

International 470 Class Association



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2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ANNUAL REPORT

**Aarhus – Denmark
28th June 2015**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The present report covers a period of almost 12 months since the General Assembly at Athens – Greece in 8th July 2014.

1. Administration

The 470 Management Committee continued to work in the following team:

Stanislav Kassarov (BUL) – President
Nino Shmueli (ISR) - First Vice-President
Iulia Fulicea (ROU) - Secretary General
Alain Champy (FRA) – Treasurer
Dimitris Dimou (GRE) - Chairman of the Technical Committee
Mat Belcher (AUS) – member
Kevin Burnham (USA) – member
Fernanda Sesto (ARG) – member
Andreas Kosmatopoulos (GRE) – member
Tomoaki Tsutsumi (JPN) – member

The Management Committee held one meeting in December 2014 in Vienna before the Extraordinary General Assembly.

The Executive Committee held a meeting in March 2015 in Athens (GRE).

Both the Management Committee and the Executive Committee did a lot of work in the past 12 months since the General Assembly in Athens in order to provide proper administration and management of our favourite class.

I would like to thank to each of the Management Committee members for their hard work and their devotion to the 470 class.

Our 470 Class Manager - Luissa Smith continued her work for the class in day to day administration, PR, media and development. I would like to extend our special gratitude to Luissa for her time and devotion.

The Association is using mainly the accounts in France (Société Générale). We have also some of our money deposited at Caisse d'Épargne, where they are guaranteed by the Government of France and are earning good interests and free of taxes. In addition the PayPal system is fully operational for the payment of the annual fees, of the entry fees to our championships and for any kind of payment to the Association.

470 Internationale was represented at the ISAF conference in 2014, held in November in Palma de Majorca, Spain and ISAF mid-year meeting held in Schiphol – The Netherlands in May 2015.

2. Sports

In the last 12 months since the General Assembly in Athens we have run successfully 3 of our 5 championships, not counting the 2014 ISAF World Championship – Santander, Spain, which was not administered by the International 470 Class Association.

The first event in 2014 was the Junior World Championship held from 26th June to 3rd July 2014 in Cervia – Italy. The Adriatic coast of Italy provided excellent conditions for fair and competitive sailing for our junior sailors. Although the event was held a little bit earlier than usual, it attracted the best junior 470 teams from all over the world.

Athens hosted between 8th – 15th July 2014 the 470 European Championships. 124 teams from 31 nations took part in the event. Going back to the birthplace of the Olympic ideal was inspiring for many teams on their way to their Olympic dreams.

The 470 Junior European Championships were combined with the 420 class Junior European Championships from 11th – 18th August 2014 in Gdynia, Poland. Having this event close before the 2014 ISAF World Championship – Santander, Spain affected the participation, as some of the best junior teams were preparing to challenge their senior teams. However the quality of racing was of highest standard.

In the Masters Cup, 45 boats contested for the prizes in Oberhofen, Switzerland from 27th July to 1st August 2014. The event was very well organized and the venue was perfectly matching the requirements of our master sailors.

Due to the request of several National Class Associations, the Management Committee of the International 470 Class Association convened on 7th December 2014 Extraordinary General Assembly meeting in Vienna, Austria. Twenty-three 470 National Class Associations and two individual members were present or represented. At the meeting, Haifa, Israel was confirmed as the host of the 2015 470 World Championships.

3. 470 Class Development and Support Programs and Clinics

In 2014, the International 470 Class Association started the process of reviewing our Development and Support Programs and Clinics. After a SWOT analysis we came to the conclusion that some of the programs have achieved their goals and the aim is changing to new targets and goals.

The programmes that the 470 class is running at the moment are:

- Pre-Junior European Championship Clinic
- 470 Junior Support Programme
- André Cornu Grant
- African continental qualifier

More detailed report on the clinics and support programmes has been prepared by Iulia Fulicea and Fernanda Sesto who have managed perfectly the programmes and clinics in the past 6 years and a half. In the past 2 years and a half Andreas Kosmatopoulos joined Iula and Fernanda. His knowledge and experience in the class are huge contribution to the improvement of the concept of our Development and Support Programs and the format of our Clinics. Kevin Burnham is also supporting this team and his expertise is of immense importance for our programs.

The International 470 Class continued also its 470 Class Race Officials Programme, supporting sailors and coaches from our class to achieve the status of ISAF Judges, Race Officers and Measurers. In the past 6 years since this program was launched we have helped more than 12 people to achieve ISAF International status.

4. Sailors

In 2014, the 470 Class organised a meeting with our junior sailors and coaches during the 470 Junior World Championships – Cervia – Italy. Due to the fact that the 2014 ISAF World Championship – Santander, Spain was not administered by the International 470 Class Association we did not held our meeting with the rest of the sailors and coaches.

The International 470 Class Management Committee always open to ideas and advise of our sailors and coached. Their feedback, proposals advice and guidance are very important part of building of successful strategy for the future of the 470 class.

5. Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

The 2014 ISAF World Championship – Santander, Spain was the first qualification event for the Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition. Participation in the Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships is based on a qualification system, with only the world's best teams entered by their national sailing federations. In the 470 Men, 73 teams from 30 nations are competing and 54 teams from 30 nations are competing in the 470 Women, for a total of 35 different nations for all six continents.

Thirteen nation slots in the 470 Men and ten nation slots in the 470 Women were confirmed.

Men's 470

1. Australia
2. Austria
3. Croatia
4. Spain
5. France
6. Great Britain
7. Greece
8. Japan
9. New Zealand
10. Russia
11. Switzerland
12. Sweden
13. USA

Women's 470

1. Austria
2. China
3. France
4. Great Britain
5. Japan
6. The Netherlands
7. New Zealand
8. Russia
9. Slovenia
10. USA

The 2015 470 World Championships – Haifa - Israel will be the venue where another six nation slots in the 470 Men and three nation slots in the 470 Women will be decided.

More information about the Olympic Qualification System Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition can be found on the following link: http://www.470.org/uploaded_files/Document_453_20150622165832_en.pdf

6. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition

The International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s Executive Board (EB) confirmed on 9 June 2015 that the 1964 Games legacy venue of Enoshima Yacht Harbour will host the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.

The Japan Sailing Federation is planning to bid to host at this venue for the 470 Junior World Championships - 2017 and 470 World Championships – 2019. Holding two of our world championships at the venue of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition will give great opportunity for our sailors to experience the sailing conditions at Enoshima.

I tried to give a complete and clear view of the activities of our Association over the past 12 months and I am, on behalf of the whole Management Committee, at your entire disposition to answer to your questions and give further clarifications.

Yours truly,

Stanislav Kassarov
President
470 Internationale