

**COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DES SPORTS DES SOURDS**

**MINUTES**

**CISS 31st CONGRESS**

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## 01. WELCOME SPEECH

CISS President, **Jerald M. Jordan**, welcomed the delegates and declared the 31st Extraordinary Congress of CISS opened.

He was happy to see delegates from so many countries. It was not only important to have many votes at the IPC Congress the next day but it also shows that the deaf sport movement would support the IPC.

PT **Jordan** apologized that he could not chair the congress as he had to attend the Executive Committee meeting of the IPC which were held at the same time. He would ask VP **Lovett** to take over the chair.

1st Vice President **John M. Lovett** was sorry to announce the death of a few persons who all had played a role in the deaf sport movement:

- Joseph Wermouth, France
- Karl Kunze, F.R. Germany
- Jenø Batory, Denmark
- Alice Dahlgren, Sweden (wife to Osvald Dahlgren)

A minute's silence were observed in their honor.

## 2. ROLL CALL

A list of the delegates registered for the Congress was distributed prior to the opening. The list of the delegates present is enclosed as **Appendix 1**.

A few delegates were not present at the opening but arrived during the congress. A total of 29 countries with 35 delegates were present at the end of the Congress.

## 3. THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CISS, ICC AND IPC.

VP **Lovett** explained the background for convening this extraordinary congress. After the foundation of the International Paralympic Committee in Düsseldorf, September 1989, we had found it more appropriate to support the IPC instead of the ICC. One of the results obtained at the Düsseldorf meeting and the following Executive Committee meeting of the IPC had been that it was necessary to establish an agreement between the CISS and the IPC in order to strengthen both organisations and to avoid future problems in the co-operation with the other disabled sports.

## 4. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN IPC AND CISS

### 4.1. The proposed agreement:

VP **Lovett** presented the proposed agreement between CISS and IPC and explained carefully the content of each of the eight paragraphs.

The original proposed agreement is enclosed as **Appendix 2**.

A long debate took place about each paragraph and many delegates had questions and comments to each paragraph.

**Ammons** was afraid paragraph 5 could be used to deprecate deaf sports.

**Lundqvist** asked how to ensure that paragraph 3 was not used against deaf sport.

**Lanesman** asked if the present IPC Executive Committee would allocate money to the World Games for the Deaf. In his country the government would not give money to their participation in the World Games.

**Domes** said that after the deaf sports joined the disabled sports organisation in Austria the deaf sports now gets money for their activities.

**Waldow** was a little afraid that the proposed agreement could result in less support for the deaf sports in F.R. Germany.

**Fotiou** want to have CISS as the only member of the IPC with a seat in the IPC Executive Committee. No national representation by deaf sports associations.

**Lundqvist** draw the attention to the open place for percentage in paragraph 8. He want to be sure that CISS would get an favorable part of the fundings.

**Vasak** would like to CISS remain in the ICC. He was not sure the IPC would be in our favor.

**Kjøde** asked if the national member associations had to participate in the IPC congresses or not, and **Domes** asked if the national deaf associations had to pay dues to the IPC. It would be a high annual fee (CISS, EDSO, IPC).

**Lovett** answered that we do not know all conditions yet. **Sondergaard** added that if we want to receive large support from the IPC, then we must be a member and pay annual fees to the IPC.

**Waldow** reminded the delegates that the CISS had a great power at the votings in Düsseldorf and that we would have the same here in Groningen. But how will the situation be if we have one seat in the IPC Executive only ?

A heavy debate took place with **Ammons**, **Lovett**, **Domes**, **Sondergaard** and **Grajek** about the problem to have one vote only in the IPC Executive Committee and IPC Congress.

**McCarthy** and **Fotiou** recommended the agreement be co-signed by the IOC.

**Kjøde** raised the question of multi disabled deaf athletes. How about some deaf-blind athletes ? Do they have to compete in blind or deaf competitions, and who will take care of them ?

**Zanatta** raised the question of using the word "olympic". IOC only can use that word, the disabled sports has "paralympic". What about "deaf-lympic" ?

**Panev** stressed that it is necessary to have a strong CISS to defend our interest.

After a coffee break the discussions continued.

**Lanesman** brought up the question of the procedure at the congress.

**Ammons** proposed to delete paragraph of observer at CISS congress while **Kjøde** want to leave this question open.

**Lundqvist and Duarte** discussed the wordings of the proposal of having observers at congresses and **Haythornthwaite** proposed to hold this sequence for discussions with the IPC.

After this long discussion a vote took place for each proposed and amended paragraph. With the exception of paragraph 6 all paragraphs were unanimously approved.

#### **4.b. The future:**

VP **Lovett** explained that an approval here did not mean that also the IPC Congress would approve the agreement. It may be expected that some delegates representing the other disabled groups would vote against it.

Should the agreement be approved we had to discuss whether CISS had to leave the ICC or not.

On proposal by **Donalda Ammons** the following decision were taken:

- a) If the agreement is accepted - CISS leaves ICC.
- b) If the agreement is rejected - CISS Executive Committee will have to inform the IOC.

Several delegates were afraid there would not be time enough at the IPC Congress to discuss the agreement. CISS should ask the chairman of the congress to move the agreement up on the agenda in order to be sure it was discussed and voted upon.

It was unanimously decided to follow the President in all votiings taken at the IPC congress.

### **5. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Jo-Anne Robinson** had some information about the 12th Winter Games in Banff. Bulletin no. 2 is ready and will be mailed soon.

The Games schedule is ready now. A survey of preliminary entries were distributed to the delegates.

Bookings at Banff Springs Hotel is reserved for Europe and other overseas athletes and tourists.

**Tony Walton** was happy to announce that the souvenir book of the 16th World Games are now ready for distribution to those who had paid in advance. A few more books were on sale for 30 US\$ each.

**Lanesman** asked about a new logo for CISS. **Lovett** answered that a draft would be presented for the Executive Committee at its meeting a few days later.

**Donalda Ammons** informed that at a recent athletic meeting in Washington, USA and USSR had agreed to meet on a regular basis in some sports.

**B. Boeve** asked where the Dresse and Maere Cup 1991 would be held. **Lovett** replied that the Executive Committee would choose the organiser among three bids.

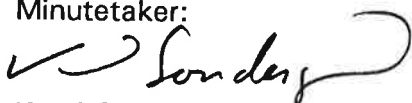
**Fotiou** would like to know if the bowling tournament in Tokyo July 1991 was sanctioned by CISS. **Sondergaard** replied that the tournament had been duly sanctioned which would be announced in a coming bulletin.

**Lovett** was happy to announce that the IOC had donated 10.000 US\$ in support of the delegates for the IPC Congress. The Executive Committee had decided to give 425 Dutch Guilders per delegate attending the Congress. All delegates are asked to tell their Associations to write letters to the IOC thanking it for this support.

## 6. CLOSING

**Lovett** closed the congress with a warm thanks to everyone attending the congress. He was sure there now was a good basis for the agreement with the IPC.

Minutetaker:



Knud Sondergaard  
13/10/1990

## APPENDIX 1.

### Delegates CISS 31st Congress:

01. AUS	David Peters	
02. AUT	Hans Domes	
03. BEL	Emmanuel Rossel	
04. BUL	Vasil Panev	
05. CAN	Donald McCarthy	
06. CYP	Demosthenis Eleftheriou	Varnaras Papanicolaou
07. DEN	Barbara Sondergaard	
08. ESP	Jose L. Penacoba Bueno	Antonio Neila
09. FIN	Jussi Raisio	
10. FRG	Friedrich Waldow	
11. GBR	Roland Haythornthwaite	
12. GDR	Heinz Meurer	
13. GRE	Argyris Fotiou	
14. HOL	B. Boeve	
15. HUN	Bela Panyi	Ivan Vasak
16. ICL	Tadeusz Baran	
17. IRL	James Woulfe	
18. IRN	Khosrow Karamad	
19. ISR	David Lanesman	
20. ITA	Marzio Zanatta	Sebastian Mancigliio
21. KOR	In Ki Park	
22. KUW	Zuhair A. K. Morteda	
23. NOR	Knut Bj. Kjøde	
24. NZL	Anthony Walton	
25. POL	Antoni Morawski	
26. POR	Helder Duarte	
27. SWE	Arne Lundqvist	
28. TCH	Ota Pansky	
29. USA	Donalda Ammons	

### **Executive Committee:**

Jerald M. Jordan  
John M. Lovett  
Knud Sondergaard  
Lennart Edwall  
Myeczyslaw Grajek  
Jo-Anne Robinson  
Boudewijn De Roose

## APPENDIX 2.

### **PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN CISS AND IPC:**

1. IPC grants full recognition to CISS as the supreme authority for sports for and of deaf people.
2. IPC accepts and acknowledges the CISS World Games for the Deaf (both Summer and Winter) as international events of status equal to the Paralympic Games.
3. The IPC, through its affiliated national federations, directs these bodies and their respective governments to encourage and respect the autonomy and independence of national deaf sports federations.
4. The IPC shall not accept membership in the IPC of a national federation purporting to represent deaf people unless such federation has been recognized by CISS.
5. Because of unique nature and relationship of CISS with the IPC, any negotiations with representatives of international bodies, such as IOC, UN, IFSD, GAISF, etc., shall include a member nominated by CISS when required.
6. CISS shall be invited to send an observer to Congress and meetings of the IPC. The IPC shall have similar privileges with CISS. The interpreting expenses shall be shared equally.
7. In the event of establishing a permanent secretariat, the IPC shall set aside adequate space for CISS to relocate its secretariat. The annual fee will be mutually agreed upon. CISS secretariat shall have access to necessary services available to the IPC.
8. Disbursement of funds obtained in the name of sports for the disabled shall be shared with CISS on a proportionate basis. The proportion or formula shall be negotiated between CISS and the IPC Executive Committee.