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# Letter from the President

I am truly pleased to declare that the 2007 Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City was a success! It was well attended with over 5,000 spectators flying in from every corner of the USA and the world. There were 298 athletes and little more than 300 officials and staff participating in the Games for ten days. The success was an epitome of the USA Deaf Sports Federation's fervent pledge to the mission of Deaflympics. The world joins me in sending off thousands of hand waves to USADSF and the Organizing Committee!

As President of this prestigious organization, I am deeply committed to its mission of excellence in presiding over competitions among Deaf athletes from all over the world. Included in the many things that we do is to contribute to the development of sport opportunities; provide direct support for other nations; encourage research and scientific activities that contribute to the development of the Deaflympics; and establish policies that promote sports for Deaf athletes without discrimination. We do so much, but many objectives still need to be met.

In order to achieve our goals, we must first work on expanding our financial base. For the first time in Deaflympics history, we are campaigning for support from our circle of friends. The pursuit for continued success and excellence is infinite. I believe that with your encouragement and support, we will carry our legacy to far-reaching heights.

In addition to the excellence of the Games in Salt Lake City, the magic we experienced at the 2005 Summer Deaflympics in Melbourne is a testament of our ability to have made it possible for generations of Deaf athletes to participate in the Games. Our athletes from the past and present have a deep fire within, fueled by dreams and goals with a determination to succeed and a resolve to never give up. We are all a part of that fire, and we must help keep it burning. The future of our Deaf youth depends on it.

Now, I invite you to join me in my mission to help strengthen and expand Deaflympics' place in the world of sports. **Show your support by making donations today!** Our headquarter office address is:

528 Trail Avenue  
Frederick, Maryland 21701  
USA

On another note, I recently announced the establishment of an ad-hoc commission on Deaf Sports Reform. I, as an ex-officio member, will oversee the commission. The commission members, to be recommended by the Executive Committee and regional presidents, will be named shortly at the end of this month.

Why do we need a Deaf Sport Reform? In May 2001, the International Olympic Committee granted the name change of ICSD's quadrennial event from the World Games for the Deaf to Deaflympics. Therefore, to carry out the objectives and ideals of Olympism, ICSD recognizes the obligation to establish a special commission for Deaf Sports Reform.

The ad-hoc commission for Deaf Sport Reform will facilitate a Deaf Sport Reform symposium to be held 5-7 July, 2007 in Zagreb, Croatia. Participation in the symposium will be by invitation, including full members, associate members, technical directors and other invited individuals. Symposium attendees will have an opportunity to participate and contribute ideas for potential changes in the organizational structure and functions of sub-groups within the ICSD. The commission will make a preliminary report to the Executive Committee by September 2007. The report will be printed in the next issue of E-News.

For the next few months between May and August, we have a very busy competition schedule, with 3 European Championships, 3 World Championships, and 1 Regional multi-sport Games. Come out and support our athletes! For more information on these events, go to <http://www.deaflympics.com/games/calendar.asp>

Till next time,

Dr. Donalda K. Ammons  
President

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### **United Nations - Sport Treaty for Disabilities (Article 30.5)**

Below was excerpted from 2007 Sport UN Disability Booklet.

#### International Disability in Sport Working Group

The mission of the International Disability in Sport Working Group, in accordance with Article 30.5 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, is to advance and protect people with disabilities' human rights as they relate to sport.

1. To promote the advancement of human rights for people with disabilities as they relate to sport
2. To monitor the status of people with a disabilities' right to sport in all regions of the world.
3. To develop and support research that enhances people with disabilities' human rights to sport.
4. To develop and support sport and physical activity programs for people with disabilities.

All sports organizations submitted their comments including **ICSD** about the success of the Treaty. Please read [Sport UN Disability Booklet](#)  for details.

Dr. Donalda K. Ammons  
President

# Inside ICSD

## Report from Vice President

Hi friends of sports,

After the 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City in February 2007, all of you returned home with good memories of the Congress and the Winter Deaflympics. I encourage you to share with your fellow country members and friends both deaf and hearing about what took place in Salt Lake City to increase awareness of Deaflympics.

After the Winter Deaflympics, I went on a tour with my wife and visited the New Mexico School for the Deaf in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We found the school to be very impressive and were very impressed with the school's high quality sports center program. The sports center was named after the school founder Larsen and includes basketball hall, gym room, audience hall, storeroom and the management office. The team mascot is "Roadrunners"- At Gallaudet University the sports teams' mascot is called the "Bison".

The New Mexico School sports teams have impressive sports records – This past season they won the state football championships – their first championship since the last 29 years! - and they won their youth touch rugby's state championship in 2004 and 2005.

The school superintendent is Ron Stern who was the manager of USA Deaf Teams to Summer Deaflympics in 1997 and 2001.

Now back to work, I would like to remind you to settle membership dues - both old and current - before you are allowed to

participate in ICSD's sanctioned championships as well as the regional championships. If you have not paid your membership dues by April 2007 we add 2% interest every month after the balance is due.

David Lanesman  
ICSD Vice President

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## Report from Sports Director

Dear friends...

I regret to inform you that the 2007 World Deaf Bowling Championships in Singapore is CANCELLED due to not enough planning time and little information from the host.

The ICSD office has received all 2009 Summer Deaflympics Team Preliminary Forms. We have already announced that WOMEN Handball and WOMEN Waterpolo have been CANCELLED due to insufficient entries. There are some sports that are considered "at risk" and I would like to encourage your team to participate to make sure that this sport does not get cancelled. They are: MEN HANDBALL (7), MEN WATERPOLO (7), and WOMEN FOOTBALL (8).

Now, I would like to provide a report about the 16th Winter Deaflympics that have taken place from 1st to 10th of February 2007 in Salt Lake City USA.

From my opinion, the sport competitions have been successful. All competitions have proceeded in a peacefully and fair way, as there was hardly any trouble. I'm also

very pleased to say that all of our participants who were tested had passed the doping tests. I would like to say a huge thank you from the bottom of my heart to all sportsmen, trainers, managers and officials. In all perspective, it has been a fair game!

Of course I want to show my respect to all of our fabulous Technical Directors and consultant Michael Schmauser (TD Alpine Skiing), Marco Galmarini (TD Snowboard), Knut Kjode (TD Cross Country Skiing), Chris Bradley (TD Ice Hockey) and Dean Sutton (Consultant Curling – Demo). There are all newcomers, except Knut Kjode. Our teamwork is terrific and I'd like to say we all are made out of the same chemistry!

The most important link for good teamwork between us and the Technical Directors were the group of Tiffany Granfors (Executive Director) Wayne Langbein (Technical Operations Manager) and Sue Burnes (Office Assistant). We all felt like a great team! This is why all our never ending working spirit made the competitions take place without any interruptions at all.

I must not forget to send my regards and thanks to the Organizing Committee (OC) for the 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City USA. For this matter I would like to point out that Jeff Lewis, responsible for the Sports & Venues, always stood besides our Technical Directors.

Most importantly, I would like to send my personal respect to President Dr. Donald Ammons for her tolerance, authority, charisma, sensibility and enormous competence. She is by far a very outstanding person and has a very high understanding of how to have these games performed at the highest level.

And now I will promise you all to do my very best as Sports Director for ICSD and wish all

of you a good teamwork for the 2009 Summer Deaflympics in Taipei/Taiwan.



Knut Kjode, Dean Sutton, Mike Schmauser, Josef Willmerdinger, Marco Galmarini, Chris Bradley



Wayne Langbein, Tiffany Granfors, Sue Burnes

Josef Willmerdinger  
ICSD Sports Director

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

Greetings!

I was in Gröden, Italy for the Alpencup's 10 Years Jubilee. A total of 50 competitors (35 Men and 15 Women) from 8 Federations and 18 associations came to Gröden. Some competitors from the recent Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City/USA took part, too.

The winner woman of all competitions was Petra Kurkuva (CZE). Overall women's

winner of Alpencup 2007 was Petra Kurkuva (CZE).

The men's winners were: Martin Legutky (SVK), Mathias Becherer (GER), Phillipp Perchtold (AUT) and Roland Schneider (SUI). Overall men's winner of Alpencup 2007 was Phillipp Perchtold (AUT).

In the evening the winners received their Awards. I congratulated all winners and the Alpencup Leader Martin Larch, who has worked for Alpencup for 10 years.

I hope that the Deaf Alpine World Championships 2009 will take place in Turkey. I will work with the Turkish Deaf Sports Federation and ICSD and see what will transpire next.

Regards

Mike Schmauser  
ICSD Technical Director - Alpine Skiing

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### **Message from Technical Director – Athletics**

A new season is to begin shortly (at least in the northern hemisphere) and I wish all athletes good luck in their efforts to improve their results.

As usual we can expect a lot of new World Records for not only adults but also juniors. Please, be aware that junior records are for athletes born in 1988 or later.

We have developed new Record Application Forms for track/road as well as field events. These can be found – and printed – from the ICSD homepage: [www.deaflympics.com/athletes](http://www.deaflympics.com/athletes) Please be aware that the forms must be filled carefully and signed by all relevant officers. In the

past we often have seen that some signatures are missing or signed on a wrong place. The forms must be signed by the President and Secretary (or another officer) of the Deaf Sports Federation of the country where the meeting was held. It is important that you submit the documents listed on the form (programme, results, result sheet, etc.).

I wish everyone good luck for the coming season.

### **First World Championships 2008**

At the ICSD Congress in Salt Lake City, February 2007, the Venezuelan team gave a brief information about the arrangement of the first World Deaf Athletics Championships to be held in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, September 20-28, 2008.

After the Congress I had a meeting with the Venezuelan team to discuss details around the organisation of the World Championships. Among others I proposed that the Championships be held in Caracas instead of Barquisimeto because Caracas will have a new, fully renovated stadium ready in 2008. Caracas also has an international airport with more airlines and easier connections than Barquisimeto.

Unfortunately I have not received communications from the Venezuelan Organising Committee when this report is written. I hope to give more detailed news in the next issue of the eNews.

Barbara C. Søndergaard  
ICSD Technical Director - Athletics

## **Message from Technical Director - Badminton**

**My visit on 1st and 2nd March 2007 to inspect the Sport Hall, some hotels and the Press Conference for the World Deaf Badminton Championships in Mülheim/Ruhr.**

The Sport Hall where the Badminton Championships will be held is absolutely first class with full facility available, close to the City centre and railway station. I also checked some hotels and found them very nice and clean.

The Sport Hall will have 6 badminton courts with well over 1300 seats for the players and spectators during the World Championships. It also has proper meeting rooms where we will be having our technical meeting before and after the tournament.

The Yonex German Open the press conference for the World Deaf Badminton Championships that was being held on the 2nd at the Rhein Ruhr Sporthallen in Mülheim, at the venue of the upcoming world championships of the deaf.

After having opened the conference Sabine Grajewski, DGS Sports Director and head of the OC expressed our special thanks to Yoshihiro Yano, Managing Director at Yonex and Rachmat Hidajat, Yonex Salesmanager, who represent our main sponsor Yonex at this conference. In the course of the meeting the official clothing equipment for the German team were presented, the same outfit like the hearing German national team.

Moreover Sabine Grajewski mentioned our sponsors MEG (Mülheimer Entsorgungsbetriebe) and RWW (Rheinisch Westfälische Wasserwerke). She introduced Mr. Wind of the Mülheimer Sportservice, who has already supported the

DGS in the preparation and organisation of the championships as well as Mr Karl-Heinz Kerst, President of the DBV (German Badminton Federation), who as well granted further promotion.

All in all this conference had been an important opportunity to represent the deaf sports in general not only the deaf badminton sports.

One highlight was the drawing for the official badminton poster. Students of the design class of college for deaf and hearing impaired had delivered 8 layouts; three of them were nominated for a final drawing. The posters were represented by Anna Wawoczny, Bianca Kostrzewa and Imken Glandien. Josef Scheitle and Sabine Grajewski handed over a check of 200 Euro to the lucky winner- Anna Wawoczny for the students company of the RWB Collage.

I would like to thank the German Deaf Sports Federation for their excellent co-operation during my official visit.

## **2nd World Deaf Badminton Championships Update**

As of today I have received the Final entries from 21 different countries for participation in the world deaf badminton championships in September in Germany. I understand a few countries are still trying to sort out with important documents with their governments. I expect around 25 countries will show up but I will give you another update in the next issue with more details. At the moment 13 countries want to take part in the Team event and in the individual events, 58 men and 46 women. I expect this will be increased in due course.

I am pleased to inform you all that ICSD have put the official Badminton players' ranking lists. If you want to see them, please

go to [www.deaflympics.com](http://www.deaflympics.com) and go to Badminton section under Sports link.

If you have any questions relating to the World Championships and ranking lists, please do email me ([badmintontd@ciss.org](mailto:badmintontd@ciss.org)) and I will be happy to reply.



TD Martin Bogard answers the question



Display of Official Poster



Press Conference with Sports Director Sabine Grajewski



Yoshihiro Yano and Rachmat Hidajat from Yonex

Yours in Sports,

Martin Bogard  
ICSD Technical Director – Badminton

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### Message from Technical Director - Football

It has been an extraordinarily busy past few months for deaf football on the whole.

Preparations for the November World Deaf Futsal Championships being held at Sofia, Bulgaria are up to schedule with the Bulgarian Deaf Sport Federation keeping me up to date. With almost 7 months to go, I am excited about the prospect of seeing the top deaf footballers from all over the world battle it out on the pitches at Futsal.

Back in February, I attended a meeting at the Football Association in London with other key partners from the International Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability, the Cerebral Palsy International Sports & Recreation Association, the World Amputee Football Federation, and the International Blind Sports Federation.

After a lengthy discussion, it was generally felt that FIFA was continually being asked for help by several disability groups and it would be much more influential and productive if all the international disability sports

organisations spoke with "one voice" to promote disability football opportunities across the world.

We agreed to set up a World Disability Football Group to work with the FIFA to develop football and links with FIFA, e.g. support and recognition for each impairment football competition and tournaments. I felt proud to be the only deaf (and disabled) member of the World Disability Football Group acting as a representative for deaf football. I believe we must recognise and make the most of this fantastic opportunity to get deaf football on the world map. I will keep you updated on our progress through enews.

It was heart-warming to see support from other key partners of the group, as although they wanted to focus on Paralympics football, they did not want to exclude the Deaflympics or deaf football on the whole. We intend to work to see an increase in deaf and disabled football promoted through FIFA, e.g. on their website. The next meetings are to be held in Bonn, Germany and Amsterdam, Netherlands in June and September respectively.

Last month, I visited Katerini, Greece for the upcoming inaugural World Deaf Football Championships in 2008. Katerini is a 45 minutes drive from the city of Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. In the Macedonian coastlines, the climate is very mild and has the characteristics of Mediterranean climate. Both the Olympus and the Pierian Mountains protect the plain from the winds and largely contribute to the mild conditions best suited for football.

This was one of the main factors to relocate the World Deaf Football Championship to Katerini instead of Athens to provide the best possible conditions for the participants. The

competition will be held over 11 days: between 2nd July to 12th July 2008.

The Olympian Bay Hotel in Leptokaria will be used as a base for all players and officials. All six stadiums from Leptokarya, Pei Pori, Litochoro, Dion, Karitsa and Katerina are between All stadiums are located between 1.5kms and 15kms; approximately 5 / 20 minutes drive from Olympia Bay Hotel base.

I am confident that the Hellenic Deaf Sports Federation will able to deliver a quality World Deaf Football Championship in Katerini although they will have to get the ball rolling immediately as I am aware of the questions raised from the deaf football community about the tournament going ahead.

Please get in touch with your regional confederation if you are interested in entering the World Deaf Football Championship next year.

I would like to thank Ioannis Stoufis, Antonis Zaspalis, Andreas Rigas, Kiriazidis Paschalis of the Hellenic Deaf Sports Federation and Christos Dendrinis of the Hellenic Football Federation for their hospitality and kindness they showed during my visit in Katerini and Thessaloniki.



Kiriazidis Paschalis, Rigas Andreas, Ioannis Stoufis, Christof Niklaus, and Antonis Zaspalis



Map of Katerini

Regards

Christof Niklaus  
ICSD Technical Director - Football

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### Message from Technical Director - Shooting

Hi there fellow Shooting Competitors!

Congratulations to those who made the 16th Winter Deaflympics the success that it was. No doubt most of you will agree it ended too quickly and that it is a shame that we will have to wait another four years before there is another Winter Deaflympics.

Fortunately, in two years' time we will be celebrating the 2009 Summer Deaflympics in Taiwan. It will not be long before we are all together to take part in the Deaflympics again!

This will mean that our Shooting Competitors will be preparing and training hard for the 2009 Summer Deaflympics.

I would like to encourage more people to go to Taiwan to meet other Shooters from different Nations. This will be an excellent opportunity for Shooting Competitors to

make new friends or to renew old friendships.

I have been working with the ISSF to obtain more information about recent ISSF rulings regarding the number of nations competing for the World Records. I will be reporting on these in the next issue of eNews.

There have been New World Records being made by Shooting Competitors subsequent to my last eNews report. To ensure that these records are recorded by the ICSD, I encourage that these records be submitted without any delay following the record being made.

The ICSD website has the revised ICSD record application form for submission of world records in shooting. Please use this form when submitting world records.

My appreciation goes to Wayne Langbein for the work he did with updating the record application form.

Feel free to contact me ([shootingtd@ciss.org](mailto:shootingtd@ciss.org)) if you have any further questions about Deaf Shooting. I would be delighted to hear from you.

Mac Adam  
ICSD Technical Director Shooting

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### Message from Technical Director - Snowboard

It has been 2 months since Winter Deaflympics came to a close at Salt Lake City. I hope the beautiful times that everyone had at Winter Deaflympics remain fresh in memory.

The Winter Deaflympics 2007 ended for this year but before we realise it, the 2011 Winter Deaflympics at High Tatras, Slovakia will be

here! I was very pleased with the high level of enthusiasm and motivation among the snowboarders. I hope to see that this continues throughout the next 4 years into the 2011 Winter Deaflympics.

I would like to congratulate our gold, silver, bronze medal winners, including all of our snowboarders because everyone who participated in the competitions was a winner. I hope that they were well celebrated at home! They should share their experiences with our younger Deaf generations to promote the sport of snowboarding, to generate more interest in the sport of snowboarding among our young Deaf children. My goals are to increase the number of competitive snowboarders and to increase the number of country with its snowboarder representatives for Deaflympics. We want to promote this exciting winter sport to our next Deaf generation.

In the ICSD, we have decided that there will be a World Deaf Championship for winter sports, including snowboarding that will take place every 4 years, like Winter Deaflympics. So now, we will have a World Deaf Championship in 2 years then the next 2 years will be the 2011 Winter Deaflympics. The ICSD hopes to find an organizer for the next World Deaf Championship for Winter Sports.

In the next eNews, I will inform you of many Internet addresses about general Snowboarding.

Marco Galmarini  
ICSD Technical Director - Snowboard

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## **Message from Technical Director – Swimming & Water Polo**

Hello,

It was enjoyable serving and participating at the 2007 Salt Lake City Winter Deaflympics. Praise goes to ICSD and the SLC Organizing Committee for the successful event. I look forward to 2009 Taipei Summer Deaflympics.

### **Swimming**

In the last two years, 2005 and 2006, three (3) swimmers were selected as the ICSD Sportsperson of the year. Björn Koch of Germany and Anna Polivanchuk of Sweden received beautiful awards and honors at the recent ICSD Congress in Salt Lake City. Scott Prosser will receive his award in Australia. Congratulations!

**2007 World Deaf Swimming Championships** - Please check the web site, <http://w2007.ncpes.edu.tw/index.htm> for details and updates. Final entries are due **27 July 2007**. Twenty-two (22) countries have registered and more are welcome and encouraged to come. For delegates and officials, this will be a good opportunity to visit Taipei, 9-18 August, to inspect and prepare for T2009 Games and represent your country in swimming competition.

**2011 World Deaf Swimming Championships** -It's official, Portugal will host the third (3rd) World Deaf Swimming Championships in Lisbon, 7-14 August 2011. Thank you LPDS and Portugal!

### **Water Polo**

**2009 Summer Deaflympics** - Seven (7) teams have registered for Men's Water Polo. This is good and I anticipate water polo will continue to grow onto the 2013 Summer

Deaflympic Games in Greece and beyond. In just over two years we will meet and compete in the **new** pool in Taipei. Please start preparing your team roster, training, and fundraising. The largest water polo competition was held over twenty years ago, 1985 Los Angeles Summer Deaflympics, with seven (7) teams entered. Let's strive for all eight (8) teams in Taipei! Unfortunately, Women Water Polo is cancelled. We need a few more national women water polo programs for future competitions in 2011 and 2013.

**2011 World Deaf Water Polo Championships** - One (1) country has expressed interest in hosting this competition. ICSD is still requesting nations to bid and host this event in 2011. Please contact me for assistance or dialogue.

See you in August in Taipei!

Aquatically yours,

Reed Gershwind  
ICSD Technical Director - Swimming & Water Polo

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## **Message from Assistant Technical Director – Volleyball**

### **World Championships**

The 1st Deaf World Volleyball Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina (ARG) on 1-10 August 2008 has a website now! The Internet address is <http://www.cades.org.ar/2008MundialVoleibol>. A representative of the WC Organizing Committee from Argentina may visit the 7th EDSO Volleyball Championships on May 11-17 2007. If you see the representative, please feel free to ask for more information.

### **Regional Confederation Championships**

The Federation Royale Sportive Des Sourds de Belgique announced that the 7th EDSO Volleyball Championships will have 9 men's and 8 women's teams. The date is 11-17 May 2007, and the location is Kortrijk, Belgium (BEL). You can follow the news at <http://www.deafvolleyec07.eu>.

John Knetzger  
ICSD Assistant Technical Director - Volleyball

# Deaf Sports Events

## 2007 World Deaf Futsal Championships Update

Dear Sports Friends,

The deadline for the preliminary registration for the 2nd World Deaf Futsal Championships is approaching. We reviewed all the applications received and we saw that many of the countries have used the old forms.

This is why we are sending enclosed [Bulletin 2](#) with all recent information and the new forms. Most of you received this Bulletin in Salt Lake City at the 40th ICSD Congress.

We kindly ask you to fill in the application form from the attached [Bulletin 2](#) and send it back to us.

Regarding the advanced payment, in order to alleviate you from paying high banking taxes, you may pay in advance 30% and the rest of the amount upon arrival.

Thank you in advance.

Hoping to see you all in Sofia,

Best regards,  
N. Nikolov  
President BDSF

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## 2008 World Deaf Martial Arts Championships

Dear all,

Finally, today we have great pleasure to send the information about the next World Deaf

Martial Arts Championships (Judo, Karate, Tae Kwon Do and Wushu). Please see [information](#) for details.

Best regards,

KHALEF François  
ICSD Technical Director – Karate

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## 2008 World Deaf Wrestling Championships

Dear sportfriends!!

The 2nd World Deaf Wrestling Championships will be held in Yerevan, Republic of Armenia, from 14th to 21st September of 2008.

You can send all your questions and proposals to our e-mail address: [assg@freenet.am](mailto:assg@freenet.am) and [ggrigorian@bk.ru](mailto:ggrigorian@bk.ru)

Visit our Web:  
[www.armdeafsport.armenica.info](http://www.armdeafsport.armenica.info)  
Fax/Tel: +374 10 539237

[Preliminary Entry Form](#)  
(<http://www.armdeafsport.armenica.info/img/2008/Preliminary%20Form.doc>)

Thank you,

Best regards  
President of Armenian Sport Committee of Deaf  
A. Grigoryan

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# Deaf Sports In Brief

## **EDSO Appointed New Secretary-General**

The European Deaf Sports Organization has announced that effective 1 April 2007, Mr. Helder Duarte of Portugal began his role as EDSO Secretary General. You may find his contact information [here](#).

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## **First Deaf Referee Clinic a Tremendous Success**

STOCKHOLM (Referee Clinic) - The first, in all deaf sports history at all, deaf basketball referee clinic in Stockholm, Sweden gathered a sum of 11 deaf referees from Europe, Chinese Taipei, New Zealand and USA and was a real hit. The Deaf International Basketball Federation, DIBF, called for this clinic and arranged it together with Stockholm Basketball Association. The participants all hold referee licences of different levels from their home countries.

Said FIBA Sports Director Lubomir Kotleba who was invited by the DIBF to this historical event to act as the FIBA representative and lecturer: I am very happy to be part of this event and welcome this development to include deaf referees in the FIBA family. Some of the deaf referees hold a surprisingly high and even level and I will not be surprised to see some of them in the future holding FIBA Referee Licence.

Orjan Engberg, Stockholm Basketball Association, FIBA Commissioner and lecturer at the clinic: Now that the sounding devices more and more are complementing with visual signals it will be easier for deaf referees with their use to different visual signals to take place among the normal

hearing referees. I welcome this development and it is a real honour for Stockholm Basketball Association to be arranging this clinic together with the Deaf International Basketball Federation. The clinic was very well organised and we are all very happy with it.

The clinic dealt with FIBA rules and different international officiating of games. The FIBA International licensed Oscar Lefwert and Asa Johansson informed and trained the deaf participants in three-referees officiating and mechanics.

Following were passed as DIBF International Referees: Jerzy Bednarczuk, Germany, Chara Grammatoglou and Toni Koutsoumaris, Greece, Fabio Scarpa, Italy, Per Pilstrom, Sweden, Hsin-dar Lee, Taiwan, Marsha Wetzel and Chris Miller, United States. Peter Murray, New Zealand and Yuri Strelets, Ukraine were appointed referee evaluators.

Nearest task for the deaf referees will be the 2nd Deaf World Basketball Championships arranged in Guangzhou, China 22-30 June 2007. 16 men and 9 women teams have confirmed their participation.

The clinic also decided to found the International Deaf Basketball Referee Association with the aim to help the DIBF with deaf referee questions, contacts with FIBA referee association, development and encouragement of new deaf referees, rules and arrangement of future deaf referee clinics. Interimistic president is Marsha Wetzel and secretary Per Pilstro.

Kjell Gunna  
Secretary General  
Deaf International Basketball Federation

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### **Deaf-Blind Speedskater**

A Canadian speed skater, Kevin Frost, has Olympic ambitions and there are only two things in his way -- Usher Syndrome and the International Paralympic Committee's failure to recognize deaf-blind speed skating as a sport.

Kevin's passion for the speed skating and his drive to succeed have rallied his community around him in support of his bid to get deaf-blind speed skating recognized as a Paralympic sport and to be one of the first to compete.

Please visit his website  
(<http://www.deafblindspeedskater.com>) for details.

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### **Paul Merritt Setzer II (1943-2007)**

*Modified from the article printed on Sunday, March 18, 2007 at FrederickNewsPost.com*

Mr. Paul Merritt Setzer II, 63, of Middletown, crossed over to the other side on Friday, March 16, 2007, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was a devoted husband to Kathleen Russell Setzer.

Born July 26, 1943, in Oklahoma City, Okla., he was a son of Juanita Ruth Adams Setzer of Braddock Heights and the late U.S. Capt. Paul M. Merritt Sr. Paul grew up in Canoga Park, Calif., with his sister, Pamela Stefanie Ruth Setzer.

He was a graduate of California School for the Deaf, Riverside. He completed his bachelor's in art from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. He also received his MFA in visual communications from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He worked for Elgin Davis, Inc. in Los Angeles as a commercial artist. He also worked for Vitro Corp. of American in Silver Spring as a presentation illustrator. He worked as a visual information specialist with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Paul was also a professor with the Art Department at Gallaudet University for the last 26 years.

Mr. Setzer illustrated for numerous publications related to American Sign Language, including Gallaudet University Press and Dawn Sign Press. He loved sailing and was a World War II plane buff. **He was a U.S. speed skater during the World Games for the Deaf (now called Deaflympics) at Lake Placid, N.Y. in 1975.**

Mr. Setzer was a dedicated father of two children and stepchildren, Lisl Merritta Setzer and Eric Paul Setzer, both of Middletown; Kristine and Richard Hall of Valencia, Calif., David Ryan Cantrell of Santa Barbara, Calif. and Julie and Jon Mitchiner of Washington, D.C.

He was a loving grandfather to Kalissa Zara Hall and Chloe Ava Mitchiner.

He will be remembered by his students and colleagues at Galludet and wonderful friends everywhere and members of the Middletown United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Middletown Valley Athletic Association to set up a fund for interpreting services for the deaf, P.O. Box 432, Middletown, MD 21769.



Paul Merritt Setzer II and his wife, Kathleen

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**Tatiana Mironova  
(1958-2007)**

Russian Deaf Sports wishes to inform readers about the sudden death of the Honoured Master of Sports of the Russian Federation, Tatiana Mironova (03.04.1958 – 18.03.2007).

Tatiana Mironova was born 03 April 1958 in the city Dnepropetrovsk (Ukraine). Since 1989 she was a Member of the Russian Deaf National Team for Table Tennis, a repeated Champion of the USSR and the Russian Federation. Tatiana participated in the XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX Summer Deaflympics and European Deaf Table Tennis Championships (1987, 1991, 1995, 2003), where she has won 11 medals.

In 2003 Ms. Mironova has received title “Honoured Master of Sports of the Russian Federation”.

For outstanding merits in Sports, on 14 February 2007 Tatiana Mironova was honored with a medal- “For Merits for Fatherland of 2nd Degree” by the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation.

With fond memory of the fine person and athlete, Tatiana Mironova will be kept in our hearts for a long time.

Russian Committee of Deaf Sports  
All-Russian Society of the Deaf  
Russian Sport Union of the Deaf



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**Marzio Zanatta (1941-2007)**

Federazione Sport Sordi Italia (FSSI) mourns the loss of their past President, Mr. Marzio Zanatta, who passed away on 23 March 2007.

Mr. Zanatta was the president of FISS in 1987-1990 and he has served ICSD Football Technical Director for some years. He has dedicated his life for Deaf Sport. He will be missed



# IOC In Brief

## **IOC Adopts Consensus Statement on Sexual Harassment and Abuse in Sport**

IOC Press Release - 08 February 2007

The Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today adopted a Consensus Statement on "Sexual Harassment and Abuse in Sport" (see full document below).

This unique document defines the problems, identifies the risk factors and provides guidelines for prevention and resolution. The aim of the Consensus is to improve the health and protection of athletes through the promotion of effective preventive policy as well as to increase the awareness of these problems among the people in the entourage of the athletes.

Research indicates that sexual harassment and abuse happen in all sports and at all levels, with a greater prevalence in elite sport. Members of the athlete's entourage who are in positions of power and authority appear to be the primary perpetrators. Research also demonstrates that sexual harassment and abuse in sport seriously and negatively impact athletes' physical and psychological health. They can damage performance and lead to athlete drop-out.

Based on this information and in its role of promoting and protecting the health of athletes, the IOC Medical Commission (MC) held a conference on "Sexual Harassment & Abuse in Sport" in October 2006 in Lausanne. This meeting was chaired by Professor Arne Ljungqvist, IOC Member and Chairman of the IOC MC, and coordinated by Margo Mountjoy M.D., Member of the IOC MC.

Programme consultants included sports sociologist and former national coach Celia Brackenridge of the UK, and former athlete and President of Women's Sport International, Professor Kari Fasting of Norway.

A panel of participants composed of leading sports psychologists, sociologists, psychiatrists and policy experts from around the world and an elite athlete advocate attended to review the scientific literature and to produce safe guidelines for the prevention of and early intervention in cases of Sexual Harassment and Abuse in Sport.

### **The Role of the IOC Medical Commission**

With the establishment of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the IOC Medical Commission's role has moved from primarily handling anti-doping activities in the world of sport to taking an active role in the promotion of the health of athletes. To this end, a series of consensus meetings have been scheduled covering the following issues:

- Sex Reassignment in Sport 2003
- Nutrition in Sport 2003
- Sudden Cardiovascular Death in Sport 2004
- Female Athlete Triad 2005
- Training the Elite Child Athlete 2005
- Sexual Harassment & Abuse in Sport 2006

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### **World "Women and Sport" trophy 2007 awarded to Jamaican Prime Minister**

IOC Press Release - 08 March 2007

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) today awarded its 2007 World “Women and Sport” Trophy to the first female Jamaican Prime Minister, Portia Simpson Miller, at an official ceremony held in Lausanne. Portia Simpson Miller was honoured for her outstanding dedication to promoting the participation of women in Jamaican sport – both as athletes and as administrators.

As well as the World Trophy, five continental trophies were presented to women who have made outstanding contributions to strengthen the participation of women and girls in the sports world. The winners are as follows:

- Trophy for Africa: Fridah Bilha Shiroya (Kenya)
- Trophy for the Americas: Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA)
- Trophy for Asia: Naila Shatara-Kharroub (Palestine)
- Trophy for Europe: Ilse Bechthold (Germany)
- Trophy for Oceania: Veitu Apana Diro (Papua New Guinea)

The ceremony took place at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, in the presence of IOC President Jacques Rogge; Anita DeFrantz, IOC member and Chairwoman of the IOC Women and Sport Commission and the members of the IOC Women and Sport Commission.

The 2007 winners were selected by the IOC Women and Sport Commission from 65 candidatures submitted by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and International Federations (IFs) of Olympic sports.

Also present at the ceremony was HRH Prince Faisal bin Al-Hussein, President of the Jordanian National Olympic Committee. On this occasion, IOC President Jacques Rogge announced that the 4th World Conference on Women and Sport will take place in March 2008 in Jordan.

Information on the winners:

### **Portia Simpson Miller**

The winner of the world trophy in 2007 is the first female Prime Minister of Jamaica, Portia Simpson Miller, elected in March 2006. Her exceptional political career started in 1970. In 1989 she was appointed Minister for Sport, and in this function was also responsible for Women’s Affairs. Shortly after her election as Prime Minister she became one of the first world leaders to sign the World Anti-Doping Code. Throughout these years, her personal leadership, based on a “bottom-up” philosophy, has clearly supported the development of women’s sporting activities in Jamaica. As a result, more and more women are being elected to the decision-making bodies of the National Sport Federations.

### **Fridah Bilha Shiroya**

Fridah Bilha Shiroya, Treasurer of the NOC of Kenya, is the winner of the trophy for Africa. One of her outstanding merits is the strengthening of women’s role in Kenyan sport: as the first female to hold an executive office in the Kenyan NOC, she founded the “Association of Kenya Women in Sports (TAKWIS)” in 1996. This initiative became a driving force to increase women’s participation in Kenyan sports as well as female representation in the national administrative sports structures. Furthermore, Fridah Bilha Shiroya has proved her innovative spirit by founding the Kenya Women’s Football Association and bringing the sports of softball and baseball to her country.

### **Jackie Joyner-Kersey**

One of the world’s greatest Olympians, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, wins this year’s trophy for Americas. With the creation of the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Youth Foundation in 1988, the six-time Olympic medallist has helped young people to prepare for their role in society – driven by guiding principles such as character and leadership, teamwork and dignity. The Foundation raised USD 12 million to build the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Center in her hometown East St. Louis, Illinois, which offers more than 30 programmes in education, culture, arts, sports and fitness, health and life skills for young people aged 6 to 18 with a major focus

on young girls. About her tireless work with the Foundation, Joyner-Kersee says: "Once I leave this earth, I know I have done something that will continue to help others".

### **Naila Shatara-Kharroub**

The Women and Sport Commission's choice for the trophy for Asia was Palestinian Naila Shatara-Kharroub, a pioneer in establishing and developing physical education for girls in her country since 1979. Shatara-Kharroub has served the Ministry of Education for several years, and is today the Principal of the Dar Al-Kailma School in Bethlehem. Despite the political, social, economic and security-related challenges, and having started from zero, Naila Shatara-Kharroub has managed to introduce physical education in the 50 girls' schools of Bethlehem and Jericho Districts, establish playgrounds, organise sports equipment and conduct various training courses for female physical education teachers.

### **Ilse Bechthold**

Ilse Bechthold, Chairperson of the IAAF's Women's Committee since 1981 and member of the IOC Women and Sport Commission, is the 2007 winner of the trophy for Europe. She has dedicated her competence and will to opening the door for women to nearly every discipline that is practised in athletics. In 1998 she initiated the "Year of Women in Athletics" within the IAAF, as well as several worldwide clinics and courses. Having been successful in the discus, shot put and pentathlon herself, her passion for sport has also influenced her professional life. She has taught physical education to thousands of future teachers at the University of Frankfurt and served as a spokesperson for female students.

### **Veitu Apana Diro**

Veitu Apana Diro, Vice-President of the NOC of Papua New Guinea, is the winner for Oceania. She is one of the longest-serving women in sport in her country. As a founder of the national netball federation in 1965, she has always encouraged women and girls to discover this sport. In 2000, she became Chairperson of the then newly founded

Papua New Guinean Women in Sport (WIS) Committee. Her efforts towards increasing female participation in sport were and are addressed to all generations: she has coached numerous young girls in various sports, but has also established a masters association for older women. Her recent initiative is a mentoring programme in which elite female athletes go into schools to motivate young girls to practise sport.

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### **Vancouver 2010: In good shape with positive progress on media accommodation**

IOC Press Release - 09 March 2007

The IOC's Coordination Commission for the XXI Olympic Winter Games, led by its Chairman, René Fasel, today concluded three days of meetings with VANOC - the Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver in 2010 - and its partners. The meetings, which were held at VANOC's offices in the City of Vancouver, allowed the Commission to review the progress made by VANOC and its partners since the Commission's last visit in June 2006. With a little less than three years left until the Games open in Vancouver, the Commission was pleased to see that the preparations for the Games, which include areas such as venue construction, marketing, operational planning, city activities, transport and technology, were in good shape and that, in particular, there was positive progress being made in the area of media accommodation, specifically in the mountain areas.

Commenting on the three days of in-depth discussions and presentations, Commission Chairman René Fasel said, "Whenever the Commission comes to Vancouver, we are always delighted to see the professionalism and knowledge of the VANOC staff. In our discussions, using the vast experience of the Commission members, we are able to look at

the project in great detail, as we oversee and advise the organisers, while they progress towards hosting the pre-Games test events and the Games.” He continued, “As we move towards the Games, in a spirit of partnership with VANOC, we must regularly find solutions to different issues that arise along the way. One of the items that has recently been in the press was accommodation for the media. We were happy to hear from VANOC during their presentations that in Whistler, positive progress has been made since our last visit, and that the issue is largely resolved, with no need to use alternative forms of accommodation for the media in the Sea-to-Sky corridor, such as the cruise ship in Squamish. We will continue to work with VANOC to finalise the parameters of the overall programme and maximise the accommodation availability in the mountains.”

Another area of good news for the 2010 Games was the confirmation by VANOC of their acceptance of ski cross on the programme for the 2010 Games - ski cross was added last year by the IOC’s Executive Board to the Olympic Winter Programme. Commenting on this news, Coordination Commission member and International Ski Federation (FIS) President Gian-Franco Kasper said, “It’s great news that VANOC has accepted the addition of ski cross to the programme for 2010, as it is an event that will undoubtedly appeal to many members of the public, due to its fast and exciting format.”

“This was the most productive IOC Coordination Commission meeting to date,” said VANOC CEO John Furlong. “We are always stronger at the end of these sessions than we were at the beginning and we appreciate the IOC’s confidence in the many areas of our project, including the significant progress we are making on our venue construction program.”

During the meetings, the Commission examined a number of different areas of Games preparations, particularly, those concerning the athletes and the sports facilities. From a client perspective, the Commission looked at, in addition to the athletes, service levels for groups including the International Federations, the National Olympic Committees, the Olympic Family, sponsors and the media. This came over and above presentations on specific areas such as planning, legacy and sustainability – where VANOC and its partners have been working on some very high quality initiatives -, marketing, media services, the Paralympic Games, communications, medical services, technology, VANOC’s education programme and its promising programme of city activities, which will bring the Games out of the stadiums to people all across the region and Canada.

Finally, the Commission received a full update on the progress being made in venue construction and visited selected Games sites, which saw them take in the current state of construction of the Vancouver Olympic Village and the Main Media Centre, as well as the Vancouver 2010 Omega Countdown Clock. Indeed, the future Vancouver Olympic Village site particularly impressed the Commission members with its goal of LEED®<sup>1</sup> Gold design for the village buildings and of LEED® Platinum for the community centre building, in addition to the other environmental and social legacies that it will leave to the local community. The Commission was happy with the current state of work and the current construction deadlines for the Olympic venues that were presented to them.

<sup>1</sup> LEED® is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and is the North American standard for measuring green building performance.