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**Editorial** - by Mike Haslam.

**What a year !** First we had the disruption to the sport caused by the SARS virus, which resulted in a backlog of events leading to four IDBF World Championships and a World Games Regatta in the two-year period from August 2003 to September 2005. First in line was the World Nations Championships held in Poznan, this last August and next will be the CCWC in Cape Town in April 2004.

Then came the historical meetings with the ICF leading to the signing of a Joint Agreement of co-operation and understanding between our two paddle sport federations and the first meeting of the ICF/IDBF Joint Working Party, held in the UK in October 2003.

2003 was also an IDBF Congress year and there were many changes to the IDBF Statutes, Bye-Laws, Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing to debate and draft into the written word, as well as elections and membership issues to decide. This all took place in Shanghai on 31 October 03, with the IDBF Executive Committee and Council meeting the day before.

Finally, there were editions of *DBI* to produce, which in the future, hopefully, will come from the pens of the IDBF Media and Marketing Commission (M&MC) under its new Chairwoman, Sharifa KHAN. So Dear Reader there is much to read on all the above subjects and more, in this Autumn (Fall) Edition of *DBI*, so read on and enjoy. Sorry no pictures this time – too much News !

### **NEW IDBF SECRETARY-GENERAL**

**Mr LI Jie (China)** was elected, unopposed as the new IDBF Secretary-General, by the IDBF Congress, following the retirement of long standing Sec-Gen Mason HUNG. Mason was appointed by the Executive Committee as an IDBF Vice-President, following the prior resignation of Mr WANG Xiaolin, as Senior VP, due to his change of jobs within the All China Sports Ministry.

### **IDBF CONGRESS SNIPS**

(Full report inside)

#### **5<sup>th</sup> WDBRC SHANGHAI SET FOR OCT 2004**

**The dates for the postponed 5<sup>th</sup> WDBRC**, in Shanghai were announced during the 9<sup>th</sup> IDBF Congress for the period **20th to 24th October 2004**, with the Opening Ceremony scheduled for Wed 20 Oct and Championship Racing taking place from Thu 21 to Sun 24 Oct inclusive. Information Bulletin No.1 will be re-issued before the years end.

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#### **CCWC CAPE TOWN – ENTRIES BONANZA**

**The number of entries allowed**, per competition class, per country or territory, at a CCWC has been increased from 3 to 5, with effect from the Cape Town CCWC, scheduled for the **15-18 April 2004** (racing days 16-18).

CCWC Championship Director, Nicola OSSE, whilst delighted with this news and the fact that over 50 crews have already made provisional entries for the event, reminded Congress that unless Crews soon confirmed their accommodation booking, that the published room rates could not be held, due to the high demand for hotel accommodation in Cape Town over the Easter period. **The message is clear – book early for the best deal !!**

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#### **2006 for CANADA and 2007 in SYDNEY**

**Delegates at the 9<sup>th</sup> Congress** voted to give Canada the right to host the **2006 CCWC in Ontario**, the exact dates and location to be confirmed by the time of the 5<sup>th</sup> WDBRC, likely venue Toronto or Welland.

**Sydney** will host the **7<sup>th</sup> WDBRC in 2007** on the Olympic Regatta Course in Penrith, from **12-16th Sept 2007**. More details available from the AusDBF

**Delegates to the 9<sup>th</sup> IDBF Congress** came from: Australia, Canada, China, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, South Africa, Chinese Taipei and the USA, with representatives from Czech Rep, Denmark, Poland, Russia, Switzerland. Members of the Executive Committee & Council also attended.

**2003 WORLD NATIONS DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS – POZNAN**

**Disqualification costs Russia the Nations Cup !**

Nearly 1400 athletes, from 5 Continents, representing 14 countries and territories, took part in the World Nations Championships held in Poznan, Poland from 28-31 August 2003. Hosted and organised by the City of Poznan and the Polish Dragon Boat Federation, the WNC was an extra World Championships added to the IDBF calendar when the original 5<sup>th</sup> WDBRC, scheduled for Shanghai on the same dates, was postponed until 2004 due to the outbreak of SARS.

Given less than 3 months in which to organise the Championships, the Polish organisers did the sport proud, providing the world renown Malta Regatta Course, near to the centre of Poznan, for the Championship Races and accommodation in a variety of good class hotels within the City itself. The organisation of the event and the hospitality of the people of Poznan were of the highest order and despite a few moments of windy and potentially regatta-stopping moments during Saturday, the races ran smoothly and without mishap. There were some concerns over the use of different quality boats, from different manufacturers (albeit in separate boat pools) but given the time and costs to organise the event and the small number of boats presently available in Poland, the situation was accepted in good spirit by the competing crews.

With the introduction of 2000m and 200m races into the Championship programme, as trial events, and with increased numbers of Seniors and Juniors entered, the four days of racing proved long and tiring for both competitors and race officials alike. Given the sports present rate of expansion and the increasing number of IDBF Members, serious consideration must be given to the format of the Worlds Race Programme and ways of reducing the pressure on all concerned looked at. An extra days racing or maybe a separate Championships for Seniors and Juniors are avenues that the IDBF should explore, sooner rather than later. A full Technical Report on Poznan was given to the IDBF Council at their meeting held in Shanghai on 30 October 03, copies of which are available on request from the IDBF Secretariat.

On the racecourse there were many close and exciting races, with the Premier Open 1000m and 500m Grand Finals proving to be the closest of all. In both finals a blanket finish of all six crews saw the medals decided by less than one second and a disqualification of the Russian Premier Women in the 250m Grand Final, for using a male Steerer cost Russia the Nations Cup, which was retained by Canada with a one point margin over Russia. Germany were placed third, with Gt Britain in fourth place, Australia fifth and completing the top six the USA.

**WNC POZNAN GRAND FINALS RESULTS**

Premier Open 250m – Grand Final

<b>1 Russia</b>	<b>00.54.42</b>
2 Germany	00.55.35
3 Czech Rep	00.55.56
4 Gt Britain	00.55.87
5 Canada	00.56.02
6 USA	00.56.83

Premier Open 500m – Grand Final

<b>1 Czech Rep</b>	<b>01.51.39</b>
2 Russia	01.51.92
3 USA	01.52.35
4 Germany	01.52.49
5 Canada	01.52.51
6 Australia	01.53.79

Premier Open 1000m – Grand Final

<b>1 Canada</b>	<b>03.49.51</b>
2 Germany	03.49.53
3 Russia	03.49.59
4 Czech Rep	03.49.60
5 Great Britain	03.55.00
6 Australia	03.55.60

Premier Women 250m – Grand Final

<b>1 Canada</b>	<b>01.01.15</b>
2 Germany	01.01.73
3 Gt Britain	01.01.81
4 Australia	01.03.01
5 Russia	DSQ

Premier Women 500m – Grand Final

<b>1 Russia</b>	<b>02.02.76</b>
2 Gt Britain	02.03.15
3 Canada	02.03.59
4 Germany	02.03.93
5 Australia	02.04.87

Premier Women 1000m – Grand Final

<b>1 Gt Britain</b>	<b>04.07.98</b>
2 Canada	04.09.70
3 Russia	04.09.73
4 Germany	04.11.66
5 Australia	04.16.99

Premier Mixed 250m – Grand Final

<b>1 Russia</b>	<b>00.56.81</b>
2 Canada	00.57.36
3 Germany	00.58.11
4 Australia	00.58.40
5 Switzerland	00.59.84
6 USA	01.00.06

Premier Mixed 500m – Grand Final

<b>1 Canada</b>	<b>01.54.96</b>
2 Russia	01.55.60
3 Gt Britain	01.56.00
4 Australia	01.56.58
5 Germany	01.57.59
6 Switzerland	01.58.74

IDBF Open 2000m

<b>1 Russia</b>	<b>10.03.12</b>
2 Czech Rep	10.18.95
3 Canada Snr	10.31.17
4 Italy	10.33.42
5 Germany Snr	10.43.25
6 Germany Mxd	10.49.38
7 United States	10.52.63
8 Poland	10.56.76
9 Netherlands	10.59.70
10 Germany Jnr	11.06.79
11 Sweden	11.18.99

IDBF Women 2000m

<b>1 Russia</b>	<b>10.59.24</b>		
2 USA	11.36.65	5 Canada Snr	12.12.90
3 Poland	11.42.60	5 Germany Snr	12.12.90
4 Sweden	12.04.90	7 Gt Britain Snr	12.47.75

**WNC POZNAN GRAND FINALS RESULTS - Continued**

Junior Open 250m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Poland A</b>	<b>00.58.45</b>
2	Germany	00.58.47
3	Poland B	01.00.75
4	Great Britain	01.00.90
5	Canada	01.01.53

Junior Open 500m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Poland A</b>	<b>01.57.56</b>
2	Germany	01.57.85
3	Canada	01.59.07
4	Great Britain	02.02.09

Junior Open 1,000m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>03.57.33</b>
2	Poland A	04.01.31
3	Great Britain	04.04.69
4	Canada	04.09.42

Junior Mixed 250m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>01.00.06</b>
2	Poland A	01.00.59
3	Canada	01.00.81
4	South Africa	01.01.59
5	Italy	00.48.34

Junior Mixed 500m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>02.00.51</b>
2	Canada	02.00.94
3	Poland A	02.01.86
4	South Africa	02.02.93

IDBF Open 200m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Russia</b>	<b>00.45.02</b>
2	Czech Rep	00.45.29
3	United States	00.46.32
4	Germany	00.48.22

Senior Open 250m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Germany A</b>	<b>00.58.63</b>
2	Canada A	00.58.75
3	Russia	00.58.94
4	Canada B	00.59.77
5	United States	00.59.98
6	Italy A	01.00.49

Senior Open 500m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Canada A</b>	<b>01.56.23</b>
2	Italy A	01.57.61
3	Germany A	01.57.65
4	Russia	01.58.31
5	United States	02.00.00
6	Germany B	02.00.06

Senior Open 1000m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Germany A</b>	<b>03.57.97</b>
2	Canada A	03.58.56
3	United States	03.58.86
4	Russia	03.59.32
5	Canada B	04.06.27
6	Great Britain	04.06.39

Senior Women 250m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Germany A</b>	<b>01.05.21</b>
2	United States	01.05.46
3	Canada A	01.06.80
4	Germany B	01.07.01

Senior Women 500m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>02.10.49</b>
2	Germany A	02.10.96
3	Canada A	02.12.86
4	Germany B	02.14.32

IDBF NATIONS CUP POINTS

(Premier Division Classes)

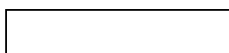
<b>1</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>points</b>
2	Russia	71	points
3	Germany	66	points
4	Great Britain	55	points
5	Australia	51	points
6	United States	45	points
7	Czech Rep	33	points
8	Poland	30	points
9	Switzerland	27	points
10	Sweden	19	points
11	Italy	15	points
12	Netherlands	11	points
13	Macau China	04	points
14	South Africa	01	points

Senior Mixed 250m – Grand Final

<b>1</b>	<b>Germany A</b>	<b>00.59.69</b>
2	United States	01.00.73
3	Canada B	01.01.36
4	Canada A	01.01.40
5	Canada A	02.03.60

Senior Mixed 500m – Grand Final

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2	United States	02.01.56
3	Canada B	02.01.69
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Premier Division

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	3	3	2	8
Canada	3	2	1	6
Gt Britain	1	1	2	4
Czech Rep	1	-	1	2
Germany	-	2	1	3
USA	-	-	1	1

Junior Division

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Germany	3	2	-	5
Poland	2	2	2	6
Canada	-	1	2	3
Gt Britain	-	-	1	1

Senior Division

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Germany	5	1	1	7
Canada	1	2	4	7
USA	1	3	1	5
Italy	-	1	-	1
Russia	-	-	1	1

IDBF Classes

(Open 200m, 2000m, Women 2000m)

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	3	-	-	3
USA	-	1	1	2
Canada	-	-	1	1
Poland	-	-	1	1

All Medals Table

(Premier, Junior, Senior Divisions, IDBF Classes)

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Canada	4	5	8	17
Germany	8	5	2	15
Russia	6	3	3	12
USA	1	4	3	08
Poland	2	2	3	07
Gt Britain	1	1	3	05
Czech Rep	1	-	1	02
Italy	-	1	-	01

**NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE 9<sup>TH</sup> IDBF CONGRESS – SHANGHAI 2003**

**The 9<sup>th</sup> IDBF Congress was held** on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October when over 50 people from the IDBF Executive & Council, the IDBF Secretariat and Delegates and Representatives from 21 IDBF Members, made the journey to Qingpu, Shanghai, the location for the 5<sup>th</sup> WDBRC.

Whilst the Championship has been postponed until 2004, the Congress went ahead in 2003 as scheduled, although a little later than planned, but there is no doubt that holding the Congress without having a World Championship Regatta alongside it, definitely affected the number of IDBF Members who could afford to attend the Congress.

However, the chance to concentrate on just Congress and IDBF Council matters (the Council met the day before) enabled people to spend more time in each others company, discussing the important dragon boat issues of the day; have a conducted tour of the technical facilities and accommodation for the 5<sup>th</sup> WDBRC; relax at the Sun Island Holiday Resort and socialize a little too

This combination of circumstances made for a great atmosphere throughout the Congress period, which culminated in a wonderful boat trip along the Shanghai waterfront on the Friday night.

**The thanks of** all those attending the Congress surely go to the CDBA and the Shanghai Organising Committee who jointly hosted and organised the 9<sup>th</sup> Congress, for their hospitality and efficiency and for making the event a great success.

**Congress hears of VP resignations – with regret.**

It was with a regret shared by the Congress that the Executive President announced that two of the IDBF Vice Presidents – WANG Xiaolin, Senior VP (China) and YUKI Hajime, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (Japan) had both felt it necessary to resign due to personal and business reasons. In notifying the Congress of the resignations the EP also advised the delegates that the Executive Committee had appointed two Acting VPs to serve on the Council until 2005, when all IDBF Vice-Presidents would be due for re-election.

The two Acting VPs were notified as Mr Mason HUNG (Hong Kong) the retiring Secretary-General and Mr Benjamin RAMOS Jr, President of the Philippines DBF.

**JDBA formal apology to Congress**

**The Japanese DBA** made a formal apology to the 9<sup>th</sup> Congress, through Mr ISAO Ono and Mr MAKOTO Shobu, for having had to withdraw from hosting the 2004 CCWC, due mainly to sponsors failing to provide the necessary finance. The apology was accepted.

**Voting at Congress - a close run thing !**

**For the first time** at an IDBF Congress there was a tied vote during the elections for the IDBF Council Members. Retiring Chairman of the Competition & Technical Commission (C&TC) Mike CHUNG (Hong Kong) was tied on votes (nine each) with Mike THOMAS (UK), after the first ballot, which saw Ray WOODCOCK (Australia) receiving the fewest votes and thus dropping out of the contest.

In the second ballot the votes were again tied, at ten all and so Executive President, Mike Haslam, asked the Congress to allow the Executive Committee Members (seven present) to vote, to decide the issue.

The Executive's vote proved decisive with a 5 to 2 poll in favour of Mike Thomas, who was duly elected as C&TC Chairman. All other nominees for election to the Council were re-elected or elected for the first time, unopposed.

Those elected to the IDBF Council for a 4-year term until 2007, were: -

Executive President - Mr Mike HASLAM (UK)  
Secretary General - Mr LI Jie (China)  
Treasurer - Mr David COGSWELL (UK)  
Chair Medical Com - Dr Hugh FISHER (Can)  
Chair Media Com - Ms Sharifa KHAN (Can)  
Chair C&TC - Mr Mike THOMAS (UK)

**The voting was close too**, when the Congress had to decide on the venue for the 2007 WDBRC. Milan, Italy and Sydney, Australia were bidding, both with proven organisational abilities and Olympic Regatta Courses available to stage the Championship but despite an impassioned plea from Claudio SCHERMI President of the Italian Federation for Milan, it was the AusDBF team of Ray LEUNG, Jon TAYLOR and Melanie CANTWELL (and the Penrith Course) with a comprehensive presentation and a well resourced information pack, that got the decision of Congress by 11 votes to 9.

With only one bidder Canada were awarded the 2006 CCWC, whilst the Hong Kong DBA notified its intention to bid for the 2008 CCWC. Both Macau China and Chinese Taipei also indicated an interest in hosting an IDBF World Championship but the Taipei bid for the 2007 WDBRC, made from the floor of the Congress after the vote was taken in favour of Sydney, was ruled out of time

**In another Congress vote**, the Aus DBF were not so lucky, when their Appeal to the Congress to change the present Mixed Racing Class rule from 8 to 12 women (or Men) in a crew, to an even number of women and men, was turned down by a clear majority vote. The rule remains as presently published at 8-12.

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO STATUTES, THE COMP REGS AND RACING RULES.**

**The 9<sup>th</sup> IDBF Congress ratified** many amendments and additions to the IDBF Statutes and Bye-Laws and accepted, from the IDBF Council, changes to the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing. All the changes will be published in the revised IDBF Members Handbook, copies of which will be sent out early in the New Year but in the meantime the main changes are summarised below.

**Statutes:** Changes to IDBF legislation now effective from the 1 January in a Summer Olympic Year and not the year after, as was the case (Art 29).

Adjustments to IDBF Membership criteria, the election of the President, the qualifications for a Congress Delegate and Congress meetings and the Management of the IDBF (Arts; 19,20,21,22,23,36).

**Bye-Laws:** IDBF Management, revision and clarification of the roles of the President and Executive President (BL 4). Addition of Fines to the Disciplinary Measures (BL 8). Changes and enhancements to the Membership conditions covering, Dragon Boat Clubs, Temporary and Provisional Membership, Associate Members (BL 12). Additional hosting of Officials (BL 13) and addition of Financial Bonds and Indemnity Contracts for World Champs (Annexes to BL 5.6 & 13).

**Comp Regs:** Addition of the Corporate & Community World Championships (CR 1.3) clarifications on Racing Colours (CR 1.4a and 9.12). Residential qualifications for WDBRC (CR 4.2). Additions to approved Dragon Boats and other long boats, also Boat Specs (CF 5.1 – 5.3). Boat weight difference now 10 not 2kg (CR 5.10).

Racing Distances – 200m, 2000m (CR 6.1). Increase in Water Depth to 3.5 metres (CR 6.10). Safety cover during official training sessions (CR 7.7, 7.8). Medical declarations by athletes (CR 8.4.2). Seat Pads (CR 13.3)

**Rules of Racing:** Drummers action (R4.4). Change of reporting times to 20-30 minutes prior to a race (R5.3). Starts - No movement of the paddle in the water (R6.5). Revised Rules for 2000 m racing (R.10).

## **Treasurer Declares a Surplus for 2002**

**In his financial report,** to the Congress IDBF Treasurer David COSWELL was pleased to declare a surplus of income for the year ending 31 December 2002, of just under USD 4000. Whilst the Federation's General Fund remained small at around USD 20,000, the Treasurer was confident that with a current increase in 2003 to USD 29,000, that the IDBF would remain financially sound for the foreseeable future. This despite the continuing high amount of unpaid Membership Fees and a budgeted increase in Administration costs for 2004 of USD 3600. Germany was appointed as the Auditors for the 2003/2004 accounting periods.

## **EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT CALLS ON ALL MEMBERS TO STRENGTHEN THE IDBF**

**In his report to the Congress,** Mike Haslam the IDBF Executive President called upon all IDBF Members to strengthen their federations and make their priority over the next few years the development of the sport in new areas, with a goal of 75 IDBF Members by 2008.

In his report the EP covered the last two years of the Federation's work, which included a summary on the ongoing situation with the International Canoe Federation (ICF) and the IDBF/ICF Joint Agreement. In concluding this area of his report the EP said that a Joint Working Committee (JWC) had been set up to look further at ways of resolving the difficulties between the two International Federations and exploring ways in which the IDBF and ICF could work together as partner paddle sports. The EP recommend to the Congress that the JA be accepted as the basis on which the IDBF would be willing to continue its dialogue with the ICF, through the work of the JWC.

The EP went on to report that the Executive Committee had met with Mr WEI and Mr HE, Chinese Members of the IOC to discuss the possibility of the IDBF becoming and IOC recognised International Federation. During this meeting it was confirmed that the IDBF would need to have at least 75 members for such recognition and that therefore the Federation's priority should be to obtain these extra Members. The EP informed Congress that the Council therefore called on all IDBF Members to help achieve this goal by developing the sport on a wider basis and encouraging the formation of independent DB associations in countries and territories where they did not presently exist.

In closing his report, Mike Haslam paid tribute to the members of the Executive, the Council and Commissions for their hard work during the period but in particular he acknowledged the work of the IDBF President, ZHANG Faqiang of whom the EP said that without the leadership, dedication and enthusiasm for Dragon Boat Racing that the President had shown, the last 2 years would have proved extremely difficult ones for the IDBF and the sport.

## **New National Russian Federation Joins Up**

**The newly formed** all Russian Dragon Boat Federation, who's Chairman Victor KISSELEV was present as an Observer, was admitted into Basic IDBF Membership by a unanimous vote of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congress Delegates. In placing the membership application before the Congress, the EP reminded Delegates that previously the Russian Association of Sports Dragon Boat Clubs (RASDBC) a regional organisation based in Vladivostok, who had introduced the sport into Russia, had represented Russia.

The EP expressed the hope that the RASDBC would now become part of the RDBF and work with them for the better development of the sport in the Vladivostok Region as well as the new Federation as a whole.

# INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT NEWS

## ADBFB WEB SITE LAUNCHED !

During a recent visit to Beijing to look at the arrangements being made by the CDBA to accommodate the relocated IDBF Secretariat, Mr Mike HASLAM, the IDBF Executive President, ably assisted Mr ZHANG Faqiang, the ADBFB President, to launch the new Asian Dragon Boat Federation's web site.

Mr ZHANG, who is also the IDBF President, hosted the IDBF Delegation, which additionally included, IDBF Treasurer David COGSWELL, Vice-President Manfred RUSS and Bob MORRO, North American Rep during their short stay in Beijing, before moving on to the 9<sup>th</sup> IDBF Congress in Shanghai.

## IDBF PLANS TO JOIN WADA

The IDBF Council have agreed that the Federation should adopt the Anti Doping Policies of the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA). This will bring the sport into line with IOC requirements for Olympic Sports. Part of the WADA requirement is that out of competition drug testing takes place at international level. Target year 2005 for the first tests, subject to the initial discussions with the WADA.

## FROM THE MEMBERS AND UPDATES

### PENANG 2004 DATES FIXED

The dates for the postponed Penang 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Festival, to be held on the Teluk Bahang Dam Course have been announced as 19-20<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

### 2004 CHINESE REGATTA DATES

Jinlin Winter Races - 1 Jan 04  
3 Gorges Rally - 5 May 04  
Mianyang Races - 9 Sept 04  
Liaocheng, Jiaxing and  
Tianjin Races, all on - 10 Oct 04

For further details contact the CDBA by e-mail on [lzls@263.net](mailto:lzls@263.net) or Fax + 86 10 6713 3577. Phone: + 86 10 6712 8832

### IDBF Director of Admin Appointed

With the support of the CDBA, the IDBF Executive has appointed Mr LEI Jun as the Federation's very first Administrative Director. Based in Beijing LEI Jun will support the IDBF Sec-Gen Mr LI Jie and organise the work of the IDBF Secretariat Mr Lei Jun is also CDBA Vice President

**Foot Note:** The venue for the 2005 WDBRC may be changed as the German Fed is looking at possible alternative venues to Berlin. *DBI* will keep you informed as the DDV have been given until the 31 March 04 to confirm with the Council the venue.

## 2004 EUROPEAN NATIONS CHAMPS, STOCKTON, UK

The 2004 EDBF European Nations Championships will be held in the UK at Stockton on Tees on the 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2004.

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Friday Evening 30 July as part of the weeklong Stockton Water Festival of which the ENC will form a part. Teams will be accommodated in University Halls of Residence located alongside the Regatta Course or in local Hotels, on a first come basis.

The 2004 ENC will be for Premier, Senior and Junior Crews over 250m, 500m and 2000m, with additional races for Guest Club Crews and Corporate & Community Races too.

Further details of the Championships will be notified in Information Bulletin No 1, which will be issued shortly by the Organising Committee.

### LINK YOUR WEBSITE TO THE IDBF

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## UPDATE NEWS ON THE IDBF BOAT AND PADDLE SPECS – BEWARE OF OUT OF SPEC EQUIPMENT !

The IDBF Technical Secretariat is currently reviewing the specification and requirements for the IDBF International Standard Racing Dragon Boat (ISRDB) and hopes to publish its review by years end. The intention is to allow ISRDB Manufacturers to produce two models of the boat – a basic Festival Boat which will be produced at a lower cost and the higher Spec Racing Boat, which must have all the features required by the IDBF to race at World or National Champs level. Both models will feature the same Hull shape and size requirements and with the same safety requirements but the Festival Boat will not necessarily be provided with wooden seats and gunwale caps, scales or authentic, Heads and Tails etc. **What will not be relaxed is the minimum weight for either Boat, which remains at 250 Kilos. So be aware** *DBI* has already been advised that at least one Boat manufacturer is advertising a super light ISRDB with a weight of around 100 kilos. **Such boats will not be allowed in IDBF events or in Sport Races organised by IDBF Members.**

The IDBF Racing Paddle Model 202a (Spec 202) is now fully operational and almost weekly new manufacturers' are submitting paddles for IDBF licensing. **Again be careful in your choice** as some paddles made to the old EDBF Spec or to the 2002 Spec 202 may only be approved for IDBF use until the end of 2005, in order to give paddlers as much time as possible to use their older paddles in Championship Races. This may be reviewed but to be sure that you can use your paddle after 2005, buy a 202a model.

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