May 8-16
- Szeged TIP Camp May – (NGR, EGY, COL, VEN, ANG, ALG, IND* unable to attend)
- IPC Classification Code “IF” meeting – Online – July 7
- Classification Sub-committee – July 14
- IPC Sport Technical Briefing for Tokyo – July 15
- ERASMUS Project Group mtg in Copenhagen – Sept 20 (FIN, SWE, POL, DEN)

2.Tasks undertaken for this period

- Webinars conducted for Africa and Oceania
- Webinar PPTs translated into 8 languages! Freely available on the ICF Paracanoe website
- 2019 Poznan WC & ECA Champs & First Tokyo Qualifier - May
- 2019 COPAC Championships – Sao Paulo – July 4-6
- Santiago, Chile – July 8-9, 2019 - Paracanoe Gen'l. presentation
- 2019 Paracanoe World Championships & First Qualifier for Tokyo – Szeged – August 14-25
- TIP Camp for 2019 World Champs (EGY, NIG, ARM, VAN, IND, COL, VEN, ANG, USA and POL
- Paris 2024 Events Application Submission – September, 2020
- Tokyo Test Event – September 10-15, 2020
- Classification Workshop – Tokyo – September 16-19, 2019
- Classification Workshop - Portugal, December, 2019
 - Co-sponsored by Portuguese NPC
- 2020 Szeged World Cup with Paracanoe events – September 24-26
- 2021 Paracanoe Qualifier (Szeged – May) TIP Camp
- Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games completed
- TIP Camp for Women At 2021 Worlds (Copenhagen) – (ARG, FRA, IND* unable to attend) BLR & SWE withdrawals)

Issues and Main Points of Report

- Successful execution of Paralympic Paracanoe competition in Tokyo
- Two remote webinars conducted
- Eight language Introductory presentations on ICF website
- Application for more events in Paris (women's VL3, etc.)
- Agreement to be formed with Special O World Games
- Inclusion in Asian Paralympic Games achieved; Qualifier determined & Development activities to be conducted
- West Africa project delayed due to Covid19 Pandemic – re-scheduled to 2022
- Upper Limb scoring system being designed for National level application as first step.
- Consultation on revisions to IPC Athlete Classification Code
- Consultation on new IPC Branding initiative "PARASPORT"

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- Resume planning for West Africa project for 2022 in cooperation with FISA
- Plan for 3rd Paracanoe Development Conference for Tahiti in 2023 with Tahitian government as the main sponsor
- Conduct regional Webinars online
- Execute successful inclusion on the Asian Paralympic Games in October of 2022 in Hangzhou, CHN
- Expand Paracanoe competitive opportunities in Canoe Marathon, Ocean Racing and Waveski
- Prepare application for inclusion in the 2027 Para-Panam Games – Application due in 2023
- Continue Classification seminars & mentoring programme to increase the number of classifiers
- Continue Education programme in general at all levels
- Reach out to & support large regional competitions to include Paracanoe

Recommendations

- The Board of Directors has recommended to the Congress that the Paracanoe Chairperson be on the ICF Executive Committee. This will fill an obvious gap by appropriately raising the Paracanoe Committee to the level of the CSP and CSL Committees. All three committees are unique among the Technical Committees since they have relations with the two preeminent world sport organizations, the IOC and the IPC, which are vital to the interests of the ICF. As such, discussions and decisions at the Executive level need to have input from the Paracanoe Committee. ICF has earned a great international reputation as an integrated organization which values all persons regardless of their abilities. This is a key step to make the decision-making structure match the vision and reputation of a fully integrated organization.