



Barletta, the capital of Rowing Coastal and Beach Sprint!

Yes, it is appropriate to state it forcefully! That's a goal achieved with perseverance after the 2021 and 2022 Italian Beach Sprint Championships.

It had a sensational success that was amplified by the RAI channels, thanks to the engaging courage of Roberto Pio Rizzi and his team, who provided the necessary elements for World Rowing to award this extraordinary land and its fantastic Local Organizing Committee the two world events: the World Rowing Coastal Championships and the World Beach Sprint Championship.

These two events, in just fifteen days, will bring athletes from all over the world to Barletta, on the seafront beach dedicated to the legend of Italian athletics, Pietro Mennea, with the sole purpose of competing and having fun in one of the most fascinating and innovative disciplines of the international rowing scene.

I am sure this event will put this Italian corner on the map as well as it will be fixed in the minds of those who will have the opportunity to arrive at the beautiful beach of Barletta for the welcome they will receive and for the beauty of the sites they will be able to visit.

As President of the Italian Rowing Federation, I thank the Administration of Barletta and its forward-looking Mayor, Cosimo Cannito, all the institutions involved, the Organizing Committee headed by Roberto Pio Rizzi, and all the volunteers, who are the beating heart of the event. I wish everyone lots of fun, excellent competitions and to enjoy the environmental, cultural and culinary experiences the area offers without skimping.

Thank you and have a good stay in Barletta!

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