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Letter from the President

Due to current unrest situation at Gallaudet University, the place of my employment, I am regrettably unable to submit a lengthy report for this month.

Nevertheless, I wish to report that Ms. Tiffany Granfors, Executive Director and I had a rewarding and productive trip to Athens, Greece for the site visit of facilities for the 2013 Summer Deaflympics. The overview is that the city of Athens can be successful in hosting the 22nd Summer Deaflympics in 2103 with all the resources that are already available from the 2004 Olympics. The only major challenge is to secure substantial support from the Department of Sports of Greece. The Hellenic Athletic Federation of the Deaf will make a formal bid presentation during the 40th Congress in Salt Lake City next February.

Immediately after Greece, I flew to Switzerland for a meeting with IOC President Jacques Rogge at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne. My visit with President Rogge was published in the [Olympic news](#). At that meeting, President Rogge promised to write a letter after consulting with the IOC Legal Affairs, to affirm that ICSD is the international governing body of deaf sports including Deaflympics. He also clearly stated that ICSD as a recognized federation of IOC- for deaf sports, shall not be allowed to use the following:



1. the term- "Games" in connection with the Events.
2. the mark of DEAFLYMPICS to identify the ICSD.
3. the mark of DEAFLYMPICS on ICSD letterhead or any other printed materials.
4. And that all members of ICSD shall abide by those restrictions aforementioned.

It was then agreed that IOC and ICSD would soon create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which is forthcoming in a couple of weeks. With Rogge's letter and MOU, ICSD is committed to maintaining a harmonious relationship with IOC and National Olympic Committees and National Paralympic Committees. We anticipate mutual respect and cooperation. See you soon in Salt Lake City!

Dr. Donalda K. Ammons
President

Inside ICSD

Report from Vice President

Greetings readers!

The 16th Winter Deaflympics is approaching quickly to 1st February 2007 so we better start now packing and preparing for our important mission to Salt Lake City.- the sportspersons, officials, coaches, delegates to the Congress and supporters! The most important task is PARTICIPATION in the most prestige deaf sport event of the year 2007.

At the last management team meeting in Athens, Greece we had prepared final proposals to the Congress in Salt Lake City after we had mainly agreed to the proposals at the Executive Meeting that took place in March 2006 in Salt Lake City. Congress proposals will be sent to you for your review and we do hope that you review and discuss them at your national deaf sport federation executive meetings.

My final word to you: I have started seriously keeping fit by riding bikes. Once sportsperson always sportsperson, we should stick to physical training for several following reasons:

1. Keeping fit
2. Be healthy
3. Once sportsperson always sportsperson
4. Feeling young
5. Opening healthy mind
6. The most important : Be a role model to all young deaf people!

I hope you also take a physical hobby like bike riding, swimming, jogging, golfing, etc. Therefore I would like to see you healthy with healthy mind at the Congress.

Happy reading and happy exercising!

David Lanesman

Report from Sports Director

I am very happy to inform you with the fact that 3 World Deaf Championships took place this year in 2006 and were very successful in reaching their achievements. Those 3 events were:

- Cycling in San Francisco, United States
- Golf in Edmonton, Canada
- Orienteering in Veszprem, Hungary

We, ICSD, thank all National Deaf Sports Federations who were involved, namely the United States, Canada and Hungary, very much for their warm support and hospitality.

I was happy to have taken part as a representative for ICSD at the first World Deaf Orienteering Championships in Veszprem, Hungary. I would like to thank the National Deaf Sports Federation of Hungary for their wonderful hospitality as much as the experienced technical director, Mr. Marek Mir-Marckiewicz, Denmark for his important part. They all have done everything to make this World Championships happen in a very successful way and it will never be forgotten. All in all about 82 sportsmen, 20 coaches and fans from about 14 countries can take home this wonderful experience and keep them in good memory. Orienteering really is a very attractive and innovative sport. The most successful countries of this year's World Championships have been Ukraine, Russia, and Lithuania. All other countries demonstrated real good sportsmanship and did their best.

If you would like to get more information and results about the first World Deaf Orienteering Championships in Veszperm, Hungary, you can look into the website for more information at www.deaforienteering.org It's worth checking out!



Mr. Janos, Mr. Willmerdinger, Mr. Mir-Makiewicz, Mr. Sándor and Mr. Zsolt



2006 World Deaf Orienteering Championships

From 1-3 September in Munich a tennis inspection took place for Dresse and Maere Cups 2007. This was organised by the German Deaf Sports Federation. During the inspection we also took this opportunity to work on the tennis raking list and tennis draw issues that has been unresolved for many years. Guido Giovanetti, ICSD TD Tennis, Josef Willmerdinger and Tobias Burz, Tennis Consultant, sat down and worked on this issue during that weekend and we thought we came up with a good solution. We hope everybody will be satisfied and happy with the result. The information will be shared

with the tennis community in the upcoming months. If you do have any further feedback, please share them with us. Please contact us through Guido Giovanetti (tennistd@ciss.org), or Josef Willmerdinger (willmerdinger@ciss.org).

It is only three more months until the 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, United States. We still have a lot of work to do. I ask everybody to study the winter sports-rules carefully in order not to have problems and misunderstandings at the Games. It is very important to know the rules well, not only for us, the ICSD, but also everybody who is involved with the Winter Deaflympics.

I would like to point out a few examples:

1. Alpine Skiing: Equipment for sporting competition
 - o **Plombs**, see Technical Regulations – Alpine Skiing, [9.7. Competition Suits](#)
 - o **Ski Length**, see under FIS – Specifications for Competition Equipment and Commercial Markings 2006/2007 B. Alpine Competition Equipment [1.2.1.1 Ski length](#)
2. Ice Hockey: 20 Players and 3 Goalkeepers
 - o For some reason some countries seem to think they can bring more than a total of 23 players (20+3). I would like to refer you to the regulation [8.4 Number of Players](#). The entire text can be found on our website at www.deaflympics.com and the Ice Hockey regulations have been sent to each Members last March 2006. The rules are very clear.

I want to thank you all for your support and the harmony in the team for the 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, United States (1 - 10 February 2007).

We are very happy to announce our new Technical Director for Football, Mr. Christof Niklaus from Great Britain. I wish to thank Mr. Christof Niklaus and UK Deaf Sports for their support! Please read his message in this October 2006 issue.

I continue to work hard on finding Technical Directors for judo and taekwondo. We welcome nominations. Please contact me at willmerdinger@ciss.org or at the headquarters at info@ciss.org.

With sporty greetings,

Josef Willmerdinger
ICSD Sports Director

Message from Technical Director - Athletics

1st World Deaf Athletics Championships

At the meeting for athletics after the Melbourne Games Venezuela presented a proposal to host the 1st World Deaf Athletics Championships in 2008. The proposed date and venue were around 21-28 September in the city of Barquisimeto. The latest news is that the venue probably will be Caracas which will make the transport to and from Venezuela more convenient.

We are waiting for more information but it has not been easy to communicate with the Venezuelans. I have been told that detailed information, brochures, etc., will be distributed at Congress in Salt Lake City where the Organising Committee will be ready to answer questions too.

There is now two years left and I am looking forward to having the 1st ever World Deaf Athletics Championships.

Many new Junior and World Records

Since the season started in March/April we have seen a lot of new World Records and Junior World Records. We know that there could have been more but some countries have not submitted applications and the necessary documents, probably because the results do not conform to the IAAF Rules. We now are at the end of the season (at least in the Northern Hemisphere) and I am pleased to list the new Junior/World Records below. A few ones are still under review but I hope that they all will be recognised before the end of the year. I have to remind all to use the appropriate ICSD Application form when applying for a World Record. We do not accept the forms used by the Regional Confederations.

Barbara C. Søndergaard
ICSD Technical Director Athletics

2006 APPROVED WORLD RECORDS

MEN

3000m	8:21.83	NOWAK Rafal (1975)	POL	10 Jun 2006	Poznan, Poland
3000m steeplechase	8:57.33	NOWAK Rafal (1975)	POL	27 May 2006	Biala Podlaska, POL
	8:57.31	NOWAK Rafal (1975)	POL	21 Jul 2006	Bydgoszcz, POL
pole vault	5.06	SOUTHERN Patrick (1982)	USA	15 Apr 2006	Lincoln, USA
hammer throw	57.64	MORIMOTO Masatoshi (1985)	JPN	13 May 2006	Saitama, JPN
	59.44	MORIMOTO Masatoshi (1985)	JPN	13 May 2006	Saitama, JPN

WOMEN

10000m	36:36.21	ALDER-BAERENS Nele (1978)	GER	14 May 2006	Berlin, GER
hammer throw	48.14	DAVISON Joanne (1964)	GBR	14 May 2006	Crawley, GBR
	48.36	DAVISON Joanne (1964)	GBR	14 May 2006	Crawley, GBR
	49.97	DAVISON Joanne (1964)	GBR	17 Jun 2006	London, GBR
javelin throw	44.96	OLENKO Kairit (1985)	EST	22 Jul 2006	Tallinn, EST
10km	36:52	ALDER-BAERENS Nele (1978)	GER	5 Aug 2006	Berlin, GER

2006 APPROVED WORLD JUNIOR RECORDS

MEN

800m	1:59.0	RATHEY Douglas (1988)	GBR	3 Jun 2006	Middlesbrough, GBR
1500m	4:18.80	HELMIS Daniel (1988)	GER	2 Jun 2006	Essen, GER
	4:16.63	HELMIS Daniel (1988)	GER	2 Jul 2006	Berlin, GER
	9:27.32	MARSCHNER David (1990)	GER	29 Apr 2006	Wenden-Gerlingen, GER
3000m	9:25.84	HELMIS Daniel (1988)	GER	21 May 2006	Berlin, GER
	9:17.10	MARSCHNER David (1990)	GER	17 Jun 2006	Kevelaer, GER
	9:15.23	MARSCHNER David (1990)	GER	23 Jun 2006	Siegburg, GER
5000m	16:43.03	HELMIS Daniel (1988)	GER	14 May 2006	Berlin, GER

WOMEN

100m (** tied **)	13.05 (w 1.1)	DAUSCH Marta (1987)	GER	1 Jul 2006	Schwerin, GER
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2006 AWAITING RATIFICATION WORLD RECORDS

MEN

10km	34:39	GÖPFERT Thomas (1979)	GER	3 Sep 2006	Karlsdorf-Neuthard, GER
	33:43	GÖPFERT Thomas (1979)	GER	15 Apr 2006	Rheinzabern, GER
100km	9:57:50.6	ROSENBAUM Jörg (1966)	GER	9 Jun 2006	Biel, SUI

WOMEN

3000m steeplechase	12:11.99	MÁRQUEZ BURDALLO Sandra (1977)	ESP	19 Jul 2006	Corrales de Buelna, ESP
long jump	5.9 (w -1.0)	BACHMATIUK Magdalena (1986)	POL	9 Sep 2006	Poznan, POL
triple jump	12.92 (w 1.2)	BACHMATIUK Magdalena (1986)	POL	14 Sep 2006	Kodz, POL

2006 AWAITING RATIFICATION WORLD JUNIOR RECORDS

MEN

4x100m relay	44.90	CONN Philip (1989)	USA	6 May 2006	Waco, USA
		LANE Cruz (1989)			
		PEREZ Justin (1990)			
		HUDSON Kevin (1988)			
4x400m relay	3:33.84	HUDSON Kevin (1988)	USA	6 May 2006	Waco, USA
		PEREZ Justin (1990)			
		LANE Cruz (1989)			
		DIAZ Wesley (1987)			

Message from Technical Director - Cross Country Skiing

The summer is over, the air is colder, and I look forward to snowfall again in a few weeks! I know that the upcoming weeks is important for all deaf winter sport athletes in their training and preparations for the 16th Winter Deaflympics 2007 in Salt Lake City, United States.

The venue of the cross country skiing competitions will be in Soldier Hollow! I visited this venue during my inspection in March 2006 with the ICSD and Winter Deaflympics Officials. I met Jeff Lewis, Director of Competition, GOC, Howard Peterson, General Manager of Soldier Hollow and John Peterson, Chief of Race at Soldier Hollow during my site inspection. I was very impressed with the courses, facilities and technical support at Soldier Hollow. I feel sure that the technical organization of the cross country skiing will be thoroughly professional!

For the first time in Winter Deaflympics cross country skiing competition, we have made a new schedule for women and men: 1.3km individual sprint, 10/15 km mass-start, 15/20 km pursuit and team sprint. 3x10 km relay for men will go as planned, but 3x5 km relay for women has been cancelled (only three countries signed up).

After receiving the final entry names I will make a starting order list based on ranking lists from previous results in 2003 Winter Deaflympics and European Deaf Championships.

I hope that this new cross country skiing competition schedule will give inspiration and more exciting feeling among the athletes and spectators. Also as a result from this, encourage more cross country skiers within the National Deaf Sport Federations to compete.

For more information about the schedule and technical regulations of the cross country skiing competition, I ask you to visit www.deaflympics.com and www.2007deaflympics.com

Look forward to meeting and working with all of you in Salt Lake City next February!

Knut B. Kjøde,
ICSD Technical Director Cross Country Skiing

Message from Technical Director - Football

Allow me to introduce myself as I have only recently been appointed the Football Technical Director for the ICSD. My name is Christof and although I am a born and bred Englishman, my name comes from Switzerland where my family comes from.

I am quietly confident that my Swiss background will enable me to act neutral in fulfilling my duties and responsibilities within the role for the ICSD.

Just so that everyone is clear which competitions I shall be involved in:

- World Deaf Futsal Championships, Sofia, Bulgaria: November 2007
- World Deaf Football Championships, Athens, Greece: July 2008
- Summer Deaflympics Football Competition, Taipei, Taiwan: August/September 2009

At this stage, I do not have much to report as I am still getting my teeth into my new role, reading up on the recommendations from the previous football competition held at the last Summer Deaflympics in Melbourne, 2005.

Together with my responsibilities in co-ordinating the football competitions, I shall

seek to introduce a plan aimed at ensuring a fairer and clearer procedure of qualifying for future international deaf football competitions in the long term.

Please take note that the Football Technical Regulations has been revised with minor changes added. The latest version can be viewed and/or printed at: <http://www.deaflympics.com/sports/regulations.asp?SC=Football>

For any general or specific football enquiries in relation to the above competitions, please email me at footballtd@ciss.org

Please feel free to email me any deaf football enquires to:

- ask about the above deaf football competitions
- clarify about any deaf football technical or non-technical queries
- express your honest opinion and suggestions for improvements

Although I have new ideas to progress and develop deaf international football, I really would like to hear from you with your first hand experiences and suggestions.

Great Britain Women Bronze medallist (Melbourne 2005), Sarah Davies, 19 years old, was tragically killed in a road accident last month. She was a popular and talented player respected by her team mates and opponents worldwide. Sarah's Great Britain number 15 shirt has now been withdrawn from all future matches as a mark of respect, which is a nice and ultimate gesture by her team mates. Sarah's obituary can be read at www.britishdeaffootball.com

All of us at ICSD would like to pass on our condolences to Sarah's family.

I would like to thank UK Deaf Sport for their support towards my enthusiasm to be the

ICSD Football Technical Director. I look forward to the challenges ahead to co-ordinate the deaf football competitions and also with the assistance of each deaf sports federations, we can together empower deaf football on a national and international scale.

Finally, I would like to thank those of you who have expressed your good wishes at my recent appointment.

Regards

Christof Niklaus
ICSD Football Technical Director

Message from Technical Director - Snowboard

Winter is coming soon which means the 16th Winter Deaflympics is also coming soon! I hope you often check the webpages pages of www.2007deaflympics.com and www.deaflympics.com. Its with great regret I have to tell you that one of four snowboard events at the 16th Winter Deaflympics, "Boardercross" has been cancelled. The reasons are as follows: The officials of Park City made the decision to cancel Boardercross for 16th Winter Deaflympics because of too many bad injuries and bad experiences with this kind of sport in the recent years. They do not want to be responsible for bad situation at Park City. But the good news is that Boardercross will be replaced with Slopestyle. This is one of the newest events for the next Winter Deaflympics! Slopestyle as an event is very challenging. Slopestyle is a form of freestyle snowboarding competition. In slopestyle, the rider or skier is free to choose his or her own route through a course consisting of various terrain features, such as bumps, rails, and jumps. Judges determine the winner based on the degree of difficulty and execution of each trick. All the other snowboard disciplines such as Parallel Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom

and Halfpipe will be taking place as usual. I hope very much that a lot of riders take part at the Slopestyle event. The Deaflympics Team wish you much success in training for Slopestyle and all the other Snowboard events.

Marco Galmarini
ICSD Technical Director Snowboard

Message from Technical Director - Swimming & Water Polo

Greetings,

Recent summer was busy, fast, and exciting for many swimmers, water polo players, and officials.

Swimming

World Records - ICSD recognized sixteen (16) new world records. Five (5) in long course (50m) and eleven (11) in short course (25m). Women were exceptionally active breaking fifteen (15) of these records. Swimmers, congratulations! I predict world, regional, and national records will continue to fall in the next three years, 2007-2009.

2007 World Deaf Swimming Championships – Last month, I traveled to Taipei and I was well received and hosted. I had the opportunity to meet with many officials and to inspect the pool. The organization and preparation of the committee is going well. This competition and event will be rewarding and successful. Please check the website, <http://w2007.ncpes.edu.tw/index.htm> By now, countries should have received a formal invitation and program book. If not, please contact Chinese Taipei Sports Association of the Deaf (CTSAD). Preliminary entries are due **30 November 2006**.

Water Polo

EDSO – Thank you Hungary for hosting the recent European Deaf Water Polo Championships. Four countries participated.

The final games were thrilling and close. Ireland beat the Netherlands 10-9 for bronze and fourth place. Hungary beat Germany 13-11 for the gold and silver medals. Congratulations to the Hungarian water polo team!

World Deaf Water Polo Championships - ICSD is still looking for countries to bid and host the 2007/8 and 2011 competitions. Please contact me for assistance or dialogue.

Future of sport – I am concerned with the decreasing number of countries supporting water polo programs. There were only four teams in the recent Deaf European Water Polo tournament. No countries came forward or express an interest to host the next World Championships. Several countries that have a water polo program have not registered for the 2009 Summer Deaflympics. I do not want to see a repeat of 1989 Christchurch Summer Deaflympics when the water polo competition was cancelled due to insufficient number of teams. Please encourage your national sports association to; 1) develop, expand, and maintain water polo programs, 2) register a water polo team for the 2009 Taipei Summer Deaflympics, and 3) bid for the next World Deaf Championships.

I look forward to the year of 2007. Meeting and working with you. Hosting, competing, and succeeding. Salt Lake City Winter Deaflympics and Taipei Championships will come soon. See you there!

Aquatically yours,

Reed Gershwind
ICSD Technical Director Swimming & Water Polo

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Update

WADA 2007 Prohibited List Now Published

Montreal, September 29, 2006 - Following its approval by WADA's Executive Committee on September 16, the 2007 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods is now available. This List will go into effect January 1, 2007.

To see the 2007 List, the 2007 Monitoring Program and a summary of modifications, click [here](#).

Code Review & Consultation: October 2006 Update

Montreal, October 3, 2006 - Beginning this month, WADA will publish a monthly update to keep stakeholders apprised of progress in the Review & Consultation of the World Anti-Doping Code (Code). The Review & Consultation is modeled on the extensive process that was used with stakeholders for the initial development of the Code and stresses practical and constructive solutions for enhancing anti-doping programs worldwide.

Our first update includes a summary of activities and links to presentations since the Review & Consultation was launched in March 2006.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Inside Deaflympics

Snap of 21st Summer Deaflympics Progress

Chinese Taipei Sports Association of the Deaf, with the support from the Taipei City Government, won the bid for hosting the 21st Summer Deaflympics, Taipei, 2009 (T2009) in February of 2003. There are 3 years left to the Event from now. During the preparation from 2003 to 2006, every achievement of the Organizing Committee (OC) is so brilliant, especially in 2006. The major accomplishments of T2009 at this stage are:

PROMOTION

1. Walking for Health Event on New Year's Day: T2009 displayed at Walking for Health Event on January 1, 2006, which is organized by the Hope Foundation. There were 5,000 people participated in the Event. The Hope Foundation is directed by Ms. Jeng Ji, who was a world famous female athlete.
2. Frog Race at the Dragon Boat Festival: T2009 organized a promotional event of Frog Race at the Da-Jia Riverside Park on May 31, 2006, the day of Chinese Traditional Dragon Boat Festival. The Frog Race is also a fundraising event as the same as "Duck Race". People can donate T2009 by "adopting" a floating Sky Frog, the T2009 Mascot. There were 100,000 people watching the race by the river, and about 10 million people in Taiwan learned the news of this event from the media.
3. Bicycle Parade: Famous deaf sportsmen participated in a bicycle parade which was host by Taipei City and Taipei County Governments. The event caught 30,000 people's eyes on Deaflympics.
4. Promotion At Important Sports Over Taiwan: T2009 made promotions at various national sports events in Taiwan and impressed 3 million people through displays and media.
5. Volunteer Oath-Taking Rally: Thousands of volunteers took an oath to serve at T2009 at the 3-years-to-go event on September 10, 2006. The rally was witnessed by Dr. Ying-jeou Ma, the Mayor of Taipei City, Dr. Chuan-Show Chen, the Minister of National Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, Ms. Shih-hsin Chen, the Olympic Tae Kwon Do gold medalist of 2004, and showed a great popularity among Taiwan. This event also attracted a great deal of media to report and caught eyes of 2 million people on it.
6. Taiwan Deaf Culture Exhibition: In order to make all circles understand Deaf Culture and Deaf Community, and to show abilities of the Deaf, Taiwan Deaf Culture Exhibition took place for five days (Sep 9-13) at the Taipei Arena during the 3-years-to-go event. There were 3,000 inspectors every day.
7. Count Down Clock: The Korean company – Samsung donated a count down clock to T2009 at Taipei Arena Square. The clock is shaped into a 12-meter-high gesture, and will be unveiled by Mayor of Taipei City, President of Samsung Company and Chairman of T2009 Foundation on December 9, 2006, at 1,000-days-to-go Ceremony.
8. Request for Proposal on Corporate Identity System (CIS) of T2009: In order to carry global marketing out, T2009 provides 10,000 US Dollars as a prize to request for proposal on CIS. The award-winning works will be announced on the day of 1000-days-to-go Ceremony.



9. ING Road Running: ING Antai Life is a global company and they host Road Running Event every year, the biggest road running event in Taiwan. It will take place in December and is estimated at about 100 thousand runners to participate in. T2009 will promote there.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

1. The Sign Language Training Course: T2009 opens sign language training courses such as basic, advanced, ASL, etc., as well as training class for teachers to meet the needs for sign language service. There are 600 people been trained at present.
2. International Work Shops: In order to make T2009 staffs have international view and speciality for services, we invited specialists on practical affairs of sports event management, Deaflympics, and venue operating from USA, Australia, Greece, Italy to give lessons.
3. Professional Knowledge Program For Volunteers: T2009 hosts 1 or upwards professional programs every month in average. The volunteers learn better ideas of devoting and serving for Deaflympics from the program. More than 600 volunteers have been trained.



VOLUNTEER RECRUITING

We have 1,200 people signed up to be T2009 volunteers. It is expected to top 2,000 volunteers at the end of the year and to reach our basic goal 3,000 before March of 2007. To satisfy the wish of all to be involved in T2009, the OC provides an allocation of 5,000 volunteers for enthusiastic people to extend their international view, fulfill their various goals of life to serve the guests and to be self-experienced without any recompenses. Foreigners are welcome to join us.

ADVERTISING

In order to expand the popularity of T2009, the OC take advantage of several ways to advertise, such as: light boxes at the international airport and MRT Station, flags of activity, representing by well-known people (Dr. Ying-jeou Ma, the Mayor of Taipei, Ms. Shih-hsin Chen, the Olympic Tae Kwon Do gold medalist of 2004, Ms. Hsiao-shu Wang, deaf fashion model), posters and handbills, souvenirs, website promotion (<http://www.2009deaflympics.org/en/about.html>), channel of sponsors (more than 80 branches of White Sugarcane Shabu Shabu), media, global advertising (to ICSD Members), promotion in campus (by giving lectures to the students of more than 20 universities and colleges).



In addition, T2009 also sets up a spokesman system. Mr. Yu-ping Chao, President of T2009 Foundation, serving as the first spokesman, Dr. Kong-ting Yeh, Chief Executive Officer of T2009, serving as the second spokesman, who both deliver information related to T2009 to the public.

According to the statistics as the following, the advertising impact is about 90 million people in this year.

Promotion	Number of people who are impacted
Information on the official website	1,000,000
Flags (on streets in Taipei City)	50,000,000
Advertisement on MRT and buses	
Media's report	20,000,000
The number of the Participants in the number in all kinds of activity	1,000,000
Relevant materials in manual of various activities of the year 2007	5,000,000
Advertisement in the airport (Taipei Songshan Airport and Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport)	10,000,000
Total	87,000,000

SOCIAL RESOURCES COLLECTING

In order to offer a perfect service to foreign friends, the T2009 OC needs to collect resources values at nearly 200 million NT Dollar(cash or goods and materials) by ourselves. Now the sponsorship plan has been finished, and divided the main sponsors into four levels as Gold Dragon, Silver Dragon, Yellow Dragon and Red Dragon. It offers all kinds of feedback service with the particularity of the Games for benefiting mutually and having a win-win situation.

THE WARM-UP MATCH

In the last April, China Taipei Sports Association of the Deaf was granted by ICSD to host the 2nd World Deaf Swimming Championships in August 12-16, 2007, which will be a touchstone of service function of T2009. All preparatory work of the Championships will be also dealt by the old staff of T2009. We welcome all swimmers from everywhere in the world to come to Taiwan to enjoy our warm reception.

VENUE & FACILITIES

T2009 venues in principle are centralized in Taipei City, Taipei County and Taoyuan County. The distance among the venues of 18 events is about 40 minutes to drive. The competition venue of 2007 World Deaf Swimming Championships is at the swimming pool of National College of Physical Education and Sports in Taoyuan County.



THE FOREIGN GUESTS VISITING

In order to make people from all around the world understand the situation of preparation of T2009, the OC has already made a perfect reception process and welcome

foreign friends to visit. So far there are more than 30 foreign guests visited us including: Ms. Natalie Dean, Group Manager of Marketing & Communications of Melbourne Deaflympics 2005, Mr. Yannis Pyrgiotis, Technology Officer of Athens Olympic 2004, deaf sports delegations of the 1st Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Technical Seminar (about 20 guests from 10 Asian countries), Mr. Reed Gershwind, ICSD Swimming TD, and Dr. Don Hancock, Mr. Sporty Jeralds who both are experts from IAAM, International Association of Assembly Managers.



A reception process for foreign visitors

DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETITION AFFAIRS

There are 18 sports events in T2009 altogether. The OC has already accomplished the cooperation agreement with 18 individual sports associations in Taiwan, all of them are glad to spare no effort to support all kinds of T2009 competition affairs and technological works. A temporary competition schedule can be checked on T2009 official website: <http://www.2009deaflympics.org/en/about.html>

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION

T2009 OC headquarters has been moved into the Taipei Arena (Address: 4F., Taipei Arena, No.2, Sec. 4, Nanjing E. Ed., Songshan District, Taipei City 105, Taiwan, R.O.C., Tel: +886-2-25772009, Fax: +886-2-25772852). In order to promote the business more efficiently, T2009 OC set up 21st Summer Deaflympics Foundation which has 7 groups including Administration, Marketing, Community Coordination, Venue, Competition, Board & Lodging, and Information to provide various services for the Games. T2009 Foundation operates as an independent juridical person. Mr. Yu-ping Chao, Secretary General of Chinese Taipei Sports Association of the Deaf is serving as the Chairman of the Foundation and Dr. Kong-ting Yeh, professor of National College of Physical Education and Sports as the CEO.

Deaf Sports Events

DIBF News

2nd DIBF World Deaf Basketball Championships 2007

The DIBF is happy to announce the following countries approved for participating in 2007 World Deaf Basketball Championships in Guangzhou, China:

Men	Women
Australia	Australia
Belarus	-
Canada	Canada
China	China
Chinese Taipei	-
Estonia	Estonia
Greece	Greece
India	India
-	Ireland
Israel	-
Italy	-
Japan	Japan
Lithuania	Lithuania
Russia	Russia
Slovenia	Slovenia
-	Sweden
Ukraine	Ukraine
United States	United States

Waiting list: Has paid preliminary entry fees:
17 - Hong Kong, men

Have not paid preliminary entry fees:
18 - Brasil, men and women
19 - Ghana, men and women
20 - Turkey, men and women

1st DIBF U20 European Championships

The DIBF is very pleased to announce that 6 men and 5 women teams have confirmed their participation in the 1st DIBF Under 20 years old (U20) European Championships 5-8 October in Stockholm, Sweden. We are very happy for this and compare with the first European Championships 1975 for senior men in Turku, Finland where only 4 countries took part. A remarkable development to this first U20 European Championships.

Following countries have confirmed their participation:

Men	Women
Estonia	Estonia
Latvia	-
Lithuania	Lithuania
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DIBF Deaf Basketball Coaches clinic/development seminar in Manila, Philippines 7 - 10 September 2006

The DIBF hosted a Deaf Basketball Coaches clinic/development seminar in Manila, Philippines, 7 - 10 September 2006. There were 19 deaf coaches participants altogether – 2 were from Malaysia, 3 from Singapore, 2 from Hong Kong and twelve from Philippines with an average age of 27 years. On completion they were given signed DIBF certificate of participation. For more information, go to www.dibf.org.

DIBF Deaf Basketball Coaches clinic/development seminar in Harare, Zimbabwe

23 - 26 November 2006

The DIBF will carry through a Deaf Basketball Coaches clinic/development seminar in Harare, Zimbabwe, 23 - 26 November 2006. Participation from following countries is expected: Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Zambia, Botswana, Malawi, Swaziland, Congo and perhaps more.

Conductor and leader of the clinic/seminar will be: DIBF Secretary General Mr Kjell Gunna

Supervisor and event coordinator of clinic/seminar: Mr Pious Mkwesha, Zimbabwe Deaf Sports Federation

DIBF International Deaf Youth Basketball Camp in Nairobi, Kenya January 2007

The DIBF is planning to arrange the first International Deaf Youth Basketball Camp in Africa to be arranged in Nairobi, Kenya. All details are not clear yet but participation with five girls and five boys of age 14 - 18 year plus 2 leaders from each country participated in the clinic/seminar in January 2006 is expected. Altogether the DIBF count of about 50-60 participants. The Camp will be arranged after FIBA model "Basketball Without Borders" and in same style like in Vilnius, Lithuania summer 2005.

Kind regards,

Kjell Gunna
Secretary General
Deaf International Basketball Federation

Information on 2007 World Deaf Futsal Championships

http://www.deaflympics.com/news/enews/pdf/2007WorldDeafFutsalChampionships_01.pdf

Deaf Sports In Brief

1st World Deaf Orienteering Championships

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ICSD Technical Director Orienteering

Mathe and Oddone Net British Open Deaf Tennis Titles

Submitted by Guido Giovanetti, ICSD
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13th August 2006
by **Marshall Thomas**

Barbara Oddone of Italy and Gabor Mathe of Hungary both defied windy conditions to win the Men's and Women's Singles titles during Saturday's final day of the 3rd British Open Deaf Tennis Championships at the City of Nottingham Tennis Centre.

Eighth seed Mathe, who had reached the final after four successive straight sets victories, including a quarter-final win over National champion Peter Willcox, took control of Saturday's final against unseeded Australian Glen Flindell from the start, establishing a 4-0 lead before Flindell finally managed to clinch his first game. Having beaten four seeds to reach the final, including top seed and defending champion Anthony Sinclair in the quarter-finals, Flindell was nevertheless unable to get back in to the first set, which the impressive talented Hungarian won 6-1.

After being broken in the first game of the second set Flindell managed to hold his next two service games. However, Mathe's

consistency proved to be a telling factor and the Hungarian earned a double break cushion in the seventh game of the set before serving out on his second match point for a 6-1, 6-2 win. This British Open is Mathe's first major international deaf title, his previous best being runner-up at last year's Austrian Open.

In the Women's Singles five-time Summer Deaflympics champion Oddone maintained her phenomenal win record in international deaf tournaments when she eased past German third seed Heike Albrecht. Albrecht, in her first international deaf singles final, matched Oddone as both players gained two service breaks apiece in the first six games. However, another break for Oddone in the eighth game was enough to swing the momentum in her favour as she then served out the set.

Having lost her first set of tennis for many a year in similarly windy conditions in Friday's semi-final against Briton Beth Simmons, Oddone continued to cope better with the wind in the second set, swiftly opening up a 5-0 lead before being broken when serving for the match. However, having broken the Italian's serve Albrecht was unable to hold her own in the next game and Oddone converted her first match point to clinch the title 6-3, 6-1 on her first visit to the British Open.

There was British interest in both the Men's and Women's Doubles finals, but a home success in any of the Open events proved.

In The Men's Doubles Mathe collected his second title of the day when he partnered Mario Kargl of Austria to a 6-3, 7-6(5) victory over National champions and top seeds Sinclair (Crawfordsburn, Northern Ireland) and Willcox (Tiverton, Devon).

In the Ladies Doubles final former National champions Helen Cota (Doncaster, South Yorkshire) and Sally Smithley had a 4-0 first set lead against the Italian pairing of Oddone and Suzanna Ricci Bitti, but their efforts ultimately proved to no avail as Oddone also collected her second title of the day as she and Ricci Bitti came back to seal a 7-5, 6-2 win.

The Mixed Doubles final was an all-German affair between second seeds Tatjana Hebing and Gunnar Kett and Albrecht and Urs Breitenberger, with the unseeded pairing of Albrecht and Breitenberger securing a 6-4, 6-3 triumph.

The all-British Junior Boys Singles final was won by Jamie King (Southampton, Hampshire), who came from 2-4 down in the second set against Max Thorne (Dunstable, Bedfordshire) to seal a 6-2, 6-4 triumph. King and Thorne then paired up to win the Junior Doubles final, defeating Shaun O'Brien (Liverpool, Merseyside) and Michael Hadley (Wimborne, Dorset) 6-1, 6-0.

The Juniors Girls Singles was won by Shilpi Jaiswal from India, who beat Fatima Tebibel of Sweden 6-0, 6-2 in the final. Jaiswal, playing in her first deaf tournament, has been playing Futures events in India. Earlier in the week she had dropped one just game in her two round robin girls singles matches against Meanwhile, the Over 35 Singles title went to Jay Smithley of the United States, the winner of the Men's Singles at the 1st British Open Deaf Tennis Championships in 1999. In the final Smithley beat Pier Paulo Ricci Bitti of Italy 7-5, 6-2.

Ricci Bitti and his Belgian partner Eric Sonnemans later won the Over 35 Doubles final, beating the British pairing of William Lewis (Alton, Hampshire) and Bryan Whalley (North Harrow, Middlesex) 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Eighty of the world's leading deaf tennis players, representing 13 nations, have been

contesting the 3rd British Open Deaf Tennis Championships this week. Organised by the British Tennis Foundation in association with the British Deaf Tennis Association and UK Deaf Sport, the British Open was sanctioned by the International Committee for Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) and the European Deaf Sports Organization (EDSO) and was therefore an eligible tournament for players to gain points towards the International Deaf Tennis Ranking System.

The 3rd British Open Deaf Tennis Championships has been supported by Nottingham City Council, Owen Brown (Tents) Ltd, Gallowglass Ltd, Kia Motors and Pennine Spring Water.



Barbara received her trophy from Sir Geoffrey Cass

Three Deaf Yachtsmen Experienced a Transatlantic Ocean Voyage in July 2006

<http://www.gerrysmhughes.com/index.htm>

First deaf participant at World Orienteering Championships in Denmark

His name is Tomas Kuzminskis from Lithuania and He is Deaf. Tomas is among the best orienteering runners in Lithuania. He won several medals at 1997 World Games for the Deaf in Denmark, 2001 Summer Deaflympics

in Rome, 2005 Summer Deaflympics in Melbourne, and at 1996, 2000, 2004 - European Championships.

The 2006 World Orienteering Championships, under the International Orienteering Federation (IOF), was held in Denmark 1-5 August. Tomas Kuzminskis participated in long distance and middle distance events. He said that the terrain was very hard.

You can visit <http://www.woc2006.dk> and look for his competition results.

Congratulations to Tomas for participating in such an elite level competition under IOF!



Tomas Kuzminskis (LTU)

Seminar "No women, No Deaf Sport?"

The Swedish Deaf Sport Federation recently organised in Stockholm a seminar for women from each of the eight countries in Nordic Balticum Deaf Sport Federation (NBDSF), which consists of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden. The theme of this seminar was equality. The objective of the seminar would streamline the physical exercise possibilities and activities for Deaf women in the NBDSF member countries.

From October 14th- 15th, sixteen Deaf women from six countries (Iceland and Denmark were not present) came to Stockholm. There was a

programme with lectures, discussions, activities and networking for the future for Deaf women in the NBDSF member countries. I was invited as guest speaker to this seminar and I gave a lecture about Deaflympics and its history, structure and organisation. I also talked about my master degree thesis on the topic about empowerment in the Deaf Sports ([Deaf Sports: An Empowerment Perspective](#)) and applied it to Deaf women in Deaf Sports. At the end of my presentation, we had an interesting discussion about Deaf women and leadership. More Deaf women train and compete Sports than earlier years. At the 2005 Melbourne Summer Deaflympics 40% of the athletes were women. More Deaf females professionals like lawyers, doctors, reserachers and educators are involved in the ICSD commissions and offer pro-bono services. More Deaf women get higher positions within Deaf Sports. In 2005, the first Executive Director ever hired was a Deaf female! -Tiffany Granfors. For the 2005-2009 Executive Committee, there are 5 Deaf women members. They are representing 50% women. Our first Deaf female president for the ICSD was elected in 2005! –Donalda Ammons. During the discussion we agreed that we couldn't be satisfied, even though the ICSD has many women in the Deaf Sports. The ICSDs` motto is "**Equal Through Sport**". And this applies also for all female athletes, leaders and volunteers on the international, national and club level.

Therese Rollven, who is employed at the Swedish Deaf Sport Federation for the 2-years project "Education- and recruitment of women to leaders and administrators" gave a presentation about her job project. I personally think many countries could have the advantage of learning more about the equal-project in Sweden within Sports. The Executice Committee of Swedish Deaf Sport Federation decided in 2005 for a 4-year project about equality of opportunity and status for women in Sports in order to follow the policy of the Swedish Sport Confederation. The summary of the term "Equality in Sports" of Swedish Sport

Federation is: "Girls and boys, women and men through the sport movement should have the same rights, obligations and opportunities and they should share influence and responsible." The secondary goals of the equal-project are:

- Women and men should be represented at least 40% within consultation and resolution organ on all the levels.
- The nominations committee on all the levels should consist of equal number of women and men.
- Quota of female and male coached should be corresponded to the distribution among the actives in the respective sports.
- Quota of female personnel on higher dealings should be at least 30 %.

After the presentations of each NBDSF country, we summarized that the Deaf men considerably dominate the Deaf Sports. However, we agreed that the motto for the seminar "No Women- No Deaf Sports" is correct but we also suggested a motto like "No Men - No Deaf Sports". We concluded that both men and women can have advantage of each other in the work for Deaf Sports. One of the topics was also "how to be a good leader". At the end of the seminar the participants from the NBDSF-countries agreed that there is a big need to have more seminars for Deaf Women in Deaf Sports about Sport and Leadership in Deaf Sports in the future.

A big thanks to Therese Rollven and Maria Norberg for arranging the valuable seminar and a big thanks to Finnish Athletic Association of the Deaf for the financial support for the seminar. Please click this link ([No Women - No Deaf Sports?](#)) report from Therese Rollven and Maria Norberg about the seminar.

Siv Fosshaug
ICSD Executive Committee - Member at Large

Message from Hungary Deaf Sports

To add from our last article released in April, the Hungarian Deaf Sport Federation proudly reports that the 1st World Deaf Orienteering Championships took place in Hungary between 14-19th August 2006. It went pretty well with exciting battles in short / classic / mid and relay courses. Athletes from 14 countries participated in the Championship, among the top winners were athletes from Ukraine who collected 5 gold medals, other winners were Lithuania with 2 and Russia with 1. May we be proud to report that the Hungarian Team captured 1 silver and 1 bronze medal – complete results list can be found on www.deaforienteering.org

Another sports news in Hungarian Deaf Sports- from Nottingham UK., where Gabor Mathe won the Men's Singles title at the 3rd British Open Deaf Tennis Championships. This British Open is Mathe's first major international deaf title, his previous best being runner-up at last year's Austrian Open.

So, August 2006. appears to be shining brightly for us in Hungary and it is our pleasure to share this information with deaf sportmates' community also through this e-news channel of ICSD!

Hungarian Deaf Sports Federation

New Zealand Deaf Sportsman Passed Away

The New Zealand Deaf Sports Federation would like to share the sad news of **John McRae's** passing. Our condolences go to the McRae family and to New Zealand Deaf Sports Federation family.

John McRae was born 8 August 1927 and died 6 September 2006.

John McRae was a well known deaf wrestler during 1947 – 1965 both in his home town, Auckland, and overseas. He also had a wide interest in other activities through the hearing and deaf communities.

As a young boy, John boarded at the Sumner School for Deaf. He then went on to Titirangi (a new school for the deaf), after the World War II broke out, where he completed his schooling.

After leaving school his spare time was spent at the Auckland's YMCA playing basketball and wrestling. He entered the light-weight class of the New Zealand Wrestling Association. Within a short time he made one of the countries most outstanding young amateurs and developed into a fast and powerful young wrestler. For many years John met many opponents at the New Zealand Amateur Wrestling Championships by entering the following classes: light, welter and then middle weight before he retired from the wrestling sport.

During 1949, information about the World Deaf Games came to New Zealand initially by two Latvians, Rublis and Svikers, who had fled during an uprising in their country. John pointed out that he got his first encouragement to enter the World Deaf Games from Rublis, but he couldn't get the interest he had hoped for from others because deaf New Zealanders were much more focused on fundraising for their local Deaf Clubs. However, he went ahead, using his own money and traveled to Brussels for the 1953 World Deaf Games where he represented New Zealand.

By 1963 the New Zealand Deaf Amateur Sports Association was formed. A letter of interest from NZ was sent to the CISS (Comite International des Sports des Sourds).

His Achievements:

John gained the following titles: Auckland – Lightweight in 1949 and 1950, Welterweight in 1952, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1960, 1961, 1963 and 1964, North Island – 1962 and was NZ runner up in 1949, 1952, 1961 and 1963.

1952: John was named as the Most Scientific Wrestler of the Tournament. He received a medal and certificate from the Prime Minister, Sir Keith Holyoake.

1953: He won several NZ wrestling championships and decided to attend the World Deaf Games held that year in Brussels. John departed by ship in March to arrive in August paying for the fare himself.

1961: For the first time New Zealand entered the 9th International Deaf Games held in Helsinki (Finland). John entered and won medals for NZ in wrestling. He won a silver medal in the Freestyle class and a bronze in the Greco-Roman, Welterweight class.

1962: John won the middle weight class title in Wanganui, New Zealand.

1966: He retired from wrestling and joined the Te Atatu Table Tennis Club (Hearing) playing locally for ten years. He formed the New Zealand open table tennis for Deaf people and won the NZ singles table tennis for four years.

1968: He became the President of Auckland Deaf Society for three years and became involved in other committee work before and after his presidency.

1981: He was selected as team manager to go to Cologne, Germany for the 1981 World Deaf Games.

1983: John was one of two NZ delegates to attend the Winter Games at Madonna Di Campiglio (Italy), learning Gestuno (an international sign language) before departing. The hope was to win the bid for the next World Deaf Games held in six years time. They won by a majority vote.

1985: John with one other person attended the Los Angeles World Deaf Games and gave a successful promotional presentation regarding the planning of the 1989 Games.

1989: World Deaf Games in Christchurch, John was made an honorary officer and Vice President of NZDASA (New Zealand Deaf Amateur Sports Association).

Primarily John's simple pleasures of playing and participating in sporting activities started from the time he was at school. It has been a focus throughout his life and he has been good at it. His dedication to sport makes him a true role model for the youth of today.



IOC In Brief

Rogge Calls for a Greater Focus on Youth

IOC Press Release- 22 October 2006

“The Olympic Movement is above all an educational movement” stated International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Jacques Rogge at the opening ceremony of the 5th World Forum on Sport, Education and Culture today in Beijing. He added “Sports events such as the upcoming Games of the XXIX Olympiad are ideal platforms for information and education. They will also have a general educational impact on the world’s population, as we can all use them to learn and know each other better, in accordance with the motto for Beijing 2008 “One world, One dream”.

The President addressed the different activities undertaken in the field of education by the IOC, Olympic Museum, Olympic academies and universities. The Organising Committee for Olympic Games play a key role in Olympic Education, he explained. Since Calgary in 1988, each Organising Committee has created an educational tool enabling it to reach schools in the host country. “I am particularly proud that this effort is continuing today in China, and that millions of young Chinese children and adolescents are being acquainted with the power of the Olympic values, such as friendship, excellence and respect,” he underlined.

These are educational and cultural activities particularly aimed at young people, who represent, without a doubt, the future of the Olympic Movement. “...we must concentrate on this age group, which is attracted these days by other leisure activities, such as music, video games, the Internet and films. We must make a serious effort to maintain

their interest in sport and physical activity.”

The President explained how that the IOC and the Olympic Movement have integrated educational and cultural elements into numerous other activities, such as the transfer of knowledge in the framework of the organisation of the Olympic Games; projects for environmental protection, including the new “Guide to Sport, the Environment and Sustainable Development”; and developing, in the medical field, consensus documents with high educational value, for example on training of young athletes, or sexual harassment.

He continued by mentioning that the IOC’s educational mission also included all the efforts made to inform both elite and amateur athletes of the disastrous health consequences of doping. “Scientists and doctors who, through their anti-ethical behaviour, contribute to medicinal substance abuse must be stigmatised – which can be considered as another form of education,” he concluded.

Rogge meets with Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao

IOC Press Release- 25 October 2006

Jacques Rogge, the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), met today with the Chinese Prime Minister, Wen Jiabao, in the Chinese Capital Beijing - the host city for the next edition of the Olympic Games in 2008. President Rogge was accompanied by IOC Members: Hein Verbruggen (Chairman of the IOC’s Coordination Commission for the 2008 Beijing Games), Kevan Gosper (Vice-

Chairman of the IOC's Coordination Commission for the 2008 Beijing Games), Zaiqing Yu (IOC Executive Board Member) and Zhenliang He, as well as from the IOC administration by the IOC's Olympic Games Executive Director, Gilbert Felli.

Commenting on the meeting, President Rogge said, "I had a very productive meeting with Prime Minister Wen Jiabao today. We discussed a wide range of Games-related topics and talked about Chinese sport in general." He continued, "I was particularly heartened by the support and the commitment of the Chinese Government for the 2008 Games, which I expect to be of the highest quality thanks to this support and to the dedication of the leadership and staff of BOCOG and the enthusiasm of the Chinese people."
