



Dear member federations,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to introduce myself.

Growing up in a small town in northern Germany, I developed a desire to be on the water and learn to row at an early age. This sport has shaped my life since I was 14. After gaining initial experience in a small local club, my sporting career took me to Kiel and Paris before settling in Hamburg. I won national championships and World Cups for the Ruder-Gesellschaft Hansa and took part in World Championship 2003.

After the end of my competitive sports career, I spent ten years on the board of the Ruder-Gesellschaft Hansa, initially for competitive sports and later as president. At the same time, I took on responsibilities in the German Rowing Federation – from the competitive sports working group to member of the executive committee for association development and board member to my current responsibility for popular sports. During this time, I successfully campaigned for the WRICH 2022 to be held in Germany, was technical delegate for the ergometer competitions at the Invictus Games 2023 and am currently responsible for the national parallel sprint championships as part of the 'Finals'.

Internationally, I have been a member of the Coastal Rowing Commission since 2020 and the GEDI Cross Commission since 2024. As Technical Delegate at various WRCC, WRBSF and ERCCBS events, I have gained extensive experience in organising and running events.

Last November, I was confirmed for a second term as President of the Hamburger Sportbund (HSB). As Hamburg's largest association, the HSB represents the interests of more than 600,000 members in organised sport.

The establishment of the European Development Office in Hamburg opens up the opportunity to develop a strategic and sustainable approach to rowing in Europe from here. I would like to contribute my experience and passion for organising events to further strengthen our sport across Europe, expand networks between clubs and organisations, and represent the interests of rowing at European level.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the German Rowing Federation for supporting my application and hope that this brief introduction will provide you with a sound basis for your decision.

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