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EDBF EXTRA ORDINARY CONGRESS **ALICANTE, SPAIN - NOVEMBER 2016** **SUMMARY**

Over the weekend of 19th/20th November 2016 the EDBF held their Extra Ordinary Congress in Alicante, Spain. With 14 nations in attendance there was opportunity for lots of collaborative thinking and discussion on how we move the sport forward.

After much discussion and debate, please find below some important decisions that were jointly made and information confirmed.

Payment of EDBF Annual Membership Fees

2017 EDBF Annual Membership Fees will need to be paid in full by 1st April 2017. Late payment will result in a surcharge of €50 on top of the existing fee. Non-payment will mean nations CANNOT compete in future EDBF European Nations or Club Crew Championships until payment is made in full.

EDBF Registration Fees or Event Administration Fees

For all future events EDBF Registration Fees or Event Administration Fees must be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer. Currently too many payments are being done in cash on arrival at a Championships. This is very time consuming for the Treasurer, it causes cash flow difficulties for the event organiser, plus there is limited safe storage for the cash. Only by absolute exception and agreement in advance will cash be accepted. The cash payment may also incur a cash payment charge as it is more costly to bank cash.

Supporter's Rate at ECCC and ENC

It was confirmed that the Supporter's Rate at an ECCC or ENC will be set at 30% of the Athletes Rate. E.g. If the Administration Fee is set at €60, then a supporter will only pay €18. This obviously does not include all the extra add ons like transport.

Small Boats V Standard Boats

Statistics currently show that the small boat race category is becoming ever more popular. Following much discussion it was evident that most nations wanted to try and keep the standard boat as the main race category as after all this was the foundation of the sport. It was also evident that different rules may need to be implemented at ENC and ECCC.

It was agreed that it was too soon to try to implement any rule changes for 2017. Further review will continue to see how the standard boat and small boat can work at our Championships without diluting the race categories.

Raising The Profile of the EDBF – Website/Logo/Facebook

Work needs to be done on raising the profile of the EDBF and ensuring that the website and facebook is updated regularly.

Firstly, we are looking for individuals to join the Marketing and Media Commission. Anyone interested who has the necessary skillset, should contact the Secretary General, email secretary@edbf.org. The final appointment of a position on the commission will be made by the EDBF Executive Committee.

Secondly, we are always looking for interesting articles and exciting news to be posted on the website and our facebook page, please send any information to secretary@edbf.org.



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Implementation of EDBF Junior Commission and EDBF Women's Commission

We are looking for individuals to join and form both an EDBF Junior Commission and an EDBF Women's Commission. Anyone interested in being part of either commission should contact the Secretary General at secretary@edbf.org. The final appointment of a position on either commission will be made by the EDBF Executive Committee.

IDBF Rules and Regulations

It was confirmed that the new IDBF Rules:

IDBF Rules of Racing – Edition 7, issue 1, effective from 1st January 2016 and the IDBF Competition Regulations – Edition 7, issue 1, effective from 1st January 2016 will be adopted in full by the EDBF without any amendments from 1st January 2017.

Limitation of Number of Approved Teams at ECCC

For the 2017 ECCC it was agreed that the following number of approved teams / nation will be allowed:

5 Standard boats / competition class

3 Small boats / competition class

This will be reviewed again at the end of 2017.

Please note, all Club Crew entries MUST be sanctioned by their national federation.

Combine Junior A, B & C Classes

A lot of work needs to be done by all EDBF nations to stimulate the Junior racing classes at the ENC and ECCC.

In order to promote the junior racing class each nation will be contacted directly before the end of January and asked if they are to send any teams to the ECCC in 2017, along with an indication as to the make up of the team. If there is sufficient interest then the classes will remain split. If there is limited interest then the Junior classes will be combined into one class known as "Juniors". This is being done in order that the teams have other junior teams to race. Junior B & C competitors will be given a certificate for recognition of entering the event.

Again to try to stimulate more interest, please refer to the amendments to the age classes below.

Age Classes

It was felt that the current cut off dates for the different age groups was confusing and maybe restrictive on certain age groups. The following was therefore agreed for 2017 and beyond:

Senior A - 40th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.

Senior B - 50th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.

Senior C - 60th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.

Junior A - 13th to 18th birthday falls in the year of the competition.

Junior B - 13th to 16th birthday falls in the year of the competition.

Junior C - 13th to 14th birthday falls in the year of the competition.

Race Programming/Competition Classes

If a 6 lane race course is used, it was agreed that a 6 boat final will be programmed, where possible.



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Future European and World Championship Dates

26th – 30th July 2017

17th EDBF European Club Crew Championships
Divonne les Bains, France

23rd – 27th August 2017

World Nations Championships
Dianchi Lake, City of Kunming, Yunnan Province, China

July 2018 (Exact dates TBC)

11th IDBF World Club Crew Championships
Szeged, Hungary

August 2018 (Exact dates TBC)

13th EDBF European Nations Championships
Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany

2019 (Exact dates TBC)

14th IDBF World Nations Championships
Pataya, Thailand

2019 (Exact dates TBC)

18th EDBF European Club Crew Championships
Cuevas De Almanzora, Almeria, Spain

Julie Doyle

Secretary General

8th December 2016