

**Coaches Symposium**  
**February 27 – March 1, 2009**  
**Warszawa, Poland**

## Overview

- Serving the interest of the coaches and national federations through the Symposium
- A forum for the experts to express their opinion, comments and suggestions
- Understand better the ICF's structure, plans and objectives in developing our sport

Such as

Olympic movement,  
TV broadcasting,  
marketing, licensing programme

## **Overview**

- The Symposium reached its targets regarding:
- 90 Participants (inc. 11 women)
- 32 National Federation
- ICF Executive members (4) were present
- The subjects and the quality of the various presentations were of high quality and very interesting

## **Objectives**

### **General Part:**

- The programme of 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games
- The time frame for changes
- Direction of the ICF Development Programme:
  - Coach's and athlete's education
  - Talent Identification Programme /Camps etc..

## **Main points**

- Summary of the Beijing Olympic Games (organisation, qualification, statistics)
- Reality of the number of events, quotas in the future Olympic Games
- Information on YOG 2010
- Discussions on  
Quality – Universality  
Gender Equity

## **Next Steps and Actions**

- The ICF and its committees will now be discussing the issues raised here
- The Sprint and Slalom Committee will finalise their suggestions to the ICF Board (March 2009) based on discussions here
- Further efforts to:
  - Improving exposure of Canoeing
  - Better TV coverage of canoeing events
  - Find the balance of National Federation costs at Championships
  - Symposium in 2010

## **Overview**

The Symposium was well organised and executed

**Thank you to the Foundation the great  
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sponsorships**

**Thank you to you as participants for making  
it a success**