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# Letter from the President

I send my best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year. May the new year of **2006** bring us **peace** on earth. Exactly one year ago today we bade farewell at the closing ceremony of the 2005 Summer Deaflympics in Melbourne. Time has flown by so quickly. I am pleased to say the year of 2005 has been very good and productive.

As we start a new year, I would like to discuss the meaning of **Olympism**. For millions of people around the world who have been less fortunate, life continues to be difficult. Understanding and embracing the spirit of Olympism can help us decrease or overcome obstacles in life. Anyone who participates in sports is inevitably instilled with values, which can be simply applied to daily life. In my position as President, I make a sincere effort to uphold to the ideals and principles of Olympism and also carry on the spirit of our founders Rubens Alcais, and Antoine Dresse. To make our world a better place, I invite each one of you to join me in making a more peaceful community within ourselves.

Exciting news—we have moved again! Due to a greater need for more office space, we have relocated a few miles away to a duplex building in the north side of Frederick. Additional space will allow us to set up a display for visitors and a separate room for us to hold a conference. The address is **528 Trail Avenue, Frederick, Maryland 21701**.

I send my heartfelt congratulations to the recipients of the **2005 WIDEX Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year Award**. Scott PROSSER of Australia and Ce SHI of China have been selected as the 2005 WIDEX Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year by the member of International Committee of Sports for the Deaf Selections Commission through electronic ballot, by earning 96 and 83 points respectively. More information on these 2 award recipients can be found in our official website—[www.deaflympics.com](http://www.deaflympics.com)

I am also pleased to share exciting news about the 2013 Summer Deaflympics. Four (4) cities have expressed their interest in hosting the 2013 Summer Deaflympics. Each bidding city is now preparing a formal bid package for the Executive Committee's review at its March meeting in Salt Lake City.

Next time I write, I will offer you with some highlights of the site visit of the 2007 Salt Lake City Winter Deaflympics and the Executive Committee's meetings.

In peace,

Dr. Donalda K. Ammons  
President

# Inside DEAFLYMPICS

## Report from Vice President

Greetings!

Year 2005 went past by so fast during my first year as the Vice President and year 2006 enters and this is my second year as the VP. As stated in my first report we should report to you as often as possible and now this is my 3rd report.

Finally we will be seeing an important milestone in Africa. The General Assembly of Confederation of African Deaf Sports (CADS) will take place in Nairobi, Kenya on 28-29 April 2006. For those African countries who have not registered their participation, please do so immediately by sending to the CADS President, Peter Kalae, at +254-20-4223001 or by email [kalae@ciss.org](mailto:kalae@ciss.org).

I wish to congratulate the winners and finalists of the 2005 WIDEX Sportsman and Sportswomen of the Year award!

Sporting regards,  
David

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## Report from Sports Director

First, I wish all sports friends a happy, healthy and successful new year of 2006!

This year in 2006 the Winter Technical Directors' main focus is to work with Salt Lake City Organizing Committee for winter sports, such as alpine skiing, cross country skiing, snowboarding, ice hockey and curling (demonstration) for the Winter Deaflympics 2007 in Salt Lake City/USA. I wish all Technical directors good luck and success.

In addition, the World Deaf Cycling Championships will take place during the 18th and 24th of June in California/USA and the

World Deaf Golf Championships during the 16th and the 21st of July 2006 in Edmonton/Canada.

I wish all organizers for cycling and golf the best of luck and positive results for the teams. I hope a large number of countries can make it to California/USA and Edmonton/Canada. For further information and more details you can look up these web pages:

Cycling - [www.usdeafsports.org/2006cycling](http://www.usdeafsports.org/2006cycling)  
Golf - [www.2006wdgc.com](http://www.2006wdgc.com)

Deaflympics Anti-Doping Commission and the Technical Commission met during 29 - 31 of October 2005 in Passugg/Switzerland. These two commissions have been in preparation for the Winter Deaflympics 2007 in Salt Lake City/USA. We have also expanded our members in the Anti-Doping Commission. We have also invited our Anti-Doping-Doctor Dr. Lars Meiworm to participate in the recent seminar. He was able to provide a lot of necessary information about anti-doping. Now we are more prepared for the Winter Deaflympics 2007.



Group photo in Passugg, Switzerland

Eventhough we have not yet confirmed Technical Directors for snowboarding and ice hockey, the Technical Commission was able to continue their work with the two additional consultants. A warm and sincere thank you to our two dedicated Technical Directors and two

new consultants and our wonderful team, which you can see pictures on the right.

Best regards,  
Josef Willmerdinger

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### **Message from Technical Director of Alpine Skiing**

First of all, I very much look forward to 2006 and 2007 when I start to do many more exciting work with you all National Deaf Sport Federation and Alpine Technical Delegates. I have been re-appointed as the Winter Deaflympics Alpine Technical Director after I decided to step down as Deaflympics Sports Director in Melbourne 2005. I appreciate your confidence and support.

We are looking forward to coming to Salt Lake City, USA in early March 2006 for site inspection for 2007 Winter Deaflympics. It is also a well known site for the 2002 XIX Olympic Winter Games where we can find some of the finest winter facilities in the world. Young athletes can now make their own Winter Deaflympics dreams come true, thanks to the Salt Lake City area and United States Deaf Sports Federation. These facilities also welcome visitors from all over the world.

As you may know, hosting Winter Deaflympics can be a very expensive project because winter sports are expensive. I want to thank Swedish Deaf Sports Federation and USA Deaf Sports Federation for working hard to support the 2003 Sundsvall and 2007 Salt Lake City Winter Deaflympics.

I am also planning to host a workshop for Deaf Athletes, Technical Delegates and National Deaf Sport Federations in Salt Lake City in 2007, to look for better strategies for expansion and more activities for winter sports. Please feel free to e-mail your thoughts to me.

Colin Macdonald  
Alpine Skiing Technical Director

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### **Message from Technical Director of Orienteering**

2006 World Deaf Orienteering Championships in Hungary

I would like to update you about World Deaf Orienteering Championships (WDOC) in Hungary. Hungarian Deaf Sports Federation (HDSF) still would like to host WDOC on 14-19 August 2006.

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf have set a deadline of 30 January 2006 for HDSF to officially provide them with documents because the HDSF old board members was not able to do the process properly, the new board was elected last November 2005 and is determined to provide ICSD with proper documents and host the World Deaf Orienteering Championships.

I have worked hard with the Hungarian Deaf Sports Federation to make sure that this Championship happens, so as soon as everything is clear, HDSF will send out invitations and information to the deaf sports federations in all countries.

I hope that Australia, Japan, USA and other country outside Europe will take part in WDOC in Hungary in 2006, so we can carry out the Championship, because we have to follow the rules: *"International Committee of Sports for the Deaf members from at least two regions taking part. Where there are less than five ICSD members from at least two regions taking part in the event, the host nation shall have the responsibility of terming the sporting event as an international competition or cancelling the event."*

If we don't meet the requirements according to the rules, we have to cancel the WDOC in 2006, and then we must wait until 2010 for the next WDOC!

If you like to read more information about Orienteering, you can visit the page at <http://www.deaforienteering.org>

Marek Mir-Mackiewicz, TD-Orienteering

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## 2005 Approved World Records and World Junior Records

Technical Directors of Athletics - Barbara C. Søndergaard, Shooting - Mac Adam, and Swimming - Reed Gershwind recognised and proudly announce 2005 approved World Records and World Junior Records below. International Committee of Sports for the Deaf congratulates all of the athletes who accomplished their feat for year 2005.

### 2005 APPROVED WORLD RECORDS

#### ATHLETICS – MEN

10km	34:45	GÖPFERT Thomas (1979)	GER	15 Oct 2005	Wesel, GER
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#### ATHLETICS – WOMEN

Triple Jump	12.34m (w 1.5)	CARVAJAL DAVILA Kenia Rosa (1977)	CUB	11 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
	12.81m (w 1.9)	CARVAJAL DAVILA Kenia Rosa (1977)	CUB	11 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
Hammer Throw	46.85m	DAVISON Joanne (1964)	GBR	10 Apr 2005	Crawley, GBR
10km	36:55.4	ALDER-BAERENS Nele (1978)	GER	6 Aug 2005	Berlin, GER

#### SHOOTING

10m Air Rifle	592	CHOI Soo-Keun (1983)	KOR	7 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
25m Center Fire Pistol	539	MACKERT Peter (1956)	GER	9 Sep 2005	Ingelheim, GER
10m Air Rifle Final	693.3	CHOI Soo-Keun (1983)	KOR	7 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
50m Rifle Prone Final	696.1	SCHWEINSBERG Ingo (1969)	GER	3 Jul 2005	Munich, GER
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Final	668.0	DRÖNNER Gerhard (1947)	GER	8 Sep 2005	Ingelheim, GER

#### SWIMMING – MEN (Long Course 50m)

200m Freestyle	1:53.70	PARKIN Terence (1980)	RSA	12 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
1500m Freestyle <b>**TIED**</b>	16:20.60	PARKIN Terence (1980)	RSA	14 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
50m Backstroke	27.90	KEALY John (1971)	IRE	10 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
200m Backstroke	2:08.54	LESSING Gregory (1982)	RSA	9 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
50m Breaststroke	29.36	PARKIN Terence (1980)	RSA	8 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
100m Butterfly	57.58	PROSSER Scott (1981)	AUS	8 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
200m Butterfly	2:05.23	PARKIN Terence (1980)	RSA	13 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
4x200m Freestyle Relay	8:03.03	LESSING Nicholas (1986) JANSEN V. NIEUWENHUIZEN Marko (1989) LESSING Gregory (1982) PARKIN Terence (1980)	RSA	9 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
4x100m Medley Relay	4:04.85	LESSING Gregory (1982) PARKIN Terence (1980) DU TOIT Ivan (1986) LESSING Nicholas (1986)	RSA	12 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS

#### SWIMMING – WOMEN (Long Course 50m)

50m Freestyle	27.39	LYTVYENENKO Ganna (1970)	UKR	14 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
100m Freestyle	59.29	LYTVYENENKO Ganna (1970)	UKR	10 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
50m Backstroke	32.31	TSENG Shu-Ning (1989)	TPE	10 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
50m Breaststroke	35.73	NEWTON Lauren (1988)	GBR	9 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
50m Butterfly	30.05	POLIVANCHUK Alexandra (1990)	SWE	12 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
4x100m Freestyle Relay	4:06.45	STATKEVICH Olga (1983) MARUSHKINA Luiza (1988) GUSKOVA Veronika (1984) FEDOROVA Olga (1986)	RUS	13 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
4x200m Freestyle Relay	9:06.63	STATKEVICH Olga (1983) MARUSHKINA Luiza (1988) SAVCHENCKO Ekaterina (1985) FEDOROVA Olga (1986)	RUS	8 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS

4x100m Medley Relay	4:39.63	GUSKOVA Veronika (1984) FEDOROVA Olga (1986) SAVCHENCKO Ekaterina (1985) STATKEVICH Olga (1983)	RUS	10 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
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### **SWIMMING – WOMEN (Short Course 25m)**

50m Butterfly	29.37	POLIVANCHUK Allexandra (1990)	SWE	20 Feb 2005	Boden, SWE
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## **2005 APPROVED WORLD JUNIOR RECORDS**

### **ATHLETICS – MEN**

100m	11.48 (w 1.9)	WARNECKE Michael (1986)	GER	8 Jul 2005	Darmstadt, GER
200m	22.12 (w 1.2)	MAZURO Sergiy (1986)	UKR	9 Jul 2005	Darmstadt, GER
400m	49.05	MAZURO Sergiy (1986)	UKR	9 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
800m	2:03.04	MARGOUGOUI Oilid (1986)	FRA	9 Jul 2005	Darmstadt, GER
1000m	2:37.37	GKANATIOS Nikolaos (1988)	GRE	27 Mar 2005	Larissa, GRE
1500m	4:18.90	SEKER Hasan (1986)	TUR	7 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
3000m	10:05.73	MARSCHNER David (1990)	GER	23 Apr 2005	Solinigen, GER
High Jump	1.90m	DRYMALSKI Roman (1986)	USA	5 Apr 2005	East Troy, USA
Pole Vault	3.90m	BEDNAREK David (1990)	GER	7 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
Long Jump	6.25m (w 1.1)	SMONS Janis (1987)	LAT	7 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
Triple Jump	13.23m (w 0.6)	SMONS Janis (1987)	LAT	8 Jul 2005	Darmstadt, GER
Hammer Throw	32.97m	PAZDERA Tomás (1989)	CZE	31 Aug 2005	Stara Boleslav, CZE
Javelin Throw	42.82m	KLIMPEL Hanjo (1989)	GER	9 Jul 2005	Darmstadt, GER
4x100m Relay	47.66	SCHWAGER Nico (1991) RAPP Manuel (1990) RÜGER Andreas (1986)	GER	29 Jun 2005	Munich, GER
4x400m Relay	4:01.55	WARNECKE Michael (1986) EICHMANN Tim (1988) KERN Nils (1989) SCHWAGER Nico (1991) WARNECKE Michael (1986)	GER	4 Jun 2005	Halle, GER

### **ATHLETICS – WOMEN**

100m	13.05 (w 0.8)	SCHNEID Georgina (1990)	GER	23 Jul 2005	Regensburg, GER
200m	26.88 (w -1.3)	LEHMANN Shana (1997)	USA	9 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
400m	59.22	GAO Lifang (1986)	CHN	8 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
800m	2:14.90	PEFFERS Lauren (1988)	GBR	11 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
1500m	4:33.54	PEFFERS Lauren (1988)	GBR	14 May 2005	Glasgow, GBR
100m Hurdles	16.35 (w -2.6)	SHAPOVAL Yuliya (1988)	UKR	8 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
400m Hurdles	1:18.58	SHAPOVAL Yuliya (1988)	UKR	11 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
High Jump	1.70m	KHACHADUROVA Vera (1986)	RUS	7 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
Long Jump	5.47m (w 0.7)	BACHMATIUK Magdalena (1986)	POL	8 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
Triple Jump	12.30m (w 2.0)	BACHMATIUK Magdalena (1986)	POL	11 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
Shot Put	11.33m	BEDNAREK Lidia (1987)	GER	7 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
Discus Throw	35.00m	MILLS Amy (1986)	AUS	7 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
Javelin Throw	43.04m	MILLS Amy (1986)	AUS	11 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS
Heptathlon	3386	BEDNAREK Lidia (1987)	GER	8 Jan 2005	Melbourne, AUS

\* - awaiting ratification

## Revised and Updated Forms

Please note, International Committee of Sports for the Deaf have updated several forms and they can be downloaded from our website. The forms were revised due to additional information, name change, and logo. The forms we have revised are:

[Audiogram](#)  
[Athletics - Track](#)  
[Athletics - Field](#)  
[Shooting](#)  
[Swimming](#)

From now on, please use those updated forms:

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## DeaflympicsTV Report

International Committee of Sports for the Deaf has a media partnership with DeafNation to deliver news and information through internet. The best way to deliver news and information is through visual media, therefore we are making every effort to deliver a wide variety of news to you through international sign language. Please see our updated January issue by clicking [www.deaflympics.tv](http://www.deaflympics.tv)

Come back and visit our website and click on DeaflympicsTV for more updates!

# Deaf Sports Events

## 1st World Deaf Football Championships 2008

Dear Sport Friends,

We would like to inform you that Athens will host the 1st World Deaf Football Championships which will be held in 1-12 July 2008.

As you have been informed, Greece managed to organize successfully the 1st World Deaf Basketball Championships in 2002 and regarding to this experience we hope to reach again your expectations for an effective football event. This is a challenge for us because we have to deal with a sport which is globally prevalent with millions of fans and athletes.

Hellenic Athletic Federation of the Deaf (HAFD) in cooperation with the Municipality of Athens and the Hellenic Football Federation will organize the games using two or three major football fields for both trainings and competitions.

Participating teams will be accommodated in an official hotel located in the center of Athens. By this way, there will be an easy access to the basic services of Athens, such as, deaf clubs, recreation centers, markets and monuments.

In reference to the Games system, HAFD proposes the formation of 4 Groups. Each Group will be consisted of 3 teams; totally 12 teams. In case that we have only 10 registered teams, then we will have to lessen the Groups in 2 ones. In case that we will have more than 12 registered teams – due to the lack of a new technical football director – then the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf Sports Director, Josef Willmerdinger, and the responsible ICSD Committee will decide about this matter.

You can find an attached proposed Games' Program which is not confirmed yet.

### **A Group B Group C Group D Group**

A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3

Or

### **A Group B Group**

A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3
A4	B4
A5	B5

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME/FIELD</b>	<b>TIME/FIELD</b>	<b>TIME/FIELD</b>	<b>TIME/FIELD</b>	<b>TEAMS</b>	<b>GAME</b>
1 Tuesday	09:30 Nea Smirni	11:00 Kaisariani	17:00 Nea Smirni	19:00 Nea Smirni		1
2	FREE					
Wednesday						
3 Thursday	09:30 Kaisariani	11:00 Nea Smirni	17:00 Kaisariani	19:00 Kaisariani		2
4 Friday	FREE					
5 Saturday	09:30 Nea Smirni	11:00 Kaisariani	17:00 Nea Smirni	19:00 Nea Smirni		3
6 Sunday	FREE					
7 Monday	09:30 Kaisariani	11:00 Kaisariani	17:00 Kaisariani	19:00 Kaisariani		4
8 Tuesday	FREE					
9	09:30 Nea Smirni	11:00 Kaisariani	17:00 Nea Smirni	19:00 Nea Smirni		5
Wednesday						
10 Thursday	09:30 Ranking 6-8 places	11:00 Kaisariani	11:00 Ranking 9-10 places			6
11 Friday	09:30 Ranking 5-8 and 7-8 places; defeated 6th game	11:00 Kaisariani winners 6th game	17:00 Semifinals - Olympic Stadium	19:00 Olympic Stadium		7
12 Saturday	FINALS		17:00 Olympic Stadium	19:00 Olympic Stadium	3-4 / 1-2	8
13 Sunday	Departure of Teams					

The final game will be held in the Olympic Stadium of Athens in which opening and closing ceremony of the Olympic Games of Athens 2004 was held.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Athens!

Sportingly yours,

Ioannis Stoufis  
HAFD President

# Deaf Sports In Brief

## 2005 WIDEX Sportsman and Sportswomen Award Finalists

### Men's Category:



#### **WINNER with 96 points:**

**Scott Prosser** (AUS) – Swimming: Born in Melbourne, Australia. During the Melbourne Deaflympics he was the Swim Team captain and won gold medal in 100m Butterfly and holds the current World Deaf Record, won three (3) silver medals in 200m Butterfly (swam under World Deaf Record time), 400m Freestyle, and 1,500 Freestyle. During the year of 2005 he also participated in elite level competitions such as Victorian State Swimming Championships, Victorian State Surf Lifesaving Championships, Australian Open Swimming Championships, Victorian State Short Course Swimming Championships and Australian Open Short Course Swimming Championships, he received bronze medal in relay team event against Olympic level swimmers. He also holds Victorian Institute of Sports Scholarship for year 2004-2005.

#### *FINALIST with 66 points:*

**Li-Hsiao Chang** (TPE) – Bowling: Born 26.12.1963. Chinese Taipei feels that he is the best bowling male player in the world and has accomplished a lot. During the Melbourne Deaflympics he won 4 gold medals in Men's Team, Men's Trio, Men's master and Men's All Event. On a national level he won 4 gold medals during the Taipei Deaf Bowling Championships in those events – Men's Single, Men's Double, Men's Team, and Men's Master. *No photo available.*



#### *FINALIST with 60 points:*

**Hugo Passos** (POR) – Wrestling: Born 27.09.1979. During the Melbourne Deaflympics he is a gold medalist winner for (60kg) Greco Roman style in wrestling. Hugo is considered the best wrestler in Portugal and was awarded a trophy on 2005-11-10 and will be receiving a special prize. It is a big honor for all of the people in Portugal.



#### *FINALIST with 49 points:*

**Joseph Watson** (IRL) – Football: Born 28.02.1982. Joseph is being nominated for his outstanding performance during the Football tournament at the Deaflympics. He made a total of 9 goals for his team (1 vs Greece, 5 vs Australia, 2 vs Italy and 1 vs Iran)



#### *FINALIST with 46 points:*

**Osmel Rodriguez Cejas** (ITA) – Athletics: Born 21.9.1974 in Matanzas, Cuba. During the Melbourne Deaflympics he won gold medal in 400m, silver medal in 100m and 200m.



*FINALIST with 45 points:*

**Ingo Schweinsberg** (GER) – Shooting: Born 29.10.1969. During the Melbourne Deaflympics he won silver medal in 50M Rifle 3x40 Shots and won bronze medal in 50m Rifle Prone 60 Shots. Ingo also broke world record in 2005; 3 July for 50m free Rifle Prone 60 shots.



*FINALIST with 38 points:*

**Tomas Kuzminskis** (LTU) – Orienteering: Born 24.05.1978 in Vilnius, Lithuania. During the Melbourne Deaflympics he won two gold medals for his performance in both the sprint and long event.



*FINALIST with 37 points:*

**Stanislav Ivanov** (RUS) – Beach Volleyball: Born 19.05.1970 in Irkutsk, Russia. During the Melbourne Deaflympics Ivanov won gold medal for his performance in Beach Volleyball. In addition, Stanislav has received a letter of thanks from National Olympic Committee of Russia. His name was also nominated as a recipient of the governmental award “For Merits before Fatherland – II degree”. Stanislav also was awarded “For the Special Merits-III degree” with a Medal from the All-Russian Society of the Deaf. Mr. Ivanov is involved in the Deaf Sports of Russia and is a member of the Executive Committee of Russian Committee of Deaf Sports.



*FINALIST with 26 points:*

**Oleg Bilokon** (UKR) – Athletics: Born 31.07.1977 in Poltava, Ukraine. During the Melbourne Deaflympics he won gold medals in Shot put (15.35) and Discus Throw (47.04).



*FINALIST with 25 points:*

**Jeffrey W. Pollock** (USA) – Skiing: Born 12.9.1970 in Massachusetts, USA. In 2005 was the first time Jeff has qualified for the US Nationals by winning 4 silver medals in the Open class in the four regional races he participated this year. The USASA is the largest competitive snowboard organization in the US. There are over 1,000 snowboarders of all age that compete in USASA sponsored races. At Nationals, Jeff competed in the Giant Slalom and Slalom races. In the GS he finished 10th out of 27 riders and in the SL he came in 16th place and made it into the final rounds. Being the 16th rider, he raced against the top qualifier, Anton Pogue who happens to be US Snowboard Team member and Olympian from 1998 Nagano Games. Jeff finished by more than a second behind Pogue, still an amazing feat. Overall, he placed 16th in Slalom, and his combined Top-16 raking results in a National alpine overall ranking of 12th.

## Women's Category:



### **WINNER with 83 points:**

**Ce Shi** (CHN) – Table Tennis: Born 15.12.1985 in Heilongjiang, China. Her accomplishments for this year include gold medals in single, double and mixed event and a silver medal in team event of table tennis at the Melbourne Deaflympics. Ce also received gold medal in single, double, mixed and team at the National Table Tennis Games in July of 2005.



### **FINALIST with 72 points:**

**Margareta Trnkova-Hanne** (CZE) – Athletics: Born 17.11.1976 in Trenčín, Slovakia.

During the Melbourne Deaflympics she won gold in both 100m and 200m events, which is a repeat from the 2001 Rome Deaflympics where she also won gold in both 100 and 200.

### **FINALIST with 67 points:**

**Aksana Petrushenka** (BLR) – Swimming: Born 25.09.1984 in Gomel Belarus. During the Melbourne Deaflympics Aksana won nine (9) medals. Gold in 200m individual medley; Silver in 100m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke and 4x100m freestyle; Bronze in 200m freestyle, 200m breaststroke, 4x200m freestyle and 4x100 medley. *No photo available.*



### **FINALIST with 58 points:**

**Olga Fedorova** (RUS) – Swimming: Born 18.09.1986 in Kazan, Russia. Olga won five (5) gold medals at the Melbourne Deaflympics in 200m breaststroke, 400m Individual Medley, and in 3 swimming relay teams (400m Freestyle Relay, 4x200m Freestyle Relay, and 4x100m Medley Relay). She also won silver medal in 200m Individual Medley and three (3) bronze medals in 50m breaststroke, 100m

breaststroke and 800 m Freestyle.



### **FINALIST with 49 points:**

**Kairit Olenko** (EST) – Athletics: Born 21.12.1985. During the Melbourne Deaflympics she won gold medal in the Heptathlon with 4,397 points, the second place finisher was 225 points behind. Kairit also won gold medal in 100m hurdles with a time of 15,35. She received bronze medal in javelin (41.39).



### **FINALIST with 45 points:**

**Alexandra Polivanchuk** (SWE) – Swimming: Born 31.08.1990. Alexandra was 14 years old at the Melbourne Deaflympics. Alexandra has won two gold medals in 50m butterfly and 100m butterfly. She also broke the World Deaf Record in 50m butterfly (30,05) at the Games. Alexandra captured bronze medal in 50m and 100m backstroke and 400m Freestyle Relay. She was honored with “The Rookie and

Talent of the Year” award from Swedish Deaf Sports in 2005. Alexandra also holds the short course 50m butterfly record with the time of 29.37.

Alexandra is a member of the Härnösand Swimming team (hearing) and has broken several Swedish records in senior and junior competitions and has performed outstanding in National competition.



*FINALIST with 32 points:*

**Inna Izbash-Zverynska** (UKR) – Athletics: Born 18.03.1972 in Odessa, Ukraine. During the Melbourne Deaflympics Inna captured 5 medals in Athletics. Inna won gold medal in 400m, 400m Hurdles, and 4x100 Relay. She won silver medal in 200m and 4x400 Relay.



*FINALIST with 33 points:*

**Nele Alder-Baerens** (GER) – Athletics: Born 01.04.1978. During the Melbourne Deaflympics she won gold medal in 5000m and bronze in 10000m. Nele placed 1st in 5000m at the International Athletics Meeting in Darmstadt, July 2005. Nele also broke World Deaf Record in 10km street race, August 2005.



*FINALIST with 31 points:*

**Kristina Dovydaityte** (LTU) – Badminton: Born 30.10.1985 in Klaipeda, Lithuania. During the Melbourne Deaflympics she won gold medal in women singles, silver medal in mixed double and bronze medal in women's double.



*FINALIST with 18 points:*

**Tamara J. Foronda** (USA) – Beach Volleyball: Born 25.9.1984 in California, USA. Tamara competed in beach volleyball at the Melbourne Deaflympics which she captured the bronze medal. She has great integrity and received WIDEX's Athlete of the 2005 Deaflympics for fair play and sportsmanship. An article (including photo shot of her in action) about Tamara's Deaflympics experience was published in the May 2005 issue of Volleyball Magazine. She does very well in court volleyball and plays for Gallaudet University she has won many awards during her volleyball career with Gallaudet. She is a full-time student and manages to get 3.9 Grade Point Average out of 4.0 at Gallaudet University.

# IOC In Brief

## **Turin 2006 Updates**

[www.torino2006.org](http://www.torino2006.org) the official site of the Organising Committee for the XX Olympic Winter Games in Turin reported that in December their website had more than 900,000 visits as compared to 600,000 in November. Some 75% of the pages visited were in English, while the remaining 25% were in Italian and French. The most popular sections were: "Competitions and Schedules", "Sports and Athletes", "Tickets", "Calendar", "Ceremonies", "Photo Gallery", "Transport", "Competition Facilities" and "Accommodation". As of 1 February, net surfers can visit the official Games-time website which will have many new features. Check it out!

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## **IOC and UN confirm strong collaboration on joint programmes**

The President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Jacques Rogge, welcomed the Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN), Kofi Annan, on his first ever visit to the IOC Headquarters in Lausanne. A productive meeting was held, in which a variety of common projects were discussed, including the Olympic Truce, followed by a short press briefing and a visit to the Olympic Museum.

Both President Rogge and Secretary-General Annan stressed the "excellent collaboration" between their organisations, especially over the last few years, during which the IOC has signed cooperation agreements with several specialised agencies of the UN and, in partnership with them, has developed joint programmes to promote education, health care (particularly the prevention of HIV/AIDS), environmental issues and the role of women in sport and society.

The IOC President thanked Mr Annan for his continuous support of the Olympic Truce. Last

November, in the General Assembly of the United Nations, the 191 member states passed the Olympic Truce resolution for the Torino 2006 Games, entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal." In just a few weeks, all participants in the Games will be invited to sign the declaration in favour of the Olympic Truce on the "Olympic Truce Wall" located in the Olympic Village.

Also highlighted in the meeting was the first Toolkit for HIV & AIDS prevention through sport, published late last year jointly by the IOC and UNAIDS, a copy of which the President formally presented to the Secretary General.

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