

Letter From The President



*John Michael Lovett
1943-2003*

NOTICE: *The October ENEWS was prepared before Lovett's untimely passing. There will be a special edition coming out in a few days in memory of John Lovett.*

Letter from Secretary-General Donalda Ammons

Dear Friends:

For this month's issue, I am writing in behalf of President John Lovett, who is taking a temporary leave to take care of his health.

At this moment, the World Deaf Badminton Championships are taking place for 8 days in Sofia, Bulgaria with 14 countries from 3 regions participating. It is great that some faraway countries were resolved to send a team, like Kazakhstan, Nigeria and Korea. The website address is <http://www.bulbad.8k.com/deaf.htm>. Mr. Martin Bogard, our new technical director, should be commended for his hard work in recruiting top-notch badminton players to come to Sofia.

In a few days, Treasurer Ole Artmann will lead a marketing and communication strategic meeting in Washington, D.C. at Gallaudet University with 11 stakeholders in attendance. The purpose of this meeting is to make our marketing efforts more efficient and functional.

The Technical Directors for summer sports will convene in Lausanne in mid-May 2004 for a 3 day seminar to work on technical aspects for the 2005 Deaflympic Games. Due to exorbitant travel costs, the seminar had to be moved from Melbourne to Lausanne. In addition, the technical directors will have an opportunity to attend the

GAISF Congress which will be filled with representatives of International Sports Federations like FIFA, IAAF, FIBA, et cetera. The Executive Committee members will convene during that time as well.

In early December, I will meet with Mr. Xavier Gonzales, Liaison Officer of International Paralympic Committee, to work on the newer version of the IPC-CISS agreement and to discuss matters relating to difficulties that some national deaf sports federations are experiencing in their countries for parity. I will also meet with several key IOC officials in Lausanne.

I ask that you remember your top 2003 Sportsman/woman by submitting nominations to the Secretariat by 15 November. It is very important that our elite athletes receive recognition for their outstanding performances during the year of 2003.

See you next month!

Donalda K. Ammons
Secretary General



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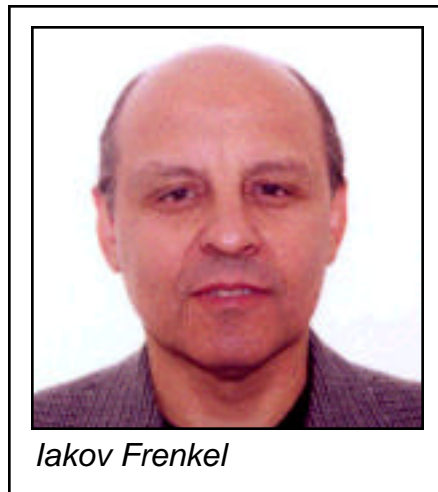
By Tiffany Granfors

Iakov Matveevich Frenkel of Russia has been selected as the Assistant Technical Director for Football for the 2005 Summer Deaflympic Games.

Iakov began his sports career in football in 1959. He was a member of USSR national deaf football team from 1969-1979. I. Frenkel also played on a hearing football team during the 1970's. In 1977 he won a bronze medal at the World Games of the Deaf in Bucharest (Romania). He also was a member of the championship team of USSR several times.

As a coach, Iakov has made an unbelievable development progress in the sport of football for USSR and Russia. The football team USSR became the European champion - in Belgium in 1991.

For his sport merits Iakov Frenkel was dignified a title "Honoured Coach of the Russian Federation".



Iakov Frenkel

Iakov Frenkel is a qualified specialist with a higher education in area of sport and physical culture. He is currently the President of Russian Deaf Football Union and Vice-president of Russian Committee of Deaf Sport. Frenkel works very well with Vyacheslav Koloskov, FIFA Vice-president.

We are very pleased to welcome Iakov!

Bio on John Knetzger

Newly Appointed Assistant Technical Director in Volleyball

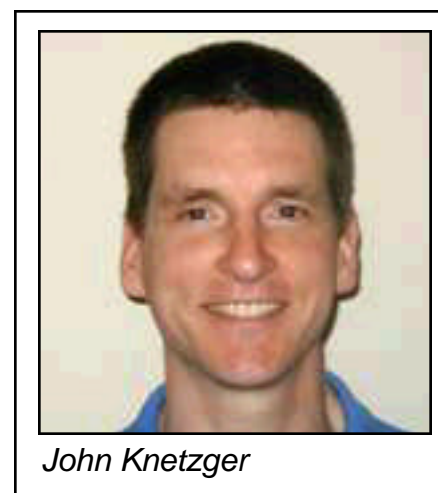
By Donalda Ammons

John Knetzger of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (USA) has been appointed to serve as Assistant Technical Director in Volleyball.

John was a member of the USA Deaf National Volleyball team from 1990 until 2001 and participated in two international and three Deaflympics competitions. In addition, he served as a Team Leader of the USA men's beach doubles team to the 2002 International Beach Volleyball Championships in Zeebrugge, Belgium.

John's personal strengths include attention to detail, organizational skills, and knowledge of current Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) rules and regulations for both indoor and beach

competitions. His deep experience as an athlete, referee, coach, leader, and tournament host chair gives me a unique all-around perspective on how a volleyball event is run in a fair and efficient manner.



John Knetzger

John is a software engineer for Rockwell Automation, Inc. in Milwaukee.

Welcome aboard, John!

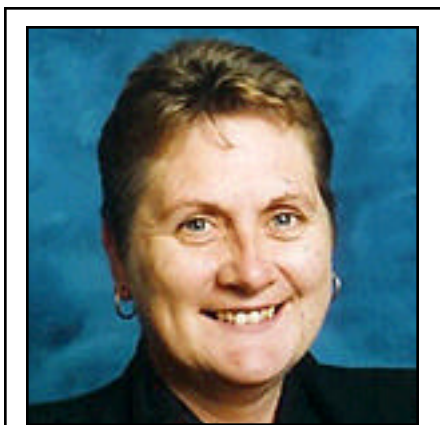
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Bio on Anne Bremner

Our new Assistant Technical Director in Basketball for 2005 Deaflympics!

By Donalda Ammons

Anne Bremner of Melbourne, Australia has been selected as Assistant Technical Director in Basketball for the 2005 Deaflympic Games.



Anne Bremner

Anne was born to deaf parents and attended Glendonald School for Deaf Children. Anne started swimming after seeing the Olympic Games held in Melbourne in 1956. Later, she came 3rd in the

All-Victorian High Schools Championship.

Around the same time, Anne joined the local netball team and went on to represent Australia in deaf teams against New Zealand and Great Britain. Anne and her Aussie basketball teammates earned a bronze medal at the 1985 Games in Los Angeles, California. She was then selected to coach the Aussie basketball team at the 1989 Deaflympic Games in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Anne was actively involved on many sporting committees from the time she left school. She has also authored papers on coaching deaf athletes.

Anne has two sons and three grandsons.

Welcome, Anne!

Orienteering News

By Marek Mir-Mackiewicz

CISS-Deaflympics TD-Orienteering

I would like to drop a few lines about the sport of orienteering.

This year there was Nordic-Baltic Deaf Orienteering Championships in Parnu, in Estonia.

In my opinion the best Deaf sportsman in orienteering is Tomas Kuzminskis from Lithuania. He is at a level like the hearing, as he is a three-time champion of Nordic-Baltic Deaf Orienteering Championship and won a gold medal at 2001 Deaflympics in Rome and 2000 European Orienteering Championship in Hungary!

My wish is that deaf o-runners from many continents will participate at the 2005 Deaflympics in Melbourne and also at 2009 Deaflympics in Taipei. That could make the competition more exciting and interesting. And hopefully it will raise the standard of the sport. For further training and preparations for the 2005 Deaflympics athletes should participate often in competitions. There will also be international deaf orienteering competitions in Europe like Copenhagen (Denmark) and Kiev (Ukraine).

I've made my own homepage on deaf orienteering. Welcome to visit:

<http://home.tiscali.dk/marekmir>.

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IOC In Brief

Every Second Counts In Race To Prepare For Athens 2004 Olympic Games

Official IOC Press Release

www.olympic.org

24 October 2003

Two-and-a-half days of meetings during the 11th Coordination Commission visit to Athens - the penultimate such meeting prior to the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad - allowed the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to confirm progress in some key areas, while addressing its concerns in others. Since the Commission's previous visit in April, the Athens Organising Committee (ATHOC) has hosted successful world press, broadcasters and chefs de missions meetings, and seven test events.

A productive series of meetings and working groups saw Commission members address the full range of Olympic and Paralympic Games planning and operational issues: from security to ceremonies and from transport to ticketing. Satisfaction was expressed at ATHOC's progress with regard to services provided to stakeholders, including the National Olympic Committees, International Sports Federations, the media and broadcasters. Venue tours allowed Commission members, accompanied by news media, to see firsthand the progress being made at the venues that will serve as the focus of the Games. The Commission was pleased to note progress on key projects such as the roofs for the Athens Olympic Sports Complex (OAKA) (1) venues, and also the tram and suburban rail systems, where decisions were taken following the IOC expert's recent report. The Commission noted, however, that an exceptional rate of progress must be maintained in order for these projects to be completed on schedule, and without negatively impacting other aspects of Games preparations.

commitment to delivering facilities and infrastructure projects, and gave reassurances with regard to timely completion, providing details of work schedules.

"We have been pleased to see how much work has been carried out since our last visit, but much still remains to be done in the short time before our last visit just six months from now and only three months prior to the Games," commented Coordination Commission Chairman Denis Oswald. "With fewer than 300 days remaining, the time has come for a greater shift of emphasis from planning to operation. With construction still such a dominant theme in the preparations, great attention now needs to be paid to how all the work is integrated."

"An impressive 120,000 Greeks have applied to volunteer in helping host what I believe will be spectacular and historic Games," continued Oswald. "The IOC, ATHOC, the Greek government and local, national and international agencies are working together at full pace. Timelines remain tight and we will continue to ask our partners to seek opportunities to further accelerate the progress wherever possible. We have received reassurances on the completion schedules for the roofs at OAKA and for the tram and suburban rail systems. We look forward to seeing these key projects delivered and will be checking to see that schedules are maintained. From now until 13 August 2004, and the Opening Ceremony of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens, every second counts."

ATHOC President Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki said: "Athens is getting ready for Games time. We are preparing to stage 34 more

Ministers reiterated the government's

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IOC In Brief

IOC And XEROX Agree To End Relationship

Official IOC Press Release

www.olympic.org

07 October 2003

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Xerox Corporation today announced that their worldwide sponsorship agreement would not be extended when it is due for renewal in December 2004.

Xerox has been a long-standing partner of the Olympic Movement since 1964 and joined the IOC' worldwide Olympic sponsorship programme in 1994. As the exclusive Provider of Document Publishing Systems, Services and Supplies, Xerox has been an instrumental partner in the publication and distribution of Olympic results during the Olympic Games and provided products, services and equipment to assist organising committees for the Olympic Games.

"Xerox has been an excellent partner over the years and we are saddened to see the relationship end. We recognise, however, that in the world today, companies must adapt and alter their business and marketing strategies to accommodate changing market conditions," said Gerhard Heiberg, Chairman of the IOC Marketing Commission. "The Olympic Movement is grateful for the support the Xerox Corporation has provided over the years and wishes them every success for the future."

Xerox Chief Marketing Officer Diane McGarry commented: "During the Athens Games, Xerox technology will once again accelerate the flow of information, providing the world with instant access to real-time results. Our partnership with the Olympic Games has provided Xerox with a global platform to showcase our expertise. While we certainly appreciate the value of this investment and will leverage it during the Athens

Game, Xerox has decided to refocus its marketing to other customer-facing initiatives."

While Xerox will not renew its worldwide Olympic sponsorship agreement, the company has not yet decided whether it will continue sponsorship arrangements with some National Olympic Committees.

The TOP Programme currently includes 12 multi-national corporations with revenue in excess of USD600 million. Eight of those companies have already extended their sponsorship through 2008 with one extending through 2012.

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Xerox: Carl Langsenkamp, Public Relations Manager, tel: +1 585-423-5782

Race To Prepare For Athens 2004

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sports events - beginning this Saturday with the Triathlon World Cup - and all test events will take place at their Olympic venues. Sport events test our systems, venue teams and plans, and give us the opportunity to improve where necessary."

In the coming months, working groups of the Coordination Commission will continue to meet regularly with their ATHOC counterparts, and the entire Commission will officially reconvene in Athens in May 2004.

(1) Athens 2004 Olympic plans call for new roofs over the main Stadium, velodrome and pool complex.

Sports Events

Report on Basketball Coaches clinic seminar in Buenos Aires, Argentina

*Submitted by Kjell Gunnå,
Secretary General DIBF*

Organisations involved

In co-operation with the PANAMDES Confederation, the Argentine Deaf Sports Federation and with financial assistance from the FIBA, in Buenos Aires from 16 to 19 September 2003 the newly recognised Deaf International Basketball Federation (DIBF) arranged its first deaf basketball coaches clinic/ development seminar ever in South America. The coaches clinic/development seminar was held in connection with the third PANAMDES Games. Conductors of the clinic/seminar were DIBF President Mr. Jussi Raisio and the DIBF Secretary General Kjell Gunnå. This was the second time a clinic/seminar was arranged with support by the FIBA. The first was arranged in Beijing, China, in December 2002 under the auspices of Comité International des Sports des Sourds (CISS).

Mr. Horacio Aleva and Mr. Ruben Torres, President and Secretary General of Argentine Deaf Sports Federation respectively, helped with planning and making contacts with necessary people in advance for booking lodging and gym for the clinic/seminar. They also translated invitation into Spanish language and sent them out to the participating countries. DIBF is very grateful for their positive and creative help in arranging this clinic/seminar. In addition, DIBF wishes to send heartfelt gratitude to the clinic/seminar participant, Mr. Marcelo Garcia, Argentina, for his great and invaluable contribution to the successful outcome of the clinic/seminar. Mr. Garcia took care of many minor questions that arose during the course of the clinic/seminar.

One of the USA participants, Ms. Laura Edwards, also contributed greatly with her experience and pedagogical skills to the clinic/seminar.

Aims and goals with clinic/seminar

The aims and goals with the seminar/clinic were in the first hand to offer deaf basketball coaches and leaders fundamental knowledge of how lead a basketball group, make up plans for training and practice, to develop deaf basketball in their home-countries and to give them self-confidence to approach hearing basketball associations to seek co-operation and guidance for their continued development.

Location and participants

The clinic/seminar took place at Club Banco Provincia de Buenos Aires in Vicente López where also all participants were accommodated. It attracted 13 people: One woman from Cuba, one woman and man from Venezuela, one woman and man from USA, one man from Chile and the rest from host-country Argentina. There were supposed to be more participants from other countries. Together with two conductors there were all in all 15 people attending the clinic/seminar but some of the Argentine participants were also active in the PANAMDES Games so sometimes they had to leave the clinic/seminar for work in the Games.

Accommodation

The accommodations were very good and fully satisfied the needs of the participants.

FIBA Sponsor

The FIBA, through Mr. Jan Berteling, President of the FIBA Council for Basketball for People with a Disability, sponsored this clinic/seminar by

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Basketball Coaches clinic

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contribution with 75% of the expenses of flight-tickets for the participants and with 100% for the accommodation and other local expenses. DIBF extends its deepest gratitude to Mr. Jan Berteling and the FIBA for their contribution to the successful outcome of the seminar/clinic. Without this economical contribution this clinic/seminar would not have been carried through at all.

For further information about aims and goals with DIBF deaf basketball clinics/seminars see www.dibf.org

Conclusion

The DIBF also wishes to forward its gratitude to the Argentinian Deaf Sports Federation which after the clinic/seminar covered all expenses for local transports and accommodation at Hotel Regency for Mr. Jussi Raisio, my wife Gull-Britt and me during the opening of the PanAmde Games and four days thereafter. This meant that Jussi Raisio and I could introduce ourselves to many people and make many contacts among deaf basketball people from South-America. The DIBF was also represented by the President Jussi Raisio at a reception arranged by the Canadian Deaf Sports Federation in connection with information regarding its arrangement of second Youth PanAmde Games in 2004, where for the first time basketball will be included in the program. This is a very exciting development for the DIBF.

Special thanks to my wife Gull-Britt who was of great help to me during the clinic/seminar in taking care of financial transactions with the participants and accounting of the trip. This enabled me to concentrate on my work with the clinic/seminar and representing the DIBF.

Networking among Deaf Triathletes

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DEAF TRIATHLETES:

Gustavo Perazzolo of Brazil is interested in establishing a network among deaf triathletes. Contact him at gustavo.perazzolo@terra.com.br to exchange news about competitions.

1st World Badminton Championship

Many of the best Badminton players in the World are competing in this tournament! In addition, check the Bulgarian Badminton Federation website at: www.bulbad.8k.com/deaf.htm for complete results, photos, and articles!

Orienteering News

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Here you can see results from Nordic-Baltic Deaf Orienteering Championship etc. You can find a calendar on future competitions including championships on this website.

I encourage national deaf sports federations to consider very soon about hosting the 2006 World Deaf Orienteering Championship.

See you in Melbourne!

WADA Director General Meets With IOC President, IFS

World Anti-Doping Agency Press Release

Montreal, October 14, 2003 – The new director general of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) met with leaders of several international sports federations, as well as with the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to discuss WADA's strategic priorities and areas of cooperation in the coming months, the Agency announced today.

David Howman, who recently took over the position of WADA's director general, met with the federations and IOC President Jacques Rogge in Switzerland last week to discuss recent

strategic decisions made by WADA's executive committee at its September meeting and update them on the Agency's areas of activity. The federations and the Olympic Movement represent 50 percent of WADA's stakeholders, with governments representing the other half.

Howman said Rogge and the international federations' representatives expressed satisfaction with the priorities recently defined by the Executive Committee. These priorities are the implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code, increased emphasis on research and education,

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Accredited Labs Receive Testing Method For THG Steroid

World Anti-Doping Agency Press Release

Montreal, October 21, 2003 - The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) announced today that the method of detection for the designer steroid tetrahydrogestrinone (THG) has been communicated to all International Olympic Committee (IOC)/WADA accredited laboratories throughout the world. The test for detecting THG was developed and distributed by the laboratory headed by Professor Don Catlin at the University of California, Los Angeles. The test will shortly be a part of regular doping screening conducted by all accredited laboratories.

The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) first announced last week that the UCLA lab had found the previously undetectable steroid in samples collected in-competition at the 2003 U.S. Outdoor Track & Field Championships and also in out-of-competition samples. USADA will forward to the accredited laboratories later this week reference samples of THG.

“We commend the UCLA lab for moving quickly not only to identify this substance, but also for making sure the other laboratories have access to this test as quickly as possible,” said David Howman, WADA's Director General. “This sends a strong message that there will be no delay in catching those who cheat or who believe they can stay one step ahead of the system. It is also a good example of how important the sharing of knowledge in the scientific community can be to stop doping.”

Howman also commended the international sports federations and national anti-doping agencies that have already indicated they may retest previous samples stored in laboratories for THG.

“WADA strongly encourages all bodies responsible for testing to review their internal processes and protocols to see whether currently stored samples can be analyzed for this ‘new’ substance,” he said.

Published Articles

GAISF Sporting Goods to Go Project

Attention: CISS Member Countries

Letter excerpted from GAISF Secretary General, Don Porter

As you recall during the GAISF SportAccord Conference in Madrid, a presentation was made on GAISF's "Sporting Goods To Go" project mentioning some details and plans for moving this project into an active and productive state. Since that time, a meeting was held in New York City on July 15th, that brought together a large number of partners representing organizations that had indicated an interest in participating in this project including the IOC, the National Olympic Committees, the United Nations and a number of international humanitarian agencies and organizations.

The meeting in New York brought forth ideas and ways the SGTG project should operate and be administered, during these discussions it was also agreed to form a Council so the project could be more effectively administered. It was agreed that GAISF and the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association-International (SGMA) would co-chair the Council, represented by GAISF's Secretary-General, Don Porter and SGMA's VP of Global Business Development, Maria Stefan.

The Council would be represented by designees from the IOC, the NOCs, and the humanitarian/charity organizations. They are listed along with the representatives including International Federations that attended the meeting in NYC, as an addendum to this Memo.

Since the NYC meeting, a later meeting was held in Washington, D.C. to sort out the administrative operation and organizational responsibilities. The worldwide humanitarian organization, Gifts in Kind, agreed to provide administrative support

as well as set up a SGTG website at their world headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, USA. The site will be www.sportinggoodstogo.org.

Of course the main function of this project is find,

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WADA Director General Meets

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and continuation of some out-of-competition testing.

"The IOC and the entire Olympic Movement are crucial partners for WADA," Howman said. "It was important to discuss with them their views of how WADA can serve their needs and how we can best work together in the coming months. I had a very productive meeting with the President of the IOC and I was particularly happy to see once again how supportive he is of the fight against doping in sport and of the Agency's work."

Some of the discussions also focused on the World Anti-Doping Code, which will go into effect for the sports movement next year. Many of the international federations have already adopted the Code and will implement it prior to the Olympic Games in Athens. The IOC adopted the Code at its session in July in Prague. To date, 69 sports organizations have formally adopted the Code. The updated list can be found on WADA's website at www.wada-ama.org.

"Implementation of the Code will be a major part of the work of the federations," Howman said. "WADA stands ready to do what it can to help during the transition time."

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develop and activate ways to secure, ship and deliver sporting equipment to countries in need that otherwise could not afford either by value of the equipment, shipping costs or customs fees, etc. which in turn would help further and future development of sport in many countries.

We hope to shortly plan in the least complicated and time consuming way how the project will function in order to carry out the original mission, getting sport equipment to those that need it most, young boys and girls who are eager to learn and play sport but do not have or can acquire the equipment for the reasons mentioned above.

Your cooperation and support is very important in making this project successful. Accordingly, as a first step, please e-mail Sharon Lincoln at slsigma@aol.com, the name and contact information of the development officer in your federation that we can access to arrange for shipment and donations of product. Contact information should include name, title, address, phone, fax and e-mail. This federation contact will be listed on the Sporting Goods To Go website.

The SGMA International "Super Show", one of

the largest sporting goods shows in the world, will be held in Orlando, Florida USA, January 12-14, 2004. In conjunction with GAISF the SGMA is inviting all International Federations to attend the show to hear more about the Sporting Goods To Go project as well as meet many of the top leaders and CEOs of the sporting goods industry.

The SGMA/GAISF will hold a special reception at the opening of the Show on January 12, 2004, at 5:00PM (1700) that will include many of the SGTG partners including the IOC, GAISF, ANOC, humanitarian/charity organizations and government agencies including the entities of the United Nations.

A special invitation with all the details will be sent out later to all GAISF members.

Upcoming Events

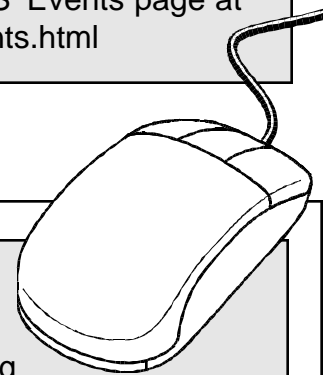
To view further upcoming events, check out Calenderlive at CISS' Events page at <http://www.ciss.org/events.html>

Do you have an announcement to make? Upcoming competition information? Competition results? News about an athlete's success? News and information about Deaf people in the sports world?

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