

## Nomination for Board of Directors

### Gáspár Göncz

National member: Hungarian Canoe Federation

Candidate for:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Guide Training & Education Committee Chair)**

Nominated by:

**Hungarian Canoe Federation | Joe Willis Jones, IRF President**



### Introduction:

Gáspár is an active IRF Raft Instructor since 2005 and Head of GTE since 2009. After running IRF courses in 40+ countries and 100+ rivers he has a good understanding of rivers and different rafting cultures around the world. His aim is to serve the river guides and promote best practice, so we can avoid future accidents and provide good standard of river guides worldwide.

### Professional Experience:

- 2021 Currently re-designing the IRF Instructor assessment to provide a fair, simple, and accessible way to provide high quality rafting instructors to the industry
- 2021 Starting the new IRF Whitewater Guide certificate (for non-rafters)
- 2021 Launching IRF certificate for Rafting Operators - ROA (prepared by the ROA Committee)
- 2016 Organising yearly instructor conferences
- 2011 Introducing IRF Safety Kayak and Safety Raft certificates
- 2011 Product development and production of WWTc Water Rescue Ropes
- 2010 Organiser of Whitewater Rescue Challenge as a yearly event (until 2018)
- 2009 International Rafting Federation BOD member - Head of Guide Training and Education Committee
- 1997 Raft & Adventure Travel Guide, Rescue Swimmer, Ski Instructor, Avalanche Safety Instructor
- 1996 Kayak (Sprint, Marathon, Freestyle, Slalom, Polo, Waveski), Raft Racing, Raft and Kayak expeditions

### Education and Training:

- Raft Assessor - Instructor trainer, International Rafting Federation
- Swift Water Rescue Instructor - Rescue 3 International (SRTi, WRTi)
- International Lifesaver - International Life Saving Federation
- First Aid, CPR Instructor at EFR, Wilderness Emergency First Responder WEMSI, Rescue3 (WMA), NOLS
- Mountaineer (Winter degree - HU)
- Master in Economic Sciences at Corvinus University of Budapest - Faculty of Economic Sciences

### Summary Statement:

Gáspár has the knowledge of the past and present development of the IRF GTE, including a friendly personal network of IRF Instructors. With the current GTE Team (Secretary: Mark Hirst, Admin: Sean Clarke and new motivated assessors) a dynamic improvement has started. This GTE Team has proven in the last two years it is able to develop a functioning system worldwide to serve all raft guides and operators. Hopefully the IRF congress will support our aim to continue.

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