

JEAN MICHEL PRONO - Chairman of Slalom Racing Committee



- Born in 1953, married, two daughters.
- Graduate in physical education (1976)
- Graduate in high level sport management and coaching (1987)
- Languages: French, English, Spanish

Sport career:

- 1966 /1983 Active competitor at national and international level in Slalom
- 1974 –1975 Member of the French national slalom team (K1men)

Professional career and experience:

Sport adviser - for the French Sports Ministry from 1976 to 1980

Regional Canoe technical adviser - for the French Canoe Association from 1981 to 1983

Coach - Responsible for the junior national slalom team from 1984 to 1988
Responsible of the Spanish slalom Olympic team from 1989 to 1992
Coach of the French K1 Women's Slalom Racing Olympic team from 1993 to 2000
Results achieved by athletes coached during this period:

- o Olympic games: Bronze in Atlanta, Silver and Bronze in Sydney
- o World champion title: 2 individual (1993, 1997), 2 team event (1993,1995)
- o World championship medals: 1 silver, 1 bronze (1993), 1 silver (1995)

National Canoe technical adviser - Since October 2000 till today with following missions:

- Sport Director of the organizing committee for the 2002 Slalom World Championships in Bourg St Maurice (FRA) - 2001 to 2002
- In charge of the French Federation Canoe Kayak international programme for development of canoeing and member of the ICF Slalom racing working group "Beijing and beyond" from 2003 to present
- Technical Operation Manager for Slalom Racing Event at Athens 2004 Olympic Games (proposed by ICF) October 28th 2004: Elected during the ICF congress in Stockholm for a four year period as Chairman of the ICF Slalom racing Committee.

Motivations: My experience combines twenty five years of high level Slalom coaching around the world, developing canoeing activity both in France and in new developing canoeing countries (South and Central America, Africa, Asia). I have participated as Sport Director to worldwide Slalom events. I'm not a coach any more, but I remember the reality of Slalom sport for athletes.

International Olympic Committee recommendations are giving us the direction to implement strategies in order to keep our sport fair, understandable and accessible to all nations. On this matter, the Slalom Racing Committee shared scrutiny of practices with the Flatwater Racing Committee and found a common way to make improvements, followed by proposals to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Recently, I have worked as a member of the "Beijing and beyond" ICF working group, dedicated to spread and improve Slalom activity and secure Slalom in the Olympic programme.

In my role as Chairman of the ICF Slalom Committee, I work closely with the Board of Directors and report to the ICF Executive Committee.

