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Letter from the President

Nearly a month ago, the Executive Committee, Regional Confederation representatives and Technical Directors traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah, USA for a press conference and site visit for 2007 Winter Deaflympics. Salt Lake City, one of the world's greatest winter sports destinations with plenty of dry and powder snow, is indeed a beautiful and friendly city. We had the opportunity to visit and hold a meeting at Robert G. Sanderson Community for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, which is believed to be the largest and most modern center for deaf people in the U.S.

For evaluation of the site visit, with the rating scale of 1-10 (1 being the lowest and 10 the highest), the 2007 Winter Deaflympics Organizing Committee received a rating score of 6.5. Dwight Benedict, Chair, has assured us that his committee is deeply committed to making the 2007 Winter Deaflympics one of the best, if not the best ever. We remain confident in their ability to carry out the tasks. Click [here](#) for our evaluation report.

In my President message last January, I discussed Olympism and its meaning. Soon after that, I was extremely pleased to learn that Annika Granfors, a 10 years old daughter of Tiffany and Roland Granfors, made a generous donation of USD \$12.50 to Deaflympics. Annika entered in a contest "Character Count, where she explained the importance of Deaflympics for character building. She was declared one of the winners and selected our organization as one of the four recipients for the monetary award. Thanks, Annika! For donations, we welcome them anytime!

Speaking of finance, the executive committee is deeply committed to making modifications to the membership fee structure, which should ease some members' continuing challenge in paying annual membership fees. We will present a simplified and more efficient membership fee structure at the 2007 Congress in SLC.

The Executive Committee accepted the Legal Commission's recommendations to admit Federazione Sport Sordi Italia (FSSI) and UK Deaf Sports (UKDS) as provisional members, replacing Federazione Italiana Sport Silenziosi (FISS) and British Deaf Sports Council (BDSC). Welcome aboard!

Now about trademark application of DEAFLYMPICS, to safeguard both integrity and image of Deaflympics, ICSD filed an application for the use and registration of the mark DEAFLYMPICS with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. (USPTO). However, the application was rejected based on prior trademark registrations owned by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). Ultimately, ICSD and USOC signed a license agreement in February 2006, which allows us to continue using the mark-DEAFLYMPICS in the U.S. with certain restrictions.

We are also pleased with the IOC's continued and firm support of our organization. It renewed our membership with a Certificate of Membership, signed by President Jacques Rogge. IOC granted us with USD\$110.000 for our activities during the year of 2006.

Next month, I will travel to Japan to be part of the workshop titled "Participating n Change". I will discuss the progression of Deaf Women in Sport at the 2006 World Conference on Women and Sport in Kumamoto, Japan. While in Japan, I will get together with Deaf athletes and leaders from Japan Deaf Sports Federation (JDSF) to discuss with them the feasibility of hosting Winter Deaflympics in Japan.

In the next issue of E-News, I will have plenty to share!

Donalda K. Ammons
President

Inside ICSD

Report from Vice President

Now it is time to see momentum going forward instead of going back with this certificate of membership by the International Olympic Committee – see charter 3.5 on page 13 on the website http://multimedia.olympic.org/pdf/en_report_122.pdf. You can send a copy of this important certificate of recognition to your national government and/or national Olympic committee and ask them to attend to it and to recognize your national deaf sports federation.

I recently returned from the Executive Committee meetings and 2007 Winter Deaflympics site inspection in a beautiful place Salt Lake City and its surroundings such as Park City where the Winter Deaflympics will be held in February 2007. We had several tasks decided at the Executive meetings with some action plans. At this moment I am working on financial matters mainly on the membership dues. On the completion of my report I will hand for final approval at the next Management Meeting before the next Congress.

Currently, we have to abide by the approvals of the previous Congress to attend to the debts of membership dues for this year as well as previous years to be settled before we switch to new membership plan. We are still open to your questions about your debts. We will help you to solve your membership dues problems.

The new era will be focused at the upcoming first Confederation of African Deaf Sports (CADS) General Assembly which is to be held in Nairobi, Kenya on 28-29th April 2006. At least 13 African countries have confirmed

their participation which is very encouraging as there are 16 member countries in Africa. Five other countries which are not members of the ICSD will be sending observers. We will advise them on how to become members of our organisation. We plan to pass 100 mark before end of this year. Presently we have 94 members. After the General Assembly we hope there will be strong African unity and other regional federations must stand by them.

David Lanesman

Report from Sports Director

Dear sport fans of Deaflympics,

A warm welcome to my report. I like to report about my inspection visit for the Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, Utah USA

1. Salt Lake City is an amiable town, it gave me a warm welcome and it is very friendly to the deaf society.
2. Little America Hotel is a good choice for our athletes and visitors. All restaurants and shops are nearby. Click [here](#) for video footage of Little America Hotel.
3. Technical Director (TD) of Winter Deaflympics sports are Colin Macdonald (Alpine Skiing, Great Britain), Marco Galmarini (Snowboard, Switzerland), Knut Kjøde (Cross Country Skiing, Norway) and Chris Bradley (Ice Hockey, Canada). We need to find a technical director for curling, Provisional Director for the moment is Josef Willmerdinger (Sports Director). We all agree that our sports in the Winter Deaflympics

2007 in Salt Lake City should achieve the same high level as the Olympic Games. The Technical Directors are responsible for all technical related questions.

4. The location for Alpine Skiing will be at Park City Mountain Resort. The distance between Salt Lake City and Park City Mountain Resort is 51 km. Click [here](#) for video footage of Alpine Skiing.
5. The Snowboard location is the same as the Alpine Skiing location. Click [here](#) for video footage of Snowboard.
6. The location for Cross Country Skiing is at Soldier Hollow (Wasatch Mountain State Park, Midway, Utah). The Distance to Salt Lake City is 75 km. It is a really wonderful location – first class. Click [here](#) for video footage of Cross Country Skiing.
7. Location for Ice Hockey is Steiner Ice Sheets-Sports Complex. The Distance from Little America Hotel to Steiner Ice Sheets-Sport complex is 5 km (25 minute walk on foot). Click [here](#) for video footage of Ice Hockey and Curling.
8. The Curling location is the same as the Ice Hockey location. Curling will be a demonstration sport. We hope that this sport will become an official sport. 6 men and 4 women teams are registered. We are pleased with the numbers of teams signed up, what a wonderful surprise. Curling is a fabulous sport.
9. For the Games Organizing Committee (GOC) chairman, Dwight Benedict plans to give Winter Deaflympics the best organisation as possible and make them successful like the previous Winter Deaflympics in Sundsvall 2003. We will be looking forward to the surprises, given to us by GOC. I have the feeling that we will have a successful game.

10. Please click the links below for more information.

- o [Park City Mountain Resort](#)
- o [Soldier Hollow](#)
- o [Steiner Ice Sheets - Sports Complex](#)

Good news about world championships. This year we will have three Deaf World Championships: Cycling, Golf and Orienteering.

From 12-20 August, there will be the 1st Deaf World Championship Orienteering in Veszprém, Hungary. I invite you to come to Hungary and I wish all sportsmen and sportswomen to do well and to succeed. Recently, our Technical Director of Orienteering, Marek Mir-Mackiewicz, did a site inspection and was very satisfied with their preparations and is pleased to inform us that 15 countries have pre-registered for this event.

Dear sport fans, if you have any suggestions for improvement, for example in terms of sports, ranking et cetera please let me know. I am asking for new ideas and proposals.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Josef Willmerdinger
Sports Director

ICSD ? CISS ? DEAFLYMPICS ?? Which One?

Some confusion has resulted from the use of ICSD (International Committee of Sports for the Deaf) to identify our organization. What happened to DEAFLYMPICS?

At the Melbourne Congress in January 2005, many changes were passed in our Constitution to change the name of our

organization from CISS (Comité International des Sports des Sourds) to DEAFLYMPICS, pending approval of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Then, in the summer of 2005, the IOC reminded us that their permission to use "Deaflympics" only applied as a substitute for "World Games for the Deaf" and that we could not use it in any other way. We were unable to persuade them to change this so we had to change our name back to CISS.

However, since our organization is incorporated with a home office in the United States (USA), our name must be in English, so we now use the English translation of CISS. This is similar to the case of the IOC which is also known as the CIO. Our legal name is now International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) in English and also Comité International des Sports des Sourds (CISS) in French.

We hope that this explanation removes all confusion. Nothing has changed except that our name has gone back to ICSD/CISS. We hope that at some future date, the IOC/CIO will be more flexible in allowing us greater use of the term "Deaflympics".

Jerald M. Jordan
Chairman,
Legal Commission

Anti-Doping Commission Updates

As chair person of the anti-doping commission, I would like to update you with this April issue of e-news on what is happening within the anti-doping work. As informed in E-news-October 2005 the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) is now officially recognized by WADA as one of the sports organizations for

having accepted its organization's code. We are to abide WADA's Anti-Doping policies and our Anti-Doping regulations which can be found on our website.

The anti-doping commission is going to expand and a medical commission will be established under the anti-doping commission. The members of the medical commission will be anti-doping doctors and their responsibility will be any matter in connection to medical topics and Deaflympics. If you know about any anti-doping doctors in any country, who would be interested in working for ICSD, please do not hesitate to send an e-mail to fosshaug@ciss.org.

As known, the Therapeutic Use Exemption, known as TUE, application forms must be sent to the ICSD secretariat by the National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) 2 weeks before the Games, along with the final entry forms. The TUE forms can be obtained in your own language from the National Anti-Doping Agency in your country. Please send the TUE forms in English with the entry forms.

The 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City from February 1 to 10 is expected to be the scene of great sporting performances of Deaf athletes, to which we all look forward. For the Games to be as fair as possible, the ICSD works to detect and sanction anti-doping rule violations to protect the spirit of the Deaflympics. So our Anti-Doping motto is; play true.

Sporting regards, Siv Fosshaug

Inside Deaflympics

Report from SLC Organizing Committee

The 16th Winter Deaflympics Organizing Committee has been very hard at work preparing for next Winter Deaflympics. All Winter Deaflympics sports and ceremonies venues have been reserved, and arrangements made for preparation of competition surfaces to international competition standards. Because of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, which were held in Salt Lake in 2002, the Organizing Committee has received excellent community support and has been able to recruit sports officials with international certification and experience.

The International Committee on Sports of the Deaf (ICSD/CISS) Executive Committee and winter Technical Directors (TDs) came to Salt Lake City 1-4 March 2006, to meet with the Organizing Committee and inspect all of the venues. The Executive Committee and TDs not only approved the venues, but also gave the Organizing Committee invaluable, constructive suggestions for improving the implementation and management of the upcoming Winter Deaflympics. We are very thankful for their help.

While the Executive Committee and TDs were in town, the Organizing Committee had a televised press conference during which the ICSD Executive Committee and TDs were introduced, and the new 16th Winter Deaflympics logo was announced to the public. The new logo was designed by deaf commercial artist Suzanne Stecker, with suggestions provided by members of the Organizing Committee. Information packets on the 16th Winter Deaflympics are now being printed and will be mailed out to each of the 94 ICSD member national deaf sports federations by the end of March.

After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States, the U.S. government made many changes to its tourist visa requirements and processing procedures. If you plan to come to the 16th Winter Deaflympics, we encourage you, your Deaflympics team members, and tourists from your country to visit a United States embassy or consulate as soon as they can. This is important because the new visa requirements are stricter and take more time to process. The 2007 Deaflympics information packet contains information on visa requirements, or you can get the same information from the U.S. Department of State website, www.travel.state.gov/visa. If you need help in getting your United States visa, you can contact the Organizing Committee Secretary-General, at Secretary-General@2007Deaflympics.com. Addresses and contact information for of USA embassies and consulates are available at <http://usembassy.state.gov>.

The 16th Winter Deaflympics headquarters hotel will be Little America Hotel in Downtown Salt Lake City, which also was the 2002 Olympic Winter Games headquarters hotel. With 5 of 22 2007 Deaflympics teams already booked at Little America Hotel, and more expected to follow, Little America Hotel will become the center Deaflympics social and cultural activities, where the Organizing Committee, ICSD, and many national team offices will be located. The hotel has free internet access, for your laptop computers, in each guest room, and will be the only official Deaflympics hotel to have a free Internet Café for use by guests who do not bring their own computers. There also will be free use of VideoPhones, which allow deaf and hard of hearing people to telecommunicate in sign language or through speech and lip reading.

Little America Hotel is now around 50% booked for the 2007 Winter Deaflympics, and may be full by the end of the summer. If your national deaf sports federation is sending a team to compete in the Salt Lake Deaflympics, we encourage you to make your hotel reservations as soon as you can. Hotel reservations information is available at www.2007Deaflympics.com, which has a Hotels hyperlink to the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau (SLCVB), which is handling 2007 Deaflympics hotel reservations and can make special arrangements for teams wishing to arrive in Salt Lake early, to train before the Deaflympics begin.

All 2007 Winter Deaflympics athletes and team support personnel with official credentials will be given free admission to all competition and ceremonies venues except for the Farewell Celebration Party to be held after the Closing Ceremony. Because of the cost of food to be served, credentialed athletes and team members can purchase Farewell Celebration Party tickets for USD \$35.00 each at the Organizing Committee Information Booth, at Little America Hotel.

For visitors who are not members of official Deaflympics teams, tickets will be required for the Opening Ceremony, all ice hockey competition, all curling competition, and the Farewell Celebration Party. Tickets will not be required for the alpine ski, snowboard, and cross country ski competition venues.

The Organizing Committee is offering a "Combo Ticket," which grants admission to all events for which tickets are required and the Farewell Celebration Party, plus a 16th Winter Deaflympics program book, for USD \$130.00. This is a saving of USD\$70.00 over the cost of individual ticket and program book prices. Only 2,750 Combo Tickets will be sold. Advance purchase of Combo tickets will be available through the www.2007Deaflympics.com starting in late April 2006. Individual tickets for the Opening

Ceremony will be sold at the site, and tickets for the Farewell Celebration Party will be available at the Organizing Committee Information Booth at Little America Hotel January 30 through February 6, 2007. Individual tickets for the ice hockey and curling games may or may not be available at door on the day of competition, depending on the availability of seating.

Up-to-date information on the 16th Salt Lake USA Winter Deaflympics is now available at our website, www.2007Deaflympics.com. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Salt Lake City USA on 1-10 February 2007.

Salt Lake City is 1st City in the World to Host All 3 IOC Sanctioned Events

Mayor Rocky speaks in Turin on being an Olympic city

Rocky Anderson proudly touted Salt Lake City's distinction of being the first city in the world to host all three of the International Olympic Committees sanctioned events - the 19th Olympic Winter Games, the 8th Paralympic Winter Games and the upcoming Winter Deaflympics in 2007.

Standing before international media in Turin, Italy, Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson delivered a speech Sunday which detailed the impact of the Olympic Games on Utah and offered advice to the mayors of other cities on how to sustain the Olympic legacy. Quoting the essay A Modern Olympia by Games founder Pierre de Coubertin, Anderson made comparisons between Salt Lake City and Coubertin's vision of the ideal host city. In a copy of his speech made available to The Tribune, Anderson is quoted as saying, "To truly become a new Olympia means to remember the greatness of the Olympic events we witnessed, and to channel that greatness into the healthy and sensible

transformation of our cities." The Mayor was invited to Turin along with mayors from several other former host cities worldwide with the goal of promoting their cities and creating additional international interest, said Anderson's spokesman Patrick Thronson.

"Salt Lake City's increased ability to host large, world championship-level events has resulted in part from the legacy of its Olympic facilities," said the mayor. The 2002 Games drew 250,000 visitors who spent an estimated \$350 million. They were watched by over 2 billion viewers in 160 countries and covered by 10,600 journalists, Anderson said.

by Michael N. Westley, The Salt Lake Tribune

Sorenson Legacy Foundation Donates \$250,000 to Sponsor Opening Ceremonies of 2007 Winter Deaflympics

Largest Cash Gift Received by the Winter Deaflympics Will Help Ensure Success of Premier Athletic and Cultural Event

SALT LAKE CITY (February 6, 2006) - The Sorenson Legacy Foundation announced that it is donating \$250,000 to sponsor the opening ceremonies of the 2007 Winter Deaflympics. The Games are expected to draw 400 deaf athletes from 20+ countries and over 6,000 fans to Salt Lake and Park City, 1 - 10 February 2007. The donation is the largest cash gift the international sports competition has received.

"We are elated by this very generous donation from the Sorenson Legacy Foundation," said Dwight Benedict, chair of the 2007 Winter Deaflympics Organizing Committee. "There is a great deal of excitement in the deaf community about coming to Utah to compete at some of the world's most challenging winter sports venues. This Sorenson gift is a big step towards accomplishing our goals for 2007."

The Deaflympics are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the quadrennial competition for deaf athletes, and by hosting the Games, Salt Lake City becomes the first city in the world to have hosted the Olympic, Paralympic, and Deaflympic Winter Games. Rules and procedures in the Deaflympics are similar to those in Olympic competitions except flashing lights and hand signals or flags are used instead of starting guns or whistles.

"We're proud to take part in making the 2007 Winter Deaflympics successful," said James Lee Sorenson, a member of the board of directors of the Sorenson Legacy Foundation. "These games are very important to the deaf community and this is a wonderful opportunity for Utahns to further the Olympic ideals of promoting international friendship and cooperation through athletic competition." Sorenson, a nationally recognized advocate for the deaf community, and Dr. I. King Jordan, president of Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, are co-chairs of the 2007 Winter Deaflympics Honorary Advisory Board. Other major sponsors of the 2007 Winter Deaflympics to date are Sorenson Communications, Communications Service for the Deaf (CSD), Utah Office of Tourism, George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation and DeafNation.

The 16th Winter Deaflympics will include five individual and team events: alpine skiing, cross country skiing, snowboarding, ice hockey and curling. Some of the venues will be the same as those used for Utah's 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Snowboarding and alpine skiing will take place at Park City Mountain Resort and cross country skiing will be at Soldier Hollow Nordic Center.

About Sorenson Legacy Foundation

The Sorenson Legacy Foundation is a non-profit corporation established by the James LeVoy Sorenson family for the exclusive

purpose of promoting charitable, religious, educational, literary, and scientific endeavors. The Foundation is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

About the Deaflympics

The Deaflympics, which is under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, began in Paris in 1924 and is the second oldest multi-sport and cultural event in the world. The 16th Winter Deaflympics will be held in Utah 1 - 10 February, 2007.

CSD Proud to be Gold Sponsor of the 2007 Winter Deaflympics

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (Feb. 20, 2006) — Based on CSD's longstanding commitment to the global deaf and hard of hearing community, CSD announces its sponsorship of the 2007 Winter Deaflympics, to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 1-10, 2007.

The Deaflympics began in 1924 (then called The World Games for the Deaf) and are the second oldest international multi-cultural sports event in the world. CSD is a Gold level sponsor of the 2007 event, the highest level possible.

In 2003, CSD sponsored the USA team to travel to Sweden for the Winter Deaflympics, while sending CSD staff to cover and report on the event. CSD also helped sponsor the Summer Deaflympics in Australia last year, again paying for staff to report and cover the event. This longstanding spirit of partnership has culminated in CSD being named one of the official sponsors of the 2007 Winter Deaflympics, while also being credited with bringing the event to America.

CSD has a strong history of supporting deaf sports. In 2001, the United States of America Deaf Sport Federation (USADSF) requested a

partnership with CSD to further the ends of the USADSF. CSD has since opened up an office at CSD headquarters in Sioux Falls and paid for a full time employee to assist the USADSF, now known as the USADSF home office and museum. CSD also supports the USADSF by publishing information in their newspaper SIGNews.

"We are honored to call ourselves an official sponsor of the 2007 Winter Deaflympics," said Ben Soukup, CSD chief executive officer. "This is an opportunity for the world's most skilled deaf athletes to compete against each other for world-class status. We are excited to be a part of the team that makes the Deaflympics one of the greatest and most memorable events, not only in Deaf America, but in the entire world."

The 2007 Winter Deaflympics includes competitions in skiing, snowboarding, ice hockey, Nordic skiing, and curling. The event will attract approximately 400 athletes from over 20 different countries. For more information on the 2007 Winter Deaflympics, go to www.2007deaflympics.com.

About CSD – *CSD is a private, nonprofit telecommunications and human services organization based in Sioux Falls, S.D. In its 30-year history, CSD has expanded its communication service offerings and currently manages over 20 call centers in the U.S. CSD offers telecommunications relay services, video relay services, equipment distribution programs and sign language interpreting services. Additionally, CSD's National Programs provides human services at 15 locations in eight states. For more information, see www.c-s-d.org.*

Deaf Sports Events

Free Online Registration to World Deaf Cycling Championships Now Available

United States is hosting the World Deaf Cycling Championships for the first time ever, and expects to make a strong showing.

The World Deaf Cycling Championships is pleased to announce that admission to the week-long international sporting event will be free. Fans can register online starting March 28th at <http://www.usdeafsports.org/2006cycling/registration.html>.

"Thanks to generous sponsorships and partnerships, we are able to invite community participation at no charge," said Nathaniel Horwitz, director of the 2006 World Deaf Cycling Championships. "This is a director's dream. Because this event may not happen again in USA for 20, maybe 30 years, I want as many people as possible to have the chance to be fans."

"This is truly a fantastic opportunity for ambassadorship and cultural exchange," said Jack Lamberton, vice-president for international affairs for the USA Deaf Sports Federation. "A fantastic opportunity for the nations and deaf cyclists to showcase their talent, for the deaf community to witness world-class athleticism and interact with deaf individuals from other countries, and for the general community to learn about us. It'll be a blast."

Teams participating will be: Australia, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, France, Italy, New Zealand, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, and United States.

Media coverage of all races will be covered by [DeafNation](#), the 2006 WDCC media partner. Daily streaming video and immediate race results will be available online.

The 2006 WDCC schedule can be found at <http://www.usdeafsports.org/2006cycling/schedule.html>.

Deaf Sports In Brief

focus-5's Interviews with FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter

For many deaf people, focus-5 is already well known for their work from the Summer Deaflympics in January 2005 in Melbourne, where they filmed the Deaflympics and broadcasted "live" where thousand of people had the opportunity to watch on the event on the internet.

On 26 March 2006, focus-5 had the opportunity to do an interview with FIFA-president Joseph S. Blatter at the FIFA head office in Zürich. FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) is the world's largest sport association. There is a deaf man, Reto Thurnherr, who works in FIFA's main office. focus-5 decided to visit his office and do an interview with Reto and got some interesting information about him. Afterwards, Reto was able to schedule an amazing interview with the FIFA-president Joseph S. Blatter. Deaflympics and the upcoming Football World Championship in Germany are several of the topics focus-5 and Joseph S. Blatter talked about. Have a look at the interview at: www.focus-5.tv

A summary of the interview:

Football is the most popular sport in the whole world for millions of people involved in playing, training and competing on local, national and international level. There are many football clubs and associations in the whole world. The same is true for the Deaf, many of the Deaf Sport Clubs in Europe are established thanks to the football deaf clubs. FIFA is the head organisation for all the football associations as well as the clubs on lower levels. The FIFA head office takes place in the best part of Zürich, where it is possible to get a wonderful view of the city and Zürich lake. FIFA has 100

year of succesful development, and this summer the Football World Championship will take place in Germany.

Reto got a permanent job at FIFA after doing his pratical work for the school and this coming summer will be his 10th year he has worked for FIFA. Reto's job responsibilities includes gathering statistical information on different football teams, for example how many fault has a national soccer team got in a qualification game etc. All this information will be printed into a handbook.

The FIFA-president was very pleased to be interviewed by focus-5 and talk about Deaf Sports. Mr. Blatter said that football can be played by everyone including the Deaf. Blatter`s experience from observing the games between the Deaf from Switzerland and Austria was a particular experience for him and he is aware of visual signals that Deaf athletes need to replace sound. Deaf Sports belongs to the FIFA-family and Mr. Blatter is well informed about the Summer and Winter Deaflympics and he would like to support ICSD. As a member of the IOC representing football he can also contribute to support the Deaf Sports more in the future and as well for the Deaf Sports in South-America and Africa. What he does for football is adhering closely to his mission and to stay young and positive, although he will turn 70 this year. Football doesn`t mean only to play but as well to develop skills to get better. Football belongs to young people and he maintains in contact with them and as well working hard to reach goals keeps him young. Football has a lot of emotional feelings and football can contribute for a better world. Mr. Blatter wants to continue as FIFA-president till 2010 for the World Championship in Africa, which will be the first Football World Championship in Africa. When asked, his favorite football player is

Ronaldhino and his opinion is that the purpose for the Football World Championship in Germany is that the world's best football team should win.

President Ammons Presents at 2006 World Conference on Women and Sport in Kumamoto, Japan



Dr. Donaldda Ammons

"Participating in Change" 11 - 14 May 2006 Dr. Donaldda Ammons President, Deaflympics, USA

Dr. Ammons is currently employed as a full-time tenured professor of Spanish at Gallaudet University, the world's only liberal arts university for the deaf in Washington, D.C. In addition, she currently serves as the first ever female President of Deaflympics, a quadrennial Olympic-equivalent event exclusively for Deaf athletes, under the auspices of the world's oldest sports organization for the disabled- the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf.

Dr. Donaldda Ammons received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Philosophy with distinction from Gallaudet University in 1974. She obtained her Master's degree in Education with concentration in foreign languages from Western Maryland in 1977 and her Doctor of Education degree in 1988 from Nova Southeastern University in higher education,

with area of concentration in foreign language education.

She became a faculty member of the department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in 1977, specializing in Spanish. In 1996, she was honored as the Gallaudet Distinguished Professor of the Year.

She also directed the Foreign Study Program, organizing travel aboard programs for Gallaudet undergraduate students in 17 countries and serving as a key resource person for faculty and agencies serving the deaf in other countries for international studies and projects. Dr. Ammons was lauded for facilitating, and leading Gallaudet's international programs on the behalf of Gallaudet students, academic community and the global deaf community.

Dr. Ammons is a contributing author of numerous articles on Deaf sports published in various journals and books and serves as field editor for PALAESTRA, a professional quarterly journal on sports for the disabled. She has traveled extensively to present papers and conduct workshops relating to language acquisition, human rights for deaf people, women in sports, and leadership in more than 50 countries.

Website: <http://www.iwg-gti.org/kumamoto2006/e/>

Australian's Cindy-Lu Fitzpatrick and Dean Barton-Smith Took Part of Official Queen Baton Relay

Cindy-Lu Fitzpatrick and Dean Barton-Smith were one of the 3,000 official Queen Baton Relay Runners out of the 300,000 nominees to take part. This event relates to Melbourne 2006 XVIII Commonwealth Games. For more information about the

Queen Baton Relay, click on this [link](#). Photos can be found [here](#).

International Committee of Sports for the Deaf extends congratulations to Cindy-Lu and Dean for their participation in the Queen Baton Relay.

Vice President of BDSC Passed Away

Teddy Webb, BDSC Treasurer, would like to inform the E-news readers that the former Vice President of British Deaf Sports Betty Shrine had passed away last Tuesday Morning 14th March, she was 87. She had been ill for some time and been in and out of hospital for the last 6 months.

Betty was involved with CISS as TD for Badminton in 1985 Los Angeles and 1989 Christchurch. She was also a Delegate for Great Britain to CISS Congress on many occasions.

She was herself involved in the World Games for the Deaf twice competing in athletics at London 1935, (she won Gold for 4x100m relay as Betty E Gibbons) and at Stockholm 1939.

Betty also participated as the manager of the Great Britain Team on a number of occasions for the tennis, table tennis and badminton teams for World games for the Deaf.

She was awarded the Gold Medal of Honour (BDSC) 1993.

Betty was a member and Vice President of the BDSC for many many years until she retired some years ago. Betty's late husband was a well known tennis player who played in the World Games. He won a Gold Medal for the mens doubles in 1939 and a silver for the mens individual in 1935.

She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Our sympathy goes to the Shrine family.

News From Hungarian Deaf Sports Association

We would like to take this opportunity to report about some recent changes within HDSF and this will impact on our organization's structure.

The General Assembly of our federation held an election some months ago. We also want to thank for the significant hard work of the previous presidency for deaf sportsmen in Hungary and meanwhile expressed our good wish for the future too, new President and Vice-President were elected.

We have pretty busy year ahead as foreseen to have the honour to host several important events as:

- 1st Orienteering World Championships
- Waterpolo European Championships
- World Championships of the Chess
- Our team qualifying in soccer with Spain

In 2006, representing the ever growing importance of deaf sports without borders with serving peace and common understanding between our cultures.

It is pretty coincidental that almost in the same time when International Committee of Sports for the Deaf Headquarters got relocated, HDSF has also changed our location last year and since then we are now in the building that our government provided us (called The House of Hungarian Sports) where everyone is together.

In this new and sophisticated environment the newly elected president is keen to continue our good partnership with our National Olympic Committee as well as other associations locally to show and act for mutual satisfaction

providing healthy conditions for our sportsmen's daily preparations and our website, www.msssz.hu will give information also in English soon to open the window for the fresh air and mutual understanding.

We all are about to invite more and more deaf young fellows to join the "equal in sport" behaviour and make their daily life more entertaining.

Athletes in the News

SWEDEN:

Annually in Sweden they recognize their best disabled sportsman and sportswoman of the year during a special Sports Gala Dinner. This year the winner goes to Alexandra Polivanchuk who is also one of the 2005 WIDEX Sportswoman of the year Finalists. Congratulations!

See some news clip on the webs:

http://www.idrottsgalan.com/filmklipp_2006/gala-handikapp.htm

AUSTRALIA:

A swell day for a dip off Torquay
By Clay Lucas
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MORE than 1600 swimmers completed yesterday's Danger 1000 ocean swim at Torquay, the sixth event in the summer's Sunday Age Swim Challenge.

All events in the series have featured record entries, with yesterday's race about 300 up on the previous record.

Conditions were ideal at Torquay, with temperatures in the low 20s, a light offshore breeze and clear skies.

Thousands of spectators packed the grassy slopes overlooking the normally flat Torquay family beach, which turned on a big swell, with waves of up to one metre.

Scott Prosser, winner of last week's Lorne Pier to Pub swim won the 18-to-29-year-old "Superfish" category in 10 minutes and 21 seconds. The 24-year-old, who swims at Jan Juc, beat teenager Sam Sheppard by three seconds.

And in an upset in the women's "Superfish" category, Kirsten Ulmer, 19, beat Sunday Age columnist Naantali Marshall by four seconds, finishing the race in 10 minutes and 59 seconds. It is the first time since 2004 that Marshall has been beaten.

Note: Scott Prosser is our winner of the 2005 WIDEX Sportsman of the Year. Congratulations to Scott for his continued success.

IOC In Brief

IOC Election Results

Election of five new IOC members, one new vice-president and two new members of the Executive Board

The 118th International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session today voted to elect five new IOC members, one IOC Vice-President and two Executive Board members.

New IOC members

Beatrice Allen (Gambia), Vice-President of the Gambia National Olympic Committee; Nicole Hoevertsz (Aruba), Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee of Aruba; HRH Prince Tunku Imran (Malaysia), President of the Olympic Council of Malaysia; Francesco Ricci Bitti (Italy), President of the International Tennis Federation; and Hein Verbruggen (Netherlands), Executive Vice-President of the International Cycling Union, were elected as IOC members. With the election of Beatrice Allen and Nicole Hoevertsz, the number of female IOC members is now 14.

These five new members will serve a mandate of eight years. As of today, the IOC has 115 members.

New IOC Vice-President

Thomas Bach was elected as IOC Vice-President, as James L. Easton came to the end of his mandate as first Vice-President. Thomas Bach was an IOC Vice-President from 2000 to 2004 and he is currently Chairman of the Juridical and Sport and Law Commissions. The four IOC Vice-Presidents are: Gunilla Lindberg, Lambis V. Nikolaou, Chiharu Igaya and Thomas Bach.

Two new Executive Board Members

There was also a vote for the position of two EB members due to the terms of Alpha Ibrahim Diallo and Toni Khoury coming to an end. Mario Pescante and Sam Ramsamy were

elected to the EB as members. The EB comprises Gerhard Heiberg, Denis Oswald, Mario Vázquez Raña, Ottavio Cinquanta, Sergey Bubka, Zaiqing Yu, Richard L. Carrión, Ser Miang Ng, Mario Pescante and Sam Ramsamy.
