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INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION



REPORT TO THE GAISF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ON

DRAGON BOAT SPORT

龍舟競賽

傳統的現代化運動

Dragon Boat Racing - The modern sport with ancient traditions



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REPORT ON DRAGON BOAT SPORT

For the 41st GAISF General Assembly, Beijing, 27 April 2007

This Report is written for GAISF Members attending the 2007 GAISF General Assembly. It summarises the work of the IDBF, since its formation and updates Delegates on current Dragon Boat Racing activity.

The IDBF, formed in 1991, by 12 autonomous National Dragon Boat Associations, from four Continents, is mandated by its Members, which now total nearly 60, to protect the culture and traditions of the Dragon Boat; represent IDBF Members with other organisations; formulate rules and regulations for Dragon Boat Sport; organise World Championships and develop Dragon Boating on a world-wide basis.

Since its foundation in 1991, the IDBF has regularly organized World Championships for National Teams and Club Crews, consisting of Premier, Senior and Junior athletes. World Corporate and Community Championships for Dragon Boat Festival based crews and World Championships specifically for Breast Cancer Survivors, have also been introduced.

Competitor numbers at World Championship Regattas has risen from 814 in 1995 (Yue Yang, China) to 2300 in 2006 (Toronto, Canada). During this time, the IDBF has formulated Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing for the sport; Water Safety Procedures and Anti-Doping systems and developed both Coaching and Race Officials Training Schemes.

In addition, the IDBF has also developed propriety technical specifications for a Standard and Small size of Racing Dragon Boat and a specification for Dragon Boat Paddles. There are now 14 IDBF Boat Builders around the World and 16 Paddle Manufacturers, registered as Official Suppliers of IDBF Specification Dragon Boats and Paddles.

In addition to the present 58 IDBF Members, there are a further 18 Countries who are interested in developing Dragon Boating through the IDBF. Applications for IDBF membership have recently been received from Cyprus, Estonia and Senegal and, following the launch of its 'Affiliates Status' for Dragon Boat Festivals and Event Organisers in 2006, there are now 23 International Dragon Boat Festivals, from 16 Countries in the IDBF Affiliates Scheme. Lord Sebastian COE, Chairman of the 2012 LOGOC, is also the Patron of the British Dragon Boat Racing Association – a Founder Member of the IDBF.

The IDBF would like to stress to the General Assembly that the IDBF welcomes into the 'World Dragon Boat Family' any organization that wishes to participate in Dragon Boat Sport.

The IDBF as an International Paddle Sport Federation (IPSF) seeks to establish a relationship based on equality, with all other IPSFs, that will strengthen our respective positions as world leaders in our own sports, by working in partnership on areas of common interest and within international multi-sports organisations, such as the GAISF.

A summary of Dragon Boat Racing World and Continental Championships held since 1995 and Dragon Boat Racing held as an 'Official Sport' in Multi-Sports Games follows. The World and Continental Dragon Boat Racing Championships Programme and Multi-Games Programme for the period 2007-2011, is also shown.

WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS (WDBRC)

- 1st WDBRC Yue Yang, China** - **1995.** 814 Athletes, 14 Federations entered from 5 Continents.
- 2nd WDBRC Hong Kong** - **1997.** 946 Athletes, 18 Federations entered from 5 Continents.
- 3rd WDBRC Nottingham, England** - **1999.** 1266 Athletes, 21 Federations entered from 5 Continents.
- 4th WDBRC Philadelphia, USA** - **2001.** 1540 Athletes, 20 Federations entered from 4 Continents.
- * 6th WDBRC Poznan, Poland** - **2003.** 1332 Athletes, 14 Federations entered from 5 Continents
- * 5th WDBRC Shanghai, China** - **2004** 1550 Athletes, 23 Federations entered from 5 Continents.
- 7th WDBRC Berlin, Germany** - **2005** 2100 Athletes, 26 Federations entered from 5 Continents.
- 8th WDBRC Sydney, Australia** - **2007.** 19-23 September 2007, Penrith Olympic Regatta Centre.
- 9th WDBRC Moscow, Russia** - **2009** August 2009, dates to be finalized.
- 10th WDBRC Tampa Bay, USA** - **2011** Bid to be confirmed by the 2007 IDBF Congress.

* The 5th WDBRC was postponed from 2003 until 2004, due to the outbreak of SARS and an extra World Championships – the sixth awarded, took place in Poznan, Poland, in 2003.

CLUB CREW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (CCWC)

- 1st CCWC Vancouver, Canada** - **1996.** 250 Athletes 10 crews from 6 Federations.
- 2nd CCWC Wellington, New Zealand** - **1998.** 700 Athletes in 30 crews from 10 Federations.
- 3rd CCWC Rome, Italy** - **2002.** 1280 Athletes, in 53 crews from 19 Federations.
- 4th CCWC Cape Town, South Africa** - **2004.** 1430 Athletes, in 64 crews from 14 Federations
- 5th CCWC Toronto, Canada** - **2006.** 2300 Athletes in 130 crews from 16 Federations
- 6th CCWC Penang, Malaysia** - **2008.** 1 - 3 August 2008.
- 7th CCWC Macau, China** - **2010** Bid to be confirmed by the 2007 IDBF Congress.

WORLD CORPORATE & COMMUNITY DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS (WCORCOM)

The IDBF has introduced new World and Continental Dragon Boat Championships, specifically for Corporate and Community Crews that compete at the Festival Race level in Dragon Boating. The first such Championships were held in Berlin in 2005 and the Czech Rep in 2007.

- WCORCOM, Welland, Canada** - **2007** 27 – 29 July 2007, Recreational Canal Regatta Course.
- WCORCOM, Miami, USA** - **2009** Bid to be ratified by the IDBF Council, 18 Sep 2007.
- WCORCOM. Tampa Bay, USA** - **2011** In conjunction with the 2011 WDBRC.

BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS (BCS) WORLD DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The IDBF has worked closely with Dragon Boat Crews formed specifically by Breast Cancer Survivors (BCS) since 1995 and helped to establish BCS Crew Racing internationally by including BCS Races in World Championship Regattas from 2001. Major BCS International Races have been held every year, since that time.

The IDBF has also been instrumental in establishing the International Pink Dragon Boat Commission (IPDBC) as a Specialist Committee of the IDBF. The IPDBC held its first BCS World Championships in Singapore, from 1-3 October 2006. Over 500 BCS from 10 Countries in 5 Continents took part.

The 2nd BCS World Dragon Boat Championships will take place in 2008. Venue and dates to be notified.

EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

European Dragon Boat Championships have been held annually since 1992 with the European Nations Championships and European Club Crew Championships held on alternative years.

Previous Championships have been held in Belgium (1992), Germany (1993 and 1994), England (1995), Denmark (1996), Germany (1997), Italy (1998), England (1999), Sweden (2000), Germany (2001), Poland (2002), Italy (2003), England (2004) Czech Rep (2006).

The next EDBF Championships – Club Crew, Corcom & University, will be held in St Petersburg, Russia on 3-5 August 2007. The 2008 EDBF Nations Championships will be held in Hungary and the 2009 Club Crew Championships will be held in Italy.

ASIAN DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Asian Dragon Boat Championships, for National or Territorial Representative Teams, have been held bi-annually since 1994.

Previous Championships were held in Japan (2002), China (04), Macau China (06). The ADBF was recognized by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) in 2005.

The next ADBF Championships will be held in 2008 in China.

MULTI SPORTS GAMES

that include Dragon Boat Racing as an Official Sport held under the IDBF Rules of Racing.

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| East Asian Games | - | from 2005 – Macau, 2009 Hong Kong. |
| South East Asian Games | - | from 2005 – The Philippines |
| Asian Beach Games | - | from 2007 – Indonesia |
| ASIAN GAMES | - | from 2010 – China |
| World Corporate Games | - | since 1992 |

RECOGNITION OF IDBF MEMBER'S AND IDBF ACTIVITIES BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The ADBF, formed in 1992, by IDBF Members, is the IDBF Continental Federation for Dragon Boat Sport in Asia



The Olympic Council of Asia
Founded 1982

OCA/69
September 21, 2005

Mr. Lei Jun,
Secretary General
Asian Dragon Boat Federation
Fax No.: 0086.10.67133577

Re: Recognition of Asian Dragon Boat Federation

Dear Mr. Jun,

I present to you my best greetings and have great pleasure in informing you that the 24th OCA General Assembly which successfully concluded in Guangzhou (China) on 9th of September 2005, unanimously decided to recognize the Asian Dragon Boat Federation.

I would like to assure your OCA's full support and cooperation in further promoting this beautiful sport.

Should you require any further assistance or information, please feel free to get in touch with the OCA Secretariat.

With my best wishes
Yours sincerely,


Hussain Al-Musallam
Director General. OCA.

The Danish National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark letter of the 2 May 1994, recognising the Danish Dragon Boat Federation as being the governing body for Dragon Boating in Denmark.

To the
International Dragon Boat Federation

**National Olympic
Committee and
Sports Confederation
of Denmark**

Dear Sirs,

In view of the application for membership of the International Dragon Boat Federation submitted by the Danish Dragon Board Federation (Dansk Dragebådsforbund) the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark hereby wishes to certify that the Danish Dragon Boat Federation is the sole governing body for dragon boat sport in Denmark.

Yours sincerely,


Bent Agerskov
Secretary General

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To: Mr Hein Verbruggen

Acting President of GAISF

From: Mr Wei Di

President of Chinese Canoe Association

Date March 30, 2005

Re: Support IDBF's entry to GAISF

Dear Mr Verbruggen

Recently, our association have received letters concerning correspondence between ICF and IDBF from ICF circulating to all national canoe associations. Mr Li Jie, President of the Chinese Dragon Boat Association has communicated with me about this matter. We are both happy to see that since the foundation of IDBF in 1991, it has promoted more and more countries and regions to practise the dragon boat sport.

The Chinese Canoe Association and the Chinese Dragon Boat Association have always maintained good relations. With the management of the Chinese Dragon Boat Association, the dragon boat sport in China has been developing constantly.

In China, there are around one thousand times of international, national and local dragon boat races every year, which have a wide influence. Presently, the population practising dragon boating has reached around 50 million

The Chinese Canoe Association supports dragon boat racing to be an independent sport recognised by GAISF and IDBF's entry into GAISF.

Wei Di

President

CC: Mr. Ulrich Feldhoff

President of International Canoe Federation

ФЕДЕРАЦИЯ БАЙДАРКИ И КАНОЭ РОССИИ ALL-RUSSIAN KAYAK - CANOE FEDERATION

Agreement of Acknowledgement and Cooperation

All-Russian Kayak-Canoe Federation and Russian Dragon Boat Federation, upon issues discussed and documents presented, have agreed herewith on cooperation and further development of Dragon Boat sport in Russia.

According to adopted decision, All-Russian Kayak-canoe Federation and Russian Dragon Boat Federation will jointly represent Russia in all IDBF events worldwide.

All-Russian Kayak-Canoe Federation will submit appropriate documents to include Dragon Boat sport into All-Russia Registry of Sports, further represent Russian Dragon Boat Federation in NOC of Russia, and also support recognition of IDBF in the IOC on behalf of Russia.

President of All-Russian
Kayak-Canoe Federation

President of Russian Dragon Boat
Federation

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