



IDBF WEB NEWS - SEPTEMBER 2011



RAVENNA AND WELLAND WIN THE BIDS TO HOST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN

2014 AND 2015 BUT SZEGED REPLACES TEHRAN IN 2013 !

The delegates at the IDBF Members Congress held in Tampa, Florida, USA on 8th August 2011, had the difficult job of deciding whether or not to confirm Tehran as the host City for the 2013 World Dragon Boat Racing Championships – the World Nations Champs.

Earlier this year the Iran Sports Federation transferred responsibility for Dragon Boat Sport from the Iran Canoeing, Rowing & Sailing Federation to the Iran Dragon Boat Federation, giving Dragon Boating autonomy as an independent Sport. As the officials now running the IrDBA had not been involved in the earlier discussions with the IDBF about hosting the 2013 World Championships in Tehran, they could not confirm to the Congress, that funding and hosting would be available to the levels previously agreed.

The IDBF Council therefore recommended that the 2013 World Dragon Boat Championships be re-allocated to Szeged, Hungary, as the Hungarian Dragon Boat Federation (HDBF) who were bidding for the 2015 Championships, against Dragon Boat Canada (DBC) with Welland, Niagara, had indicated that they could equally be ready to organise a World Championships in 2013.

After watching both presentations the Congress awarded the **2013 World Nations Championships to the HDBF, for Szeged** and the **2015 World Nations Championships to DBC, for Welland.**

Following a presentation from the Italian Dragon Boat Federation (FIDB) for Ravenna, Italy, the FIDB, was awarded the hosting rights for the 2014 Club Crew World Champs. .

The Breast Cancer Survivors Commission, President (Jane Frost) announced that bids were now open for the **2014 BCS World Participatory Festival**, venue to be decided early in 2012.

In supporting the development of formal competition for BCS crews, within IDBF Championships, the Executive President (Mike Haslam) confirmed that a **BCS Division** (and an All Cancer Survivors Division) **would be included in the 2012 CCWC, to be held in Hong Kong.**

Dr Raymond Ma, Chairman of the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association (HKDBA), confirmed that the dates **for the 2012 CCWC had been changed** at the request of the Hong Kong SAR Government and that the Championships would **now take place from 4th-8th July 2012.**



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP PROPOSED FOR THE DUKE & DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE

The 2011 Congress unanimously approved the Council's recommendation that IDBF Honorary Membership should be offered to Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge and Catherine the Duchess of Cambridge, in acknowledgement of their interest and participation in Dragon Boating, over the past number of years. This interest had been highlighted by the recent Dragon Boat Race between the Duke and Duchess, requested by them, on the 4th July 2011, during their Tour of Canada.

The Dragon Boat Race, organised by Dragon Boat Canada Member, Dragonboat East, Nova Scotia, and featuring paddlers from the Canadian National Team, was covered extensively by the world's media and featured many pictures of the Royal Couple racing in their Dragon Boats, thus promoting Dragon Boating in Canada, the Sport in general and the IDBF image, to a global audience..





USA REGAIN THE 'NATIONS CUP' AT THE TAMPA WORLD CHAMPS

Who would take home the 'Nations Cup' the premier trophy of the IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships, went down to the wire in Tampa, with the final race of the World Championships, the Premier Open 500m deciding whether three times winners Canada or the present holders China or two times winners the USA, would earn the title of the 2011 World Champion Nation.

With just one point separating the big three, both China and Canada needed to edge out the United States for a chance to win but in a superb 500m race it was Germany that stole the show, with a pulsating burst of power over the last 50 metres that gave them the Gold Medal, over the USA and China. Canada finished in fourth place and so Team USA's Silver Medal finish gave them enough points to regain the Nations Cup with 68 points, over China (65) and Canada (63). Germany 58 points, Great Britain (38) and Australia (33) made up the top six Nations for 2011. Russia, Hungary, Macau and Japan completed the top ten.

In the Premier Women's Championships, Canada took the top spot trophy, pushing China the 2009 winners into second place, with the USA third, followed by Australia, Great Britain, Germany and Macau.

In the Senior's Championship, Russia were dominant in the Open Class, winning all three Gold Medals but without a Women's Crew to back them up, they left Canada to take all but one Gold Medal in the Women's and Mixed Championships to retain the overall Senior Trophy, with Germany second and the USA third. Russia were placed fourth, then Australia, Great Britain and Japan.

In the Junior Championships Germany, despite not racing in the Junior Women's event, took the Junior Trophy winning 5 Gold Medals in the Open and Mixed races (39) points, with Canada second (33) and Singapore in third position, followed by the USA, Trinidad & Tobago and Great Britain.

IDBF WEB SITE UNDERGOING RECONSTRUCTION – Sorry folks but www.idbf.org, will not be fully updated and operational again until November 2011. **The Premier Division Tampa Grand Finals Results and MedalTable are shown in this Web News.** Full Results will be sent out in PDF format shortly and can be seen at http://www.dragonboat.pl/bigevents/2011_tampa_bay/results.php.



REVISED COMP REGS – NO COMPETITORS WRIST STRAPS TO PADDLES ALLOWED

In accepting a proposal from the Competition & Technical Commission (C&TC) the Members Congress ratified that any kind of strap or strapping that attaches a paddle to the wrist of the paddler using it will no longer be permitted in a Dragon Boat.

The C&TC proposal was made on safety grounds, that is, in the event of a boat capsize or swamping an a paddle attached to a paddler's wrist, could be a hazard to the paddler concerned or to other paddlers, when trying to escape from a capsized boat or exiting a swamped boat.

The Competition Regulations now also clarify more clearly the requirements for Seat Pads and define what IDBF Sanctioned and Approved events are. Also the composition of University & College Crews, Breast Cancer Survivors and All Cancer Survivors Crews as well as Adaptive Paddlers Crews are clarified, together with competition regulations covering competitions for these various types of crews.

Further clarification on Small Boat crews is given in the revised regulations, as are the definitions of permanent and temporary residency for the purposes of representation at International and World Championship levels.

Under 23 age qualification clarified – it is 23 years old and under !!

The Congress also ratified a Competition Regulation clarification from the C&TC concerning the U23s Racing Class. That is, the Under 23s category includes paddlers who are aged 23 on the 1st June in any given year and not just those who are Under 23 on the 1st January, as is presently shown in the Competition Regulations.

The rationale being that this clarification allows more paddlers aged 23 to race in this Racing Classes for up to a year longer.

THE REVISED COMPETITION REGULATIONS COME INTO FORCE ON 1 JANUARY 2012.



NEW IDBF TREASURER AND NEW CHAIR FOR THE MARKETING COMMISSION

At the 2011 Congress the Executive President, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and the Commission Chair holders, were all up for election. Normally the elections are the shortest part of the Congress but this time it took a little longer, as there were 3 candidates for the Treasurer's position.

The old faces for re-election were **Mike Haslam**, Great Britain (Executive President), **Hu Jianguo**, China (Sec-General), **David Cogswell**, Great Britain, **Alan van Caubergh**, the Netherlands, (Treasurer), **Mike Thomas**, Great Britain (Chair C&TC) and **Bob McNamara**, United States (Chair, Medical & Sports Medicine) with new faces **Loretta Lewis**, Australia, for Treasurer and **Angelina Ong**, Singapore, for Chair of the Marketing and Media Commission.

Mike Haslam and Hu Jianguo were re-elected as IDBF Executive President and Secretary-General, respectively, to serve for a period of 4 years until 31 December 2015.

The election for the post of Treasurer involved a secret ballot, which saw Alan Van Caubergh emerge as the successful candidate with a clear majority vote in his favour.



Mike Thomas, was re-elected as Chairman of the Competition & Technical Commission, **Bob McNamara** as the Chairman of Medical & Sports Medicine and **Angelina Ong**, as Chairwoman of Marketing & Media Commission.



In recognising his service to the IDBF and the Sport, over the past 20 years, the Congress granted Honorary IDBF Membership to Mr David Cogswell, the retiring IDBF Treasurer.



In addition the Congress accepted the proposal from the Executive President that **Loretta Lewis** and **David Cogswell** be appointed as IDBF Deputy Treasurers' to assist the new Treasurer, Alan van Caubergh, in carrying out his duties.

The Congress also endorsed the Council's appointments of **Peter Tang**, Macau and **Yu Hanqiao**, China, as IDBF Deputy Secretary-Generals' to assist Hu Jianguo with his Secretary-General's duties.



IDBF LAUNCHES LIVE WEB TV COVERAGE OF DRAGON BOATING IN TAMPA & LINKS UP WITH WEB BASED BELIEF RADIO

Through generous sponsorship from Karel Communications of Turkey and 360 Vision in the UK, the IDBF now have the cameras and equipment necessary to go live with its own web based TV programme and live web coverage of Dragon Boat events around the world.

The Tampa World Nations' Championships, the European Club Crew Champs in Kiev and the Macau Small Boat Autumn Festival Races, were the testing ground for live streaming events and a chance to test the equipment as the basis for a regular IDBF monthly web based TV programme on the Sport.

You can watch the play back videos on line from Tampa, Kiev and Macau at www.idbfdragonboat.tv and then scroll down to the Latest Videos and/or the Library Section and click on the appropriate icon.

The next live web broadcast will be over the weekend 24/25 September 2011, when IDBF TV will cover **the British National Championships**, from the National Water Sports Centre, in Nottingham, England, the location of the 1999 IDBF World Nations Championships.

In another exciting development for promoting the Sport, the IDBF will be linking up with **Belief Radio**, a web based global broadcaster that attracts over 100,000 listeners to its weekly magazine programme. They will also be covering the British Nationals live during the weekend with paddler interviews, news and views on British and International Dragon Boating.

As a lead up to the Nottingham broadcast Belief Radio's Phil Keeler and Rich Smith interviewed Mike Haslam, IDBF Executive President, in his role as the President of the British Dragon Boat Racing Association (BDA) and heard all about his background in the Sport, his roles in Dragon Boating and his views, thoughts and aspirations for the Sport.

You can listen to the full interview at www.beliefradio.com – then click onto - Prince William, dragonboating, Mike Haslam IDBF.



EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT SETS THE SCENE FOR THE YEARS TO COME



In giving his 2011 report to the Members Congress, the IDBF Executive President, Mike Haslam, summarised the achievements of the IDBF since its foundation in Hong Kong in 1991, with just 12 Founding Members, to the present time and gave his views on the tasks facing the IDBF and the Sport in the years to come.

The EP paid tribute to the enthusiasm and vision of the Founding Members, who had taken the Sport far beyond the IDBF's first goal of organising World Championships for its Member Dragon Boat enthusiasts.

He summarised that In the past 20 years, the IDBF had grown into a vibrant organisation with over 70 Member Countries and Territories and a supporting industry of boat and paddle makers manufacturing equipment to IDBF Specifications; Affiliated Festivals operating to IDBF Racing Rules and Safety guidelines; Coaches and Race Officials Training Schemes for IDBF Members and IDBF web sites and magazines for the Sport. Well organised World and Continental Championships had been held every year, with an ever increasing number of athletes and new racing classes being developed.

The EP observed that Dragon Boat Sport now embraced all ages and ability groups, including the very successful development of Breast Cancer Survivors Crews and the formation of the International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission within the IDBF Dragon Boat family.

On the sports political front the EP said that in the 20 years of IDBF governance, Dragon Boating had moved from a traditional water based activity, taking place on an annual basis in China and South East Asia, to a world-wide Sport now practised by many, many millions of people around the globe.

In that time Dragon Boating had moved from sporting obscurity to the IDBF becoming a Full Member of Sportaccord, in 2007, with Dragon Boating now recognised as an independent Sport in its own right.

The EP continued that with regard to the Olympic movement, the Asian Dragon Boat Federation (ADBF) had been a recognised federation of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) since 2005 and Dragon Boating under IDBF Rules and Regulations, had been included since then in the East Asian Games, South East Asian Games, the Asian Beach Games and in 2010, the Asian Games for the first time.

At the present time the IDBF Council is progressing the IDBF's application to the International Olympic Committee to become an Olympic Federation, which is the big step towards applying for Dragon Boat Racing to become an Olympic Sport in the future.

The EP stated that the road along the way to success had not always been a smooth one. The IDBF has promoted the Sport at every opportunity, defending Dragon Boating as an independent Sport and the IDBF's role in representing and serving all Dragon Boaters around the world. He pointed out that all of this development work and the governance of the Sport, had been carried out by voluntary officials at all levels within the IDBF family, from the IDBF Council, through the IDBF Members and their Dragon Boat Clubs and crews, to every paddler involved with the Sport.

The EP observed that the dedication and enthusiasm of these volunteers who moved the Sport forward was apparent in abundance at the World Championships held during the weekend just passed, where despite the current state of the world's economy and the high costs and security difficulties associated with competing in the United States, nearly 2000 participants from 17 Countries and Territories had taken part, **including for the first time athletes from Puerto Rico and Trinidad & Tobago.**

Despite unwarranted sports political problems at home caused by their National Olympic Committee and the resulting withdrawal of funding by their Sports Authorities, a team from the Philippines, the Premier Open world record holders over 200m, competed in Tampa with distinction in the Small Boat Champs where they were joined in a show of solidarity by the top Premier Crews in the Open All Comers Races.

Turning to the future of the Sport, the EP said that he believed that the IDBF Members had got to reach out to the younger generations in the Sport and encourage them to become more involved in the organisation and administration of Dragon Boating and the politics of Sport at both National level within their own areas and at international level with the IDBF.

The EP concluded that, as a Sport, Dragon Boating now needed to raise the finances necessary at all levels, to employ full time staff to take the Sport to the next stage in its development. In the next few years the founders of modern Dragon Boating and the IDBF, have to hand over the baton of development and responsibility to the next generation to carry on the work that they started and to **maintain the philosophy of the IDBF that Dragon Boating is more than a Sport – it is a Tradition.**



STATUTES & BYE LAWS CHANGE – ONLY ONE IDBF PRESIDENT FROM 2014

A proposal from the Chinese Dragon Boat Association (CDBA), supported by the IDBF Council, that the IDBF should revert to only having one Presidential appointment, instead of the present two, was accepted and passed by the 2011 Members Congress.

The Congress Delegates agreed that following the 2013 Members Congress at which Madam Xiao Min, the present IDBF President would retire, that the revised IDBF Statutes and Bye Laws passed by the 2011 Congress concerning the President's office, would come into effect from 1 January 2014.

This change will bring the IDBF into line with other Sportaccord, International Federations and returns the IDBF to the original Statutes passed in 1991 when the IDBF was formed. There will be very little change in the way that the IDBF practically operates, as the present role of the Executive President will become that of the IDBF President post 2013, with the word 'Executive' being dropped from the title.

To rebalance the representation of China on the IDBF Executive & Council, a 5th Vice President's post will be introduced for election at the 2013 Congress, with the nomination being made by the CDBA.

In recognition of the Chinese cultural roots and history of Dragon Boating, from 2013 China will also be entitled to nominate a President of Honour for the IDBF, if they so chose. The role of any future President of Honour, will be to assist the IDBF President in matters of protocol and to represent the IDBF with the Chinese Sports authorities and National Olympic Committee.

A number of other revisions to the IDBF Statutes and Bye-Laws were ratified by the 2011 Members Congress and these will be circulated to all IDBF Members and will come into effect on 1 January 2012.

IDBF GAINS NEW BASIC & FULL MEMBERS. The 2011 Congress confirmed as new IDBF Basic Members, Armenia, Brunei, Belarus, Ghana, Lithuania, Mauritius, Nigeria, Puerto Rico and approved Full Membership for India, Iran, Slovakia, Guam, Trinidad & Tobago and Turkey



3 JUNE 2012 - ANOTHER 'ROYAL' OCCASION FOR DRAGON BOAT

One of the events taking place in London in 2012, to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, is the Diamond Jubilee River Pageant, which will be held on the River Thames, London, on Sunday the 3rd June 2012. The Pageant is for boats of all shapes and sizes to enter, from all over the World, to form part of the Queen's Royal Flotilla making its way down the River Thames - much like the Thames Great River Race for those that have done it - but not an actual race !

Here is a chance for Dragon Boating to make its presence felt in front of the British Royal Family – Wills and Kate included and the world's media too. So for the good of our Sport why not make the trip to London next year and join in this historic occasion.

There is a Pageant web site at <http://www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org/index.htm>

Here you can get full information and entry forms etc. PDFs of the practical information and a copy of the entry form, which should be completed on line, are also available via this website and there is a video on the website, on the Welcome page, which features Dragon Boats at various points in the video.

The closing date for all applications is 31 October 2011 and it could take up to 20 minutes to complete the registration on line. Once you complete the registration, you will receive an email confirmation of receipt of your registration but places are limited so registration is no guarantee of acceptance. The lucky crews will be informed later in the year. For enquiries relating to vessel registration, email registration@thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org

Mike Thomas, Chairman of the IDBF Competition & Technical Commission, is involved with the waterside organisation of the Pageant and is helping to co-ord any dragon boat entries and will give you the details on what standard of paddling ability is required and the minimum speeds that a crew must reach to be able to keep up with the Royal flotilla over quite a time and distance !

In short it is not going to be a slow or easy paddle, as there are motorised boats in the Pageant too and the River Thames will become very choppy - to say the least !!

Contact Mike by email: mike.thomas@shadwell-basin.org.uk for further advice and information.

10th IDBF WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS – TAMPA 2011

PREMIER DIVISION GRAND FINALS RESULTS – STANDARD BOATS

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|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Prem Open 200m | Times | Prem Women 200m | Times | Prem Mixed 200m | Times |
| 1. China | 0.44.269 | 1. China | 0.51.032 | 1. China | 0.44.692 |
| 2. Germany | 0.44.891 | 2. Canada | 0.53.053 | 2. Canada | 0.46.137 |
| 3. Great Britain | 0.45.742 | 3. Australia | 0.53.217 | 3. Great Britain | 0.46.331 |
| 4. Russia | 0.46.200 | 4. United States | 0.53.903 | 4. Germany | 0.46.900 |
| 5. Canada | 0.46.293 | 5. Germany | 0.54.381 | 5. Russia | 0.47.250 |
| 6. United States | 0.46.591 | | | 6. United States | 0.47.727 |
| Prem Open 500m | Times | Prem Women 500m | Times | Prem Mixed 500m | Times |
| 1. Germany | 1:53.967 | 1. Canada | 2:06.899 | 1. United States | 1:56.515 |
| 2. United States | 1:54.198 | 2. China | 2:07.378 | 2. Canada | 1:58.166 |
| 3. China | 1:54.622 | 3. United States | 2:09.212 | 3. Germany | 1:58.617 |
| 4. Great Britain | 1:56.708 | 4. Australia | 2:11.166 | 4. Australia | 1:59.947 |
| 5. Canada | 1:56.730 | 5. Great Britain | 2:15.266 | 5. China | 2:01.556 |
| 6. Hungary | 1:58.714 | | | 6. Great Britain | 2:01.744 |
| Prem Open 1000m | Times | Prem Women 1000m | Times | Prem Mixed 1000m | Times |
| 1. United States | 3:44.843 | 1. Canada | 4:04.587 | 1. United States | 4:01.208 |
| 2. Germany | 3:48.016 | 2. United States | 4:05.113 | 2. Germany | 4:04.326 |
| 3. Hungary | 3:48.375 | 3. Australia | 4:05.148 | 3. Russia | 4:04.924 |
| 4. Russia | 3:48.520 | 4. China | 4:05.386 | 4. Canada | 4:06.917 |
| 5. China | 3:51.967 | | | 5. Great Britain | 4:06.993 |
| 6. Australia | 3:59.041 | | | 6. China | 4:09.340 |
| Prem Open 2000m | Times | Prem Women 2000m | Times | Prem Mixed 2000m | Times |
| 1. Hungary | 09:26.551 | 1. Canada | 10:06.212 | 1. Canada | 09:32.950 |
| 2. United States | 09:29.282 | 2. United States | 10:14.514 | 2. United States | 09:33.884 |
| 3. Russia | 09:36.531 | 3. China | 10:15.602 | 3. Germany | 09:35.469 |
| 4. Canada | 09:41.029 | 4. Australia | 10:23.775 | 4. Great Britain | 09:48.324 |
| 5. Great Britain | 09:43.603 | 5. Great Britain | 10:32.018 | 5. China | 09:49.574 |
| 6. China | 09:45.231 | 6. Germany | 10:41.313 | 6. Macau | 10:10.770 |
| 7. Germany | 09:47.887 | 7. Macau | 11:01.866 | 7. Australia | 10:12.868 |
| 8. Australia | 10:01.475 | | | 8. Russia | 10:27.089 |
| 9. Macau | 10:02.079 | | | 9. Hong Kong | 10:52.245 |
| | | | | 10. Italy | 11:02.989 |

PREMIER MEDALS TABLE

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| 1. Canada | 4 | 3 | - |
| 2. United States | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| 3. China | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 4. Germany | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 5. Hungary | 1 | - | 1 |
| 6. Russia | - | - | 2 |
| 7. Australia | - | - | 2 |
| 8. Great Britain | - | - | 2 |

For details of all race results and medals go to http://www.dragonboat.pl/bigevents/2011_tampa_bay/results.php