



## Press Release

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### **INF President re-elected as Board Member of ARISF**

The Hon. Molly Rhone, OJ, CD, has been re-elected as a member of the Board of ARISF, the Association of 37 International Sports Federations recognised by the International Olympic Committee. Raffaele Chiulli, President of the UIM (the worldwide Federation of Powerboating) was re-elected President, unopposed, for another four-year term.

In a ground-breaking move, the ARISF General Assembly, held in Aarhus, Denmark, elected a Board of gender equity, with Molly voted in alongside Vice-President Anna Arzhanova (World Underwater Federation), Secretary General Susanna Schoedel (World Air Sports Federation), and Board members Riccardo Fraccari (World Basketball Softball Federation) and John Liljelund (International Floorball Federation).

Molly Rhone said: "It is a great honour for me to be re-elected and I am thrilled that ARISF is leading the way in gender equality. I believe that women are still chronically under-represented in the top levels of sports administration and I am proud to be serving an organisation which recognises the skills and talent that women can bring to driving sport forward."

President Chiulli said: "I am proud of the fact that the ARISF is the first, if not the only, international sport organisation to have elected a board of absolute gender equity playing a key role in the concrete implementation of the principle of gender equality, which is one of the cornerstones of the reforms by the IOC President Thomas Bach."

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Picture: ARISF elected Board Members from left to right: Susanna Schoedel, Riccardo Fraccari, Molly Rhone, Raffaele Chiulli, Anna Arzhanova and John Liljelund.

## **Notes for Editors**

### **International Netball Federation**

Over 20 million people play netball around the world, in more than 80 countries. The International Netball Federation (INF) is the sole, internationally recognised, governing body for netball, affiliated to SportAccord, the International World Games Association and the Association of Recognised International Sports Federations, receiving funding from the International Olympic Committee.

Currently, 69 National Netball Associations are affiliated to the INF, grouped into five Regions - Africa, Asia, Americas, Europe and Oceania - each with a respective Regional Federation.

### **ARISF**

The Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations (ARISF) is the world authority regrouping all IOC Recognised International Sport Federations.

Currently the association counts 37 International Sports Federations: Air Sports, American Football, Automobile, Bandy, Baseball/Softball, Basque Pelota, Billiards Sports, Boules Sports, Bowling, Bridge, Chess, Sport Climbing, Cheerleading, Cricket, Dance Sport, Floorball, Flying Disc, Karate, Korfball, Lifesaving, Motorcycling, Climbing/Mountaineering, MuayThai, Netball, Orienteering, Polo, Powerboating, Racquetball, Roller Sports, Ski Mountaineering, Squash, Sumo, Surfing, Tug of War, Underwater, Waterski/Wakeboard, Wushu. ARISF represents, through its Members, many hundred million individual members and billions of fans all over the World.