

Letter From The President

Message from Interim President



Donalda K. Ammons

Spring is finally here in Washington D.C., after a very long and hard winter. It is simply wonderful seeing athletes practice outside and I then realize that athletes in the Southern Hemisphere are probably starting to dress warmly for their training during the fall season. No matter what kind of climate, athletes continue to train!

Last month, the German Deaf Sports Federation invited me, as a guest of honor, to attend the 8th European Winter Sports Championships for the Deaf, held in Fuessen/Pfronten from 14 to 21 February. Approximately 300 athletes from 15 European countries participated in 4 winter sports: alpine skiing, nordic skiing, snowboarding and ice hockey. The organizing committee did a remarkable job in coordinating logistics from transportation to competition facilities to doping testing. Many athletes are really practicing more diligently in order to be ready for a tougher competition during the next

Winter Deaflympic Games in 2007 in Park City, Utah, USA.

M2005 continues to communicate regularly about their progress for the 20th Deaflympic Games in Melbourne. The most recent announcement was that the Federation Square will be the official site for registration, media distribution, social and cultural events and many more. In addition, family members, relatives and friends of athletes should visit this website-

<http://www.event-travel.com.au/deaflympics>

to get more information on accommodation, travel services and tours that are readily available for booking.

The Russian Committee for Deaf Sports is busy organizing the World Deaf Martial Arts Championships in Moscow, Russia in mid-May. From the preliminary registration, a total of 17 countries have committed to send teams. That is positive for martial arts when it applies for inclusion in the future Deaflympic Games. Results of the competitions shall be posted in the June edition of E-News.

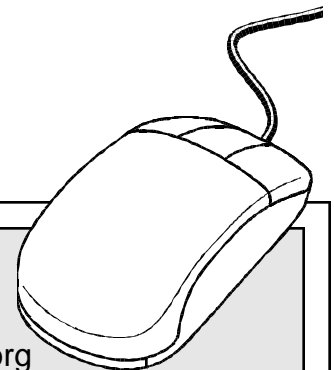
Till next month!
Donalda K. Ammons

Upcoming Events

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Cancellation of Women Pole Vault for 2005 Deaflympics

After receiving all Individual Preliminary Entries, we regret to announce that WOMEN'S POLE VAULT event is cancelled for the 2005 DEAFLYMPICS in Melbourne, due to insufficient number of participants.

Announcement from Senegal National Committee of the Sports for the Deaf

The Senegal National Committee of the Sports for the Deaf (CNSS), currently a provisional member of CISS, has changed their name to **Senegalese Deaf Sports Association (ASSS)/ Association des Sports des Sourds du Senegal** by its own Executive Committee.

Waterpolo/Swimming Technical Director gets a new address

New Address for Reed Gershwind, CISS TD of Waterpolo/Swimming.

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E-Mail: Waterpolotd@ciss.org

Announcement from Thailand Deaf Sports

Mr. Surachet Lertsajayan has been elected as President of Thailand Deaf Sports Federation, effective as of January 2004. Congratulations!

Cyprus Deaf Athletic Federation Elects a New Board

CYPRUS DEAF ATHLETIC FEDERATION

President - Vernevas PAPANICOLAOU
Vice President - Ioannis PAPADOPOULOS
Secretary - Christakis ANTONIOU
Treasurer - Panicos IACOVIDES
Member - Pantanis ANTONIOU
Member - Yiannakis CHRISTODOULOU
Member - Theotanis PRIFTIS

Note: All Board Members are Deaf

CISS sends best wishes and welcome aboard!

Swedish Deaf Sports Federation Homepage English version now available!

Check out <http://www.svenskdovidrott.nu> for an English version of the Swedish Deaf Sports Federation website! On the upper right corner of the homepage, click on English and the site will switch languages.

Dahlgren's Funeral Information

The funeral for Osvald Dahlgren will be held in Heliga Korssets kappell on Friday, 2 April 2004 at 11.30 in the morning (Swedish time). In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Swedish Bible Society for publishing bibles in Sign Language. Their account is Postgirot 900626-3.

People who wish to send cards in Osvald's memory can send it to:

Harry Dahlgren
Versgatan 6A
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SWEDEN

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Commentary on Osvald Dahlgren

Submitted by Sten Sundberg

"His contribution to Swedish sports for Deaf people is immeasurable. That is how great Osse was as a leader and active athlete. Mr Osvald "Osse" Dahlgren is no longer with us. He passed away in peace Thursday afternoon [11 March] at 3.30 p.m. and he was 92 years old.

Osvald, or Osse as we preferred to call him, won during his career two Olympic gold medals, and the same number of silver medals. As an active and leader, he took part in eight Summer Games and in six Winter Games. He ended his own career as active at age 72 (!) in orientation.

He was born November 2, 1911 in Stockholm, and went to The Manilla School during the years 1919 to 1927. He got a job as typographer, after finishing school, at Bonniers, where he stayed until he retired 1976.

Osvald was in the beginning active in athletics, which he liked the best. Beside a winner of a number of Championships, he was also a holder of time records in 400 meters with the time of 54.1. Later, became the call as a leader stronger, and in 1938 was he elected for the first time to the board of SDI. The following year was The 8th World Games (Deaflympics) held in Stockholm, were Osvald was the secretary of the organization. He played an important role in the organisation of the games. The games was also a success for Sweden, both as an organizer and in sports, and Sweden was a power nation in sports among deaf. In soccer, Sweden lost in the finals 2 -1 vs. Belgium, and got a silver medal. In athletics the Swedish team won 12 out of 18 possible victories, twelve gold medals. Though, best nation at the World Games 1939 was Germany, who collected loads of points in swimming. They got 286 points compared to Sweden who got 266 points. Then the years of unrest came 1939 -1945, and the



Osvald as an athlete

international work was more or less at a hold.

At the 9th Congress of CISS June 13, 1946 Mr Dahlgren was elected for first time to the Executive Committee. Together with Mr Oscar Ryden, who at the same occasion was elected Vice President, they were a strong force for the Swedish work on the international arena promoting sports for deaf people.

He held this position for 21 years before he at the 19th Congress of CISS in Berchtesgaden was elected Secretary General. He held this post for six years till 1973, which meant 27 years of service in CISS.

Osvald was awarded 1957 The Bronze Medal, and when he resigned 1973 he was awarded the Gold Medal. Among other awards that he has received during the years, are the most prestigious acknowledgments 1973 from RF (The Swedish Sports Confederation) and SDI. He was also, as the Secretary General of CISS, involved in organizing the World Games in Malmo, which

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means that he was involved in the arrangement of all three games that has been held in Sweden, beside the already mentioned Summer Games and Winter Games in Are in 1963. Since 1973 Osse was Honorary President of SDI, after all in all 34 years in The Executive Board i.e. 13 years as Secretary and 20 years as President.

After he had resigned from The Executive Board

Message from Athletics Technical Director!

Barbara Sondergaard
CISS TD-Athletics

I am pleased to send you this article from the IAAF web site that I found of interest. This story and many more can be found daily on the IAAF web site - <http://www.iaaf.org> - along with the latest results and information from the World of Athletics.

I wanted to bring your attention to this News Title: IAAF Congress approves world records for selected events on the road and agrees to accept World Antidoping Code

21 August 2003 - Paris - IAAF Congress, in its final session today at the Carrousel du Louvre,

1973, Osvald continued his service by involvement in various committees such as in orienteering, health and also in the Bylaw Committee who has just finished their revision. During the years Osvald has made his name known and respected within Deaf Sports, and hence after a life long leadership he is one of the greatest leaders of SDI.

I had the honour to meet the legend at his home on Serafimergrand just before he turned 90. It was a meeting that I as the editor of the magazine Dovesport appreciate much. Osse sat and watched tennis when I came. His interest in sports never faded a way. Despite his enormous success as an international leader and active athlete, he preferred not to talk so much about himself. He didnt want to take the risk that people think he was bragging.

- There is not so much to talk about, he laughed. At the World Games in Stockholm he was chosen to read the Olympic Oath.

- " That was a special day, he said. The absolute greatest moment in my life."

You got a long life, Mr Osvald Dahlgren, and there are many people who remember you for all the good things you have done, and your extraordinary contribution for SDI and the world.

approved a number of significant changes to IAAF Technical Rules.

This website-
<http://www.iaaf.org/news/kind=512/newsId=22373.html> will show how our technical rules will be affected and how we list our world records too.

I will be attending the Deaflympics Technical Directors Seminar in Lausanne, Switzerland this May and will discuss and assess the changes and keep you informed!

I also want to add that only Spain had sent in their best results for the year 2003 so it is not possible for me to set up this previous year's best results.

Deaf Sports Events

Updated World Martial Arts Championship of the Deaf

This is a revised list of Participants for the 12th World Martial Arts Championship of the Deaf in Moscow, Russia 21-23 May 2004.

MEN						
No Countries	Judo	Karate	Taekwon	Wushu Kung Fu	Official	
1 Argentina	3	3	3	1	2	
2 Austria	-	-	-	-	-	
3 Chinese Taipei	2	2	2	-	2	
4 Cuba	4	3	-	-	4	
5 France	4	1	-	-	1	
6 Greece	-	-	2	1	1	
7 Israel	-	1	-	-	2	
8 Japan	7	1	-	-	-	
9 Korea	-	-	3	-	1	
10 Lithuania	-	-	-	-	-	
11 Mexico	-	-	3	1	5	
12 Russia	10	7	-	-	5	
13 Sierra Leone	-	6	-	-	3	
14 Senegal	1	1	1	-	3	
15 Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	
16 Sweden	-	3	-	-	-	
17 Switzerland	1	-	-	-	2	
	32	28	14	3	27	
WOMEN						
No Countries	Judo	Karate	Taekwon	Wushu Kung Fu	Official	Men/Women Total
1 Argentina	-	1	1	-	2	16
2 Austria	-	-	-	2	2	4
3 Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	2	10
4 Cuba	-	1	-	-	-	12
5 France	-	-	-	1	1	8
6 Greece	-	-	-	-	-	4
7 Israel	-	-	-	-	-	3
8 Japan	-	2	-	-	-	10
9 Korea	-	-	-	-	-	4
10 Lithuania	1	-	-	-	1	2
11 Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	5
12 Russia	6	3	1	-	3	35
13 Sierra Leone	-	-	-	-	-	9
14 Senegal	-	-	1	-	2	9
15 Slovenia	1	-	-	-	2	3
16 Sweden	-	3	-	-	-	6
17 Switzerland	1	-	-	-	1	5
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IOC In Brief

IOC launches Tender Process for Sale of European Olympic Broadcast Rights

IOC Press Release
www.olympic.org
2 March 2004

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) tomorrow will open the tendering process for the sale of the Olympic Broadcast Rights in Europe for the XXI Olympic Winter Games in 2010 and the Games of the XXX Olympiad in 2012.

The Invitation To Tender issued by the IOC provides genuine bidders with specific guidelines for the transmission of Olympic broadcast material within the European area to ensure that it meets the highest possible standards and reaches the broadest possible audience. Four separate broadcast/media packages will be available: audiovisual transmission; mobile platform transmission, audio transmission and shared fixed memory media (video/DVD).

For the first time, the IOC will launch a public advertisement campaign in major European newspapers inviting all broadcasters of the region and other organisations to submit their tenders. The IOC announced earlier this year that it would consider all options - that is, pan-European, multi-territory or country-by-country.

In his message to potential bidders, IOC President Jacques Rogge said: "The IOC is committed to running a fair and competitive tendering process, designed to select the group of broadcasters and media companies that can best serve the ideals and interests of the Olympic Movement. We will be looking at offers expanding the promotion and coverage of the
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IOC President Meets new Greek Prime Minister

IOC Press Release
www.olympic.org
13 March 2004

Fulfilling a pledge to visit Greece as soon as possible after the country's elections, IOC President Jacques Rogge, accompanied by Denis Oswald, Coordination Commission Chairman for the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad, and Gilbert Felli, IOC Olympic Games Executive Director, met today with the new Prime Minister, Mr Costas Karamanlis.

During a productive meeting, which took place this morning at 10.30 a.m. in Athens, the IOC, together with Prime Minister Karamanlis, members of his cabinet and Athens Organising Committee President, Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki and her team, reviewed a number of issues surrounding the Games. Most notably, the parties discussed the government's overall commitment to Games preparations: the construction works of the Olympic venues, transport and infrastructure issues, security and State coordination with Games operations.

Commenting at the end of the meeting, IOC President Rogge said, "This was a very positive meeting and the IOC very much welcomes Prime Minister Karamanlis's decision to take the lead in managing the organisation of the Games by taking responsibility for the Ministry of Culture. This demonstrates the importance that he and his government put on the preparations for the Games and their ultimately successful outcome.

President Rogge continued, "Our experts have confirmed to us that while a lot remains to be done, there is still time for the preparations to be
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Chinese Computer Manufacturer Lenovo joins IOC Worldwide Marketing Programme

IOC Press Release
www.olympic.org
26 March 2004

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) today announced that computer manufacturer Lenovo has joined The Olympic Partner (TOP) Programme. This marks the first time that a Chinese company has been part of the worldwide marketing programme.

The agreement with the Olympic Movement, which includes sponsorship of the National Olympic Committees and their Olympic teams, positions Lenovo as the official computing technology equipment and service provider for the XX Olympic Winter Games in Turin in 2006 and the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing in 2008.

Commenting on the announcement, IOC President Jacques Rogge said, " We are delighted to welcome Lenovo into The Olympic Partner Programme. For the Olympic Movement, this partnership delivers funding to help stage the Olympic Games, technology equipment to operate the complex systems, services to manage the logistical demands, and people to staff some of the most critical functions. In addition, the relationship will play an important role in the promotion of the Olympic Movement and sport throughout China, Asia and across the globe. We look forward to a strong and beneficial partnership with Lenovo".

IOC Marketing Commission Chairman Gerhard Heiberg added: "This is the first time a Chinese company has become an IOC TOP partner and we are excited to see this milestone in the history of the Olympic Movement. All TOP members are leading brands with outstanding quality and image. As a well-known technology equipment manufacturer, Lenovo has demonstrated its

commitment and capability to support the world's Olympic athletes, the host cities of the Olympic Games and delegations and fans from all around the world."

Yang Yuanqing, Lenovo CEO, said: "We appreciate the IOC's trust in Lenovo and our products. Lenovo is committed to supporting sport both in China and worldwide. Our belief in "Innovation and Excellence" echoes the Olympic spirit of "Citius, Altius, Fortius" (Faster, Higher, Stronger). Becoming an IOC worldwide partner allows Lenovo to demonstrate its technology and products to the world, while promoting social values and pursuing its corporate objectives."

Lenovo joins Coca-Cola, Atos Origin, GE, John Hancock, Kodak, McDonalds, Panasonic, Samsung, Swatch and Visa in the sixth generation of The Olympic Partner (TOP) programme (2006 & 2008). Lenovo Group (Legend Group Limited) is the largest computing technology equipment manufacturer in China. The Group's own brand PCs have been the best seller in China since 1997. Lenovo PCs also top the bestseller list in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan). Lenovo Group has been actively involved in supporting sports activities including sponsoring China's National Women's Soccer Team in 1999 and Beijing's successful bid to host the 2008 Olympic Games.

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successfully completed if all energies are mobilised and focused in a common direction. We look forward therefore to seeing some positive steps over the coming days and weeks. I realise how important the Games are to the Greek people and I am sure that they will rise to the challenges that lie before them."

Deaf Sports In Brief

International Deaf Youth Camp 2004 Wonderful opportunity for Deaf Youth!

Dear Sports Friends!

I am the Secretary General of the Chinese Taipei Sports Association of the Deaf and am also the President of Rotary Club of Taipei Dragon River.

The Rotary Club of Taipei Dragon River and YMCA Taipei will host the International Deaf Youth Camp from 31st JUL to 6th AUG 2004.

We would like to invite thirty (30) eighteen (18)-to-twenty eight (28)-year-old deaf youth people, from twenty (20) countries (2 participants from each country may apply for the Camp) to come to Taiwan for exchanging on issues as sign languages, cultures, recreation, sports and etc.

1. The Entry Fee is 350USD, and we subsidize 300USD, so each participant only needs to pay 50USD;

2. We subsidize the airfare for 900USD per person (if the airfare is less than 900USD, we subsidize the actual cost);

3. We subsidize all accommodation, including transportation in Taiwan during the Camp. In other words, each deaf youth may only pay 50USD to enjoy a one-week intellectual trip in Taiwan.

It is well known that Chinese Taipei won the bidding to host the Deaflympics 2009, and the preparation is running. We would like to invite Deaf youth around the world to visit Taiwan to know not only Taiwan but also more about the 2009 Deaflympics 2009.

Please select your elite youth for appointment, and fill out the entry form a.s.a.p. (The application form is provided on the next page.) Let me remind you that we only accept 30 persons to enter. Please contact us immediately.

Thank you for your help!

Best regards,
Chao Yu-ping
Secretary General
Chinese Taipei Sports Association of the Deaf

Click to get International Deaf Youth Camp 2004 application form online:

<http://www.ciss.org/enews/pdf/20040331-Application-InternationalDeafYouthCamp.pdf>

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Olympic Games, embracing new technologies, broadening the choice for viewers, and guarantee the widest possible audience for the Olympic Games."

The IOC First Vice-President Dr Bach, who is coordinating the European negotiations said: "Over the past few months the IOC has seen a very high level of interest from various broadcasters and media organisations throughout

Europe to acquire future broadcast rights. The IOC will base its final decision on the financial offers and other factors including the level and quality of coverage and promotion of the Olympic Movement."

Bidders are requested to submit their offers by 22 April at 5 p.m. to a public notary. On 23 April the IOC President and Dr Bach will open the envelopes in the presence of the notary. Depending on the outcome of the examination, further steps in the process will be taken.



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