

EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION
President's Report – February 2018

Dear Executive Committee and Council Members

Here we are to our second meeting in 2018.

In this month I have been in Spain to help the Spanish Dragon Boat Association to find a back up solutions for the ECCC 2019, then I was in Berlin with Slawek Borucki for a meeting with DDV about the next ENC in Brandenburg 2018 and finally I have been invited in Armenia to see their dragon boat development project and follow up. Please read the attached reports before the meeting.

My conclusions for you to approve are:

- a) ECCC 2019: we should accept the candidate of Sevilla as hosting city and I recommend Sevilla also for the EDBF Convention on the 22/25 November 2018 .
- b) ENC 2018: to approve the conclusions of the report attached.
- c) Armenia: to support our Member with the EDBF development funds allocated in the budget, to open a crowd funding web page for specific projects, and organize as soon as possible a race officials and coaching course in Armenia. ArmDBF is ready to pay travel and accommodation costs for our coaches. I would recommend no more that 2 EDBF coaches.

For the final update of our documents, in this month I made a final revision of the Bye-laws. I had advice from IDBF President Mike Thomas and I ask for the advice of the EDBF President of Honor Mike Haslam. I would only recommend to add to the last draft circulated that we should delete also art. 12.3 comma 2 (attached) that looks unfair for very active members such as Sweden and maybe others. This article goes also against our wish to open a positive dialog with the ICF and ECA.

I recommend to approve the Bye-laws revision and also the few revisions in the Statutes as per the Secretary General's previous email.

Finally we should approve today the new logo. A new logo has different purposes. It should be able to be used on headed paper, for the website, for EDBF merchandising, on officials suits and on our flag. We received many proposals, but now we should decide.

I suggested to add the colour purple to the European Union blue and yellow. The reason is that with the purple colour we want to represent all those EDBF Members that are not part of European Union. Also we want to have something modern to attract the new generation and a simple design which is easy to recognise what it represents.

With the new logo Slawek Borucki will update the new EDBF website and I hope we will be on line before our next meeting. Please see the work in progress link: www.edbf.org/doc/test

In this month we had a first follow up about VP's Portfolios. We will continue this job together and I hope we will be able to activate all the Commissions in the next few months.

Next steps:

- a) EDBF-IDBF/ECA-ICF meeting in Rome on the 14 March.

The EDBF/IDBF Delegation will be as follows:

Claudio Schermi, Ute Becker, Maura Dezi representing the EDBF.

Mike Thomas and Alan Van Caubergh representing the IDBF.

Antonio De Lucia representing the FIDB.

b) CzDBA investigation - 23/24 March. Please note that on 24th March I have been invited to the CzDBA Annual Congress.

c) SportAccord: I have been invited by IDBF President to continue my SportAccord work within the IDBF Delegation as it was in the past for past President Alan. The EDBF President's costs to attend the event will be shared by the IDBF and EDBF as in the past. This year the event will be in Bangkok from 15 to 22 April.

A special vote of thanks to EDBF Secretary General Julie Doyle, very efficient and really supportive in the EDBF on a day by day work and to the EDBF Treasurer Maura Dezi for her commitment on EDBF administration and transparency.

Thank you very much to all of you for your time, for your advices, help and support, I sincerely appreciate it.

Claudio Schermi
EDBF President