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1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

The President of the ICF Mr. Ulrich FELDHOFF welcomed the participants of the XXIX. ICF Ordinary Congress in Madrid.

He especially welcomed Mr. Otto BONN, ICF Honorary Member and former Secretary General of ICF and all guests and friends of the canoeing family.

The President of the IOC Dr. Jacques ROGGE apologized for not being able to take part in the Congress as his son has his wedding on this day. Also Mr. Juan Antonio SAMARANCH, IOC Honorary President, and Mr. Denis OSWALD, ASOIF President, have apologized for their absence.

The President referred to his written report and pointed out that the overall result of the work within the last two years can be considered to be positive. ICF managed to strengthen its role within the international sports family.

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 a minute of silence especially for:

- Mr. Mondy ENGEL (LUX)
- Mr. Hans-Egon VESPER (GER)
- Mr. Filip CURCOVIC (CRO)

The President after stating that the congress documentation was sent by date asked the delegates for their agreement to the agenda of the XXVIII. ICF Ordinary Congress with one modification. Due to the development within the last weeks the new point 9c „Situation of Olympic Canoe Slalom“ was included.

Mr. POLLERT (CZE) asked for inclusion of a presentation about the dramatic situation in the Czech Republic after the flood catastrophe to the agenda. The President proposed to include this point after point 4 of the agenda.

Resolution C 01/2002:

The agenda was extended by including the points 9c „Situation of Olympic Canoe Slalom“ and after point 4 the report „Situation in the Czech Republic after the floods“.

From this the agenda as outlined on the following page arises.

1. Opening of the session
2. Roll-call of delegates and establishing of the quorum
3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of the Congress
4. Report by the President
5. Situation in the Czech Republic after the floods
6. Treasurer's report on financial matters and approval
7. Auditors' report and approval
8. Discussions and resolution on the proposals submitted by National Federations, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors
9. Reports on membership applications
10. Report on preparations World Championships 2003 and Games of the XXVIII Olympiad 2004
 - a) World Championships 2003
 - b) Games of the XXVIII Olympiad 2004
Presentation ATHOC 2004
Report by the Chairmen of the Committees (Flatwater and Slalom)
 - c) Situation of Olympic Canoe Slalom
11. Election of the President
12. Election of the 2nd Vice-President
13. Election of the Chairmen of the Standing Committees
 - a) Canoe Polo Committee
 - b) PR/Media Committee
 - c) Medical Committee
 - d) Dragon Boat Committee
14. Election of the Auditor
15. Presentation of Continental Representatives as applicable by their respective Continental Associations or by delegates present at the Congress from a Continent where there is no Continental association recognised by the ICF
16. Working Programme for the next two years (2002-2004)
17. ICF Development Programme 2002-2004
18. Fixing the annual membership fee for the next two years
19. Establishment of the Budget for the next two years
20. General information
21. Establishing time and place for the next Congress
22. Miscellaneous
23. Closing of the Congress

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

The ICF Secretary General Mr. PERURENA LOPEZ made the roll call.

Present are: 80 Federations

Absolute Majority: 41 Votes

2/3 Majority: 54 Votes

3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CONGRESS

The Proposals for the Scrutineers are:

- Dr. Jens KAHL (GER)
- Mr. Paul OWEN (GBR)
- Mr. Istvan VASKUTI (HUN)
- Mr. John BISSET (AUS)

Resolution C 02/2002:

The scrutineers were accepted unanimously.

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

The President gave some additional explanations to his written report, which was distributed to the National Federations before the congress and especially referred to the report of the Olympic Programme Commission for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad Beijing 2008.

The current report of the Programme commission is only a proposal of a commission and neither the IOC Executive Board nor the Session have taken final decisions. However the situation must be considered very seriously by ICF as it would mean that the Canoe/Kayak Slalom will be excluded from the Olympic Games.

Essentially, the Commission had three reasons to recommend the exclusion of the Canoe/Kayak Slalom discipline from the Games of the Olympiad, the high investment cost for such a venue and the re-financing opportunities, the number of participating National Federations in Slalom competitions and the use of the Slalom course after the Games (sustainability and post games use).

The President acknowledged that IOC President Dr. Rogge has stated on the occasion of his election that one main concern for the future development of sports venues is the sustainability of the venue and explained that the recommendation of the commission is partially based on facts that are not correct. Concerning the construction cost it must be stated that the investment cost of the Slalom venue in Athens are below USD 7 million. The IOC shall be informed that a Slalom course may be used seven days a week and by this ensures an optimum re-financing.

Regarding the second point concerning the participation of National Federations in Slalom competitions it must be stated that ICF will have to increase the number substantially. The ICF development programme succeeded to increase the number of participation in Bourg St. Maurice

by 11 Federations. ICF will keep on going this way and undertake everything to increase the number of participating Nations at World Championships 2003 to at least 55. As a long-term aim the number of at least 60 National Federations participating in the qualification competitions for the 2008 Olympic Games must be reached.

ICF will use the remaining time prior to the IOC Sessions in Mexico-City and Prague to inform the IOC and its members about the correct facts.

The President explained the current situation of the presence of ICF competitions in Television Broadcasting. The contract between ICF and European Broadcasting Union (EBU) ensured the broadcast of the Olympic World Championships 2002 in Flatwater Racing and Slalom Racing in TV. The problem is the low interest of National TV companies to broadcast canoeing events. The President asked the delegates to contact their national TV stations with the aim of increasing the TV presence considerably.

Also it would be necessary to modify the programme of the World Championships as the TV Broadcasters mainly only will broadcast events live if compact event sections of 1,5 - 2 hrs maximum length can be produced with reasonable periods between the races to ensure that all finals can be broadcasted in full length. The TV stations are requesting to divide A and B Finals and to produce a prime-time coverage of 2x1,5 hrs to be broadcasted live.

Regarding the World Cup system modifications in the overall competition system will be necessary to meet the needs of the athletes and the TV Broadcasters. The season shall be enlarged and new total numbers of World Cups and periods between the single World Cups shall meet the needs of the athletes.

Report of the 1st Vice President:

Mr. VENOT has no further comments to his written report.

Report of the 2nd Vice President:

Mr. TOMASINI SCHWERTNER has no further comments to his written report.

Report of the 3rd Vice President:

Mr. GHALAMSIAH gave some explanations about the World Day of Canoeing under the motto "Keep water clean" in addition to his written report.

Report of the Chairman of the Flatwater Racing Committee:

In addition to his written report Mr. LEUKEMANS mentioned that the Canoe Men and Kayak Women events have to face problems regarding the participation in competitions.

Report of the Chairman of the Slalom Racing Committee:

In addition to his written report Mr. HORSTER congratulated the organizers of the 2002 Junior and Senior World Championships and informed about the Slalom conference in Bourg St. Maurice with coaches, organizers and officials.

Mr. HUNAUT (FRA) proposed that the strong National Federations in Slalom should support new Federations establishing the Slalom discipline in the framework of a partnership. The President proposed to discuss this later.

Report of the Chairman of the Wildwater Racing Committee:

In addition to his written report Mr. CIRINI mentioned that for the first time in ICF history in Valsesia there have been World Championships competitions in Sprint, which is a great step towards the development of the Wildwater racing discipline.

Report of the Chairman of the Marathon Racing Committee:

Mr. CRONBERG expressed his sympathy with the organizers in the Czech Republic for the cancellation of the World Championships due to the extreme weather situation. He informed that the Spanish Canoe Federation offered to hold the Championships in Zamora/Spain on September 28-29th, 2002 and the information would be introduced to the FEP and ICF website soon.

Report of the Chairman of the Canoe Polo Committee:

Mr. JAGER informed about the referees course in Asia and invited all delegates to attend the World Championships in Essen/Germany.

Report of the Chairman of the Canoe Sailing Committee:

In addition to his written report Mr. FULLER informed about the World Championships in Bristol/Rhode Island and the link to the ICF website with more information about this matter.

Report of the Chairman of the PR & Media Committee:

In addition to his written report Mr. KAMBER emphasized the importance of a better co-ordination of the competition calendars for canoeing. He informed about the interest of a TV station in Australia in broadcasting pictures from Slalom World Cups. The company Sunset & Vine, which is producing sports news is also interested in broadcasting pictures. Mr. KAMBER mentioned that the World Cup system needs to be modified for further negotiations with TV Organisations.

Report of the Chairman of the Medical Committee:

In addition to his written report Dr. VERSTUYFT reported about the further activities of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), which started its activities in the year 2000 with in-competition tests during the Sydney Olympic Games. In the year 2001-2002 WADA focused to out-of-competition tests. Some 120 tests have been conducted. In addition the ICF conducted its own tests. The main problem remains the co-ordination between tests of national and international organisations. He mentioned that many National Federations do not fulfil their obligations regarding the announcements of the "whereabouts" of athletes participating in international competitions and Championships. WADA has drafted a harmonized World Anti-Doping Code and the IFs, NOCs and NFs will send their statements to WADA.

Mr. KVILLUM (NOR) proposed to use WADA also for in-competition tests in canoeing. Dr. VERSTUYFT answered that the ICF had not use this offer so far as during World Championships the ICF co-operated with national agencies.

Report of the Chairman of the Dragonboat Racing Commission:

Mr. RYFFEL presented the newly drafted rules and proposed that ICF should move straight forward by using the competition framework as set by ICF to develop Dragonboat Racing.

Report of the Continental Representatives for Africa:

Mr. LARAICHI had no comments in addition to his written report.

Report of the Continental Representatives for America:

In addition to his written report Mr. YATMAN informed the Congress that the first Slalom PanAmerican Championships will be held in Chile and that the PanAmerican Games 2003 would be held in Santo Domingo. Mr. ARBÓ and Mr. RUIZ had no comments on their written report.

Report of the Continental Representatives for Asia:

Mr. CHAN and Mr. WU had no further comments.

The President used the opportunity to congratulate Mr. WU and Mr. CORNISH for their elections as Presidents of the Continental Associations of Asia and Africa.

Report of the Continental Representatives for Europe:

In addition to his written report Mr. WOODS also spoke on behalf of Ms. PIKULA, Mr. KLEMENTJEVS and Mr. BARATH and informed about the Slalom European Championships in Bratislava and the European Flatwater Racing Championships Seniors in Szeged and the European Championships Flatwater Racing Juniors in Zagreb with the participation of 38 countries (Juniors) and 32 countries (under-23 years of age) with a total number of more than 750 athletes.

Report of the Continental Representative for Oceania:

Ms. BROWNLEE had no further comments on the written report

Mr. KEADING (AUS) asked for the further procedures concerning the Athletes Commission. The President informed that the IOC system with direct elections of the members by the athletes will be introduced in 2004. Up to the year 2004 the members will be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary General informed that only athletes no longer active as competitors will be appointed by the Board for the period up to 2004.

Prof. THAN-TOE (MYA) asked for the names of the members of the Dragonboat Racing committee as Asia must be represented due to the origin of the discipline in Asia.

5. SITUATION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC AFTER THE FLOODS

Mr. POLLERT (CZE) reported about the critical situation for the Canoeing family in the Czech Republic and Germany after the heavy floods destroying the facilities of many clubs. He asked

the ICF for support for the re-construction of the facilities. The President expressed his sympathy and stated that ICF will have to think about help for this region.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL MATTERS AND APPROVAL

The ICF Treasurer Mr. CONFORTI reported about the financial situation of the ICF on the basis of his written report and explained some modifications after the report was finished. He pointed out that ICF received the best conditions for the investments by the bank. All investments of ICF are in Euro and US-Dollar now. Concerning the payments of the National Federations for the Penrith Slalom course he informed that Australian Canoeing Inc. has paid the amount of 20.000,- AUD and for the remaining amount an agreement has been found. Puerto Rico has paid up all obligations. As there were no questions the President asked for the report of the auditor.

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 in Belgium (Treasurer Vandeput) and Italy (Treasurer Conforti) and all financial documents have been in excellent order. He pointed out that the investments have been made according to good conditions regarding the interests. The auditor mentioned that there are some amounts to be received by ICF like the amount from Australian canoeing Inc. and USCKT/OMNI and the amount from the Royal Belgian Canoe Federation.

He asked the congress to approve the report of the Treasurer and to discharge the Treasurer and the Board of Directors.

Resolution C 03/2002:

The delegates of the Congress accepted the report of the Treasurer and relieved the Treasurer and the Board of the Directors by 61 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

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The Secretary General informed that a new quorum was established.

Present are: 81 Federation

Absolute Majority: 41 Votes

2/3 Majority: 54 Votes

Mr. CHAN informed about the number of 429 athletes participating in the Asian Canoe Championships coming from 21 countries.

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 President asked Mr. Albert WOODS, chairman of the Statutes Commission, to proceed with the changing of the ICF Statutes. Mr. WOODS informed that for the modification of the Statutes a majority of 54 votes would be required.

Agenda Point 8a – ICF Statutes:

ESP - Article 7.1 ICF Statutes – Introduction of Spanish language:

Resolution C 04/2002:

The proposal of ESP was rejected. (50 Yes, 12 No, 14 Abstentions).

ICF - Article 13 ICF Statutes – Expulsion:

Mr. LUCKMAN (USA) mentioned that this rule should only apply to contracts as signed after the Congress. Mr. WOODS pointed out that the rule is only a clarification.

Resolution C 05/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was accepted. (63 Yes, 3 No, 4 Abstentions).

SWE - Article 15.4 ICF Statutes – Congress:

Resolution C 06/2002:

The proposal of SWE was rejected. (6 Yes, 59 No, 11 Abstentions).

Mr. WOODS mentioned that the article proposed is closely connected to the proposals regarding Article 23.2 ICF Statutes and proposed to deal with this article now.

SWE/CZE - Article 23.2 ICF Statutes – Voting:

The delegate from SWE gave explanations to the motion by pointing out that the congress should be a meeting of persons communicating about canoeing and was supported by the delegate from CZE who pointed out that it should be a main duty of National Federations to participate in the Congress.

Mr. VENOT mentioned that the number of National Federations participating in the Congress could be a problem regarding to ICF Statutes and to IOC view should ICF state a duty to participate in the Congress. The President reminded the delegates of the ICF Statutes requesting 50% presence of the National Federations present or represented by proxy. Mr. GARNER asked for proxies by Board members and was informed that members of the Board may only carry a vote from their country.

Resolution C 07/2002:

The proposals of SWE/CZE were rejected. (35 Yes, 37 No, 5 Abstentions).

CZE - Article 19 ICF Statutes – Agenda/Programme of the Congress:

Mr. WOODS proposed the Board to deal with this matter as the discipline specific matters are falling within the competence of the Board and such conferences could be held after the World Championships. Mr. POLLERT pointed out that such conferences could be used by the main advisers for informing about the technical parts of the work of ICF especially concerning the main Olympic disciplines. He agreed to move this proposal to the Board.

ICF - Article 20 ICF Statutes – Submission of proposals:

Regarding Art 20.4 ICF Statutes Mr. WOODS explained that the Board already changed the corresponding Bye-Law 32 (“Members are appointed by the Board of Directors from nominations by National Federations sent to the Secretary General for presentation to the Board”) so this matter is covered by the Bye-Laws and therefore this part in Art 20.4 should be deleted, as the paperwork for the congress shall not include this documentation.

Resolution C 08/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was accepted. (64 Yes, 1 No, 8 Abstentions).

SWE/CZE - Article 21.1, 21.2 and 21.3 ICF Statutes – Amendment to the Statutes and competition rules:

The delegate from SWE explained that the changing of rules every two years causes a lot of cost to be avoided and the congress should have the final decisions. Mr. POLLERT (CZE) feared that the Board would change the rules too many times. Mr. WOODS explained that the Board can only change the rules every two years.

The proposal of CZE was withdrawn under the condition that there will be special discipline related conferences to advise the Board of Directors for their decisions. The President agreed to this proposal. The delegate from SWE withdrew the proposal from SWE.

CZE - Article 26 ICF Statutes – Board of Directors:

Part 1:

Mr. WOODS explained that there would be difficulties arising as the nature of the members within the Board must be divided between Executive Committee members, Continental representatives and chairpersons of the committees. The election of continental representatives is beyond the control of ICF Congress. Mr. POLLERT expressed his opinion that a multinational Board would be more democratic.

Resolution C 09/2002:

The proposal of CZE was rejected. (3 Yes, 59 No, 8 Abstentions).

Part 2:

Mr. WOODS explained that a National Federation must decide for which position a certain person is nominated. It will not be possible to nominate the same person for more than one position within the Board. Proposed revised wording “A National Federation can nominate a candidate only into one position in the Board of Directors”.

On this occasion Mr. LUCKMAN (USA) asked for the proposal of RSA concerning Art. 26.3 Bye-Law. Mr. WOODS explained that this rule is to be considered to be a change of an existing Bye-Law and was rejected by the Board.

Resolution C 10/2002:

The proposal of CZE was accepted as revised. (69 Yes, 4 No, 2 Abstentions).

ICF - Article 42 ICF Statutes – Disciplinary Measures:

Resolution C 11/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was accepted. (73 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstentions).

Agenda Point 8b – ICF Competition rules – General rules:

FLATWATER RACING:

POL/HUN/CZE/ITA/DEN – Minimum participation in World Championships and ICF proposal ALL ICF Art. 32.4 FWR and 41.4 SLR:

The National Federations of POL/HUN/CZE/ITA/DEN have agreed to withdraw the proposal in favour of the ICF proposal.

Resolution C 12/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was accepted. (73 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions).

USA – 2.3 FWR Rules – Recognition of Women Canoe:

The Secretary General informed the Congress that USA withdrew the motion. Mr. LUCKMAN clarified that USA withdrew only the motion to recognize Women Canoe as part of the various World Championships and World Cup programmes (**Articles 3, 33.1 and 50.1 Flatwater Racing competition rules and Articles 6.1 and 6.2 Slalom Racing competition rules are withdrawn**) and continues the motion regarding Article 2.3 FWR Competition Rules to generally recognize the Women Canoe as ICF recognized category in Article 2.3 as countries like USA, CAN and MEX are just practising in this category.

Resolution C 13/2002:

The proposal of USA was rejected. (21 Yes, 44 No, 10 Abstentions).

HUN – 2.4 FWR Rules – Distance of Races

Mr. KEADING (AUS) used the opportunity to make remarks about the importance of the focus on the Olympic disciplines for the further development of ICF. He requested ICF to draw main attention towards the global popularity and interest of athletes, public and media and recognized the importance of the work of the ICF 2008 Slalom commission. He proposed the Board to consider the establishment of an ICF Programme commission to review the future of the events of the Olympic Competition Programme, to ensure that the current 12 Olympic disciplines in

Flatwater maintain the same global interest of all parties regarding the key issues of the Olympic Programme Commission and to make recommendations concerning the Programme of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad 2008 in Beijing. The commission should be made up of representatives of the executive Committee, Chairman of FWRC and three members of the National Federations.

The President asked first to decide about the proposal from HUN.

Resolution C 14/2002:

The proposal of HUN was rejected. (12 Yes, 45 No, 14 Abstentions).

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RSA – 3.7 FWR Rules – Master Category:

Resolution C 15/2002:

The proposal of RSA was accepted. (69 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

The Secretary General informed that a new quorum was established.

Present are: 81 Federations

Absolute Majority: 41 Votes

2/3 Majority: 54 Votes

HUN – 50.1 FWR Rules – Programme Junior WCH:

Resolution C 16/2002:

The proposal of HUN was rejected. (12 Yes, 41 No, 14 Abstentions).

HUN – NEW FWR Rules – Point Calculation:

Mr. LEUKEMANS proposed this proposal to be discussed and investigated by the FWRC. The President proposed to distribute the matter to the FWRC with the order to investigate the question and answer positively. The proposal was accepted.

GBR – NEW FWR Rules – Recognition of disabled canoeing:

Mr. LEUKEMANS explained that this proposal should be accepted to prepare the participation within the Programme of the Paralympic Games.

Resolution C 17/2002:

The proposal of GBR was accepted unanimously. (72 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

SLALOM RACING:

ICF – 2.4 SLR Rules – Delete World Cup:

Resolution C 18/2002:

The proposal of ICF Board of Directors was rejected. (26 Yes, 5 No, 37 Abstentions).

USA – 6.1 and 6.2 SLR Rules (withdrawn)

ICF – 9.3 and 9.3.4 SLR Rules – Slalom Race Official:

Resolution C 19/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was accepted. (74 Yes, 4 No, 3 Abstentions).

BRA (withdrawn)/ ICF– 12.2 and 12.3 SLR Rules – Late nominative entries:

Resolution C 20/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was accepted. (70 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions).

ICF – 37 and 37.2 NEW SLR Rules – Protest time 5 Minutes:

Mr. HORSTER explained that that this rule coming from the ORIS working group should meet the needs of the media to publish official results. Mr OVER (GER) mentioned practical problems with this rule. The President mentioned that according to his opinion the rule may prove itself as not practicable.

Resolution C 21/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was rejected. (19 Yes, 37 No, 16 Abstentions).

ICF – 40 –40.8.3 SLR Rules – Disqualification:

Mr. HORSTER explained that this rule should state the disqualification for one race, one event and one competition.

Resolution C 22/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was accepted. (49 Yes, 0 No, 11 Abstentions).

ICF – 41.6.2 and 41.6.3 – Late entries for World Championships:

Mr. HORSTER explained that this rule just was agreed under general 12.2 and 12.3.

ICF – 41.14.1 and 41.14.3 – correction as present twice in rules:

Resolution C 23/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was accepted. (67 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions).

ICF – 41.14.5.1 – Cups:

Resolution C 24/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was accepted. (58 Yes, 1 No, 6 Abstentions).

ICF – 43.2 – Junior Championships:

Resolution C 25/2002:

The proposal of the ICF Board of Directors was accepted. (71 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions).

CZE – III 11.2 – World Cup:

Mr. POLLERT (CZE) informed that the doubled number of World Cups should result from holding two competitions on one venue in direct connection. MR. KAMBER (SUI) explained that this is against Media needs. The President mentioned that ICF will not reach a higher presence in TV by increasing the number of competitions.

Resolution C 26/2002:

The proposal of CZE was rejected. (4 Yes, 58 No, 10 Abstentions).

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Agenda Point 8c – ICF Competition rules – Dragonboat Racing:

Mr. RYFFEL presented the draft of the Dragonboat Racing General rules.

He pointed out that the Board proposed to modify the draft in the following respects:

- to include as official distances 200, 250, 500 and 1000 metres by modifying **Article 2.4** and deleting **Art. 6.2**, as the acceptance of 250 and 200 metres would allow the synergy of Flatwater Racing courses and Dragonboat Racing courses,
- to modify **Article 3.6** to fix the beginning of the Junior age at 15 years,
- to modify **Article 16.1** concerning the distances and to modify Juniors age to 15 years and delete Seniors.

Mr. RYFFEL explained that the technical part of the rules has been accepted by the Board of Directors.

Resolution C 27/2002:

The General Rules of the Dragonboat Racing Rules were approved by the Congress. (64 Yes, 0 No, 8 Abstentions).

9. REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

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

- a) Angolan Commission of Canoe and Rowing
- b) Malta Canoe Union
- c) Cambodian Canoeing Rowing and Traditional Boat-Race Federation
- d) Kenya Rowing and Canoeing Association

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

Resolution C 28/2002:

The Angolan Commission of Canoe and Rowing was approved as full member unanimously.

Resolution C 30/2002:

The Malta Canoe Union was approved as full member unanimously.

Resolution C 31/2002:

The Cambodian Canoeing Rowing and Traditional Boat-Race Federation was approved as full member unanimously.

Resolution C 32/2002:

The Kenya Rowing and Canoeing Association was approved as full member unanimously.

The President welcomed the National Federations newly affiliated and expressed his wishes for a fruitful partnership. The ICF now counts 115 National Member Federations

10. REPORT ABOUT PREPARATIONS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2003 AND GAMES OF THE XXVIII OLYMPIAD ATHENS 2004

10a: World Championships 2003:

ICF Flatwater Racing World Championships Seniors Gainesville/GA USA 2003:

Mr. MATHIS presented the presentation of Lanier 2003, which should continue the legacy of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. Mr. SARTAIN and Ms. HAGLER reported about the development of Lanier Canoeing since 1996, which hosted National Championships in various disciplines. The city, the state and the county back the Championships.

The delegate from GBR asked for further information about the accreditation fee, as many NFs are concerned about this matter. The Secretary General reported that there have been negotiations between ICF and Lanier 2003 in Sevilla and ICF is waiting for a reply to the

questions as raised. Mr. HUNAUT (FRA) pointed out that this amount was not mentioned when USCKT applied for the event. Mr. KIRIN (BUL) mentioned that large national federations like Hungary or also Bulgaria will have to face severe problems to pay these fees as the amount will be very high and exceed the budgets. Ms. HAGLER explained that by choosing the lowest category for accommodation the price would be less than in Sevilla and accreditation fee covers general cost like transportation, volunteers equipment, building automatic start system, course preparation etc. The President reminded the organizers that the event in 2003 will be the first qualification event for the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad Athens 2004 and the organizers must take care that all National Federations affiliated are able to participate. It was stated that the OC Lanier 2003 has to make proposals on the next day.

Regarding the question for Visa the President reported that ICF received a letter from the U.S. State Department containing the guarantee that all participants will receive Visa.

ICF Slalom Racing World Championships Augsburg/GER 2003:

Mr. OVER reported about the preparation of the Organizers in Augsburg for the Slalom WCH 2003, a competition venue well known as the first artificial Slalom course worldwide. He mentioned that the OC would like to co-operate with ICF to find a competition timetable fitting the expectations of TV at that date for this first Olympic qualification competition as there are other main events like Tour de France and Swimming World Championships.

ICF Flatwater Racing World Championships Juniors Komatsu/JPN 2003:

Mr. MOTOYASU and Mr. KANDA reported about the preparation of Komatsu 2003. He reported that the World Cup 2002 as test event was successfully held in 2002. A new finish tower has been constructed even within the natural park.

ICF Wildwater Racing World Championships Juniors Mayrhofen/AUT 2003:

Mr. AUMAYR reported about the preparation of the OC Mayrhofen 2003.

10b: Games of the XXVIII Olympiad Athens 2004:

Mr. TSALTAS, ATHOC competition manager for Canoe/Kayak, reported about the preparations of ATHOC 2004 regarding the Canoe/Kayak competitions of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad Athens 2004 and reported about facts like accommodation, transportation, Slalom and Flatwater Racing facilities etc.

The President reported that ICF on regular basis has meetings with ATHOC and could clarify all remaining questions and thanked ATHOC on behalf of the Congress for the good organization and fair co-operation. The construction is conducted in time as scheduled. The competition should be scheduled according to meteorological needs to avoid problems with the weather conditions. The test events will be held as scheduled, as postponements will not be possible due to construction reasons co-ordinated with ATHOC and FISA.

Mr. LEUKEMANS had no additional comments. Mr. HORSTER added that besides the test event an additional competition would be held on April 23rd, 2004 on the Olympic Slalom course as World Cup and second qualification event.

The President asked the following federations to be present for a meeting about a partnership programme for Slalom on the next day at 08.30 a.m.: BRA, CZE, FRA, SLO, USA, CHN, GER, GBR, AUS, AUT, ESP, POL, SVK, JPN, SUI, ITA, NED, RSA.

The President closed the first Congress day.

Second day:

Mr. SANMAMED (ESP) gave a presentation about the Marathon World Championships 2002 and informed that the additional information would be presented on the website on the following days. Mr. POLLERT (CZE) thanked the FEP for having invited some athletes from CZE to these Championships.

The Secretary General informed about the new quorum.

Present are: 81 Federations

Absolute Majority: 41 Votes

2/3 Majority: 54 Votes

10c: Situation Olympic Canoe Slalom Beijing 2008:

The President reported that a working group has worked out three documents:

- a resolution to agreed by the congress,
- an argumentation paper for the Olympic programme commission and IOC members,
- a press declaration to be sent to World Press News Agencies.

The President pointed out that the points as mentioned by the Olympic Programme Commission may be disproved to a large extend.

The current report of the Programme commission is only a proposal of a commission and not a decision of the IOC Executive Board. No decisions have been taken as yet. However the situation must be considered very seriously by ICF as it would mean that the Canoe/Kayak Slalom will be excluded from the Olympic Games.

The Commission had three reasons to recommend the exclusion of the Canoe/Kayak Slalom discipline from the Games of the Olympiad. These were the high cost of constructing such a venue, the opportunities of re-financing the venue and the number of participating National Federations in Slalom competitions.

The construction cost of a Slalom venue are lower than USD 7 million. The IOC shall be informed that a Slalom course may be used seven days a week and ensures an optimum of re-financing such a venue.

Regarding the second point concerning the participation of National Federations in Slalom competitions it must be stated that ICF will have to increase the number substantially. The ICF development programme succeeded to increase the number of participating in Bourg St. Maurice by 11 Federations. ICF will keep on going this way and strive for at least 55 National Federations at the World Championships in 2003. As a long-term aim the number of at least 60 National Federations participating in the qualification competitions for the 2008 Olympic Games must be reached.

The delegate from P.R. of China declared that the National Federation of China and the NOC would support the actions of ICF by contacting the BOBICO 2008. The declaration is attached to these minutes.

Mr. HORSTER asked the Federations for an explanation of their partnership programmes.

Mr. KEADING informed about training support of Australian canoeing Inc.

Mr. HUNAUT (FRA) informed that the FFCK already has supported countries like ALG, TUN, LEB and MAR to participate in Bourg St. Maurice and will continue to support small NFs to participate in the slalom discipline by providing equipment, coaches, coaches courses and training partnership for athletes etc. The cooperation between ICF and FFCK in this area increasing the number of NFs participating in the Slalom World Championships is to be considered as a model for the possibility to reach a number of 60 NFs participating in the Worlds.

Mr. WOODS (GBR) as President of BCU and as President of ECA ensured that both organizations will contribute in every possible way to achieve the aim.

Mr. AUMAYR (AUT) promised that the ÖKV will contribute to the programme.

Mr. BEHS (BRA) stated that Brazil would contribute by supporting NFs in South America.

Mr. SANMAMED (ESP) stated that the FEP would contribute to the programme.

Mr. VASKUTI (HUN) thanked the Polish and the French Federation for their support in establishing Slalom in Hungary.

SVK will contribute to the programme by inviting athletes to train with Slovenian coaches.

Mr. OVER (GER) stated that the DKV is just discussing which NFs should be supported and mentioned that at least two NFs will be supported.

Mr. POLLERT (CZE) in spite of the difficulties after the floods will support the programme.

Mr. CHAN (HKG) reported that Slalom is a developing sport in Asia and ACC would do their best to convince more NFs to participate in Slalom.

Mr. GARNER (CAN) stated that CCA contributed to the cost of the Sydney course and promised the support of CCA for the programme.

Mr. CORNISH (RSA) stated that in spite of the fact that RSA is just developing Slalom, with the help of the ICF CSA could support the development in Africa.

Ms. Llanto (PHI) mentioned that there are a lot of facility opportunities in her country and they would be available for support.

Mr. GOETSCHY (FRA) proposed that all NFs interested in Slalom should contact himself and Mr. FOX and discuss the matter.

The President informed that ICF established a working group co-ordinating the efforts especially for WCH 2003 managed by Mr. FOX co-ordinating the contacts between NFs offering support and asking for support.

The President presented the resolution about the Olympic Canoe/Kayak Slalom in the Olympic Games 2008 and asked for vote by open roll-call.

Resolution C 33/2002:

The ICF Congress unanimously accepted by open roll-call the resolution concerning the Olympic Canoe/Kayak Slalom in the Games of the XXIX Olympiad 2008 as enclosed to these minutes in Appendix 1.

11. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The President delegated the chair of the Congress to Mr. VENOT, ICF 1st Vice President.

The Election of the President (period: 2002-2004):

Candidate for the election for the ICF President is:

Mr. Ulrich FELDHOFF (GER)

The election was held in a secret ballot with the following results:

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Ulrich FELDHOFF	67
No		8
Not valid		1
Abstentions		4
Total		80

Elected as President of the ICF is Mr. Ulrich FELDHOFF.

The President after re-obtaining the chair of the Congress thanked the delegates for the confidence and promised to do his very best for the prosperity of ICF. He pointed out that all parties of ICF would have to co-operate to reach the common aims.

BREAK

12. ELECTION OF THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The Secretary General informed that a new quorum was established.

Present are: 82 Federations

Absolute Majority: 42 Votes

The Election of the 2nd Vice-President (period: 2002-2004):

Mr. ARAN (TUR) asked for the candidates to introduce themselves, which was granted with three minutes per candidates. The candidates introduced themselves in the order as listed.

Candidates for the election for the 2nd Vice-President were:

Mr. Frank GARNER (CAN)
Mr. Miroslav HAVIAR (SVK)
Mr. Jaroslav POLLERT (CZE)
Mr. Joao TOMASINI SCHWERTNER (BRA)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Joao TOMASINI SCHWERTNER	42
	Frank GARNER	23
	Miroslav HAVIAR	11
	Jaroslav POLLERT	2
Not valid		2
Abstentions		1
Total		81

Elected as 2nd Vice-President of the ICF is Mr. Joao TOMASINI SCHWERTNER

13. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Election of the Chairmen of the Committees (Period 2002 – 2006)

- Canoe Polo:

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Frits JAGER (NED)	74
No		3
Not valid		0
Abstentions		4
Total		81

Mr. Frits JAGER has been elected.

- Public Relations and Media Committee:

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Jesus Rodriguez Inclan (ESP)	48
	Raymond KAMBER (SUI)	30
Not valid		0
Abstentions		2
Total		80

Mr. Jesus RODRIQUEZ INCLAN has been elected.

- Medical Committee:

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Dr. Donald McKENZIE (CAN)	73
No		2
Not valid		1
Abstentions		3
Total		79

Dr. Donald McKENZIE has been elected. The President reported that Dr. McKENZIE has written to ICF that he would accept if elected.

- Dragonboat Racing:

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Francois RYFFEL (SUI)	73
No		4
Not valid		1
Abstentions		3
Total		81

Mr. Francois RYFFEL has been elected.

The President thanked the members of the ICF Board of Directors leaving the Board after many years of co-operation:

Mr. Raymond KAMBER and Dr. Jan VERSTUYFT.

14. ELECTION OF THE AUDITOR

Election of the Auditor (Period: 2002 – 2004)

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Mr. Manfred MODLI	72
No		2
Not valid		3
Abstentions		2
Total		79

Mr. Manfred MODLI has been elected.

15. PRESENTATION OF THE CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Continental Associations presented their representatives for the next period.

ECA: Albert WOODS (GBR) President
Halina PIKULA (POL) until 2004 (elected by ICF Congress)
Ivans KLEMENTJEVS (LAT) until end of March 2003
Etele BARATH (HUN) until end of March 2003

COPAC: Charles H. YATMAN (USA) President
Ariel ARBÓ (ARG) until 2006
Victor G. RUIZ (PUR) until 2006

ACC: WU Wen-Ta (TPE) President
Anthony CHAN (HKG) until 2004 (elected by ICF Congress)

CAC: Timothy CORNISH (RSA) President
Abdullah LARAICHI (MAR)

**16. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS
(2002-2004)**

In addition to the written working programme the President mentioned that the project Olympic Slalom 2008 would be included in the working programme with a high priority.

Resolution C 34/2002:

The ICF Congress unanimously accepted the working programme.

Mr. RYFFEL informed that the ACC would hold the first Dragonboat racing Asian Championships in September 2003 in Chinese Taipei.

Ms. BROWNLEE informed about the intention of including canoeing into the Commonwealth Games.

17. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2002-2004

Mr. TOMASINI SCHWERTNER reported about the development programme.

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

Resolution C 35/2002:

The ICF Congress unanimously accepted the amount of USD 500,- as membership fee per annum and for new Federations USD 250,- for the first two years.

19. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS (2002-2004)

The budget of the next two years was presented by Mr. CONFORTI. He mentioned that the amount of 100.000,- USD would be included for the project Slalom 2008.

The President declared that additional resources would be available to that amount should there be the need for additional measures.

Concerning the question about TV cost the President informed that there are several budgets with the total amount of 150.000,- USD, which may be increased if necessary. Regarding the distribution of TV revenues by IOC the President mentioned that the allocation amongst other things goes following the presence of the sport in global broadcast and asked the National Federations to support ICF in this area.

Resolution C 36/2002:

The ICF Congress unanimously accepted the budget as proposed including the amount for the project Slalom 2008.

20. GENERAL INFORMATION

2003 Senior Flatwater Racing World Championships Gainesville, USA

Mr. LUCKMAN gave explanations about the last proposal of Lanier 2003 OC. The President mentioned that the congress would not agree to the proposals of Lanier 2003 as by presenting the candidature to the congress there was no suggestion about accreditation fees. Furthermore, it would absolutely not acceptable to accommodate four people in one double-room or two athletes in one bed.

The President mentioned that there would be no opportunity at the moment to re-locate the venue of the 2003 FWR World Championships but the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors would deal with the matter and keep the National federations informed.

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

1. Application sent by the Croatian Canoe Federation:
Proposed City: Dubrovnik, presented by Mr. LOVRIC.

2. Application sent by the Swedish Canoe Federation:
Proposed City: Stockholm, presented by Ms. OHLSON

Ballot	Name	Votes
1	Stockholm (SWE)	56
	Dubrovnik (CRO)	22
Not valid		2
Abstentions		0
Total		80

The ICF XXX Ordinary Congress will be held in 2004 in Stockholm (SWE). The Congress decided by majority that the period to organize the Congress should be in the third or fourth week of October 2004.

Mr. KEADING repeated his proposal to discuss about an ICF programme commission (please see page 10). Canoeing Australia Inc. He repeated the proposal to establish the working group under the ICF Executive Committee as described. The President informed that he would propose to the Board of Directors to decide about a programme commission made up of members of the Executive Committee, National Federations and the chairman of the committee under the chairmanship of the 1st Vice President VENOT. The final decision has to be taken by the congress. It was mentioned that the commission should receive advice from media and especially TV.

Resolution C 37/2002:

The ICF Congress unanimously accepted the proposal.

22. CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS

The President informed the Congress that Mr. FULEKY (HUN), Secretary General of the Hungarian Canoe Federation for many years, was appointed to work in the Ministry of Youth and Sport and expressed the gratitude of ICF towards Mr. Fuleky for his work in the canoeing family.

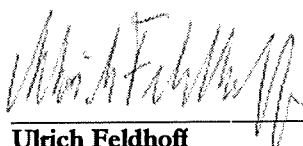
The President expressed the gratitude of ICF to Mr. Yoshio SAKURAUCHI, who served for a period of 15 years as President of ACC.

The President said farewell to Dr. Jan VERSTUYFT and Mr. Raymond KAMBER for their contribution to the successful work within the ICF Board of Directors..

The ICF President thanked all the delegates for their co-operation and especially the Spanish Canoe Federation for the good organisation of the congress.

The President declared the XXIX. Ordinary Congress of the ICF closed.

Done at Madrid, January 27th, 2003



Ulrich Feldhoff
ICF President



José Perurena-Lopez
ICF Secretary General