



Dear Friends,

At the International Canoe Federation (ICF) we hold in the highest regard all of our canoeing disciplines; we strive to impart in equal measures, a quality and standard in the organisation of all our events, as this will ensure that the development our sport is infinitely prolonged.

The 2011 ICF Freestyle World Championships in the city of Plattling, is especially important to me since I have been personally involved in the evolution of this discipline since the inclusion of freestyle as an ICF canoe discipline.

Since the inclusion of Canoe Freestyle in our sport programme, the ICF has continually invested in the training of freestyle judges, written more accurate rules, and helped organisers with event planning and management. We have also been helping National Federations to develop freestyle in their countries, thereby spreading the freestyle image and spirit into the canoeing family and beyond.

I know Plattling is one of the key spots in the World of Freestyle, and I also know that the people of Plattling have been very supportive of the Freestyle Community, and for this, the ICF is very proud to bring the Worlds biggest freestyle event to Plattling.

In the spirit of this World Championship, I offer my utmost gratitude to the German Canoe Federation and the Town Council of Plattling. These two institutions have always been forthcoming in their dedication to developing ICF disciplines and they have shown equal commitment to freestyle.

My appreciation is also extended to the organisers of this event. Through moments of economic difficulties they have made big efforts to organise this World Championships without cutting any key aspects of the event.

I must also thank the Chair of the ICF Freestyle Committee and his team of assistants and judges who have made this competition possible.

Finally, I reserve my very best wishes to all the athletes from the five continents; I hope you all have a great competition and the best of experiences here at the 2011 ICF FREESTYLE WORLD CHAMPIOSHIPS in PLATTLING.

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