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COPENHAGEN WHITE WATER ADVENTURE PARK

You better get used to it. The Vikings are coming and they have a plan: Invade the white water scene.... planning to start construction in 2008, and release the first white water in Copenhagen in 2009.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2006

Dear members of the IRF BoD and dear delegates of the world's rafting nations,

Since the last congress we have helped make a large number of rafting events happen, national championships, two continental championships and two world championships in Lipno/CZE and Quijos/Ecuador.

As you can see, the IRF is focused on raft racing, but does not forget about the safety, guiding and education department of ours. The GT & E committee is also very successful in countries where national regulations do not exist so far and are adopting our well developed IRF scheme in full. Our assessors visit countries as well as they organized workshops right after the A- and Blevel events. This brings the IRF some important revenue besides the membership fees and future royalties for the WRC's and continental championships.

The tourism sector is still lacking interest from tour operators, outfitters and tourism boards. Here we have to focus more and try hard with a new strategy to show the value to the relevant people in the rafting & tourism industry.

We are still financially underprivileged in comparison to other sports federations, but our enthusiasm to the sport is rich. Everyone of us is bringing his time, manpower and experience into the world of rafting. This is something money can't buy and is our biggest treasure.

Within the next three years we will probably see a higher interest in raft racing in Asia, which has not been so visual on the international scene so far.

New and existing member nations from this continent are bidding for the future WRC's and I am happy to close this gap on the globe for the World Rafting Championships very soon.

I'm confident that the sport of Rafting will make its way towards future Olympic Games and big sponsorship for all other races. There are too many people in the world loving this sport, both for racing and leisure, to ignore us.

Yours in paddling and kindest regards.

Peter Micheler, IRF President



CONGRESS

23 - 27 January 2006 (via email)

MINUTES OF THE 2006 IRF CONGRESS

1) Opening

The email Congress was opened by Sue Liell-Cock (Secretary), on behalf of the President, Peter Micheler.

The President's Report was sent out in earlier communications.

2) Apologies: Tony Hansen (BOD - South Africa);

Roll call: Australia - Graham Maifredi & Steve Nomchong; Austria - Gerhard Enickl; BiH - Aleksandar Pastir; Britain - Deb Cook; Canada - Eric Boudreau; Colombia - Cesar Diaz; Costa Rica - Rafa Gallo; Czech Rep - Stan Hajeks & Robert Kazik; Denmark - Jakob Faerch; Ecuador - Tarquino Yanguéz; Germany - Peter Micheler; Hungary - Gaspar Goncz; India - Shaukat Sikand; Italy - Andrea Gatti; Japan - Shige Asano; Korea - Sung-hoon Oh; New Zealand - Justin Hutton; Norway - Ragne Berre; Russia - Sergei Trofimenko; Scotland - Steve Thomas; Slovakia - Peter Smolinsky; Slovenia - Janko Tavcar; South Africa - Sue Liell-Cock; USA - Mark Joffe; Venezuela - Ruta Salvaje.

Quorum: 25 members are present out of a total of 29 - a quorum is established. This is a good representation! Therefore 13 votes were needed to pass ordinary resolutions or proposals; and 17 votes to pass changes to the Statutes.

3) Members: There were no objections to the the 3 new members - Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH), Korea and Venezuela.

4) Secretary's Report, which was sent out in earlier communications, received one comment from the Czech's and supported by Japan. This was on point 5.e) World Champs Deposits. This point will be raised for discussion in the upcoming Sport & Competition Discussion Group agenda.

5) Financial Report, which was sent out with earlier communications, received no specific comments.

6) Budget approval: the budget received 21 yes votes and 0 no votes.

7) International Relations Report, which was sent out with earlier communications, received no specific comments.

8) GT&E and Sport & Competition Reports were included in the Secretary's Report and received no specific comments.

9) New Fees Scheme: The new Fees Scheme was accepted with 21 yes votes, 0 no votes.

10) Statutes: the proposed statutes were accepted with 4 extra changes. The vote was 18 Yes votes and 1 no vote.

11) BOD election: The 10 past members of the BOD were accepted for a further term. They are: Peter

Micheler, Rafael Gallo, Tony Hansen, Mark Joffe, Sue Liell-Cock, Robert Kazik, Steve Nomchong, Jakob Faerch, Steve Thomas, Sergei Trofimenko.

12) Euro Race Committee and other Committees:

Euro Race Committee took some time to finalise but eventually agreement was reached and so the committee is: Robert Kazik as Chairman without a direct vote; Peter Micheler (Germany), Jakob Faerch (Denmark), Stan Hajeks (Czech), Gerhard Enickl (Austria), Ragne Berre (Norway), Robert Schifferle (Italy), Deb Cook (England), Oleg Grigoriev (Russia), Janko Tavcar (Slovenia), Peter Smolinsky (Slovakia).

Sport & Competition Committee is made up of Judge Assessors and the BOD: Robert Kazik (Head), Peter Micheler, Rafa Gallo, Tony Hansen, Sue Liell-Cock, Mark Joffe, Steve Nomchong, Jakob Faerch, Sergei Trofimenko, Bruce Waters and Willy (Neil) Baxter.

A Race Discussion Group was formed to debate race issues. Anyone wishing to be included in this can contact us.

Guide Training & Education Committee is made up of GT&E Assessors and Instructors and is headed by Steve Nomchong. He will contact these persons to set up the committee.

A GT&E Discussion Group was formed to discuss GT&E issues. Anyone wishing to be included in this can contact us.

International Relations: There was great interest in this aspect of the IRF. Jakob Faerch (Head) set out a very good agenda for his committee and received 11 nominations, all of which have been accepted. They are: Peter Micheler, Rafael Gallo; Sergei Trofimenko, Robert Kazik, Shige Asano (Japan); Sung-hoon Oh (Korea), Shaukat Sikand (India), Aleksandar Pastir (BiH), Casper Mortensen (Denmark), Oleg Grigoriev (Russia), Andrea Gatti (Italy).

Commercial Rafting & Conservation: There are 7 members on this committee: Steve Thomas (Head), Peter Micheler; Rafa Gallo, Sue Liell-Cock (South Africa), Deb Cook (England), Graham Maifredi (Australia); Vaibhav Kala (India).

Marketing / Media: This committee also saw some good interest with some great ideas coming out of those nominated. There are 8 members and they are: Sergei Trofimenko (Head), Sue Liell-Cock, Jakob Faerch, Mark Joffe, Shige Asano (Japan), Morten Bertelsen (Denmark), Lalit Modi (India), Graham Maifredi (Australia).

Australasian Committee

It was proposed to form this committee and the accepted nominations were: Steve Nomchong (BOD member/ Australia); Shaukat Sikand (India); Shige Asano (Japan); Sung-hoon Oh (Korea); Graham Maifredi (Australia); Justin Hutton (NZ).

13) Closing of Congress

The Congress was closed with everyone feeling very positive about the huge response to becoming involved in the Committees and the keenness to implement new ideas and take forward the aims of the IRF.

The next Congress will be at the next World Rafting Champs in 2007. That is, as long as sufficient delegates are able to travel to the event to establish a quorum.

Sue Liell-Cock
(IRF General Secretary)



KOREA TO HOST IRF 2007 WORLD RAFTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Korea has been selected to host the International Rafting Federation 2007 World Rafting Championship, the IRF BOD announced recently.

This is the first time Korea will host the biennial rafting competition organized by the International Rafting Federation.

The championship will take place on the Naerinchon River in the mountainous region of Gangwon Province, east of Seoul, from June 27 to July 2 next year. The area has been recognized as a world-class venue for raft racing due to its exceptionally clean water, easy river access, swift rapids and breathtaking scenery. The successful bid for the rafting competition is expected to have a positive impact on the nation's tourism industry and help promote the river area as a rafting venue.

Korea, Japan, Bosnia and the Philippines had made bids for the event, but the two Northeast Asian countries were close contenders for the host position after initial document evaluation.

Last month, four IRF Board members completed a scouting trip on Naerinchon and its facilities in Inje County, the gateway to the river, a two-hour drive from Seoul. They also visited Japan's Tone River in Gunma, a landlocked prefecture in the Kanto Region, famous for its hot springs and valleys.

The IRF inspectors included First Vice President, Rafael Gallo from Costa Rica and head of Sport & Competition, Robert Kazik from the Czech Republic.

"Through the inspectors' visit to Naerinchon and meetings with local community leaders, they confirmed the strong will to host the event by Inje County officials and local residents," the bid promotion committee said in a statement.

"Our thorough preparations and proposals for various programs to make the event the largest of its kind decisively helped win the bid," said Sung-hoon Oh, the Korean IRF representative.

The IRF, which has 39 member countries, holds the World Rafting Championship every two years. It was held on the Gauley River in the United States in 2001, the Vlatava River in the Czech Republic in 2003 and the Quijos River in Ecuador in 2005 and previously has been held in Costa Rica, South Africa and Chile.

Rafting competitions consist of three disciplines - sprint, slalom and downriver. The points earned in each discipline are added together to determine the overall winner. Each team has six members and the option of having a reserve.

EURO RAFTING CHAMPS

2006 - Russia

Texts moderated from the text written by Filip Kolman at www.e-rafting.info

From the 26th - 30th April 2006 the IRF Euro Champs 2006 was held in Russia, Republic of Adygea in Caucasus, on the river Belaya in the section Guzeripl, confluence with the river Kishu. The event was hosted by the Russian Rafting Federations which put together a very well organized competition. Thank you Russia for putting together this event within very short time, and thanks to all the teams that went.

Most successful in the European Championships in rafting of the R6 category, was the Slovak women's crew who won three gold medals and placed first in the total evaluation. In the men's category, the total gold went to the Russia 1 crew that won the sprint and downriver and placed second in the slalom. The extremely exciting river Belaya perfectly checked the qualities of all contestants. During training all crews successively flipped their raft. The weather was with the rafters, marvelous sunny weather came after a cold week with snow sprinkles.



EURO RAFTING CHAMPS

2006 - RESULTS

Overall result - Men

1. RUS 1
2. CZE 1
3. RUS 2
4. CZE 2
5. SVK 1
6. SVK 2
7. ITA
8. BiH



Overall result - Women

1. SVK
2. CZE 1
3. CZE 2
4. NOR
5. RUS 2
6. RUS 1



Full result in all disciplines can be
downloaded on www.e-rafting.info

RAFT RACES 2006

Pan American Champs in Costa Rica:

From 13 to 17 September. More information on http://riostropicaleschallenge.com/es/eventos_campeonato_rafting_2006_es.php

India Cup:

11-19 March 2006.

Venue: River Satluj in Himachal Pradesh, India.

Teams invited: Open to all IRF members (Men's and Women's teams)

Contact person for more details and information:

Mr. Shaukat Pal Singh Sikand. Secretary, The Indian Rafting Foundation New Delhi. indianraftingfederation@yahoo.co.in

German Nationals:

30th September/1st October 2006 in Augsburg.

More details on: www.RaftingCanyoning.com/dm2002.htm in German.

Indian Nationals:

3rd National Rafting Championships Indus / Zaskar Rivers 19th to 26th August 2006.

Belgium:

i) 20th BELGIAN RAFTING CUP - 11-12 March 2006;

ii) 13th RAFTING COAST RACE - 3 September 2006

iii) 6th GLADIATORS RACE Arras (Artificial river N France) - 5 November

Nieuw email : rafting@myonline.be

Holland:

The first Dutch Championships in France was a great success and the second will be even better.

River: It is a top event on the beautiful river Durance in France. Grade 3-4.

Dates: 2,3 and 4 June 2006.

Who can attend: It is an open championship so we do hope that some teams outside of Holland will participate.

More info: www.nkrafting.nl

Contact: thomas@scubacity.nl

AUSTRIA

(English version see below)

Liebe Rafting und Sportfreunde!

Heuer findet zum 5 mal die offiziellen Österreichischen Raftingmeisterschaften, im Rahmen des Österreichischen Kanuverbandes OKV auf der Salza/Steiermark statt. Der Sportklub Wildalpen / Sektion Paddeln veranstaltet diesen Event vom 25.-28. Mai 2006 in Wildalpen und lädt alle Rafting und Sportinteressierten dazu herzlich ein.

Erstmals wird neben der offiziellen österreichischen Meisterschaft in R4 auch ein R6 Rennen durchgeführt. Beide Bewerbe zählen zum Europacup 2006. Dieses Rennen zählt zum Europacup, der erstmals und in mehreren Ländern ausgetragen wird.

Weiter Informationen folgen zeitgerecht und sind unter www.raftingsport.com abrufbar.

Die Boote werden vom Veranstalter zur Verfügung gestellt.

Für weitere Fragen kontaktiert uns per E-Mail.

Sportliche Grüße

Bernhard Schnabl und DI Gerhard Enickl
SK Wildalpen

Dear Rafting and Sportfriends!

This year the official International Austrian Rafting Competition and part of the European Cup will take place on the river Salza in Styria at the weekend of 25.-28. Mai 2006.

The event is an official competition of the Austrian Canoe Association OKV (Österreichischer Kanuverband).

For the first time we organize beside the R4 championship additional R6 Race.

Both competitions are part of the European cup 2006.

The championship organisation Sportklub Wildalpen invites all Rafting friends to this event.

More information will follow soon or you find at www.raftingsport.com.

The rafts are provided by the organizer.

For your questions, please contact us per e-mail.

Bernhard Schnabl (bernhard.schnabl@gmx.at) und
DI Gerhard Enickl (office@tropenglut.com) SK
Wildalpen

Italy:

15/16/17 april – national – Scalea (CS) – Calabria
- Lao River

27/28 may – national – Scopello (VC) - Piemonte
– Sesia River

8/9 July – international – Vipiteno (BZ) – - Alto
Adige - Isarco river - competition for european cup

27/28 luglio – national – Villeneuve (AO) – Valle
d'Aosta - Dora Baltea River

28/29 october – national – Papigno (TR) - Umbria
– Nera River

The international teams are accepted in all italian
competitions

Turistic events 2006:

Valstagna (VI) - Veneto - Brenta river - 11 june
2006

Piateda (SO) - Lombardia - 21/22 july

Sacile (PN) - Friuli Venezia Giulia - 21/22 october

Euro-cup in Voss, Norway 26th - 28th of June 2006

Voss in Norway is a centre for action sports and outdoor events. It's a small town located on the West coast, 100 km east of Bergen. Ekstremsportveko is the largest Extremsport event in the entire world. This summer will be the 8th event in a row. Ekstremsportveko hosts competitors and spectators from all over the world, and is therefore a cosmic pot –purie of happy people gathered to enjoy the sweet atmosphere of this unique event. Some of the world's most wanted paddlers will struggle to bring home the trophy, a shiny 1000 Euros.

Why come? Norway is world famous for its rivers, and Voss hosts some of the best of them. This alone is reason enough for you to find your way here this summer. In a few years time, we'll apply for the World Championship. Come and practise! On top of this – you get to experience a week loaded with disco, emotions and surprises. Young people from all over the world gather to do what they love the most, perform their activity in epic surroundings of intense nature and pumping rivers.

Sportsprogram Rafting Ekstremsportveko 2006

Date	Activite	Start	End	Detailes	Place
Sunday 25. June					
	Rafting	15.00	19.00	Training	Strandaelva
Monday 26. June					
	Rafting	09.00	10.00	Captains meeting	Voss Rafting Senter
	Rafting	10.00	13.00	Official training	Strandaelva
	Rafting	15.00	19.00	Euro-cup slalom	Strandaelva
	Rafting	19.00	19.00	Annoncement of results	Voss Rafting Senter
	Rafting	19.00	19.30	Captains meeting	Voss Rafting Senter
Tuesday 27. June					
	Rafting	10.00	15.00	Euro-cup - Head to Head	Strandaelva
	Riverboard	15.00	16.00	Open championchip	Strandaelva
	Rafting	17.00	17.30	Annoncement of results	Voss Rafting Senter
	Rafting	19.00	19.30	Captains meeting	Voss Rafting Senter
Wednesday 28. June					
	Rafting	11.00	13.00	Europacup – Down river	Strandaelva
	Rafting	13.00	14.00	Friendship float	Løne - Voss Rafting senter
	Rafting/Elvebrett	17.00	20.00	BBQ party!!	Voss Rafting Senter

How do you get here? The closest airport is Bergen, Flesland. From Flesland it's a 1,5 hour drive by car. You can go by bus and train to Voss. We also offer pick-up at the airport. From Oslo airport, Gardemoen it's a 6 hour train ride. We pick you up at the train station.

Where do you sleep? We offer free camping at the rafting base. There you'll find showers and toilets in our brand new Raft-house and a outdoor jacquy and sauna. There are also possibilities for more comfortable accommodation. Tell us soon, so we can book for you.

Costs: You have three options:

1. For 400 Nkr (50 Euro) per person you get to enter the raft competitions and you get a ticket to the tent for three nights (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) 2. 700 Nkr (85 Euro) Which includes start in the competitions and entry in the tent all week with lots of good concerts and parties. 3. 900 Nkr (110 Euro) Extreme-pass which gives you entry to everything you can imagine!

Registration and information: Last date of registration is 1 June, but a.s.a.p. Give us a hint if you are thinking about it! You can e-mail: ragneb@frisurf.no or post@vossrafting.no tlf: +47 56 61 25 05 www.ekstremsportveko.com www.vossrafting.no Head of rafting: Ragne Elise Berre e-mail: ragneb@frisurf.no tlf: +47 90 74 42 23 See you in Voss in June!

IRF WORLD CUP SERIES – KATUN RIVER CUP 2006

A. General information:

Katun, after nearly 20 years of negligence, is again hosting the premiere whitewater event – Katun River Cup-2006. The Event will be held on August 8-14 near the village of Kupchegen, Onduday District, Altai Republic on the mighty Katun River and its tributary Chuya River. Altai Republic is widely known as a major whitewater destination in Russia for rafting enthusiasts. Whitewater rafting has been cultivated here for more than half a century, and naturally rafting has become the national sport in Altai. These competitions are of genuine interest to acting sportsmen, whitewater veterans and those who are doing their first steps in rafting.

B. Hosting organizations: Government of Altai Republic, International Rafting Federation (IRF), Russian Rafting Federation (RRF), Union of Sport Tourism of Altai Republic (USTAR).

C. Necessary contacts: www.altai-raft.com
rafting@rinet.ru

D. Due to complicated logistics of the Event, team registration should be done by June 1, 2006 and sent to rafting@rinet.ru. Finally, application forms of the teams, with detailed information, should be forwarded by July 1, 2006 to USTAR: www.altai-raft.com

E. Event format: Time Trial Altai Head to Head Race Slalom Race (8 downstream and 4 upstream gates) Downriver Race Special Event – Siberian Supermarathon Race (appr. 50 km)

F. Gear: At this time of year, water temperature ranges between 10-14 C, air temperature - 15-30 C. Full wetsuit (not less than 3mm) is required, as well as throw bags, knife, life jackets - buoyancy 18 liters, helmets.
Self-bailing, 14 feet rafts will be provided by the Organizer.



G. How to get to the venue. Forming the budget:

Nearest International airports: Barnaul and Novosibirsk. Distance from Novosibirsk to the venue is 815 km, via federal highway M-52. T/W transfer from Novosibirsk is by van (up to 8 pax.) for 1000 euro or by minibus for 1580 euro (up to 15 pax). Distance from Barnaul to the venue is 515 km, via federal highway M-52. T/W transfer from Barnaul is by van (up to 8 pax.) for 600 euro or by minibus for 980 euro (up to 15pax). For official races and official practice, transport will be provided and the cost is included in the Registration fee. Additional transport could be arranged on request. Rent-a-car service with driver (van up to 8 pax.) is 50 eurocents per km. (Cost doesn't include accommodations and meals for the driver –appr. 15 euro/day.) The event invitation fee is 15 to 20 euro per person.

H. Accommodations before and after the Event - 10 euro (ethnic village) per person per night. Camping – 3 euro per tent. Meals – appr. 10 euro per person per day. Raft rental – 50 euro per day. Entry Fee – 450 euro per team of 6+1 members.

I. Miscellaneous

Internet will be provided at the competition headquarters. Insurance liability certificate could be issued on the eve of the Event. Cost of the insurance is 15-20 euro for the period of the competition. (7 days)

Program:

August 8, Tuesday

10.00 -12.00 Official registration
12.30 – 13.00 – Lunch
14.00-18.00 –official training (Katun River)
19.00 - Dinner
20.00 -Captain's meeting
20.30 – Cultural/social program

August 9, Wednesday

08.00 – Breakfast
09.00 – Teams depart to Chuya River for official training
11.00-16.00 - Official practice (packed lunch included)
16.00 – Teams depart to ethnic village
19.00 – Dinner
20.00 – Captain's meeting
20.30 – Cultural/social program

August 10, Thursday

08.00 – Breakfast
10.00- Opening ceremony
11.30 – Time Trial and Head to Head race (technical break for packed lunch)
19.00 – Dinner
20.00 – Captain's meeting
20.30 – Award ceremony followed by social/cultural program

August 11, Friday

08.00 – Breakfast
11.00 – Slalom race first heat (technical break for packed lunch)
13.00 – Slalom race second heat
19.00 – Dinner
20.00 – Captain's meeting
20.30 – Award ceremony followed by social/cultural program

August 12, Saturday

08.00 – Breakfast
09.00 - Teams leaving for downriver race to Chuya River
12.00 - Downriver race (packed lunch after completion of the DR)
19.00 – Dinner
20.00 – Captain's meeting
20.30 – Award ceremony, social/cultural program

August 13, Sunday

08.00 – Breakfast

09.00 - Teams leave for Siberian supermarathon race to Chuya River
12.00 – Siberian supermarathon race (packed lunch after completion of the SSR)
19.00 – Dinner
20.00 – Captain's meeting
20.30 – Closing ceremony, Award ceremony, Final party.

August 14, Monday

08.00 – Breakfast
Teams depart.

River sections description:

The Chuya River:

Level of difficulty – 2-4 grade as per International classification

Average width of the river – 30-50 metres.

Gradient – 6-8 metres per km

Volume - 100 cubic metres per second

Rapids: Sumrachny (grade 2), Burevestnik (grade 3), Begemot (grade 4), Slalomny (grade 3), Classical (grade 3), Turbinny (grade 3), Horizon (grade 4).

The Katun River:

Level of difficulty – 4 grade as per International classification

Average width of the river – 100-300 metres.

Gradient – 4-6 metres per km

Volume - 500-600 cubic metres per second

Rapids: Ininskaya (grade 2), Yalomansky (grade 3), Bolshoy Ilgumensky (grade 4).

Before and after the Event the teams have the unique opportunity to travel in Altai Republic. Because it's a high season, it should be planned long in advance.

Altai highlights:

- Altai is geographical and astral centre of Asia, oy-kumena of Asian and Americas civilization,
- Pristine lakes, alpine mountains and much more,
- Rafting on the most technical rivers of the World: Bashkaus river, Chuya river, Chulzshman river, Argut river.
- Horseback riding, trekking to glaciers and mountain summits.

Welcome to Altai!



EDDY LINES

IRF Statutes have been amended. The updated statutes can be found on www.intraftfed.com

IRF President Peter Micheler has an article about raft racing and the International Rafting Federation in the annual magazine from the International Canoe Federation. The magazine can be downloaded on www.canoeicf.com

COMING NEAR YOU ? Check out new and coming artificial white water stadiums from all over the world in the ICF Magazine at www.canoeicf.com, also including an article from IRF BOD member Jakob Faerch on the proposed White Water Adventure Park in Copenhagen.

IRF MAGAZINE NAME COMPETITION

IRF Media & Marketing is calling all IRF members, and other interested to participate in a naming competition for the IRF Magazine.

Please send in your proposal for a name for the magazine. Deadline for submission is June 30th 2006. M&M Committee will vote among all the different ideas that came in. The next issue which will come out late September will be with the new name.

The person that wins the contest will receive a Long John wetsuit in preferred size sponsored IRF. Sent by postal mail to whatever location in the World.

Send in your proposal for the IRF Magazine together with name, age, nationality, and some words on your involvement in rafting, to irfmagazine@intraftfed.com before June 30th.

IRF MAGAZINE IS BORN

“How you can benefit -
or be involved ...”

At the 2006 Congress a new Committee for Media & Marketing has been put together. The committee now has more members than in previous times, which gives us the possibility to work in more areas of media and marketing issues. One of the declared goals is to develop an IRF Magazine that will be distributed 2-4 times a year. The Magazine will in time take over all the information that used to come out in the IRF Newsletter.

The Magazine will be made in PDF-file about 1 MB in size. The magazine will be distributed to all IRF member nations, and the national members, IRF partners, canoeing federations and national Olympic committees all over the Globe. Also in time commercial raft companies, manufacturers of white water equipment and other interested groups will receive the magazine. If you have anyone that you would like to receive this magazine like sponsor or friends, send their email address to us.

We are looking for stories about white water rafting, tips on training in raft racing, photos from your favorite river, invitations to national and international raft races, etc. So feel free to send all kind of material or contact us if you have ideas for an article to put out in the next issue.

Sponsors from IRF sanctioned events can get their advertisements, name and/or logo in the magazine for free in all issues distributed one year prior to the event and the first issue after the event (where the results from the event will be distributed). The organisers of the event must contact us and send material, to have their sponsors in the magazine. Commercial rafting companies, manufacturers of white water equipment and crafts have the possibility to get their advertisements in the Magazine. The Media & Marketing Committee is working on a price list which can be obtained by contacting the editors.

Contact: irfmagazine@intraftfed.com.