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Letter From The President

Message from Interim President



Donalda K. Ammons

This marks the last time I will write for E-News as Interim President. Serving in this capacity has been a humbling experience for me. It also afforded me with an opportunity to meet and develop a good working relationship with many exceptional individuals from all over the world. It is good to see that they hold high aspirations and practice true Olympic ideals.

Tiffany Granfors, our Administrator, has finally returned home a few weeks ago from a fourteen month study in Lausanne, Switzerland for her master's degree in Sport Administration and Technology. Tiffany performed brilliantly during her internship at the International Olympic Committee in the Olympic Games Department under the supervision of Mr. Gilbert Felli. We are very fortunate to have Tiffany come back with a wealth of knowledge and experience, which will definitely help DEAFLYMPICS for many years to come.

I also would like to congratulate Bulgarian Deaf Sports Federation for hosting a successful deaf world wrestling championship in Sofia the first week of October. In this issue, you will find a detailed report from Mr. Mehmet Bilgili, technical director of wrestling.

The countdown for the 20th Deaflympic Games is now in two digits- Today is only 44 days away from the first day of the Games. M2005, the organizing committee, has been working round the clock with over 1700 enthusiastic volunteers. Ticket sales are moving ahead at a tremendous rate, so I strongly encourage families and friends of athletes to buy tickets online before they are sold out!

I will leave for Melbourne on December 6th to be part of M2005's final phase of Games planning. Please remember that the final entry forms are due 1 DECEMBER 2004. No late entries will be accepted. FAX the forms to M2005 in Melbourne, not to DEAFLYMPICS office in Frederick, Maryland. The fax number is +61 3 9649 7077.

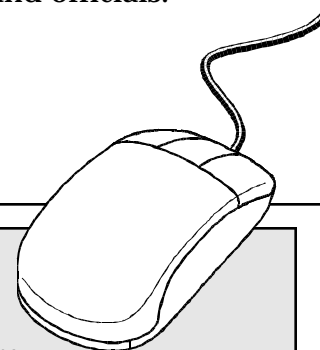
See you soon in the land of OZ! And I send my best wishes to all athletes and officials.

Upcoming Events

To search further upcoming events, check out the CISS/DEAFLYMPICS Calendar at www.deaflympics.com/games/calendar.asp

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Inside DEAFLYMPICS

Clarification on team withdrawals and penalty fees

Donalda K. Ammons
Interim President
Secretary General

I am pleased that many media companies and individuals have contacted the DEAFLYMPICS first to double-check on an article printed in www.deaftoday.com regarding countries withdrawing their teams from the 2005 Deaflympics. It was an excerpt from www.deafsportlawsuit.com. It was evidently written by someone who harbors ill feelings against the organization and the Games.

Reasons for withdrawal vary- from budget constraints to injuries to lack of proper training. BUT, I am pleased to say that there are some new countries that are ready to replace those countries.

Countries who had submitted preliminary/final entries in team sports are liable to pay penalty fees prior to the commencement of the Games.

Message from Badminton Technical Director

By Martin Bogard
TD Badminton

I would like to make an announcement that we have two deaf badminton players who are currently official on the world ranking list. They are Tomas Dovidaitis and Kristina Dovidaityte, brother and sister from Lithuania who are, as of 4th November 2004, ranked 109 in the World for the Mixed Doubles. Kristina is also ranked 145 for the Ladies Singles and Tomas is ranked 279 for the men's singles.

Waving hands to them! We look forward to seeing them and all other badminton players play in Melbourne.

We will know more when we get to Melbourne. This is not something new. Every 4 years, we normally see some countries withdrawing at last minute. I feel confident that those countries will uphold to their responsibilities and obligations as full members as they always have in the past.

During the Games, please check www.deaflympics.com for daily results. The Melbourne Games will be the BEST ever!

Message from Swimming/Water Polo Technical Director

By Reed Gershwind

Greetings-

Congratulations to Greg Lessing and Terence Parkin, both of South Africa, for breaking Deaf Swimming World Records. Greg's record is in the 200m Backstroke and Terence's in the 400m Individual Medley. Records are posted on the www.Deaflympics.com website.

Please check out the schedule via www.2005Deaflympics.com website for the exciting Swimming events and Water Polo games to be held at the upcoming Melbourne Deaflympic Games.

For those countries who have Swimming and/or Water Polo teams, please consider hosting the Deaf Swimming/Water Polo World Championships in 2007. It is important for the aquatic athletes to compete internationally in the years between the Deaflympic Games.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all in Melbourne in two months. Safe training and travels.

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Message from Tennis Technical Director

By *Josette Robinson*
TD Tennis

Here are the latest news for the Deaflympics in Australia. You will find some clarifications & modifications.

* 8.2.0 Participants: Each country may nominate a maximum of four(4) men and four(4) women plus two(2) alternates of each.

* 8.2.1 No reserve or substitutes are allowed for the singles. The composition of a pair may only be changed with one(1) alternate if the player originally entered in a pair forfeits by a doctor's declaration. However, no changes may be made after the draw has taken place.

* Regarding hot weather & breaks during middle of day, there will be a weather policy which will be set up by Sports Medicine Australia for all sports during the Deaflympics. It is very hard to say if we will have very hot weather on a specific day during the Deaflympics so there will be a back up plan (contingency). If the weather is very hot on that day, the competition will be stopped and adjourned until the weather returns to appropriate temperature. Therefore the delayed competitions will continue to play into late afternoon / evening. There is also an extra day as a back up at the end of the tennis competition.

* Dress and equipment:

All players shall dress and present themselves in a sportsmanlike manner during competition. Clean and customerily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn. Colours are allowed. Sweatshirts (except during warm-Up), gym shorts, dress shirts or any other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match. The Referee may instruct a change of attire.

Message from Technical Director of Football

Emmanuel Rossel
TD Football

20th Deafympic Games, Melbourne 2005 – Football

Events during the qualification games of all the continents-2004

A total of 35 countries were divided over the four continents (Africa 4, North-America 2, South-America 2, Asia 9, and Europe 18). These countries, not including the title defender and host country, registered to participate in the 20th Deaflympic Games in Melbourne. Only 16 countries made it to the finals, including the host country and the title defender.

The qualification games for the final rounds in Melbourne faced with some problems. Several countries, such as: Canada (North-America), Sweden, Denmark, France, Croatia, Israel and Spain (Europe) and Swaziland (Africa), had to cancel their participation due to a lack of financial support from their government.

Unfortunately, the Technical Director of football could not attend any qualification game due to lack of financial support. The presence of the technical director is often necessary in order to judge the positive and negative aspects of the matches.

Russia and Great-Britain are automatically qualified for the final 16 because Denmark and Spain dropped out. Additional problems were caused by the cancellation of 2 groups (France – Denmark and Croatia – Israel). Consequently, there were two vacancies in the finals of the European countries. We were considering to enter the losing countries in this final 16. In order
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Message from Football TD

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to avoid any more cancellations, the technical director contacted all participating European countries to supply to DEAFLYMPICS a proof by 7 May 2004, that would affirm that the teams would have necessary financial and logistic support for Melbourne Games. We only received one answer, from Greece. After a meeting with the executive committee of the DEAFLYMPICS during the seminar in Lausanne (Switzerland), the Greek soccer team was automatically added to the final 16. The other vacancy was assigned to the Asian continent (3 countries instead of 2, not including the host country).

The US is automatically qualified because of the cancellation by Canada. Argentina won the qualification game against Chile. (2 - 1)

As for Asia all qualification games took place in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) linked to the Asian soccer championship. Those countries, which gained the first three places of the final rankings, are qualified for the finals. Those countries are: Iran, Saudi-Arabia and Japan.

Concerning the African continent the games were only played back and forth. 4 countries registered for the 20th Deaflympics: Swaziland, South-Africa, Nigeria and Ghana. The semi finals between Swaziland and South-Africa did not take place because Swaziland did not respond to the request of South-Africa and the Secretary of the DEAFLYMPICS. The cause for this situation is poor communication infrastructure in Swaziland.

The second game of the semi finals was held between Nigeria and Ghana, but the game did not go flawlessly. The forth game ended in 3 - 0 for Nigeria because Ghana was not present during the game. Ghana won the back game, 5 - 0. The final between South-Africa and Ghana went very well according to the report of the executive committee of the African Confederation of the Deaf. For the first time in the history of the Deaflympics, the soccer team from Ghana participates in the final 16 for the 20th Deaflympic football competition in Melbourne.

Herewith you will find the complete results of the soccer qualification games of all continents in this E-News.

Best Wishes messages from London

The Deaf Adults at the City Lit Centre for Deaf People in London, England have been studying the history of Olympic Games as well as the upcoming Deaflympic Games in Melbourne. The group have worked together to produce these messages below!

Hi!

Good luck with the Deaflympics competition. We think the Deaflympics are good because it's good to be healthy and have energy. It's good that Deaf people all over the world are proud. It's good for the future. It will be some Deaf people's first time in Australia. They will be happy. When it is finished, everyone will be happy. Once again, we

wish you the best of luck with the future games.

From English Extra

Hello!

How are you? We heard about the Deaflympic Games. It looks really good. We want more people to take part in the Deaflympics, to see who is best in the competition. It is looking really successful. It is good to welcome Deaf people from around the world. Good luck, and be happy.

Enjoy!

From Everyday English

Inside DEAFLYMPICS

100 Days to Go Celebration!



Boats waving M2005 Flags.



Explosive M2005 Colors celebrating 100 Days to Go!

To celebrate the 100 Days to Go event, Melbourne Organizing Committee and the local community had a morning of celebration across Melbourne.

From 7.30 am they had M2005 Mascots out at the main train station to greet all the morning commuters and hand them balloons and 100 days to go flags, they then headed to a venue on the Melbourne River, where over 400 people cheered and waved flags as 15 boats came down the river, each one representing the 15 sports at the Deaflympics, with a deaf athlete in each one and colored smoke beaming out of the end of each one depicting the colors of the M2005 logo.

There were some speeches, with many local celebrities and the Mistress of Ceremony was Cindy Lu Fitzpatrick, the Premier of Victoria, the Chair of M2005 and the Executive Officer of Deaf Sport Australia spoke, we then unveiled our Volunteer Uniforms and let down a huge banner with 100 Days to go on it, and let off

some huge cannons of confetti.

They also launched the Cultural program by playing an attractive promotional video. All of the local media attended, it was a fantastic event and it heralded that last big public event before the Opening Ceremony!



Mascots Celebrating 100 Days to Go Celebration

Deaf Sports Events

Results of European Qualification Football rounds for Deaflympics

QUALIFICATION 2003 – 2004 - Europe

By Emmanuel Rossel

Group 1:

Netherlands - Portugal 4 - 0

Portugal - Netherlands 1 - 11

The Netherlands

Group 2:

Ireland - Norway 8 - 1

Norway - Ireland 1 - 4

Ireland

Group 3:

Czech Republic - Greece 2 - 0

Greece - Czech Republic 2 - 2

Czech Republic

Group 4:

Hungary - Turkey 1 - 3

Turkey - Hungary 8 - 2

Turkey

Group 5:

Israel - Croatia xxxxx

Croatia - Israel xxxxx

Both teams decided to withdraw-financial reasons

Group 6:

Sweden - France xxxxx

France - Sweden xxxxx

Both teams decided to withdraw-financial reasons

Group 7:

Germany - Ukraine 2 - 0

Ukraine - Germany 1 - 1

Germany

Group 8:

Denmark - Russia 0 - 3 F

Russia - Denmark 3 - 0 F

Russia

Group 9:

Great Britain - Spain 3 - 0 F

Spain - Great Britain 0 - 3 F

Great Britain

1st African Deaf Football Championship

By Emmanuel Rossel

Group 1

22.05.04 Lagos

Nigeria - Ghana 3 - 0 F

05.06.04 Accra

Ghana - Nigeria 0 - 5

Group 2

South Africa - Swaziland 3 - 0 F

Swaziland - South Africa 0 - 3 F

Final

15.08.04 Johannesburg

South Africa - Ghana 2 - 1

12.09.04 Accra

Ghana - South Africa 7 - 0

Winner - Ghana

1st World Deaf Wrestling Championship Results

5-12 October 2004 in Sofia, Bulgaria

By Mehmet Bilgili

The first World Deaf Wrestling Championship was held in Sofia Bulgaria from 5-12 October 2004. All wrestling competitions were held at the Winter Place Sport Hall under the patronage of DEAFLYMPICS and Bulgarian Ministry of Youth and Sport. A total of 10 countries took part in the Championships. The countries were: Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. There were a total of 60 sportsmen. 42 wrestlers in Greco Roman and 39 wrestlers in Free Style.

We felt that all participants showed high level of skills, good competition technique and physical level. Also they all showed good sportsmanship and friendly matches on the mat.

Special thanks goes to Bulgarian Deaf Sports Federation for hosting the event and providing good hospitality and organizing the event. Also special thanks to DEAFLYMPICS EC Member, Mr. Dogan Ozdemir for attending the Championships. We look forward to the next wrestling championship in 2008 in Armenia!

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Wrestling Championship Results

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Greco Roman Competition: 7-8 October 2004

Category 55kg:

1st MALYSHEVSKVY, Serigy UKR
2nd SENOL, Aydin TUR
3rd KREMOV, Angel BUL
4th POLIN, Ruslan RUS

Category 60kg:

1st ONUR, Ozcan TUR
2nd HARUTYUNYAN, Stepan ARM
3rd KEZOV, Alexander BUL
4th KOPYTOV, Yury RUS

Category 66kg:

1st AMONYAN, Aziz ARM
2nd ZARAISKI, Vitali BLR
3rd TARASOV, Igor RUS
4th IBRAHIM, Demirtas TUR

Category 74kg:

1st GOLOVANOV, Evgeny RUS
2nd KHOMIACHENKO, Viktor UKR
3rd OMER, Terzioglu TUR
4th SHAKHABBAS, Emazarov, UZB

Category 84kg:

1st LUKOMSKI, Aliaksei BLR
2nd ISMAIL, Otamis TUR

3rd KILADZE, David UKR
4th MENTYUKOV, Alexy RUS

Category 96kg:

1st IIHAN, Citak TUR
2nd BILYAVSKYY, Ruslan UKR
3rd SERGIENKO, Sergey RUS
4th STEFANOV, Krasimir BUL

Category 120kg:

1st KHAOUSTOV, Alexandre, RUS
2nd TKACHENKO, Andriy
3rd CEMIL, Cavdar TUR
4th MILTON, Reedy AUS

Free Style Competition: 10-11 October 2004

Category 55kg:

1st NIYAZI, Basaran TUR
2nd KREMOV, Angel BUL
3rd NIKOLAEV, Sergey RUS
4th MIKAELIAN, Samvel ARM

Category 60kg:

1st ERKAN, Karakas TUR
2nd KEZOV, Alexander BUL
3rd NIKOLAEV, Prokopi, RUS
4th MIRAZIZ, Maksudov, UZB

Category 66kg:

1st MAHMUT, Irk TUR
2nd DONCHEV, Plamen BUL
3rd MOURAOV, Soslan RUS
4th ALPIEIEV, Levgeni UKR

Category 74kg:

1st OMAROV, Yusup, RUS
2nd ERDINC, Yidiz TUR
3rd PINEVYCH, Maksym UKR
4th SHAKHABBAS, Emazarov UZB

Category 84kg:

1st KILADZE, David UKR
2nd MUSTAFA, Dede TUR
3rd DZEBISOV, Viacheslav RUS
4th LUKOMSKI, Aliaksei BLR

Category 96kg:

1st KOUTCHIEV, Alan RUS
2nd ALPASLAN, Cosar TUR
3rd MARCHENKO, Igor UKR
4th STEFANOV, Krasimir BUL

Category 120kg:

1st IVANOV, Danil RUS
2nd TKACHENKO, Andriy
3rd SEDAT, Atici TUR
4th MILTON, Reedy AUS

7th Asia Pacific Football Championship of the Deaf

22 May - 30 May 2004 – Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) Stadion

By Emmanuel Rossel

KELANA JAYA SPORTS COMPLEX

Group A

1. Iran
2. Kazakhstan
3. Japan
4. Singapore

Group B

1. Saudi Arabia
2. Uzbekistan
3. Malaysia

Saturday, 22 May 2004

01 Iran - Singapore 13 - 0
02 Kazakhstan - Japan 0 - 3
03 Saudi Arabia - Malaysia 4 - 1

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7th Asia Pacific Football Championship of the Deaf

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Sunday, 23 May 2004

04 Malaysia - Uzbekistan 1 - 0
05 Kazakhstan - Singapore 8 - 0
06 Japan - Iran 0 - 0

Monday, 24 May 2004

07 Iran - Kazakhstan 9 - 1
08 Singapore - Japan 0 - 16
09 Uzbekistan - Saudi Arabia 2 - 3

Results:

Group A

1. Iran 7 points (22 - 1)
2. Japan 7 points (19 - 0)
3. Kazakhstan 3 points
4. Singapore 0 point

Group B

1. Saudi Arabia 6 points
2. Malaysia 3 points
3. Uzbekistan 0 point

Wednesday, 26 May 2004

1/2 final

11 Iran - Malaysia 6 - 0
12 Saudi Arabia - Japan 4 - 2

Friday, 28 May 2004

Match for place 5th and 6

13 Kazakhstan - Singapore 9 - 1

Match for place 3 and 4

14 Malaysia - Japan 0 - 5

Sunday, 30 May 2004

Match for place 1 and 2 (Final)

15 Iran - Saudi Arabia 2 - 1

FINAL RESULT

1. Iran
2. Saudi Arabia
3. Japan
4. Malaysia
5. Kazakhstan
6. Singapore
7. Uzbekistan

Deaf Sports In Brief

New World Record Forms

By Tiffany Granfors

There are updated Deaf World Record forms for Athletics and Swimming, which athletes can download from the Deaflympics website at www.deaflympics.com. Please be sure to use those new forms when applying for new records.

Please note an important fact from our Athletics Technical Director, Barbi Sondergaard:

Per IAAF Regulations: Recognition of World Record performance during mixed competitions are not allowed at events held completely in the stadium but allowed at road race events.

IOC In Brief

Candidature Procedure 2012 - All five Candidate Cities return their Files to the IOC

IOC Press Release

The International Olympic Committee announced that it has received the Candidature Files of the five Candidate Cities bidding to host the Games of the XXX Olympiad in 2012. Paris (FRA), New York (USA), Moscow (RUS), London (GBR) and Madrid (ESP)¹ all delivered their files before the deadline of midnight 15 November 2004.

The five cities were accepted as Candidate Cities by the IOC Executive Board on 18 May from a total of nine Applicant Cities, which also included Leipzig (GER), Istanbul (TUR), Havana (CUB) and Rio de Janeiro (BRA).

The IOC Evaluation Commission, chaired by Olympic champion Nawal El Moutawakel, will now analyse the Candidature Files and make site inspections as follows:

Madrid: 3 - 6 February 2005

London: 16 - 19 February 2005

New York: 21 - 24 February 2005

Paris: 9 - 12 March 2005

Moscow: 14 - 17 March 2005

The Commission will then prepare a report that will be published and submitted to IOC members no later than one month before the election of the host city on 6 July 2005 during the 117th IOC Session in Singapore.

IOC appoints new Technology Director

IOC Press Release

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced the appointment of Mr Jean-Benoît Gauthier to the position of IOC Technology Director.

Gauthier, 38, from France, moves to this position from within the IOC where he has acted as Technology Manager since 1997. His responsibilities in that role included overseeing the technology aspects of the Olympic Games in close collaboration with the Olympic Games Organising Committees, as well as providing technological input in the contract negotiations with the IOC's technology partners (Atos Origin, Swatch, Lenovo).

Gauthier came to the IOC seven years ago with a strong background in IT project management and

Olympic Games experience. He began his career as a Senior Consultant with Andersen Consulting in Paris, France, where he was a member of the team that developed the Games-management systems for the Olympic Winter Games in Albertville in 1992. He also played a key role in the transfer-of-knowledge system for the Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer in 1994.

Gauthier's professional experience also includes four years with Reebok France, where he handled the technology aspects of purchase management with Reebok International as well as retail project management for the launch of the first Reebok stores in France.

He takes up the post, which will be left vacant by Mr Philippe Verveer, once he retires at the end of the year.

IOC In Brief

Federations United at AGFIS Corner

GAISF Press Release

The first GAISF Corner of the International Sports Federations at the 15th Sportel market in Monaco, from 11 to 14 October, was a resounding success.

A great number of Federations united under the banner of GAISF were represented this year including the IAAF (Athletics) the FITA (Archery), IBF (Badminton), FIBA (Basketball), WCF (Curling), UCI (Cycling), FEI (Equestrian Sports), FIE (Fencing), FIFA (Football), FIG (Gymnastics), FIH (Hockey), IRB (Rugby), ITTF (Table Tennis), FIVB (Volleyball) and IWGA (World Games).

The GAISF Corner featured a display of sports articles and we thank the IFs who supplied these and offered the most floor

space of any stand to welcome the International Sports Federations for their meetings.

The International Gymnastics Federation, which had a stand in the GAISF Corner, took a particularly active part in the event and for its 10th participation at the International Sportel Exhibition, invited several Olympic champions for gymnastics demonstrations.

We hope that other initiatives of this kind will be taken at the next edition of GAISF Corner at Sportel Monaco in 2005 and we count on a greater participation of the International Sports Federations.

For information, please contact the GAISF Headquarters in Monaco at info@agfisonline.com

