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### 2021 UIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP races kick-starts with the F2 WC Grand Prix of Lithuania, Kupiškis – 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Ready..., Steady..., Go...!! After a long pause, the UIM is delighted to announce the re-start of the Formula 2 World Championship, with the Opening Round to be held in Lithuania. This comes on the back of a challenging 2020 that spilled over into the early months of 2021 as a result of the current pandemic situation gripping the world. The launch of this year's UIM F2 World Championship will hopefully mark and kick-start a recovery period that brings powerboating back to normalcy and allows the powerboating community to experience a new amazing

racing season.

The 2021 UIM F2 World Championship Series will kick off in Kupiškis, Lithuania (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July) before moving on to Brindisi, Italy (24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> July). Round three and four of the Series shall be held in Portugal, with back-to-back races in Vila Velha de Ródão (18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September) and Ribadouro/Baião on the next following weekend (25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September), where the 2021 UIM F2 World Champion shall be crowned as in 2020, when Portuguese driver Duarte Benavente finished on top of the podium.





## JEAN-MARIE VAN LANCKER APPOINTED UIM VICE PRESIDENT

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The UIM is proud to announce that the UIM COUNCIL has appointed Jean-Marie Van Lancker (BEL) Vice-President, which makes of him at the same time a member of the UIM Executive Committee.

Jean-Marie Van Lancker is President of the Belgium National Authority since 2005 and has more than 25 years under his belt, dedicated to the Powerboating Sport through countless missions as UIM Commissioner in the International Powerboat Federation's Championship Events in the OFFSHORE, CIRCUIT and Pleasure Navigation disciplines.

A Member of the UIM Pleasure Navigation Commission since 2003, Jean-Marie Van Lancker was elected UIM Administrator 2006 and has been a Member of the UIM Council without interruption since then.

Between 2010 - 2016 he also occupied the Chair of the UIM Pleasure Navigation Commission, before taking on the Presidency of the UIM OFFSHORE Commission.

The UIM Family extends its heartfelt congratulations to their new Vice-President who has been an outstanding representative of the international powerboating community and who, in his new capacity, will continue to promote and champion the sport beyond frontiers.

## CHANGES WITHIN UIM MEMBER FEDERATIONS

### SWEDEN: From SVERA to SVEMO

As from 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2021, the Swedish Powerboat Federation SVERA merges with the Swedish Motorsport Federation SVEMO and will henceforth appear under said name. SVEMO is a federation organising a multiple of different motorsports, mainly consisting of motorcycling and snowmobile sporting activities. They have approximately 440 sports clubs and 160,000 members. They are a member of Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme, FIM, and FIM Europe.

In the last couple of years, there has been an ongoing re-structuring process within the Swedish Sport Confederation that makes it hard for the Swedish Powerboat Association, SVERA to continue as its own independent federation due to a reduction in financial support.

- *The thing we put first throughout the whole process is the drivers, organisers, and volunteers; we want the impact on them to be as little as possible, especially during 2021, says Per Westling, Secretary General of SVEMO.*

The former Secretary General of SVERA, Jamie Roshage Spörndli, is now working at SVEMO as a coordinator of aquabike, circuit, offshore and hovercraft and she will continue to administrate these sports.

- *The Swedish drivers will continue racing as normal but under a new name, SVEMO! The same goes for all organisers, volunteers, and international delegates, says Jamie.*

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### LMF – Lebanon

Carla Chaghoury has been elected new President of the Lebanese Motorboat Federation. The UIM congratulates her for this nomination and wishes her much success in this new position.



### KNMC – Netherlands

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021, during the General Members' meeting of KNMC, Mr. Aart Haitjema has been elected new President of the Royal Netherlands' Motorboat Club. The UIM congratulates Mr. Haitjema for this appointment and wishes him great success on his new mission.

### LUMSF – Latvia

Atis Slakteris was unanimously re-elected President of the Latvia N.A.

For the next four years, the Water Motorsports Federation of Latvia will continue under the leadership of Atis Slakteris, who received unanimous support at the General Meeting of Members, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

The heartfelt congratulations from the UIM Family go to the old and new President of the Latvian Powerboat Federation for this brilliant re-election.





## UIM MID-TERM MEETINGS HELD VIRTUALLY 23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup>/25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

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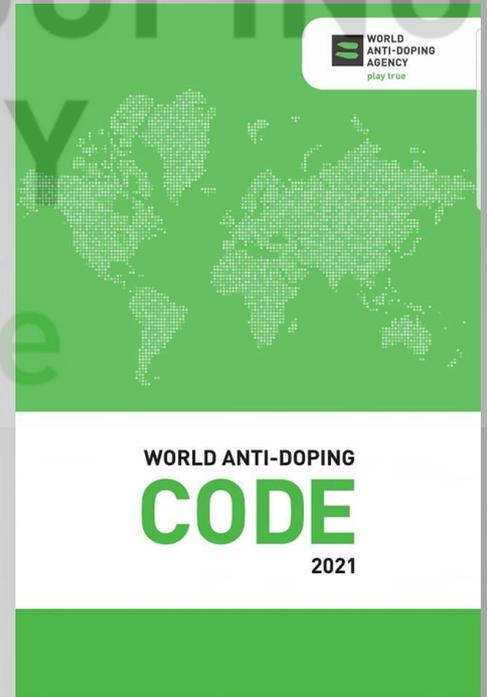
For the second time in a row, the UIM has been forced to conduct the UIM mid-Term Meetings in a virtual format, by Video Conference, due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic which prevented the UIM and participating delegates from assembling physically on-site in a centric place, as originally planned. The Meetings were concentrated in time windows that were suitable for participants from many different time zones and were spread over the three days from Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Matters of specific importance for the four UIM Commissions involved, as well as the international Powerboat Racing Calendar of the current season and the Year 2022 and changes of the Powerboat Racing Regulations to be considered were in the center of the discussions, held in presence of a number of UIM Council Members who attended the meetings as observers.

UIM President, Dr. Raffaele Chiulli also attended the meetings and thanked the Commission members and delegates of the National Authorities for their active participation in this traditional pre-season review: *"The pandemic will soon come to an end and we all, myself especially, can't wait to see the boats of the different racing classes returning on the water for spectacular racing activity. I also look forward to the moment when we can again organize in-person meetings, where we can share our friendship and our affection for the powerboating sport!"*



# WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY



The new WADA Code in force since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 is the result of an extensive revision process that began three years ago. One of the main purpose was to render the Code more reader-friendly, to amend the text to prevent potential misinterpretations and to avoid any possible ambiguities. It harmonizes and coordinates anti-doping programs worldwide and it protects athletes' fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport.

WADA has issued a series of 2021 Code related "Standard Documents" for easier understanding of WADA's Anti-Doping Programme, which we are happy to bring to your attention.

*You can access these documents by clicking on the image here below.*

