



# International Rafting Federation

Euro Champs meeting - CONGRESS 2013  
20 Nov 2013, New Zealand

Meeting was opened by Petra Plecita

Present:

Janko – SLO  
Kanat – TUR  
Boris – SER  
Oleg – RUS  
Christian – AUT  
Goran –BIH  
Rado – SVK  
Bert – BEL  
Emilia – BUL  
Tsvetan – BUL  
Uros – SLO  
Petra – CZE  
Peter M. – GER

A healthy discussion on the future of Euro Champs was held. The issue being that holding R4 and R6 as well as U19, U23, Open and Masters means that 1 country can send up to 32 teams to the Euro Champs! (2 teams per category, per division, per R4 and per R6!) As this is impossible to organise a discussion was needed to see how to resolve this for the future.

The suggestions are as follows:

- To keep adults and junior categories together (as it is hard for organizers as well as for the competitors from the financial point of view to have 2 separate events)
- To set up a new formula for Euro Rafting Champs for the future:
  - o If in one year WRC is for R4 => ERC to be for R6
  - o Next year WRC for R6 => ERC for R4
- Regarding the number of teams allowed to represent their country at the ERC:
  - o We suggest staying with 2 teams because the number of participants will be much less if only one team can participate – again this model with 2 boats is more interesting for the organizers from the financial point of view, political, media, etc.
- We also agreed that we will wait for the reactions from ERC 2014 (BIH and SVK) from the competitors as well as from the organizers and take them into account.
- Another suggestion was to contact somebody from the North Europe countries, to be an organizer for 2015.

Meeting closed