

Letter From The President

Message from Interim President



Donalda K. Ammons

The countdown for the 2005 Deaflympic Games is now 330 days!

I still feel very upbeat from my recent site visit to Melbourne, Australia from 3 to 9 January. The mission statement of the 2005 Organizing Committee (better known as M2005) is that they will stage a world class sporting and social event for Deaf and hard of hearing athletes and friends around the world. Yes, they will, I can assure you! You should really consider about attending the Games next year. If you miss it, it will probably be one of the biggest regrets you will have.



Thumbs Up to M2005!

M2005 has been working diligently in meeting the objectives in a timely manner. They have secured at least 87% funding with a \$10 million Australian dollar budget. They also finalized mascots (Mel and Vic), logo, merchandise for sale and website in 8 languages! They held a a one year to go kickoff on 5 January at Crown Promenade Hotel

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Jill Lovett and Ethan, her grandson at the Count Down Celebration in Melbourne!

Inside DEAFLYMPICS

Secretary General Position

Internal Advertisement for
CISS/Deaflympics Members Only

CISS/DEAFLYMPICS Secretary-General

In continuation of the development of CISS/Deaflympics we will employ a Secretary General to manage and develop CISS/Deaflympics, effective January 2005.

The job has to be done at the CISS/Deaflympics office in Frederick, Maryland, USA

Qualifications: A person with extensive experience in administration and management of a staff. It is also presupposed that the candidate has vision, is familiar with strategy work and planning.

The job: The Secretary General has the responsibility to manage CISS/Deaflympics and service the Executive Committee, Technical Directors and Member Countries as well as to build up a staff by successive steps following CISS/Deaflympics economic capacity

Working hours: The job is estimated to require 30 (thirty) hours a week but will increase to full time work. The candidate must expect to work on holidays and weekends as well as work outside normal working hours. The candidate must expect to do much traveling.

Salary: The salary will depend on the qualifications and the size of the staff.

Application: Send to 16117 Orchard Grove Road, North Potomac, MD 20878, USA

Deadline for applications: Applications must be sent to above address no later than **15 April 2004**.

Polish Deaf Sports Association Announces New Board Members

The head office of POLISH DEAF SPORTS ASSOCIATION would like to inform you of the changes being made concerning the management of the organization.

The current management will consist of the following changes:

Maria Michalczuk
President

Krzysztof Checiak
Vice President, Social events

Zdzislaw Szybowski
Vice President, Sports

Aleksandra Bulas
Vice President, Youth

Jerzy Strzelecki
Treasurer

Waclaw Morawski
Member

Vacant
Secretary-General

Notice: At CISS/Deaflympics Congress in Sundsvall, Sweden, March 2003, CISS/Deaflympics Constitution was amended to remove the Secretary General from the elective position and to change it to a paid staff position, effective in January 2005.

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IPC and CISS Meeting

Held at the IOC Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland

By *Tiffany Granfors*

IPC and CISS Meeting

16 December 2003

9:00-10:30

IOC Headquarters-Lausanne, Switzerland

Attendees: Donalda Ammons (CISS Secretary General/Interim President), Xavier Gonzales (IPC Liaison Officer), Tiffany Granfors (CISS Administrator), and Diane Morton (Interpreter)

- Mr. Xavier Gonzales indicated that he did not foresee any major problems in renewing the CISS-IPC Agreement with the 4 points outlined in the Agreement.

- Ammons will prepare the Agreement and send to Gonzales in January 2004.

- It was mutually agreed that the formal signing between IPC and CISS should take place during GAISF Congress in May 2004 to have better media coverage. Gonzales agreed to coordinate it.

- Both Ammons and Gonzales agreed to meet on a more regular basis in order to foster better working relationship and mutual understanding.

- Both IPC and CISS must work together to find solutions in educating NPC and National members of CISS about DEAFLYMPICS.

- Gonzales pointed out that some countries are well-informed about Deaflympics and IPC being separated but yet chose to keep deaf under their DSO (Holland and Norway as example)

- Both have to work jointly and deal with each country individually since its structure is dealt differently.

- Gonzales would like to have a priority list of countries which need immediate attention.

- IPC is now in process of rewriting constitutions and bylaws and will be sure to revise to reflect Deaflympics correctly.

- Ms. Tiffany Granfors will forward the definition/criteria of 55db hearing loss to IPC.

- Granfors will send IPC a list of CISS resources needs.



Xavier Gonzales of IPC and Donalda Ammons

- Granfors will send Gonzales the new Logo Announcement.

- There would be no IPC General Assembly held in conjunction with the Paralympic Games. The most recent was in November 2003.

- The general feeling is that IPC does really want to work with us-Deaflympics.

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IOC and CISS Meeting

Held at the IOC Headquarters, Lausanne Switzerland

By Tiffany Granfors

IOC and CISS Meeting

16 December 2003

14:30-15:30

IOC Headquarters-Lausanne, Switzerland

Attendees: Donalda Ammons (CISS Secretary General/Interim President), Kelly Fairweather (IOC Sports Director), Gilbert Felli (IOC Olympic Games Executive Director), Nolvonn Laine (IOC Sports Dept.), Tiffany Granfors (CISS Administrator) and Diane Morton (Interpreter)

- Mr. Gilbert Felli sat in the meeting for two purposes, one to introduce Kelly Fairweather to us, and to discuss the use of the term-DEAFLYMPICS. Mr. Fairweather is the new IOC Sports Director, therefore is now our new point of contact person for CISS. Mr. Felli has been promoted to become Olympic Games Executive Director. Now there are two separate divisions-Games Department and Sports Department.



Granfors, Kelly Fairweather of IOC, Ammons

- IOC requested that we keep our original agreement which is that Samaranch granted us the permission to use the word-Deaflympics ONLY for our own quadrennial event- our own Games.

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Tom Westermann of WIDEX and Donalda Ammons

CISS and WIDEX renew Agreement

By Tiffany Granfors

Mr. Tom Westermann of WIDEX and Donalda Ammons signed the agreement in Melbourne during the site visit. For more information about WIDEX, go to WIDEX's website at www.widex.com



Inside DEAFLYMPICS

Volunteering at Melbourne 2005 Deaflympic Games!

From January 5 to 16, 2005 the streets of Melbourne will come alive with elite athletes and their supporters from over 90 countries participating in 16 sports and volunteers are needed to make it the best Games ever. The Deaflympics started in 1924 and is the second oldest multi-sport event in the world and this is your chance to get involved.

The closing date for prospective volunteers to register their interest is **Monday 15 March 2004**.

You can register by clicking on the following

IOC and CISS Meeting

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- IOC's resistance- with us promoting with the use of DEAFLYMPICS for both the event and organization, it would primarily be used for marketing purpose and may take away sponsorships from IOC. Ammons explained that CISS utilized this approach mostly as an educational tool.

- Felli suggested that CISS come back in a few more years with the same request for a name change in the organization after people within IOC become more accustomed to the term-DEAFLYMPICS.

- IOC is impressed with our new Deaflympics logo and sees no problem in our promoting the new logo for the Games.

- IOC will continue to fund CISS with USD \$25K for workshops and seminars and recently gave USD \$20K for the 15th Winter Games. Assured that CISS would receive the same amount for 2004.

- CISS as a member of IOC's Recognized Organization will receive from the Sports Department in April-May a questionnaire survey. IOC will then assess and determine the funding level for CISS for the new quadrennial period.

web link:

http://www.deaflympics.com/mel2005/orgserv_volunteers.asp or you can call TTY Australia 61 3 9622 2006 or voice Australia 61 3 9622 2005.

For more information about the Games please visit our website at www.deaflympics.com.

Regards

Jamie Parsons
Staff Services Manager - Team 2005 Volunteers
Melbourne 2005 Deaflympic Games

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which drew a lot of attention from local newspapers, radio and TV! It is great for publicity and offers better awareness about DEAFLYMPICS.

However, there are some challenges that M2005 face daily, such as communicating with CISS nation members about hotel accommodations and Australia's strict policy for entry of foreign visitors. As of 15 January 2004, only 16 countries have booked accommodations with Event and Travel Office (ETO). We have nearly 90 countries!

For preliminary forms for both individual and team sports that were due to CISS office by 15 December, only a total of 34 countries submitted. The office staff and I had to send a reminder to the rest of 90 countries and agreed to accept late submissions. Delay causes hardship on M2005 because they were very anxious to get the numbers for each sport in order to set up a practice and competition schedule.

I am pleased to announce that CISS and WIDEX have signed an agreement for continued

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One Year to Go Count Down Celebration

Here are some additional photos that were taken from the One Year to Go Count Down Celebration event in Melbourne. Please check out the event of the the Celebration at http://www.deaflympics.com/mel2005/newsandmedia_1ytg.asp.



2005 Deaflympics Medals were presented at the event!



Kevan Gosper, IOC Member

CISS/DEAFLYMPICS Update HIGHLIGHTS

By Tiffany Granfors
Administrator

- CISS is seeing an increase in membership applications. Jerald Jordan assists in reviewing applications and makes sure that proper paper work is in order before we give provisional membership status to new members. We now have over 90 countries!
- Donalda Ammons completed the CISS anti-doping policy and procedures to be used in the upcoming Deaflympics and all future World Championships.
- The Constitution and regulations for World Championship and DEAFLYMPICS have been updated and posted on our CISS website.
- We will continue to recruit a few more people to sit on our Commission groups, i.e.: legal, athletes, anti-doping, technical, audiological, finance and sponsorship, appeals, recognitions, regional confederations, and membership.

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Count Down Celebration in Melbourne

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Deaflympics Preliminary Entries

By Tiffany Granfors

You will be able to view the Deaflympics Preliminary Entry Reports by visiting these links:

- **Athletics** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229Athletics.htm
- **Badminton** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229Badminton.htm
- **Bowling** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229Bowling.htm
- **Cycling** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229Cycling.htm
- **Orienteering** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229Orienteering.htm
- **Shooting** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229Shooting.htm
- **Swimming** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229Swimming.htm
- **Table Tennis** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229TableTennis.htm
- **Tennis** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229Tennis.htm
- **Wrestling Greco** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229WrestlingGreco Roman2.htm
- **Wrestling Free** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229WrestlingFreestyle2.htm
- **Team Sports** - www.ciss.org/enews/20040229TeamSports.htm

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- We continue to work closely with and give guidance to our Associate members.
- We are working well with the Deaflympics Organizing Committee of 2005, 2007, and 2009 and actively recruiting 2011 and 2013 candidates.
- We are preparing for our upcoming Executive Committee and Technical Directors Seminar in Lausanne, Switzerland in May 2004 in conjunction with the GAISF Congress.
- The Technical Directors will promote Deaflympics at the GAISF Congress by setting up a booth at the exhibition hall. We will send our delegates to attend GAISF Assembly. It will be the first time ever that we will be highly visible.
- Ole Artmann has been working with Member Countries on membership dues to ensure that payment of dues is up to date before the 2005 Deaflympic Games.
- Donalda Ammons is pleased with the M2005 Organizing Committee's progress during her site visit at Melbourne this past January and feels very optimistic about the success of the 2005 Games.
- There will be a formal unveiling of the new DEAFLYMPICS Logo during the CISS Congress and at the Opening Ceremony at the 2005 Deaflympic Games.

Deaf Sports In Brief

2003 WIDEX Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year

Frederick, MD, USA (1 February 2004) -- Sergey TICHCHENKO of Russia and Amanda GOYNE of USA have been selected as the 2003 WIDEX Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year by the 7 member CISS Selections Commission through electronic ballot, by earning 55 and 59 points respectively.

Congratulations, Sergey and Amanda!

Sergey TICHCHENKO

Born 4 March 1970, has once again collected a total of 3 medals in nordic skiing for his country at the 2003 Deaflympic Winter Games in Sundsvall, Sweden. Two golds were for 15 km and 30 km and silver in 10 km.



Amanda GOYNE

Born 7 December 1986, competed for USA in alpine skiing for the first time at the 2003 Deaflympic Winter Games in Sundsvall and brought home a total of 3 medals- a gold in Giant Slalom, a silver in Slalom, and a bronze in Parallel Slalom.



Five other top 5 finishers:

Men

Michael MERRIMEN (CAN)- hockey
Rajeev BAGGA (IND)- badminton
Thomas MOESCHING (SUI)- shooting
Petr KLUS (CZE)- athletics
Hugo CRUZ ORTEGA (MEX)- athletics

Women

Petra KURKOVA (CZE)- alpine skiing
Anna FEDOULOVA (RUS)- nordic skiing
Kairit OLENKO (EST)- athletics
Seon Hwa JEONG (KOR)- badminton
Tone TANGEN MYRVOLL (NOR)- nordic skiing

Deaf International Basketball Federation in FIBA website!

Check out www.fiba.com

Dear deaf sports friends!

It is with great pleasure and pride that the Deaf International Basketball Federation (DIBF) announce that you now can find a presentation of deaf basketball with a gallery of photos at the FIBA site www.fiba.com. Click at "The game" and then at "Categories" and there you will find deaf basketball.

deaf sport is mentioned and presented this way in a hearing International Sports Body's program. The DIBF will continue to work for the development of deaf basketball around the world.

Yours in deaf basketball,

Kjell Gunna
DIBF Secretary General

From what we know this is the first time ever a

Deaf Sports In Brief

DIBF Coaches Clinic Seminar in Lagos, Nigeria

Held during 21-23 November 2003

Report on Deaf International Basketball Federation (DIBF) Coaches clinic/development seminar in Lagos, Nigeria 21 - 23 November 2003

Organisations involved

In co-operation with the Confederation of African Deaf Sports, the Nigerian Deaf Sports Federation and with economical contribution from the FIBA, the Deaf International Basketball Federation, in Lagos, Nigeria 21 - 23 November 2003 arranged its first deaf basketball coaches clinic/development seminar ever in Africa. Conductors of the clinic/seminar were the DIBF Vice President Lyndon Borrow and myself, the DIBF Secretary General Kjell Gunna. This was the third time a clinic/seminar was arranged with support by the FIBA. The first one was arranged in Beijing, China, in December 2002 within the frames of Comite International des Sports des Sourds (CISS), the second in Buenos Aires, Argentina in September 2003, arranged by DIBF.

Mr John S. Yusuf, Secretary General of Confederation of African Deaf Sports, helped me to plan and make contacts with necessary people in advance for booking lodging and gym for the clinic/seminar. In order to save money both Lyndon Borrow and I were accommodated in the home of John S. Yusuf and his lovely family. Mr Kalai Suleiman and Mr Agbabiaka Lukman, President and Secretary General respectively of the Nigerian Deaf Sports Federation were very helpful in arranging the clinic/seminar. I am very grateful for their positive and creative help. I also want to forward my gratitude to the clinic/seminar participant Mr Issa Ahmed, Nigeria, for his great and invaluable contribution to the successful outcome of the clinic/seminar. Issa Ahmed took care of many minor questions that arose during the course of the clinic/seminar. Due to economic restrictions only participants

from Nigeria and Ghana were invited. Of great interest was that Ghana as the first nation ever in Africa had made entry to the Deaflympic Basketball tournament in Melbourne, Australia in January 2005. In future we plan to organise further clinics/seminars in Northern and South-Eastern Africa.

Location and participants

The clinic/seminar took place at the National Institute for Sports - Lagos where also all participants were accommodated. It attracted 14 people:

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Message from Nordic Technical Director! Nordic Ski News

Mass-starting, double pursuit and sprint are new nordic skiing events in for women and men during the European Winter-Sport Championship of the Deaf in Fussen, Germany 14 to 21 February this month. This new competition schedule was decided at the team captain meeting during the Sundsvall Deaflympics as a innovating experiment, to increase excitement among the competitors and spectators. If this new competition schedule is successful, we wish the same for the 2007 Deaflympics in Park City, USA. For more details about the European Winter-Sport Championship, see www.edso.net.

Sportingly Yours

Knut B. Kjoede
TD Nordic skiing

Deaf Sports In Brief

Message from Badminton Technical Director!

Meeting with International Badminton Federation

Recently I went to IBF (International Badminton Federation) Head-Office in Cheltenham, England to meet with George McDonald, the President of Australian Badminton Federation and an officer from the IBF who specialises in official World Badminton Ranking List. George came to England for a meeting with the IBF so I had the opportunity to arrange for a special meeting to focus on Badminton for the Deaflympics.

We had an excellent and very positive discussion which would ensure everything to go as smoothly as possible and to make sure that he is

very aware of our badminton programme and I have provided him with the details of 1st World Badminton Championship last October in Sofia and the last Deaflympics in Rome.

I am pleased to say that the official from the IBF was extremely impressed with our new Ranking points and they have submitted me their official letter of endorsement which is very important.

Martin Bogard
TD Badminton

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From Nigeria:

Ms Ogundipe Monsurat, Ms Sadiq Adenike, Mr Malgvi Lawal, Mr Babatunde Rafiu, Mr Agbabiaka Lukman, Mr Oneysolu Obiajulu, Mr Ibrahim Amuda, Mr Issa Ahmed, Mr Kalai Suleiman and Mr Ajose Muritala.

From Ghana:

Ms Gloria Oppung, Mr Johathan Amua, Mr George Tagoe and Mr Duke Tagoe.

The clinic/seminar was conducted quite in accordance with the attached program. To the DIBF Central Board and Mr Jan Berteling of the FIBA is also an account of expenses for the seminar/clinic attached.

Accommodation

The accommodation was very good and fully met with the requirements of the participants.

FIBA Sponsor

The FIBA, through Jan Berteling, President of the

FIBA Council for Basketball for People with a Disability, sponsored this clinic/seminar by contribution with 75% of the travel-expenses for the participants and with 100% for the accommodation and other local expenses. I would like to forward my deepest gratitude to Jan Berteling and the FIBA for their contribution to the successful outcome of the seminar/clinic. Without this economical contribution I really doubt that this clinic/seminar would ever have been carried through at all.

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.

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Message from Athletics Technical Director!

Seeking for 2003 Best Results

Hello friends of athletics:

There has been a long silence in the sport of athletics and also a long time without Best Results of the Year for all events. Some people have showed great interest in publishing such a list and I therefore have decided to try to establish a list of Best Results for 2003. It is my intention to publish such a list every year but as usual it depends on each CISS member country. Without your help a such list can't be published.

I know that many are interested in seeing the statistics for each event and it will stimulate athletes to improve their results and to do their best at coming international events like the Deaflympics in Melbourne next year.

I ask all members to send a list of the best results obtained during the year 2003 to me by e-mail (preferably) or post to the following addresses:

E-mail: tdathletics@ciss.org
Post: Barbara Sondergaard,
Langaavej 41,
DK-2650 Hvidovre,
Denmark

Deadline for submitting results is **15 March 2004**.

Barbara Sondergaard
TD-Athletics

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

Training - lectures

There were training sessions everyday during the clinic/seminar between 10.00 - 12.00 hrs led by Lyndon Borrow and myself. A young basketball team consisting of about 15 deaf boys and girls from a deaf school helped us show the clinic/seminar participants how to plan, construct and carry through programs for training sessions. Unfortunately due to renovating of the indoor basketball court we had to perform the training sessions outdoor on a concrete basketball floor, right under the sun in 45-50C degree with humidity. I was really sweating and draining.

Between 13.00 - about 18.00 hrs everyday there

were theoretical sessions indoor led by Lyndon Borrow and myself. Lyndon Borrow took care of introduction and information about the DIBF and its program. The lecture room was equipped with facilities enough to ensure a good review of the seminar content and smooth discussions. Thanks heaven a big fan was functioning.

Conclusion

The clinic/seminar was an extremely great success which completely met with the aims and goals of the clinic/seminar expressed above. The participants excelled in profound and engaged discussions showing much enthusiasm and willingness to learn from the lessons. Especially good discussions were about the DIBF and its work, relationships to hearing basketball organisations and different leadership roles,

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Deaf Sports In Brief

Update on Terence Parkin

By Tiffany Granfors

**FINA Swimming World Cup
Durban, South Africa
5-7 December 2003**

Terence Parkin captured 1st place in 200m breaststroke with a time of 2:10.12 and 2nd place in 400m Individual Medley with a time of 4:12.62.

Congratulations Terence!



Terence races for gold!



Terence and daughter

Coaches Clinic Seminar

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especially women and men leadership. I am sure in future we will see the many of these participants in leading roles of deaf basketball in their home-countries and with fully developed contacts with the hearing basketball organisations of their home-countries.

Unfortunately this occasion, much to our regret, there was not much time for us trainers to socialise and meet with the participants during the evenings. It was a very long distance from the Sports Institute to the home of John S. Yusuf and we had to leave early. We sincerely hope to be able in future to come back to Nigeria to know the participants better.

I would like to forward Mr. Lyndon Borrow and my own deeply felt gratitude to Mr. John S. Yusuf for his and his family wide and open hospitality in their nice house in Lagos. We really enjoyed our stay and we also learned a lot about the conditions in which deaf people in Nigeria live.

Respectfully submitted,

Kjell Gunna,
Secretary General DIBF
Program of the clinic/seminar:

Lecturers:

LB = Lyndon Borrow, DIBF Vice President

KG = Kjell Gunna, DIBF Secretary General - CISS-TD in Basketball

Thursday 20 November

Time	Subject	Location	Lecturer
Afternoon	Arrival and accommodation		
18.00	Welcome, information + organisation	Lecture room LB/KG	
20.00	Dinner		
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IOC In Brief

IOC and FIFA united in the fight against doping

IOC Press Release
www.olympic.org
02 Feb 2004

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Football Federation (FIFA) had a constructive meeting today in Lausanne, during which a variety of topics were covered, starting with both organisations' commitment to the fight against doping.

IOC President Jacques Rogge congratulated FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter for the agreement reached last week with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), stipulating that all doping cases should be looked at in the spirit of individual case management. He also praised the organisation's willingness to adopt the World Anti-Doping Code in the near future. "The position of FIFA on this matter is very important, Rogge said. "The agreement with WADA sends a strong signal to the other International Federations and to governments. I praise the efforts deployed by FIFA to move things forward", he added.

At FIFAs request, the IOC President accepted the invitation to attend their centennial celebrations on 20 and 21 May in Paris with the IOC Executive Board members. President Blatter announced that FIFA would take this opportunity to sign the World Anti-Doping Code officially.

The IOC indicated that it would study FIFA's request to include two additional womens teams at the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing in 2008. The file is to be submitted to the IOC Programme Commission, which is due to make recommendations to the IOC Session in July 2005.

The IOC updated FIFA on preparations for the Olympic Games in Athens, specifically concerning progress made in the construction of the venues for the football tournament. The two organisations also discussed their joint position with respect to the European Union and their efforts to support the reconstruction of sport in Iraq.

Iraqi NOC reconstituted

IOC Press Release
www.olympic.org
29 Jan 2004

The Iraqi National Olympic Committee was reconstituted today following the meeting of its Constituent General Assembly held under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in the city of Al-Sulaymaniyah, Iraq. The Assembly adopted the new statutes of the NOC and elected the members of its Executive Board, including its President, Ahmed Abdul Ghafoor Al-Samarrai, and its Secretary General, Amir A. Jabbar, also President of the Iraqi Volleyball federation.

The IOC delegation attending the event was satisfied with the proceedings of the meeting which were efficiently and professionally run by a motivated Iraqi team in close cooperation with the competent authorities in the country.

Toni Khoury, IOC Executive Board member, who was leading the IOC delegation and representing the IOC President said: "the elections of the Iraqi NOC were held in a perfect spirit of transparency and democracy. The Iraqis can be proud of their efforts to rebuild sport in their country. It is a great day for the Olympic Movement and Iraqi sport".

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financial support. On behalf of Deaf athletes, I send my heartfelt thanks and look forward to many more years of remarkable collaboration.

I also wish to congratulate Sergey Tichtchenko of Russia and Amanda Goynes of USA for being selected by the electors for the prestigious 2003 WIDEX Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year. Both athletes performed exemplarily by winning a total of 3 medals each at the 2003 Deaflympic Winter Games in Sundsvall.

With assistance from Legal Commission, CISS prepared Anti-Doping policy which will be in effect at the 2005 Deaflympic Games and subsequent games and world championships. CISS By-laws are now ready for CISS Executive Committee to review and adopt at its next meeting in Lausanne in mid-May 2004.

See you next month!

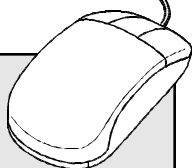
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The IOC delegation will now report to the Executive Board at its next meeting on 27-29 February in Athens, where the decision to lift the suspension of the Iraqi NOC might be taken, thereby allowing the Iraqi athletes to compete under their NOC's flag at the Athens Games.

Upcoming Events

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



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Friday 21 November

10.00 - 12.00 Basketball fundamentals Gym KG

12.00 - Lunch

13.00 - 15.00 Stretching, injuries, taping

Gym/lecture KG

16.00 - 18.00 Different leadership Lecture room KG

18.30 - 20.00 Information DIBF, future work, co-operation Lecture room LB/KG

20.30 - Dinner

----- Free

Saturday 22 November

10.00 - 12.00 Basketball fundamentals, Gym KG

12.00 - Lunch

13.00 - 15.00 Physiology - mental training

Lecture room KG

16.00 - 18.00 Approach to hearing organisations, FIBA Lecture room LB/KG

18.30 - Dinner

----- Free

Sunday 23 November

10.00 - 12.00 Basketball developed practice Gym KG

12.00 - Lunch

12.00 - 13.00 How to read game statistics Lecture room KG

13.00 - 14.00 Referees, rules plus mechanics Lecture room KG

14.00 - 15.00 Evaluation, other discussions Lecture room LB/KG

15.00 - Departure

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