

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION ICF

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1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

The President of the ICF Mr. Ulrich FELDHOFF welcomed the participants of the XXVIII. ICF Ordinary Congress and expressed his wishes for a good session and a good future for canoeing sports.

The President especially welcomed Mr. NOWICKY, Polish Minister of sports, Mr. Stanislaw Stefan PASZCZYK, President of the National Olympic Committee of Poland, Mr. Janusz TATERA, Secretary General of the NOC of Poland and Mr. Eduard SEREDNICKI, ICF Honorary Member.

The President of the IOC Mr. Juan Antonio SAMARANCH apologized for not to be able to take part in the Congress. The President acknowledged having received this letter. IOC Sports Director Mr. Gilbert FELLI apologized himself for being on a mission in Athens. ASOIF - President Mr. Denis OSWALD apologized for being at a FISA meeting. The ICF Honorary President Mr. Sergio ORSI apologized for being at an international Congress in Firenze.

The President reported about two major ICF events which have been conducted since the congress 1998 in Budapest.

In 1998 the ICF celebrated its 75th Anniversary. The celebration was highlighted at the official event in Milano where the ICF was trying to look to the past and moving towards the future. One of the main aims shall be emphasising the canoeing sports as a recreation sport. The ICF can look to the future very positively. The ICF history of more than 75 years is something what the ICF can be proud of and what shall be continued.

In 2000 the Games of the XXVII. Olympiad in Sydney presented a great experience for the canoeing movement.. The wide interest of media broadcast could be seen at the fact that in the ranking of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) the broadcast of the Slalom Finals ranked second place. There could be no better promotion for our sport than this publicity. The President thanked the athletes whose achievements are very well respected. Also he expressed his gratitude to the people in Sydney and Australia and especially to the SOCOG volunteers.

The President pointed out that sport due to its role as a mirror of the society is a great means for the world to co-operate in peace and for a better future.

Finally he thanked the Polish Canoe Federation for having prepared the excellent working conditions for this congress.

In the name of the Republic of Poland and of the Prime Minister the Sports Minister Mr. NOWICKI thanked the ICF for choosing Warsaw as venue for the congress and honoured the ICF by giving his welcome address.

The President of the National Olympic Committee of Poland Mr. Stanislaw Stefan PASZCZYK expressed his great satisfaction and thanked the ICF for holding the congress in Warsaw. The Polish Olympic Committee which is some years older than the ICF is regarding more and more young people to be interested in canoeing as he reported at his welcome address.

The ICF President thanked the Minister and the President of the Polish Olympic Committee and pointed out that the ICF is delighted now to expect the Flatwater Racing World Championships in Poznan.

The ICF President then asked the congress to commemorate the members of the canoeing family which passed away in the period since the last congress. The congress observed in a minute of silence especially for:

- Mr. Peter MAASEN
- Mr. Matija LJUBEC
- Mr. Autrej CIBAC
- Mr. Hernando CALLEJA

The ICF President asked the delegates for their agreement to the agenda of the XXVIII. ICF Ordinary Congress.

Mr. GOETSCHY (FRA) asked whether the congress should deal with the applications for new memberships before the elections as it was the use at the Budapest congress. The ICF President referred to Article 19 of the ICF Statutes which rules that the points mentioned in this article have at least to be dealt with. The congress has the right to change the agenda when it is sure that these points are included in the agenda.

Motion of France:

The point 11 of the agenda should be point 9. Point 9 should move to 10 and so on.

Result:

31 in favour, 12 votes against.

After the voting it was recorded that the quorum has to be established first by the roll -call.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE DELEGATES AND ESTABLISHING OF THE QUORUM

The ICF Secretary General Mr. BONN recorded after this roll -call that the seven Federations which provisional membership has to be approved by the congress (Armenia, Dominican Republic, Nepal , Paraguay, Uganda, Vietnam, Sao Tome and Principe) in this voting have no right to vote.

Present are: 71 Federation Total

Absolute Majority: 36 votes

2/3 Majority: 48 Votes

After the approval of the provisional membership of the seven Federations the majorities will be:

55 affiliated Federations present

23 Federations by proxy

78 Federation Total

Absolute Majority: 40 votes

2/3 Majority: 52 Votes

3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CONGRESS

The Proposals for the Scrutineers are:

- Dr. Jens KAHL (GER)
- Mr. Luciano BUONFIGLIO (ITA)
- Mr. Jerome Duval (FRA)
- Mr. Jean Pierre Dethies (BEL)

The Scrutineers were accepted unanimously.

After the appointment of the Scrutineers the President continued with the motion of the French Federation that the approval of the membership of the new federations will be point 9 of the agenda.

Result:

48 in favour, against 15, abstentions 1. The simple majority is 36. The motion was accepted.

The agenda was adjusted accordingly.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE XXVII. ORDINARY CONGRESS HELD IN BUDAPEST (1998)

The minutes of the XXVII. Ordinary congress 1998 Budapest have been sent to all National Federations. As no written protest has been made and no protest was raised the minutes of the XXVII. Ordinary Congress in Budapest have been approved without any changes.

5. REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT (CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES, CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES)

The President gave some explanations to his written report which was distributed to the National Federations before the congress.

In the report it is mentioned that ICF has to face the signing of the contract TV broadcasting. In the meantime the broadcast contract was signed between ICF and EBU and ICF in the first time of its history concluded an international agreement with the TV. Now the ICF will be able to negotiate with potential sponsors on a basis of a large TV presence. Regarding this contract the

President asked the National Federations to establish relations with their national TV Broadcasters so the ICF can be present in a large number of countries.

Regarding the situation of the Games of the XXVIII. Olympiad in Athens/Greece 2004 the President pointed out that there will be no problems with the participation of the ICF in these Games with 16 disciplines in Flatwater Racing and four disciplines in Slalom.

The five candidates remaining in the bidding procedure for the Games of the XXIX. Olympiad in 2008 (Beijing, Istanbul, Paris, Osaka, Toronto) included Flatwater Racing and Slalom in their plans. The decision will be taken in the 112th IOC Session in Moscow in July 2001.

The ICF President informed the delegates about the standing of talks with the IDBF. The ICF Executive Committee has had many talks and negotiations with the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF). After positive talks at the beginning the IDBF has now positions unacceptable for the ICF. One example is the changing of the name of the ICF which is not possible. This makes the idea of a co-operation impossible at this time. For this reason the Executive Committee has made the proposal to the Board of Directors and to the congress to establish Dragon Boat as an own discipline within the ICF.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was established and started its activity. The President expressed his hope that the situation of the fight against doping will be a better one than before and WADA can act as a body independent from politics. The ICF was one of the first IFs to sign the contract with WADA.

The President informed the delegates about the IOC Diploma for Women in sport which was received by the German canoeist Ms. Birgit FISCHER first. The diploma was presented by the IOC member Dr. Thomas BACH some months ago. The President thanked the IOC to have taken into consideration the canoeing sports.

As there are no comments or questions on the report the Presidents of the Continental Associations gave explanations to their written reports:

Mr. Charles H. YATMAN (COPAC) asked the delegates of the PanAmerican countries to contact him during the congress.

Mr. Albert WOODS (ECA) faced no comments or questions.

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The Continental Representatives of the ICF gave explanations to their written reports.

Ms. Halina PIKULA (Europe) had no comments.

Mr. Etele BARATH (Europe) asked the delegates to go on in supporting his work.

Ms. Helen BROWNLEE (Oceania) highlighted the Games of the XXVII. Olympiad in Sydney 2000 as the most important task in the last period and invited all National Federations in coming back to Penrith for training.

Mr. Ali GHALAMSIYAH (Asia) pointed out the importance the support of the Asian continent with equipment.

The Chairman of the ICF Committees gave the following explanations to their written reports:

Mr. John LEUKEMANS (Flatwater Racing) had no comments.

Mr. Jaroslav POLLERT (Slalom) gave a large explanation concerning the role of Slalom within the canoeing framework. He thanked all the National Federations and the ICF President for the support. He pointed out that the Slalom Committee played an important role in the work in the last years. He showed himself convinced that the creation and the maintenance of Slalom courses can be of large value for the canoeing movement.

Mr. Jorn CRONBERG (Marathon) had no comments.

Mr. Vittorio CIRINI (Wildwater) pointed out the importance of new disciplines like rafting for the future of the ICF.

Mr. Frits JAGER (Canoe Polo) had no comments.

Mr. Per SJOHULT (Canoe Sailing) reported about the next World Championships in 2002 in the US which will show the fun of the canoe sailing discipline.

Mr. Marcel COLMAN (Touring) pointed out that the situation in the touring section has changed in the past. Now the ICF has Continental Associations in Europe, Asia and PanAmerica. The IOC is drawing a large attention on the „Sport for all“. He reported about the problems of the canoeing touring as for example in Germany the National Federation had to face about 500 restrictions regarding the use of rivers and lakes in 2000. He proposed the ICF to make contracts with governments to deal with this situation. He explained that the Touring committee will be cancelled as the changing of the statutes will be approved. The Continental Associations will deal with this matter in the future.

Dr. Jan VERSTUYFT (Medical) explained that inside ICF there have been no positive doping tests in the period since 2000 so the ICF has got the highest score from IOC.

Mr. Raymond KAMBER (PR & Media) reported about the EBU contract and explained the situation of worldport.com.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL MATTERS AND APPROVAL

The ICF Treasurer Mr. Andre VANDEPUT reported about the financial situation of the ICF. The report is attached in annex 1 to these minutes. He explained the situation of the payments of the National Federations for the Penrith Slalom course.

7. AUDITOR'S REPORT AND APPROVAL

After the report of the Treasurer the Auditor of the ICF Mr. Manfred MODLI reported that he has reviewed the books. All financial documents have been in excellent order. He pointed out that the investments have been made in Australian dollars when this was an advance and reminded of the National Federations which did not pay their membership fees. He kindly asked the congress to approve the report of the Treasurer.

Result:

The Treasurers report was approved unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL FEDERATIONS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the following time the proposals submitted to the congress by the National Federations, the ICF Board of Directors and the ICF Executive Committee regarding the ICF Statutes and competition rules were discussed. (The minutes of the changing of the Statutes and the Competition rules for Flatwater is referring to the documents distributed to the delegates before the congress).

8.A. ICF Statutes:

The ICF President explained that the changing of the Statutes and competition rules in some points would be very complex.

The motion to divide the ICF competition rules into General rules and Technical rules would ensure more flexibility and a much more faster procedure within the ICF in the future.

The President asked Mr. Albert WOODS to proceed with the changing of the ICF Statutes.

Proposal concerning the Athletes Committee:

Mr. WOODS explained the proposal of the Board of Directors to have a standing Athletes committee. The ICF President added that the background of this proposal is that the athletes should be enabled to present their problems and questions directly to the ICF and that their opinion should have an impact on the decisions in the Board.

In this way the ICF should follow the example given with the IOC Athletes commission.

He reported that in the period before the Board of Directors had established a provisional commission. In this commission there have worked one athlete from the two Olympic disciplines Flatwater and Slalom and one member from the non-Olympic discipline Canoe-Polo.

Result:

The congress accepted the proposal to establish a standing Athletes committee with 68 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

Article 1 Para 3 – definition of canoeing - proposal from GER:**Result:**

The congress accepted the proposal with 62 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

Article 1 Para 5 (f) – members of the BOD - proposal from the BOD:

Mr. WOODS pointed out that the congress would have to decide about Article 27 before taking the decision about Article 1 Para 5 (f).

Article 27 – elections - proposal of the BOD:

The changing that the President, the 2nd Vice-President and the Treasurer will be elected in the year of the Olympic Games would mean that the term of the election period in the next elections in 2002 for these positions will be only a two years term.

The change requiring regarding the Continental Representatives would mean that the Representatives will be nominated by the Continental Associations in the future. The questions about the voting procedure were answered with the remark that the procedure will be explained exactly on the second day of the congress.

Result:

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Article 27 - Para 3:

The delegate from Switzerland asked about the procedure in the situation when a country is not a member Federation of the Continental Association and the delegates are present in the ICF congress. The ICF President answered that there is no changing of the Article for this situation as for example for Africa the ICF congress will have to take the decision about the Continental Representatives. The voting about this Para will also be the result for Para 4.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 53 votes in favour, 8 votes against and no abstention.

On this occasion Mr. JOHNSTON (Canada) remarked that the congress would have to vote about every proposal which was officially submitted to the congress. The ICF President underlined that he is obliged to present all proposals to all the delegates in the congress as these are the rules in international Federations.

Mr. JOHNSTON (Canada) asked about the meaning of the wording "... collectively...". It was explained that this means in a separate ballot but at the same time.

Break until 14:30 h.

Article 7 Para 1 – official languages – proposal from CAN:

The delegate from Canada explained this motion. In the past it was rejected to acknowledge more official languages of the ICF. At this time the ICF has three official languages; only the English language is official language for the correspondence. The official languages should only be obligatory to be translated at the congresses. The Spanish language is the main language in the Pan American area.

Mr. YATMAN (COPAC) supported the motion of Canada.

The ICF President pointed out that the ICF has rejected to introduce the Russian language as fourth official language of the ICF before. When the congress is discussing about the Spanish language the Russian language had to be included. He underlined that every additional language is arising more costs for the congresses. In the past every National Federation hosting the congress was free to provide more languages to be translated.

In this moment Canada decided to move the motion to the Board of Directors to sincerely discuss this matter and in the case of agreement to include the rule in a bye-law that the language should be obligatory to be translated in the congress. A copy of this motion was given to the ICF staff.

Result:

The congress accepted this procedure with 52 votes in favour, 1 vote against and no abstention.

Article 8 - eligibility - proposal of the BOD:

The proposal was rejected with 48 votes in favour, 23 votes against and no abstention as the 2/3 majority requested was not reached.

Article 16 - delegates - proposal of the BOD:

The proposal was accepted with 58 votes in favour, 10 votes against and no abstention.

Article 16 - delegates - proposal of Sweden:

The delegate from Sweden pointed out that he would prefer the congress to discuss the proposals of the National Federations before the proposals of the Board of Directors. The motion is withdrawn.

Article 19 - agenda - proposal of the BOD:

Result:

The point „Election of Members of the Board of Directors“ was deleted according to the prior decision with 71 votes in favour.

The point „Election of the Auditor (or Selection of an Auditing company)“ was accepted with 71 votes in favour.

The point „Presentation of Continental Representatives as applicable by their respective Continental delegates present at the congress“ was accepted with 71 votes in favour.

The point „Establishing time and place for World Championship“ was deleted with 41 votes in favour and 12 votes against.

Article 21 - Amendments to the ICF Statutes and competition rules - proposal of BOD:

Mr. PERURENA-LOPEZ gave an explanation of the move.

The delegate of Canada asked about the meaning of the word „may“. It was explained that this means that the congress will be able to change the general rules but not the technical rules.

The ICF President explained that it will not be possible for this Congress or any other congress in the future to handle the changing of all the technical rules in the disciplines.

There is no other International Federation with this procedure as the experts should decide about the technical rules. This is valid as more as the ICF will have more disciplines in the future.

The question of the Netherlands about a modification of the motion was rejected as the congress has to decide about the proposals as distributed before. The delegate from Spain pointed out that he will agree to the division into general and technical rules but he is afraid of too many changes. He is asking the Board of Directors to have stability in the framework of rules.

The ICF President expressed his appreciation for this comment and added that the changing should be allowed only every two years.

The Board of Directors would have the opportunity to move motions to the congress due to the large importance of the matter but 99 % of the rules are specific of disciplines.

The delegate from Sweden remarked that this rule will take away the power of changing the rules from the congress. Mr. PERURENA-LOPEZ showed himself convinced that this will be not the case. The delegate from Hungary was in favour of the proposal with the compromise that the rules should be changed only every two years.

The ICF President proposed to accept the proposal with a limit of two years.

Mr. OVER (Germany) made the proposal to add to Point 3 that the Board of Directors should be able to change the rules every two years before of the congress to clarify the wording.

Result:

The voting on the additional time limit of every two years in front of the congress was accepted with 60 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

As there are more questions about this matter the ICF President asked the delegates to make their remarks and questions before the point „elections“ on the agenda.

Article 23 – voting - proposal from Sweden:

The delegate from Sweden withdraws the proposal.

Article 23 – voting - proposal of the Board of Directors:

Result:

The proposal was accepted unanimously with 71 votes in favour.

Article 24 – majorities – proposal from the BOD:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 63 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Article 25 – (date of rules to take effect) - proposal of the BOD:

Mr. TOMASINI-SCHWERTNER explained that the congress would not have to vote about this point due to article 8. The motion was withdrawn by the Board of Directors.

Article 26 – Board of Directors – proposal from Iran:

The delegate from Great Britain explained that this motion was not accepted by the two congresses before. The delegate from Canada added that this is a very bad discussion to delegate the decision about the technical rules to the Board and then to exclude the chairmen of the committee from the Board.

Result:

The proposal was rejected unanimously.

Article 28 – vacancies – proposal of the BOD:

Mr. YATMAN pointed out that there can be no way for the Board of Directors to suspend a member as this would be no democratic rule.

The delegate from South Africa means that Article 28 is dealing with vacancies. This does not give the Board authority to deal with discipline directions. The delegate from Switzerland wishes to follow the motion if the national federation agrees. We should follow the approval of the federation. That would make it a democratic way. It was proposed that the Board should inform the National Federation about the abstention. The delegate from Australia pointed out that a substitute can be named only by the Continental Association.

Mr. YATMAN explained that the congress decided this before that the Confederation has to nominate the representative. Mr. WOODS pointed out for the members of the Board that they should ask the federation because the National Federation is paying for the costs of the member.

Mr. ARBO said that this problem is related to Article 28 (Vacancies). The election of replacement should be taken by this majority.

Mr. BACHE-WIIG expressed his feelings that due to the confusing discussion the ICF should keep the Status Quo.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 57 votes in favour, 7 votes against.

Article 30 – the executive committee – proposal from the BOD:

Result:

The proposal was accepted unanimously with one abstention.

Break

Article 32 – Standing committees – proposal of the BOD:

The proposal was accepted with 58 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 1 abstention.

Article 40 – Duties of the chairmen of the committees:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 64 votes in favour, 6 vote against and 3 abstention.

Article 44 – Establishment – proposal from the BOD:

(The proposal from France was withdrawn.)

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 76 votes in favour, 3 votes against. '

Article 47 – Appeal – proposal of the BOD and France:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 66 votes in favour, 3 against.

On this occasion the delegate from South Africa made the remark that he was feeling that the National Federations who are still provisional members and don't have the right to vote have taken part in the decision making process.

The ICF President explained that the National Federations which have not yet the right to vote should not vote.

A new role call was made. The result was that 73 countries are present. As at this morning the number was 71 there were now 2 additional countries.

Present are: 73 votes

Absolute Majority: 37 votes

2/3 Majority: 49 Votes

As in all votings the total number of 49 votes necessary for the approval was reached the ICF President asked South Africa whether they want to vote again. South Africa showed itself concerned as people who should not be voting have been voting. The ICF President explained that 7 countries without the right to vote have been voting. In every case without these 7 votes the total number of 49 votes was reached.

South Africa 3expressed the motion to vote again.

Result:

The motion was rejected with 14 votes in favour, 44 votes against and 4 abstentions.

8.B. ICF Competition Rules – General and Technical rules:

The ICF Technical Director Mr. SZANTO gave an explanation of the system of division of the ICF competition rules into General rules and Technical rules.

He explained that the new system is including the rule that a competition can only be acknowledged as a World Championship when at least six National Federations from three continents are taking part in it. To a question from Great Britain he explained that this means six countries from three continents per event, not per discipline. When this limit is not reached in a singular event this category will not have a world champion.

Result:

The model of division as distributed to the delegates before the congress was accepted unanimously by acclamation.

8.C. ICF Competition Rules – Flatwater Racing:

The chairman of the Flatwater Racing Committee (FRC) Mr. LEUKEMANS gave explanations for the Flatwater rules and led through the voting.

Article 3 – competitors:

Mr. LEUKEMANS explained that this rule will be valid starting in 2001 for 2002.

All the technical rules get in order at the January 1st, 2001.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 65 votes in favour, 3 votes against.

Article 6 – limitations proposal of CZE, NED and GBR:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 45 votes in favour.

Article 7 – construction – proposal of HUN:

The proposal was withdrawn. It was remarked that many National Federations do not have the money to change the boats.

Mr. HAVIAR expressed that the material for the congress regarding ICF rules do not contain anything about the mono-type boats.

The delegate from Italy mentioned that the delegates do not have information about this matter. The delegate from Lebanon mentioned that Lebanon is a small country. If the congress is talking about better boats he is afraid of discussions about that.

The ICF President explained that in recent years the ICF has talked to a lot of boat constructors and athletes. All of them asked us to delete this rule. In fact ICF is dealing with monotype boats.

Result:

The proposal was rejected with 2 votes in favour, 52 votes against and 1 abstention.

Article 6.4.2. – prohibition of advertising:

The delegate from Norway explained that in Norway the advertising for alcohol is forbidden.

Result:

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Article 7.2. – the hull – proposal from HUN, NED and GBR:

It was expressed that ICF should not design the boats but give that problem to a designer. Give the designers a chance.

The delegate from Hungary mentioned that the rule is not necessary (to have a convex line). Without this rule it is much more easier to have correct boats.

Result:

The proposal was rejected with 10 votes in favour, 47 votes against.

Article 7.1. – building materials:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 62 votes in favour.

Article 7.3- the deck:

The proposal was accepted with 54 votes in favour and 1 vote against.

End of Day 1

The ICF President opened the session on its second day with thanks to the Polish Canoe Federation for the dinner.

He informed the delegates that the prior day the ICF has received a letter from ATHOC that the Organising Committee for the Games of the XXVIII. Olympiad in 2004 never had taken the decision of changing the place of the Regatta course in Greece. He expressed his gratitude to ATHOC to be delivered by the Hellenic Federation.

Mr. CLERICI (Switzerland) made a proposal to delegate all the changing of the competition rules to the ICF Board of Directors due to the lack of time.

The ICF President mentioned that the General rules have been discussed the day before.

The delegate from Slovakia mentioned that he is strongly supporting the proposal from Switzerland. The delegate from France is making the proposal to check time and go on and try to go through all the rules and then decide again.

The President wishes to start with the Olympic disciplines.

Switzerland withdraws the proposal in favour of the proposal from France.

Roll Call:

Present are:	75 Federation Total
Absolute Majority:	38 votes
2/3 Majority:	50 votes

Article 7.5 – electric devices: – proposal of HUN:

Result:

The proposal was rejected with 7 votes in favour, 48 votes against and 1 abstention

Art. 7.6.2 - new Article - proposal of GBR:

The delegate from Great Britain wants just to make sure that the people sit in and not on the boats.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 54 votes in favour, 2 against.

Article 7.7.3, 7.7.4, 7.7.5 – canoes :

The first voting is about the proposal of the Board of Directors regarding 7.7.3.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 66 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 5 abstentions.

Article 7.7.3. proposal from HUN:

Mr. OVER (Germany) pointed out that if the congress accepted the proposal of the board it can not vote about this proposal. This was confirmed by Mr. LEUKEMANS.

Article 9 - Officials - proposal of FRA:

The delegate from Hungary thinks that it is not a good way to discuss two points together. The delegate from France agrees with going to article 44 which linked with World Championships and withdraws. Hungary agrees to this procedure.

Article 9.5.7 b - 9.5.9 c :

The delegate from Sweden mentioned that in the proposal the last sentence is missing (The decision of the judges is final.). Mr. LEUKEMANS is confirming that this was taken out.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 70 votes in favour and 1 vote against.

Art. 12 Entries - proposal of HUN:

Mr. LEUKEMANS mentioned that this is a very good proposal but the congress should give it to the Board to work it out in detail.

Voting on the proposal to give the rule back to the Board.

Yes: 68

No: 0

Abstention: 1

Art. 13.3 Acceptance of Entries and Programme:

Result:

The proposal is accepted with 66 votes in favour.

Art. 22 Racing regulation.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 70 votes in favour.

Art. 24.3 - heats and finals - proposal of HUN:

The Secretary General Mr. BONN explained upon request that a simple majority of the members present is required.

Result:

The proposal was rejected with 31 votes in favour, 22 votes against and 3 abstentions.

Art. 24.4 – division into heats:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 58 votes in favour.

Art. 25 – Start – „Ten seconds to the start“:

The question regarding this rule was what happens if something appears in the next 10 sec. like in Sydney. The ICF President explained that this is like now when something happens after „attention“. The delegate from Great Britain mentioned that this wording says the starter will have to start in exactly ten seconds. The rule is not written correctly. Mr. LEUKEMANS explained that it means the start will be in the next ten seconds and not in exactly ten seconds. The delegate from Australia agreed with GBR as the words are not good. There also should be an instruction for what happens if the start is not in this 10 secs. He prefers the motion to be discussed of the Board for improved wording.

Vote for back to the Board

Yes: 63

No: 4

Result:

Art. 25 is given back to the Board.

Art. 25.6.2 – Start – False Start:

The Board prefers the proposal of Germany. There was a question whether every organiser has to use the ICF start system. Mr. LEUKEMANS explained that it is only for World cups, World Championships and Olympic Games.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 67 votes in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention.

Art. 33 Arrangements:

Mr. LEUKEMANS explained that this will be part of the Contracts between ICF and the Organisers. Hungary withdraws. Canada is asking for the entrance fee and accommodation fee. This is the same.

Art. 33.4 proposal of South Africa – participation numbers in WCHs:

Mr. LEUKEMANS explained that after the decision the day before it is valid for all disciplines that 6 countries from three continents have to take part. (except Canoes Sailing). South Africa wanted to have a vote to clarify for Flatwater again about Article 33.4. and the principle that 6 Nations from 3 continents must take part to avoid mistakes.

After a voting about this point the result was:

59 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 2 abstentions.

Art. 33.5 proposal of South Africa – entry fee

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 60 votes in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Art. 34 Programme - proposal of HUN:

The delegate from Hungary understands the voting before was also in favour of B finals to World Cup programme. The ICF President explained that it was valid for all International regattas.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 58 votes in favour, 13 against and 1 abstention.

Art. 34.1 long distance races:

Mr. LEUKEMANS mentioned that if the ICF is adding this it will need one day more

The President proposed first to vote about the proposal from HUN and then about long distance.

ART. 34.1 - K4 women - proposal of HUN:

The President explained that during the congress in Paris the ICF was talking about 1000m races. The number of paddlers is the same like before Paris. This means that in every class the athletes will have to start double or tripple. The number of paddlers will not enlarge. The delegates should take into consideration the numbers of athletes.

The delegate from Hungary mentioned that he can not understand that the women are one third of the competitors and why men have K1, K2 and K4 and women not as it is not arising more costs.

This was tested in Milan and it passed well. The delegate from France mentioned that the ICF is developing the sport for women. The ICF has to increase the number of women. The board should think about a rule not to paddle in so many races.

Mr. LEUKEMANS reported that a few years ago ICF talked about C4. In a few years it will be the same with K4. The maximum now is 7 teams. The delegate from Canada mentioned that there is no parallel in C4 and K4. The delegate from Germany mentioned that the ICF has no experience in K4 now. First K4 women should be included in World Cup.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 40 votes in favour, 25 against and 1 abstention.

Art. 33.5 Programme of the Events – 5000 m K1, K2, C1, C2:

The delegate from Great Britain withdraws in favour of the proposal of CZE and SVK South Africa also withdraws in favour of CZE and SVK, also does Sweden.

Mr. PERURENA-LOPEZ explained that this would be not possible for the next World Championships. Mr. LEUKEMANS wants to decide this after the vote.

Result:

The proposal was rejected with 12 votes in favour, 48 against and 2 abstentions.

Art. 35 – System of division into heats – proposal from HUN:

HUN withdraws.

Art. 37 – Invitations entries and programme – Proposal from BRA:

BRA withdraws.

Art. 37.4. (withdrawing of a boat) - proposal of NED:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 66 votes in favour, 1 against.

Art. 38 proposal BRA – Jury, competition committee and Officials:

The delegate from France wants to put this in the contracts too. Mr. LEUKEMANS wants the congress to vote about this matter.

Result:

The proposal is rejected with 7 votes in favour, 39 votes against.

Break

Art. 42 – Heats and finals – proposal from HUN:

HUN withdraws.

Art 44 Proposal of the Board – Start equipment:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 61 votes in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention.

Art. 44 Start equipment - proposal of SWE:

SWE withdraws.

Art. 44 Start equipment - proposal of FRA:

FRA withdraws.

Art. 44.4 – Videosystem – proposal of the Board and NED

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 64 votes in favour.

Art. 44.4 – Videosystem - NED and FRA proposals:

NED and FRA withdraw.

Art. 45.1 – photo-finish – proposal of the Board:

The proposal was accepted with 66 votes in favour.

Art. 48 Doping – proposal of the Board:

Result:

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Art. 49 Results and reports – proposal from the Board:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 74 votes in favour.

Art. 50 – Junior arrangements – proposal from HUN:

Result:

The proposal was rejected with 22 votes in favour, 36 votes against and 6 abstentions.

Art. 50 – proposal of RSA – arrangements:

RSA withdraws.

Art. 51 – B Finals for Juniors – proposal from HUN:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 40 votes in favour, 12 against.

Art. 51.1. Programme of events - proposal from HUN and CAN:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 61 votes in favour, 3 against

Art. 51.2 – Appendix 1 – proposal from the Board:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 57 votes in favour and 4 votes against.

Art. 51.3. – adaption by the Board of Directors:

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 65 votes in favour.

Art. 66 - Application and programme – Proposal from CAN:

Result:

The proposal was rejected with 4 votes in favour, 59 votes against and 6 abstentions.

Art. 69 – Protest – proposal from FRA:

The French proposal is in the French language to follow the IOC Charter. Mr. BONN explained that all ICF rules are in the English language. France withdraws.

Art. 76– Checking of Boats and equipment – proposal of the Board:

It was pointed out that the checking of the boats was practised before the Games of the Olympiad in Atlanta and Sydney. The delegate from Great Britain mentioned that one can not survey this. Mr. LEUKEMANS pointed out that a total new design will not be permitted. It was stated that there have been boats in Sydney which have not been approved in Milan but it was the same design.

Result:

The proposal was accepted with 63 votes in favour, 3 against.

Division System – proposals from NOR, RSA and SWE and IRI:

This point was given back to the Board for further discussion. Due to the heavy delay the delegate from Great Britain made the proposal to start with the elections immediately after the break. This proposal was supported by Australia. The proposal was enlarged to the proposal to elect first and come back to the competition rules afterwards not to loose all decisions made before.

The President proposed to deal with point 9 of the agenda before the lunch, to elect afterwards and then to deal with the Slalom rules.

This proposal was accepted with 71 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

9. REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The following Federations submitted their application for full membership to the Congress:

- a) Armenian National Federation of Canoe (ARM)
- b) Dominican Canoe Federation (DOM)
- c) Nepal Canoeing and Rafting Federation (NEP)

- d) Federación Paraguaya de Canotaje (PAR)
- e) Vietnam Canoeing and Rowing Federation (VIE)
- f) Uganda Canoeing Federation (UGA)

The Secretary General reported that these Federations have fulfilled all requests for a membership and have been accepted as provisional members by the ICF Executive Committee. The congress now has to take the decision concerning their full membership.

Result:

The new Federations were affiliated unanimously.

The President welcomed the National Federations newly affiliated and expressed his wishes for a fruitful partnership. The ICF now counts 112 National Member Federations

10. ELECTIONS

Before the elections Mr. Volker BERNARDI, ICF Administrative Director, explained the new election procedure. Each Delegate has received an election procedure kit with the voting forms.

The position of the 1st Vice-President is elected separately.

The positions of the 3rd Vice-President and the Treasurer are elected in a common voting round but by separate voting forms and ballots.

The positions of the Continental Representatives and of the chairmen of the committees will be elected by a separate ballot and voting form but in one voting round.

a.) The Election of the 1st Vice-President (period: 2000-2004):

Candidates for the election for the 1st Vice -President were:

- Mr. Etele BARATH (HUN)
- Mr. Jozsef BEJNAROWICZ (POL)
- Mr. Marcel VENOT (FRA)
- Mr. Albert WOODS (GBR)

The elections were held in a secret separate ballot for the 1st Vice -President with the following results:

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Marcel VENOT	27
	Albert WOODS	29
	Jozsef BEJNAROWICZ	17
	Etele BARATH	7
Not valid		0
Abstentions		0
Total		80

Ballot	Name	Votes
2	Marcel VENOT	36
	Albert WOODS	28
	JoszeŒ BEJNAROWICZ	14
Not valid		1
Abstentions		0
Total		78

Ballot	Name	Votes
3	Marcel VENOT	41
	Albert WOODS	37
Not valid		0
Abstentions		0
Total		78

Elected as 1st Vice-President of the ICF is Mr. Marcel VENOT.

b.) The Election of the 3rd Vice-President (period: 2000-2004)

Candidates for the election for the 3rd Vice-President were:

Ms. Helen BROWNLEE (AUS)
 Mr. JoszeŒ BEJNORIWICZ (POL)
 Mr. Ali GHALAMSIYAH (IRI)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Ali GHALAMSIYAH	42
	Helen BROWNLEE	19
	JoszeŒ BEJNAROWICZ	16
Not valid		0
Abstentions		0
Total		77

Elected as 3rd Vice-President of the ICF is Mr. Ali GHALAMSIYAH.

c.) Election of Treasurer (period: 2000 -2004)

Candidates for the election for the Treasurer were:

Mr. Hans-Ulrich CLERICI (SUI)
 Mr. Francesco CONFORTI (ITA)
 Mr. Andre VANDEPUT (BEL)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Francesco CONFORTI	38
	Andre VANDEPUT	26
	Hans-Ulrich CLERICI	13
Not valid		1
Abstentions		1
Total		79

Ballot	Name	Votes
2	Francesco CONFORTI	47
	Andre VANDEPUT	28
Not valid		3
Abstentions		1
Total		79

Elected as Treasurer of the ICF is Mr. Francesco CONFORTI. The ICF President thanks the former Treasurer Mr. VANDEPUT for his good and trustful work in the past years.

d) Election of the Continental Representatives (Period 20000 - 2004):

- Africa (one member)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Roelof van RIET (RSA)	66
Not valid		7
Abstentions		2
Total		75

Mr. Roelof VAN RIET has been elected.

- Asia (one member)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Anthony CHAN (HKG)	54
Not valid		20
Abstentions		1
Total		75

Mr. Anthony CHAN has been elected.

- Europe (two members)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Jan BACHE-WIIG (NOR)	14
	Ivans KLEMENTJEVS (LAT)	41
	Per LINDBERG (SWE)	20
	Halina PIKULA (POL)	63
Not valid		0
Abstentions		1
Total		139

Ms. Halina PIKULINA has been elected for four years and Mr. Ivans KLEMENTJEVS has been elected for two years.

- Oceania (one member)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Helen BROWNLEE (AUS)	65
Not valid		3
Abstentions		6
Total		74

Mrs. Helen BROWNLEE has been elected.

e) Election of the Chairmen of the Committees (Period 2000 – 2004)

- Flatwater Racing

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	John LEUKEMANS (BEL)	47
	Miroslav HAVIAR (SVK)	30
Not valid		2
Abstentions		0
Total		79

Mr. John LEUKEMANS has been elected.

- Marathon Racing

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Jorn CRONBERG (DEN)	75
Not valid		2
Abstentions		2
Total		79

Mr. Jorn CRONBERG has been elected.

- Canoe Sailing

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Ben FULLER (USA)	73
Not valid		3
Abstentions		3
Total		79

Mr. Benjamin A. G. FULLER has been elected.

- Slalom Racing

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Ramón GANYET I SOLE (ESP)	28
	Peter HORSTER (GER)	32
	Jaroslav POLLERT (CZE)	18
Not valid		1
Abstentions		0
Total		79

Ballot	Name	Votes
2	Ramón GANYET I SOLE (ESP)	24
	Peter HORSTER (GER)	49
Not valid		6
Abstentions		0
Total		79

Mr. Peter HORSTER has been elected.

The ICF President thanks Mr. POLLERT for the good work and co -operation in the past.

- Wildwater Racing

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Vittorio CIRINI (ITA)	77
Not valid		2
Abstentions		0
Total		79

Mr. Vittorio CIRINI has been elected.

f) Election of the Auditor (Period: 2000 – 2002)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Walter AUMAYR (AUT)	26
	Mr. Manfred MODLI	40
Not valid		3
Abstentions		10
Total		79

Ballot	Name	Votes
2	Mr. Manfred MODLI	51
Not valid		14
Abstentions		12
Total		79

Mr. Manfred MODLI has been elected.

11. AWARDS

The ICF President presented the four motions: Mr. Otto BONN, Mr. Filip CURCOVIC, Mr. Caslav Veljic; in addition he presented Mr. Yoshio SAKURAUCHI . The documents have been distributed to the delegates. In the ICF regulations there is no rule how the delegates have to vote so the President proposed to vote by raising the cards.

First the ICF has got the motion by the Polish Federation and 15 other federations.

Mr. Otto BONN was unanimously elected as ICF Honorary Member.

Mr. Caslav VELJIC was unanimously elected as ICF Honorary Member.

Mr. Filip CURKOVIC was unanimously elected as ICF Honorary Member.

Mr. Yoshio SAKURAUCHI was unanimously elected as ICF Honorary Member.

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS
(2001-2002)

The working programme was accepted unanimously.

13. FIXING THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS (2001-2002)

The membership fee was fixed to the annual amount of US \$ 500, -.

14. PROPOSAL OF THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS (2001-2002)

The budget of the next two years was presented by Mr. VANDEPUT and accepted unanimously.

15. ESTABLISHING TIME AND PLACE FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior World Championships:

Flatwater World Championship 2005:

The congress can not accept the candidatur from Portugal as there are no informations.
Zagreb (Croatia) was elected to host the WCH 2005.

Flatwater World Championship 2006:

Aveiro (Portugal) did not send the information. Szeged (Hungary) was elected

Flatwater World Championship 2007:

Duisburg (Germany) was elected.

Slalom World Championships 2005:

Sydney (Australia) was elected.

Slalom World Championships 2006:

Prague/Troja (Czech Republic) was elected.

Slalom World Championships 2007

Tres Coroas (Brazil) was elected.

Marathon World Championships 2003:

Zamora (Spain) was elected.

Marathon World Championships 2002:

River Tyn (Czech Republic) was elected.

Marathon World Championships 2004:
Candidates: Perth (Australia), Bergen (Norway)

Vote: Perth: 33 , Bergen: 37

Bergen (Norway) was elected.

Marathon World Championships 2005:
Perth (Australia) applies for the World Championships in 2005 and was elected.

Wildwater World Championships:
No new decision

Canoe Polo World Championships 2006:
Amsterdam (The Netherlands) was elected.

Canoe Sailing World Championships 2005:
Weymouth (Great Britain) was elected.

Junior World Championships:

Flatwater Junior World Championships 2005:

Australia withdraws for 2005 and will be candidate for 2007.

Hungary is ready to organize World Championships in Szeged and is elected.

Flatwater Junior World Championships 2007:
Sydney/Penrith (Australia) was elected.

Slalom Junior World Championships 2004:
Lofer/Salzburg (Austria) was elected.

Wildwater Junior World Championships 2002:
(Great Britain) was elected.

Wildwater Junior World Championships 2004:
Mayrhofen (Austria) was elected.

Canoe Polo Junior World Championships 2006:
Will use the same competition venue as the Seniors.

16. GENERAL QUESTIONS, INFORMATION

The Secretary General Mr. Otto BONN gave some words of farewell to the delegates of the National Federations. After the long time of 12 years as Secretary General of the ICF he will end his term at the December 31st, 2000.

After the speech the delegates raised in long applause for the newly elected ICF Honorary Member. The official farewell will be celebrated at the next congress in Madrid.

17. ESTABLISHING TIME AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT CONGRESS IN 2002

1. Application sent by the Croatian Canoe Federation:
Proposed City: Dubrovnik

2. Application sent by the Spanish Canoe Federation:
Proposed City: Madrid

Croatia withdraws and announces the candidature for 2004.

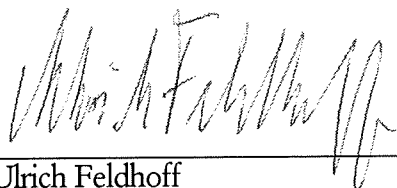
The Proposal of the Spanish Canoe Federation (Madrid) is accepted by the Congress unanimously to host the XXIX. ICF Congress 2002.

18. CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS

The ICF President thanked all the delegates for their co-operation and especially the Polish Federation for the excellent work in the organisation of the congress. He also expressed his gratitude to the ICF staff from Madrid for the new presentations.

The President declared the XXVIII. Ordinary congress of the ICF closed.

Done at Madrid, May 12th, 2001



Ulrich Feldhoff
ICF President



José Perureña-Lopez
ICF Secretary General