



# International Rafting Federation

## March 2011 Newsletter

Dear Paddlers

We are using our website and facebook to communicate with you on a regular basis. It is much easier to give you instant updates this way and ensure everyone has access to it. So please "like" our facebook page [www.facebook.com/pages/International-Rafting-Federation/153710746324](http://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Rafting-Federation/153710746324) and also keep a close eye on the front page of our website we will post news and updates of things happening in the rafting world and particularly in the IRF world. Here are some specific things we'd like you to note for the coming year:

### NEWS:

#### 1. World Rafting Champs 2011 - Costa Rica - 4 to 11 Oct 2011

The planning and organising for the WRC is well under way and already teams have signed up. Keep an eye on the official website [www.costarica2011wrc.com/site](http://www.costarica2011wrc.com/site) as well as the IRF WRC home page for updates. Information letters, travel details, registration procedures, Judges, media options, etc will all be here for you to see. This event is for all up to date members of the IRF - meaning all membership paperwork and fees must be up to date. Please remember teams are to be selected in fair and credible national selections. Your teams eligibility must first be confirmed through IRF Administration.

#### 2. Youth WRC 2011 - Costa Rica - 13 to 17 Oct 2011

This event will be run on the Pacuare River with teams aged 16 to 21 yrs old. It is our second Youth WRC and we hope many teams are able to journey to this jungle river and experience the thrill of wild rivers. Details of this event can be found on the official website as well as the IRF WRC home page.

#### 3. Congress 2011

The IRF will hold its 2011 Congress during the WRC in Costa Rica. The Congress will be split into sections, as usual, to enable this to happen. The Main Congress will be held on the 5th Oct (afternoon). This section of the Congress involves the BOD and Heads of Committees' reports as well as the voting of the new BOD. It will not deal with S&C or GT&E issues. The Sport & Competition section will be held on the 7th Oct (afternoon) and will deal with any S&C issues. The Guide Training & Education section will be held on the same day in the early evening. All proposals from Member federations need to be with the IRF Secretary by no later than the end of August.

#### 4. Judges Workshop

This will be run for new Judges or Judges wishing to have a refresher from the 4th Oct and all Judges working at the event will be required to attend a Workshop starting on the same day. Keep an eye on our website for updates to this workshop.

#### 5. GT&E Workshop

Gaspar Goncz (Head of GT&E) will be running a Guide certification workshop immediately after the event from the 12 to 16 Oct. More info on our website

#### 6. National Selections

Please send us the dates of your National Selections as we need this for a number of reasons.

Thanks and happy paddling

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