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Dragon Boat Commission**

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1. Visits and Meetings since last ICF Congress

- (a) ICF Dragon Boat Commission Meeting on 8 February 2022, to analyse the bids for ICF Dragon Boat events and DB Competition Rules updating, On-line.
- (b) Meeting on-line with Ukrainian Canoe Association on 1 March 2022, to discuss the progress of 2022 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Ternopil, Ukraine.
- (c) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 1 April 2022, BlueJean.
- (d) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 31 May to 1 June 2022, Poznan, Poland.
- (e) ICF Dragon Boat Commission Meeting on 1 September 2022, Racice, Czech Republic.
- (f) Meeting with the Organizing Committee of 2022 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup to finalize the change of host city from Chengdu to YiChang, China.

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- (a) The President of Ukrainian Canoe Federation, Mr. Igor Slivinkyi informed ICF on 4 March 2022 the returning of hosting right for 2022 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Ternopil, Ukraine. A new process for replacement was started.
- (b) Thanks for the coordination between Czech Canoe Union and Czech Dragon Boat Association, the 2022 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships was reallocated to take place at Racice, Czech Republic on 1-4 September 2022.
- (c) The ICFDBC prepared the Technical Specification Sheet of Dragon Boat as required for ICF Dragon Boat Competition Rules Art. 3.2.4.
- (d) We had tried our best to approach IDBF for closer relationship and cooperation but no response so far.

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- (a) The ICFDBC decided to keep our own rules and would develop operational Requirement and venue manual for dragon boat.
- (b) Despite the travelling difficulty under Covid-19 pandemic situation, there were teams from 15 countries (Europe 9, Asia 5 and America 1) competed in the Racice2022 DB World Championships. A great thanks to Czech HOC.
- (c) The 2021 World Master Games, Kansai, Japan supposed to be held on 13-29 May 2022 has been postponed again as Covid-19 rages on in Japan. Dragon Boat will be one event under Canoe Sport together with other 4 disciplines i.e. Marathon, Sprint, Slalom, Polo. Coordination has been established with the Dragon Boat event Organizer (Japan Canoe Federation).

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- (a) Keep close contact with Organizing Committee on preparation of the 2022 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup, YiChang, China. Draft Host Agreement has been sent by ICF to the Chinese Canoe Association.
- (b) Keep close contact with JCF on situation of the 2021 World Master Games, Kansai, Japan as the new dates was not yet finalized. Dragon Boat events supposed to be held on 28-29 May 2022.
- (c) To enrich more federations involved in dragon boating, ICFDBC would further promote Dragon Boat World Cups.
- (d) Future ICF Dragon Boat Competitions:
 - (i) 2022 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup, YiChang, Hubei, China. November 2022.
 - (ii) 2023 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Hangzhou, China. August-September 2023.
 - (iii) 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup, Sarasota, Florida, USA
 - (iv) 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Ningbo, China. September-October 2024.
 - (v) 2025 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Ruse, Bulgaria. September-October 2025.
 - (vi) 2026 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Regina, Canada. September 2026.