

**30<sup>TH</sup> EDBF ORDINARY CONGRESS**  
**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 09.00hrs**  
**Held at CEAR Facilities, Seville, Spain**

**Present:**

**EDBF Executive Committee:**

Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
Petr Klima (joined 11.10)	PK	EDBF Vice President	CZE
Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
Andrew Menzies	AM	Representative of Full Members	GBR

**Honorary Guests (Non-Voting):**

Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR
Mike MacKeddie-Haslam (joined 10.30)	MH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR

**Voting Members:**

Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NED
Dympna Watson	DW		IRL
Zoran Vukobratovic	ZV		SRB
Antonio de Lucia	ADL	Chair Sport Medicine Commission	ITA
Jorge Carracedo	JC		SPN
Jakob Klima (joined 11.10)	JK		CZE
Arild Jordskar	AJ		NOR
Neil Pickles	NP		GBR
Anna Sokratous	AS	Chair Women's Commission	CYP
Vitaly Smirnov	VS		RUS
Tommas Cellini	TC		FRA
Valerii Morgan	VM		UKR
Csenge Schnaider-Báthory	CBB		HUN
Matthias Marbes	MM		SUI
Thomas Arbeiter	TA		GER

**Others (Non-Voting):**

Saed Abdalla	SA	Chair C&T Commission	GER
Gitta Weberi	GW		GER
Bridget Walter	BW		SUI
Sue Thomas	ST		GBR
Michaela Scacchetti (joined 11.15)	MS	Chair M&M Commission	ITA
Elena Serdiuk	ES		UKR
Ivana Markovic	IM		SRB
Marius Zapalis	MZ		LTU
Saulius Starolis	SS		LTU

Item		Action
<b>1.00</b>	<b><u>Welcome Address by the EDBF President.</u></b>	
1.01	The meeting was formally opened at 09.15hrs by Claudio Schermi, EDBF President. CS invited the following dignatories to say a few words:	
1.02	Mike Thomas, IDBF President – There is currently a lot of excitement about the sport with the Championships in Szeged, Seville and Thailand where we have seen the sport grow, but the challenge is that the Championships are now growing too big. It was also very good to see a Para-athlete racing class at the ECCC here in Seville. On the negative side the ICF appear to have started the challenge again against the IDBF.	
1.03	Alan van Caubergh, EDBF Honorary President – It has been good to see the numbers of athletes attending our Championships grow over the last couple of years and the new ideas coming from the Executive Committee.	
1.04	Mike Haslam, EDBF President of Honour – Looking forward to the next years 40 years of the dragon boat sport. In the meantime MH plans to write a book for the first 40 years of the sport & will be asking you how your Federation started.	
1.05	Apologises were received from Kim Beckwith, Claude Dorlhac, Robin Magnusson and Jose - Maria Carrillo Sanchez.	
<b>2.00</b>	<b><u>Roll Call of Members &amp; Confirmation of Authority</u></b>	
2.01	A roll call of the members was made and a quorum of over 50% of the EDBF members were present. Out of the 20 nations who had paid their 2019 annual EDBF Membership fees, 15 nations were in attendance and 1 written vote had been received from Sweden.	
<b>3.00</b>	<b><u>Appointment of Scrutineers for the Congress</u></b>	
3.01	The following individuals were appointed as scrutineers for the Congress: Mike Thomas (GBR) - IDBF President. Paola Pochesci (ITA) - Member of the EDBF Women’s commission.	
<b>4.00</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of the Published Agenda</u></b>	
4.01	The agenda as presented was confirmed with the acception of moving point 8 – Election of new Vice Presidents and Secretary General immediately after point 6, as a couple of nations would need to leave the Congress early to catch flights.	
<b>5.00</b>	<b><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> EDBF Ordinary Congress 27<sup>st</sup> August 2019</u></b>	
5.01	The minutes of the 29 <sup>th</sup> EDBF Ordinary Congress held on 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 were accepted in full.	

**6.00 The EDBF President's Report**

6.01 See attached EDBF President's Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**7.00 Reports from the EDBF Commissions**

**Competition & Special Events Commission – Presented by Saed Abdalla.**

7.01 Finding new Race Officials in the EDBF has been a little difficult with only 4 new race officials coming on board in Europe in the last year.

7.02 Time has been spent assisting the Spanish Dragon Boat Association with the technical side of the ECCC here in Spain.

**Sports Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission – Presented by Antonio de Lucia.**

7.03 ADL role at this Championships was focused on the anti-doping with Leila Ataei manning an information post.

7.04 A meeting was also held between the EDBF and IDBF to see the best way forward for anti-doping in the future.

7.05 ADL asked for input from the Executive Committee and within VP's Portfolio in order to receive subjects to investigate. The policy guidelines have to be fixed by the Executive Committee and the Commission should act as the professional experts to give good suggestions to follow up.

**Marketing & Media Commission – Presented by Michaela Scacchetti.**

7.06 See attached Marketing and Media Commission's Report.

7.07 Instagram – 2000 followers, Facebook – 4500 followers

**Junior Commission – Presented by Jose Maria Carrillo Sanchez.**

7.08 See attached Junior Commission's Report.

**Women's Commission – Presented by Anna Socratous.**

7.09 See attached Women's Commission's Report.

**8.00 Election of New Vice Presidents and Secretary General**

8.01 **Vice Presidents:** The following votes were received out of a total of 16 votes.

Djordje Pavlovic (CYP) – 2 votes

Jorge Carracedo (SPN) – 15 votes

Peter Jarosi (HUN) – 9 votes

Petr Klima (CZE) – 7 votes

Ute Becker-Frenzel (GER) – 14 votes

Valerii Morgun (UKR) – 9 votes

Zoran Vukobratovic (SRB) – 3 votes

8.02 Elected as the four new EDBF Vice Presidents are:

Jorge Carracedo (SPN)  
Ute Becker-Frenzel (GER)  
Peter Jarosi (HUN)  
Valerii Morgun (UKR)

8.03 CS advised that he planned to co-opt the non-elected candidates for other duties.

**Secretary General:**

8.04 Julie Doyle (IRL) – 15 votes

8.05 It was confirmed that Julie Doyle was elected as the EDBF Secretary General.

**9.00 Accounts, Financial Report and Auditor's Report**

9.01 See attached EDBF Financial Report for the Year 2018 produced by Maura Dezi.

9.02 The 2018 EDBF accounts have been audited in full by Arild Jordskar from Norway; see attached report.

9.03 The financial result of the year ending 2018 was €1,044.05 profit.

9.04 It was agreed to allow the Contingency Fund to remain at €20,000.00. However; money from the fund could be borrowed for something special and then the account refunded within the next year.

9.05 The Congress approved the Financial Report for the Year 2018.

Vote:  
For: 10  
Against: Nil  
Abstentions: 6

9.06 Compliments were passed to the Treasurer for getting the accounts in order and having them audited in time for the Congress, as this has not been done for many years.

**10.00 Approval of Annual Fees Proposed by the Council**

10.01 It was agreed to keep the EDBF Annual Membership Fees for 2020 at the same rates as used in 2019.

Full EDBF Membership Fee - €250.00/year.  
Basic EDBF Membership Fee - €150.00/year.

10.02 It was confirmed that Poland, Armenia and Georgia had not paid their annual membership subscriptions for 2019.

**11.00 Budget for the Next Period**

11.01 See attached EDBF Budget Report for the next period. The Budget was approved.

**12.00 Appointment of Full Member to be Responsible for Auditing the 2019 Accounts**

12.01 A proposal was made to ask Arild Jordskar from Norway to do the audit again. CS

12.02 Cyprus advised they could get an audit done in Cyprus for approximately €1,000.

12.03 From 2020 onwards, it was agreed to change the EDBF Statutes to allow for an independent auditor. CS

**13.00 EDBF Championship Regattas**

**18<sup>th</sup> EDBF ECCC - Seville, Spain 2019 – Feedback**

13.01 JC advised he would deliver a report to the EDBF Council and Forum. Any feedback would be welcome from anyone as the AEDB are also running the ECCC in Barcelona in 2021. JC

13.02 It was confirmed 2,105 participants attended the ECCC; the biggest Championships held to date.

13.03 CS thanked JC for a great Championships which was well organised up front with great communication.

**14<sup>th</sup> EDBF ENC 2020**

13.04 VM confirmed that 30 new dragon boats (16 small / 14 standard) and a German manufactured bucket starting system have been bought.

13.05 The UDBF are in talks with Coca Cola with regard to sponsoring the event as well as local companies.

13.06 VM advised that there are no visa issues envisaged for competitors from European nations.

13.07 UBF & SA will do a technical visit to Kiev in September 2019.

13.08 There are currently two date options:  
 Option 1 – 15/07/20 to 19/07/20 – 4 racing days confirmed – Preferred option.  
 Option 2 - 08/07/20 to 12/07/20 – 4 racing days confirmed.

13.09 It was agreed that the ENC must be held before the Olympic Games which run from 24/07/20 to 09/08/20. Also a sufficient time gap before the IDBF CCWC is crucial.

**19<sup>th</sup> EDBF ECCC 2021**

13.10 Nothing further to report. A new presentation can be made at the EDBF Forum.

- 13.11 No new bids for Championships in 2022 onwards have been received. The Congress endorsed the Council to look around for some new venues.
- 14.00 Any Other Business**
- 14.01 EDBF Forum, Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony 2019 - Proposed dates are:  
15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
29<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019
- 14.02 No venue has been decided yet. Options currently available are Kiev, Ukraine or Milan, Italy. CS advised the importance of sponsors of such events to allow the majority of the costs to be covered.
- 14.03 For 2020 Barcelona, Spain have confirmed their bid to host the Forum and Gala Dinner.
- 14.04 It is planned to host the Euro Cup events in 2020. Nations were asked to put forward their bids to Council for review by 31/10/19.
- 15.00 Confirmation of Date & Place of Next Meeting**
- 15.01 The next EDBF Congress was confirmed for either Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 or Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- 16.00 Closing Address**
- 16.01 The meeting was closed at 13.04hrs.

**Attachments:**

- EDBF President's Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- Marketing and Media Commission's Report.
- Junior Commission's Report.
- Womens Commission's Report.
- EDBF Financial Report for the Year 2018
- Audit Report from Arild Jordskar.
- EDBF Budget Report.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General (IRL)

Signed by:



Claudio Schermi  
President  
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated:

16th October 2019