



Toronto, ON (August 9, 2011)- Canada to Host the 2015 World Dragon Boat Racing Championships.

The International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) congress met yesterday in Tampa Florida to vote for the Host Nations of the upcoming IDBF Championship events 2013-2015. Dragon Boat Canada (DBC) is excited to announce that Canada has been selected to host the 2015 Dragon Boat World Championships.

This is the first time that the World Championships will take place in Canada, and DBC is thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with the Welland International Flatwater Centre (WIFC) in the hosting of this event. Both DBC and WIFC are committed to making the 2015 World Dragon Boat Championships an outstanding athlete focused event. Dubbed Dragon Boat Niagara 2015, the World Championship is expected to attract up to three thousand athletes over four days of competition.

Stephen Fischer Executive Director of the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation (WRCC) and WIFC had this to say, "We are honoured to be the site of the 2015 Dragon Boat Racing World Championships and incredibly pleased to be so unanimously endorsed by DBC and the IDBF. This is exactly where we want Welland to be. This is exactly why we're making the investment in Welland in flatwater sports. Working with DBC and hosting the World in 2015 speaks to the long term return on investment in the WIFC and will continue delivering lasting impacts and legacies for our community, and our region, as we stage this spectacular World Championships".

Matt Smith, President of DBC expressed that "Dragon Boat Canada is excited host world class athletes at a world class venue, the WIFC. The association is committed to making the Championships a memorable event for Dragon Boat athletes in Canada and around the world".

For more information on this event or the sport of Dragon Boat in Canada, please contact Dragon Boat Canada at [director@dragonboat.ca](mailto:director@dragonboat.ca)

*Dragon Boat Canada is the official governing body for the sport of dragon boat racing in Canada, and is recognized as such, internationally, by the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF).*



