

96th UIM GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN AMSTERDAM



Held under the sign of “Sustainable Development”, the 96th UIM General Assembly inaugurated a new format this year, combining committee meetings held upfront on-line by video conference, and a small number of ‘in person’ meetings, for which a reduced number of delegates had to travel to Amsterdam for a shorter period than usual.

UIM President Raffaele Chiulli welcomed the Members of the international Commissions and the UIM Council Members on-site for the annual summit of the International Powerboat Federation and for a review of its structures, after having celebrated the first 100 years of history of the Organization. Said review of the UIM governance structure will be conducted by a dedicated Task Force in cooperation with external experts, with the purpose to present a “fit for purpose” solution at the next General Assembly in 2024.

President Chiulli reflected on the incredible journey of the powerboating sport, underlining the continued growth that could be observed in emerging disciplines such as MotoSurf and Aquabike and the spectacular power of attraction these disciplines were exercising at all age levels: “Innovation and technological progress continue opening new horizons, and the challenges we are facing on the way to render the powerboating sport in all its forms and expressions more sustainable are keeping us active and creative on our way forward.”

The incorporation of three new National Powerboat Authorities from Indonesia, Nepal and Philippines (Jetski) was warmly welcomed by the General Assembly, as well as the upgrade of the Thailand Motor Boat Association to full UIM Membership status, heralding a promising extension of the institutionally organized powerboating sport in Asia.

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The UIM Council elections finally saw the three Administrators Christer Gustafsson (SWE), Denis Dillon (IRL) and Jerzy Wojewoda (POL) re-elected for another four year mandate, together with newly elected Administrators Khalid Jasim Saif Al Midfa (U.A.E.) and Sijbrand Booij (NED), while former UIM Formulae Committee chairman Pelle Larsson (SWE) was re-appointed for this position until 2026.

The General Assembly reaffirmed the Organisation's commitment to contribute actively to the efforts made by all motorsports to reach the United Nation's sustainable development goals. In collaboration with UIM's "Green Partner" ALENS, the UIM Environmental Working Group had elaborated a tool that allowed the UIM and its Member Federations and their Clubs to measure the carbon footprint of their activities, of purely sporting nature and other, with the purpose to reach carbon-neutral status.

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