

Letter From The President

Message from Interim President



Donalda K. Ammons

Pushing different buttons or switching channels on a remote for TV coverage of the Olympic Games can be annoying to some but for me it is delightful. NBC offers 1,210 hours of coverage through its universal network (NBC, CNBC, USA, Bravo, Telemundo, NBC HDTV).

It is nearly three-times the 441.5 hours from Sydney in 2000 and more than seven-times the 171.5 hours from Atlanta in 1996! Over the 17 days of the Games (Aug. 13-29), NBC's coverage averages more than 70 hours per day --

Additionally, Telemundo's Spanish-language broadcast is providing the first exclusively non-English language Olympic broadcast in U.S. television history. It is also close-captioned in Spanish. As a professor of Spanish, it is a double delight for me!

Keeping up to date with performances of about six (6) athletes (with some degree of hearing loss) who compete now in the 2004 Games brings much excitement. Each one of them has fulfilled their dream of being an Olympian. Congratulations! I look forward to seeing some of them compete 5 months later in our own Deaflympic Games in Melbourne.

On another subject of great importance, we have unfortunately been reading negative stories about widespread use of illegal drug substances by elite

athletes. This is rather discouraging but WADA under the leadership of Richard W. Pound is very committed to reclaiming the athletic integrity and values that were at the heart of the original Olympic Movement.

We are also committed! A few weeks ago, a printed copy of the newly adopted DEAFLYMPICS Anti-Doping policy and guidelines was mailed to all member nations. At the 2005 Deaflympic Games, there will be random testing performed by the Australian Sports Drug Agency. I expect our athletes to be clean!

The Melbourne Organizing Committee has expressed concerns about some countries that have not made any hotel bookings. It has become necessary to set up a deadline of 31 August 2004 for those nation members with no reservations to show evidence of hotel reservations. Without evidence, athletes may not compete. The Australian government has a very strict policy about how visas are processed. Evidence of hotel reservations and return tickets are very important! I ask for your urgent attention to this matter.

Go back to your TV and enjoy the Games!



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Inside DEAFLYMPICS

First Ever Deaflympics Torch!



A proud display of the Deaflympics Torch!

By Tiffany Granfors

The torch relay and the lighting of the Cauldron will be one of the highlights of the Deaflympic Games. It will be the first time ever we will have a formal Torch Relay, however the flame will not be travelling around the world like in the Olympics since it will cost tens of millions of dollars. The Torch relay will be run locally in Melbourne, however, we can assure you that the Melbourne Organizing Committee has made plans to ensure that it will not be less significant or meaningful.

They are working hard to create an outstanding plan to make it an important event and will select athletes from each of our participating countries to be involved in the run as well as high profile group of people and Deaflympian athlete to light the torch.

More detailed information will be shared on how the torch relay will be organized as plans become finalized but we can assure you it is going to be a very exciting event that you do not want to miss!

On July 14th 2004, at the Federation Square in Australia there was a celebration to launch the first ever Deaflympic Games torch! It was a wonderful event attended by many Deaf leaders, Deaflympic Games supporters, ambassadors, athletes, Board and staff.

The Premier of Victoria and Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. John Howard attended this special event. This historical event had received tremendous print and electronic media coverage. This strengthens the promotion of the 20th Summer Deaflympic Games!



Trish Tracey and Australian Prime Minister, John Howard

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Important Deaflympic Links

The following important links are for those who plan to go to Melbourne for the 20th Deaflympic Games. They are exactly what you should or need to know. Please spend a few minutes clicking each link and you will find information very valuable.

- **TICKETING:** http://2005deaflympics.com/sport_ticketingfinal.asp
This site gives you detailed information on how to purchase tickets to watch elite athletes competing in the Deaflympics including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- **ACCOMODATIONS:** <http://www.event-travel.com.au/deaflympics>
This site gives you a detailed list of all hotels available in the Melbourne area and within walking distances to the Games, as well as nearby public transportation. It provides easy access to detailed information on each hotel accomodation. Please check it out!
- **MEDALS:** http://2005deaflympics.com/newsandmedia_medalstory.asp
This site gives you the opportunity to view the design of the medals that will be presented in Melbourne!
- **GAMES CENTRE:** http://2005deaflympics.com/about_fedsquare.asp
This site gives you information on the "heart of the deaf center" where thousands of Deaf, hard of hearing and hearing will mingle everyday
- **VISA:** http://2005deaflympics.com/visit_australia.asp
This is one of the most important sites you need to visit and apply for your visa before coming to Australia, every single person from any country except New Zealand is required to get visa before coming to Australia!

Referees for the Deaflympics

Urgent Attention for all Member Nations:

20th Deaflympic Games- Melbourne, Australia

Per Deaflympic Games regulations, DG23. AUTHORITY & JURISDICTION (REFEREES, UMPIRES, & JUDGES)

National associations may propose their referees for service at the Games. However, these associations must bear all expenses of these officials. The referees, judges, starters and other officials will be selected by the Melbourne Organizing Committee from among the most qualified in Australia.

Those member nations that wish to offer referees are requested to contact Ms. Patricia Tracey, Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne 2005 Organizing Committee, at patricia.tracey@2005deaflympics.com by **1 September 2004**.

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Message from Athletics Technical Director

Two New Deaf World Records Approved

Barbara C. Sondergaard
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The Secretariat of DEAFLYMPICS has officially approved two new Deaf World Records:

Women:

400 m 55.76 Inna Izbach, Ukraine, on 15 July 2003 in Tallinn, Estonia

Pole Vault 3.01 Sara Bednarek, Germany, on 9 May 2004 in Rheurdt, Germany.

It has taken a long time to get these records approved because some countries still use the old CISS form and do not collect the necessary forms immediately after a new record is made. I ask all to in future use the new World Record Form that can be downloaded from the new Deaflympics homepage which is to be inserted shortly.

Furthermore, I also ask all to inform the Secretariat of DEAFLYMPICS immediately of the intention to submit an application for a new deaf world record.

Message from Swimming Technical Director

Reed Gershwind
CISS TD Swimming & Water Polo

Greetings!

David McIlroy of Ireland is the new deaf world record holder in the 50 m Butterfly swimming event. David's time of 26.01 bettered the old mark of his countryman by .17 seconds. Congratulations, David!

Let's support and watch South Africa's Deaf swimmer, Terence Parkin, who will compete in the Athens Olympics from 14 - 21 August. Please inform CISS of any other Deaf athletes so we can cheer them as well in Athens.

Swimming competition at the Melbourne Deaflympics will be exciting with six new 50 m stroke events. Water Polo will have five teams battling for the Gold medal.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and be sure to take a swim in your pool, river, lake, ocean, or sea. I look forward to seeing you all in Melbourne in five months!

Deaf Sports Events

Message from Cycling Technical Director

Update on 2006 World Deaf Cycling Championships

By Bobby Skedsmo

Jack Lamberton, USA Deaf Sports Federation Vice President of International Affairs and Bobby Skedsmo, Deaflympics Cycling Technical Director went to visit the Hellyer Velodrome. This venue will be considered as a possible site for the 12th World Deaf Cycling Championship in late July 2006. They tried out the track using their regular

road bikes instead of their special track bikes. They felt comfortable with the idea of having 1000-meter sprints and 50-kilometer points race there and do not foresee any problems. Pedal clearance was not the issue when circling up the bank. This track is 335 meters per lap. With confidence, Skedsmo will proceed to contact a responsible person on how to promote and

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Deaf Sports In Brief

Deaf Athletes in Athens!

By Tiffany Granfors

One may ask- how do you define a "Deaf Athlete"?

Our definition is that at the Deaflympics, an athlete must have at least 55dB hearing loss in their better ear. We have learned that in Athens there are a couple of athletes with various degrees of hearing loss ranging from "slight loss" to "severe loss".

It also may be that an athlete who has some degree of hearing loss but chooses not to be identified as Deaf. This makes it difficult for us to know exactly who elite Deaf Athletes are competing in Athens.

However, based on the "criteria" below, we have been able to identify 5 elite Deaf athletes competing at the Olympics, who meet at least one

or more of the criteria below:

1. Identify self as Deaf or as a person with hearing loss
2. Wear hearing aid
3. Participated in past Deaflympic Games

We are pleased to introduce those five elite athletes and provide you with updates of their accomplishments!

Terence PARKIN of South Africa: Competed in Swimming, 100 m Breastroke, 24th place, 1:03.05. 200 m Breastroke, 12th place (semifinals), 2:13.58. 4 x 100 m Individual Medley (relay), 13th place, 3:43.94 (Terence swam the breastroke leg). More information on him at:

<http://www.athens2004.com/en/ParticipantsAthletes/newParticipants?pid=354734>

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2006 World Deaf Cycling Championships

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organize the race events at the site.

The picture shows Lamberton and Skedsmo wearing the jersey which indicates that they are members of the California Deaf Wheelers. The California Deaf Wheelers and the United States Deaf Cycling Association are the co-hosts of the deaf world cycling championships. We hope you will attend!

Where: San Francisco Bay Area, California USA

When: Tentative - July 2006 (duration: one week)

Headquarter: Fremont, CA

Events:

1000-meter sprints

35-kilometer individual time trial

100-kilometer road race



Lamberton and Skedsmo trying out the track!

50-kilometer points race

short track mountain bike race for men

long track mountain bike for men

short track mountain bike race for women

long track mountain bike for women

Deaf Sports In Brief

World Deaf Golf Championship 26-29 July 2004

By Ole Artmann

Deaf World Golf Championships were held at Royal Drottningholms Golf Course in Stockholm, Sweden from July 26-29, 2004. The General Meeting was held the day before the tournament began and a few highlights to share:

Canada is hosting the next World Golf Championship in Edmonton, Alberta on 18-21 July 2006. Australia won the bid to host the 2008 Championship in Joondalup Resort in Perth, October 2008.



Unveiling new WDFG flag!

Opening Ceremony was held at Skyteeholm where they unveiled WDFG's new flag! The tournament had both CISS and WDFG flag proudly displayed. Some members of the Organizing Committee proclaimed the Games "open" by shooting the balls against the sea. There were drinks and dinner provided that evening.

See results of the tournament on website:
<http://hem.passagen.se/sdg1989/wdgc/ny/index.htm>

Men winner - Cedric Touzard of South Africa
Women winner - Linda Davis of Australia
Senior winner - Jun Oishi of Japan



Putting at the Royal Drottningholms Course

Team men - USA
Team women - USA

During the Closing Ceremony, medals were given, CISS flag was given to WDFG whilst the WDFG flag was given to Canada as the next hosting city. We look forward to Canada hosting the next Deaf World Golf Championships in Edmonton! Congratulations to Sweden for a job well done!

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Frank BARTOLILLO of Australia: Competed in Fencing, Foil Event. Eliminated in 32nd round. More information on him at:

<http://www.athens2004.com/en/ParticipantsAthletes/newParticipants?pid=1723284>

Tony ALLY of Great Britain: Competed in Diving, 3m Springboard Pair, 5th place and Individual, 15th place (Semi-finals) More infor-

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IOC In Brief

IOC appoints new Marketing Director

IOC Press Release
www.olympic.org

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) today announced the appointment of Mr Timo Lumme to the position of IOC Marketing Director.

Lumme, 43 from Finland, joins from ESPN, a global leader in sports television, where he has worked as Vice President Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) since 2001. As a member of the ESPN International executive management team, he has been responsible for creating and driving ESPN's EMEA brand strategy, and also oversaw the launch in 2002 of the first ESPN-branded channel in Europe, ESPN Classic Sport.

Lumme combines a strong background in the worlds of marketing and broadcast with Olympic Games experience. He started his career with the International Management Group (IMG) where he held several marketing and management positions in London, Paris, Milan, Albertville and Lillehammer. Specific Olympic Games work centred on the Albertville 1992 Olympic Winter Games, where he was a key member of the team tasked with creating and implementing the local and international marketing programmes for the Games organisers, and Lillehammer, where he was responsible for IMG's sponsorship and licensing consultancy relationship with the 1994 Olympic Winter Games Organising Committee. Whilst at IMG he also launched the first integrated commercial programme (television, sponsorship and licensing) for the Russian Football League.

Other achievements in his career include three years at Nike as European Sports Marketing

Director, negotiating and overseeing commercial sponsorship arrangements with over 1,000 athletes, teams, events and federations. He also worked in new media for Quokka Sports, most latterly as general manager for nbcolympics.com, complementing NBC's coverage of the Sydney 2000 and Salt Lake City 2002 Olympic Games.

A qualified lawyer from the London firm of Slaughter and May, Lumme speaks five languages (Finnish, English, French, Italian and German). Commenting on his appointment, he said, "The Olympic Games have been a big part of my professional career and I am delighted to be joining the IOC and having the opportunity to work within the heart of the Olympic family."

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mation on him at:

<http://www.athens2004.com/en/ParticipantsAthletes/newParticipants?pid=1720249>

Hugo PASSOS of Portugal: Competed in Wrestling, 60kg Greco Roman. At the time of writing, no results yet. He begins his competition on August 25th. More information on him at:

<http://www.athens2004.com/en/ParticipantsAthletes/newParticipants?pid=328956>

Jueri JAANSON of Estonia: Competed in Rowing, Single Sculls, Silver Medalist. More information on him at:

<http://www.nbcolympics.com/athlete-bios/5008241/detail.html>



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