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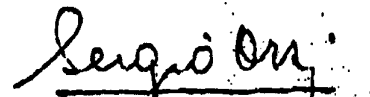
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Dear Mike

according to your request, concerning the matter between canoesport and dragonboat during my I.C.F. Chairmanship, I can state;

- I may remember that during an ICF Board in Duisburg (Jan.1986). my statement was that the dragonboat was not a canoeing discipline and the ICF was not interested to develop it;
- in this content we were happy for the foundation of I.D.B.F. had happened, and therefore we were ready to support the new Federation in front of the I.O.C.;
- there was not any intention from the ICF to take over the dragonboating, but only to cooperate closely as partner in paddlesport;
- I myself nor the I.C.F. Board have wrote to the I.O.C. or G.A.I.S.F. claiming the dragonboat as canoe discipline or even stating the dragonboating was in direct rivalry with the I.C.F.

Best regards


Prof. Sergio Orsi