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Letter from the President

Since my last report, I am pleased to say that the past few months have been full of excitement and amazement.

I traveled over 40,000 kilometers in 7 weeks circling the globe, starting from Washington DC with stops in Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Dubai, Zagreb, Barcelona, Madrid, Munich and Valencia (Venezuela).

One of the highlights during my travel was hosting the Deaf Sports Reform symposium in Zagreb, Croatia. A total of 40 countries sent representatives to the symposium, where they were convened as a whole to discuss the concept of a reform for deaf sports worldwide. The objective of the symposium was to encourage public discussion among the ICSD members about the future directions of deaf sports. I was very pleased to see positive support for reform changes which will take us to a newer and higher level of standards and performance. The Deaf Sports Reform (DSR) ad-hoc commission took notes of ideas and suggestions presented by the symposium attendees during the symposium. For the power point presentation of DSR Conceptual Plan, (<http://www.deaflympics.com/news/enews/PDF/DeafSportReformConcept.pdf>)

The DSR ad-hoc commission will meet again in Vienna, Austria during the weekend of 19-21 October to prepare a formal report with recommendations and submit it to the Executive Committee of ICSD for further deliberations and implementation in phases.

The delegates at the Congress in 2009 Taipei will take a vote to approve changes and implementations based on the recommendations from the DSR symposium in Zagreb.

Also on 7 July, our dear Jerald Jordan celebrated his 80th birthday with a bang! We surprised him with a video clip taken by Wayne Langbein during the Deaf Sports Reform symposium where everyone could gesture "happy birthday" in international signs. Prior to my departure from USA, I along with the ICSD staff prepared a birthday luncheon at JJ's home.

With the change in bidding procedures approved during the Congress in Salt Lake City, I took advantage by meeting and discussing with city and government officials in Barcelona and Dubai to gauge their interest in hosting the 2017 and 2021 Summer Deaflympics respectively. I am



Deaf Sports Reform Flying Body



Deaf Sports Reform Banner



President Ammons presents a point

pleased to confirm that both cities have expressed genuine interest and intent to prepare a formal bid with the ICSD to host the Games. For more information about Barcelona visit http://www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com/en/albums-en/olympic-stadium/pages/olympic-stadium-01_jpg.html and <http://www.inefc.net>. For Dubai, go to <http://www.dubaisportscity.ae>



Delegates listens carefully

On behalf of ICSD, I must extend my deep gratitude to Mr. Helder Duarte, Secretary General of European Deaf Sports Organization, for his excellent assistance and support towards the 2009 Taipei Organizing Committee by sharing the EDSO exhibition space with the T2009 group during the World Federation of the Deaf Congress in Madrid. Thanks, Helder!



80th birthday cake

For the first time for a world championship event, Gallaudet provided us with two Gallaudet student interns who contributed a lot with writing feature stories during the Dresse and Maere Tennis World Cup. The student interns were Renca Dunn of Arizona and Blair Rasmus of California. Enjoy their stories - go to <http://www.dresse-maere-cup2007.de/english/indexeng.html> and click on *coverages* and then *reports*.



Jerald Jordan all smiles

In this edition of E-News, you will find more information on the competition results of our world championships in basketball and swimming, plus regional championships. Many new records were set. Congratulations! We are definitely ascending to a new height!

Till then!

Dr. Donalda K. Ammons
President

Inside ICSD

Report from Vice President

Since the last international gathering of symposium representatives in Zagreb, Croatia in July 2007, efforts have been made to improve financial support for Deaflympics. I am now in process in securing a potential sponsor and will have to wait for the outcome from the upcoming meeting.

As the Chair of Finance and Marketing I am looking for a suitable person as an additional member to our Finance and Marketing commission. He/she must have a good knowledge in Economics or Finance areas, possibility of good connections and communications of hearing world of finance. Please send your curriculum vitae directly to me at lanesman@ciss.org.

As ICSD's liaison officer with Africa I am pleased to inform that Guinea and Sierra Leone have registered for World Deaf Futsal Championships, which will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria in November 2007. I hope other African countries will follow this suit but for upcoming World Deaf Championships (For this Futsal the registration has been closed). CADS (Confederation of African Deaf Sports) had its first executive meeting held in Lagos, Nigeria in August and we congratulate them for a productive meeting.

David Lanesman
ICSD Vice President

Report from Sports Director

Dear friends,

Pre- Site Inspection at Taipei / Taiwan, 20-24 April

From the 20 to 24 of April 2007 Tiffany and I had a Pre- Site Inspection for 2009 Summer Deaflympics in Taipei / Taiwan. We were warmly welcomed by the organizing committee for the 2009 Summer Deaflympics. There were a lot of sport sites and places to be viewed. We did a pre-site inspection to provide the committee with feedback on whether or not all 19 Deaflympics disciplines are available to take place and if all sport sites meet the international standards and are in good condition. Up to now we are pleased with their progress and their timeline and had provided them with a lot of feedback for improvements to prepare them for official site inspection next year with our 19 Technical Directors of ICSD. This official site inspection shall take place fall of 2008.



One of several venues during site inspection

SportAccord - GAISF at Beijing / China, 24-28 April

After visiting Taipei / Taiwan for the Sport Site Inspection, Tiffany and I, flew to Beijing / China to the SportAccord and GAISF Assembly from the 24th to the 28th of April 2007. SportAccord is a big international sports conference bringing more than 100

international sports federations every year. There are three major groups of key players; GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations), ASOIF (Association of Summer Olympic International Federations), and AIOWF (Association of the International Olympic Winter Sports Federations) also there are many other people attending the conference such as sponsors, architects, sports lawyers, broadcasters and other specialists to discuss the key issues facing the sports industry.

The SportAccord conference is a grand event, but this year was an unusual year for us, We weren't accompanied by a sign language interpreter, so we had some communication barrier unfortunately. In China it is very difficult to find an international sign language interpreter. Therefore my big request to the SportAccord/GAISF is to provide us with an international sign language interpreter and pay all costs. This would be very helpful and important, because both of us, ICSD and SportAccord, would like to take part in all conversations. Communication should be worldwide.

We were very pleased with the Organizing Committee 2009 Summer Deaflympics of Taipei / Taiwan. They had a booth at SportsAccord. A lot of people attended their booth to get information about the 2009 Summer Deaflympics in Taipei / Taiwan. I have some ideas for our future exhibitors... I believe the three, 2009 Summer Deaflympics in Taipei / Taiwan, 2011 Winter Deaflympics in High Tatras / Slovakia and 2013 Summer Deaflympics in Athens / Greece, could be exhibited together with SportAccord in Athens / Greece next year in 2008. Therefore we could split the costs in 3 parts. Tiffany and I will try to speak to the Deaf Sport Federation in Taiwan, Slovakia and Greece about the idea of a shared exhibition at the SportAccord 2008 2-6 June

in Athens / Greece. This would be a great advertisement for our deaf sports world.



2009 Summer Deaflympics booth at SportsAccord

Dresse and Maere Cup in Munich / Germany, 21-28 July

We had some wonderful days during the Dresse Cup and Maere Tennis Cup in Munich. The matches were full of surprises; this made the games very exciting. The opponents have improved their skills. At the Dresse Cup (Men), Austria won surprisingly but deserved it nonetheless. Bravo!!! For the second place, also as a surprise; the Netherlands. The third place winner was Germany. At the Maere Cup (Women) Taiwan won unexpectedly. Bravo!!! They defeated the defending champion- Germany. The third place finish went to Spain, after defeating Great Britain. For more articles, photos, and results of this event, please visit - <http://www.dresse-maere-cup2007.de>

Dresse and Maere Cup regulations and tennis ranking points have finally been developed and ratified after many years of hard work. (<http://www.deaflympics.com/pdf/RankingPoints-Tennis.pdf>) for current tennis world rankings and (<http://www.deaflympics.com/sports/regulations.asp?ID=1219>) for Dresse and Maere Cup regulations.



2007 Maere Cup Winner - Chinese Taipei



2007 Dresse Cup Winner – Austria

Audiogram

Audiograms are a very important subject for Deaf Sports. I ask all National Deaf Sport Federations to review [Audiogram Regulations](#) carefully. Before entering the Regional Championships, World Championships, Summer/Winter Deaflympics, it is necessary to present our Audiograms, before receiving access. Only with permission by the ICSD Office sport teams may participate. Without the Audiogram athletes will be prohibited to participate.

Technical Director

We are looking for a Technical Director for Cross Country Skiing. Applicants may contact (Tiffany Granfors - info@ciss.org or Josef Willmerdinger - willmerdinger@ciss.org). [Click here](#) to see the current TD listing.

Winter Deaflympics Searching for New Sport Category

We would like to introduce new categories for the Winter Deaflympics. I have Biathlon or Speed Skating in mind. Of course we can only introduce new categories which are found in the Olympic Winter Games. To include these new categories at the Winter Deaflympics, we have to try them at the world championships first, in order to check their skills and readiness for the Winter Deaflympics.

Calendar

In 2007 we have remaining 2 World Championships to participate:

- Badminton - 28 September - 7 October, Mühlheim, Germany
- Futsal - 8-18 November, Sofia, Bulgaria

In 2008 we have 7 World Championships to participate:

- Martial Arts - 21-26 May, Toulouse, France
- Table Tennis - 1-12 June, Sofia, Bulgaria
- Football - 1-12 July, Katerini, Greece
- Volleyball - 1-10 August, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Wrestling - 14-22 September, Yerevan, Armenia
- Athletics - 22-28 September, Caracas, Venezuela
- Golf - 28 September - 4 October, Perth, Australia

See

<http://www.deaflympics.com/games/calendar.asp> for other events.

Host and Fees for World Deaf Championships

Some Deaf Sport Federations ask me for how to host the Deaf World Championships, please [view](http://www.deaflympics.com/about/index.asp?DID=543) <http://www.deaflympics.com/about/index.asp?DID=543> and look under **WC2. BIDDING PROCEDURES.**

Till now, for deaf world championships, we do not have a standard fee structure for individual registration, participation fee and penalty until the next ICSD Congress in 2009 at Taipei.

Regards,

Josef Willmerdinger
ICSD Sports Director

Message from Technical Director – Alpine Skiing

I would like to ask all countries to provide me with direct contact information of the person who is responsible for alpine ski. This way I will be able to communicate with the appropriate person in your Federation on Alpine Ski related issues.

I have re-worked on Winter Deaflympics and World Deaf Championships Regulations. Important information for you to read is Ski lengths for Winter Deaflympics and World Deaf Championships.

It is possible that the Turkey Deaf Sport Federation will organize the first World Deaf Alpine Skiing Championships in February/March 2009. We are still in discussion on this possibility. Once I have more information for you we will share with you. Thank you.

Welcome to European Deaf Championships in Seefeld / Austria from 6-15 March 2008.

Mike Schmauser
ICSD Technical Director - Alpine Skiing

Message from Technical Director – Aquatics

Hello,

Trust your summer went well and you had the chance to spend time in the water exercising or cooling off. In two more years, we all meet again for the 2009 Taipei Summer Deaflympics.

Swimming

The 2007 World Deaf Swimming Championships concluded last month. This event was successful. Praise goes to CTSAD, Organizing Committee, Taipei and Taiwan Government Officials, sponsors, and volunteers. Thank you! The competition was very good with 7 new World Records, considering the pool was outdoors and two days were swum in the rain. 23 countries participated with over 225 swimmers, coaches, and officials. Please check their excellent [website](http://w2007.ncpes.edu.tw), <http://w2007.ncpes.edu.tw>, for results, photos, and videos. Fortunately, a typhoon passed over Taiwan at the closing of the competition and all countries returned home safely. It was a good learning experience for everyone and preparations are moving ahead for the 21st Summer Deaflympics in September 2009. The swimming competition will be strong and exciting.

The next 3rd World Deaf Swimming Championships will be in Lisbon, Portugal in August 2011. ICSD is accepting applications

for the 4th World Deaf Swimming Championships in the year of 2015.

Water Polo

There are now 7 teams registered for Men Water Polo for the 2009 Taipei Summer Deaflympics. I sincerely hope no more teams will withdraw. We will use the same competition format as in 2001 Rome and 2005 Melbourne Games; preliminary matches with semi-finals and finals (medal matches). I look forward to thrilling matches in two years among Australia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, and United States. Please note that we will still accept additional countries to sign up for water polo until our deadline of 1 June 2008.

ICSD is still requesting nations to bid and host the 2nd World Deaf Water Polo Championships in 2011. Please contact me for assistance or to begin a dialogue.

Aquatically yours,

Reed Gershwind
ICSD Technical Director - Aquatics

Message from Technical Director - Badminton

The 2nd World Deaf Badminton Championships will run from 28 September to 6 October in Muelheim/Ruhr, Germany. We have 23 countries with 60 men and 48 women take part which is fantastic. We will run the team event for the first three days with 13 countries involved and then the individual event for the next four days. On the very last day there will be a special match between Europe and Asia where the best players play with exceptional high standards. The show will be electrified!

Please see www.badminton-wc.dg-sv.de for the latest update of this wonderful Championship and I will give a full report in the next issue.

I am truly sorry to announce the great loss of an excellent and promising Lithuania player, Andrius Jankus who was killed from a road accident last month. He was 21 years old. My sympathy goes to Lithuania Deaf Sports Federation.

Best wishes,

Martin Bogard
ICSD Technical Director – Badminton

Message from Technical Director - Cycling

Cycling Club is the Key that Opens the Door to the Deaflympics

I would like to share this with you how important it is to have a cycling association for deaf cyclists in your country. This would keep your cyclists well informed and to stay fit and healthy. The [United States Deaf Cycling Association](http://www.usdeafcycling.org) - [USDCA](http://www.usdeafcycling.org) (www.usdeafcycling.org), [California Deaf Wheelers](http://www.californiadeafwheelers.com) - [CDW](http://www.californiadeafwheelers.com) (www.californiadeafwheelers.com) and [dVELO](http://www.dvelo.com) (www.dvelo.com) have promoted excellent programs for the deaf cyclists, not only for racing riders but recreational level for family, youth and elders. By forming a Cycling Association, you will eventually find some potential riders for the Deaflympics from a new pool of riders. This will help the sport of cycling in Deaflympics grow stronger and more competitive.

I understand that the [Czech Cycling Club](http://skivelo.olnet.cz/cyklo/home.html) (<http://skivelo.olnet.cz/cyklo/home.html>) is also active and is the reason for the

successful Czech team. I have seen that there are more deaf leaders who have been involved in helping their national cycling team more than ever in the past. I understand that the Italians have promoted for an expansion in the numbers of mountain bikers. Not only this but they are hosting the European Deaf Cycling Championships on 25-31 May 2008 in Verona, Italy.

Bobby Skedsmo
ICSD Technical Director - Cycling

Message from Technical Director - Football

Of all places in the world, Zagreb, Croatia will forever hold a special meaning for me, as it was where I first met my colleagues Donalda, Josef and Tiffany. The Deaf Sport Reform meeting was a positive learning curve and I was very impressed with the organisation of the event. I won't go into too much detail about this event, as I am sure it will be published elsewhere in deaflympics.com soon.

With less than three months before the start of the World Deaf Futsal Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria, the Organising Committee are working extremely hard to make sure that everything are in place for the teams that have entered.

I flew to Sofia on 14th September to conduct the draw for the World Deaf Futsal Championship. At the moment, there are 25 men and 13 women teams entered but due to the late payment from a small minority of teams, I have delayed my announcement to inform the public who have entered.

Nevertheless, the draw proceeded on 14th September with those teams who have not paid their fees eliminated from the draw. I

sincerely hope it won't have to come to this because I am excited about watching a large pool of deaf futsal players battling it out on the pitches.

Please get in touch with the World Deaf Futsal Championship Organising Committee if you require any information about the event. The e-mail address is bulgaria@ciss.org

As for the upcoming inaugural World Deaf Football Championship in 2008, there have been an amazing number of countries sending their preliminary entries. An announcement will be made at the next Enews as to who have entered for both the men and women championships after all the countries have paid their deposit.

It is too late for other countries to enter this World Deaf Football Championship in 2008, however one can ask the Organising Committee to be put on the reserve list in case of any withdrawals.

Please get in touch with the World Deaf Football Championship Organising Committee if you require any information about the event. The e-mail address is greece@ciss.org



Christof looks on during Deaf Sports Reform

Regards

Christof Niklaus
ICSD Technical Director - Football

Message from Technical Director - Handball

There are two more summers before the Taipei 2009 Summer Deaflympics. In preparation for Taipei, I am planning to go to Belgrade sometime in October or November for a site inspection for the European Deaf Handball Championships which take place on 19-26 April 2008. I am hoping that for the European Championship the number of team participating will be great. So the presence of the teams will also be good in Taipei.

We must keep the sport of handball alive. The Taipei Summer Deaflympics will mark the 11th time that handball is staged, since 1969 in Belgrade.

Best regards

Mario Torcolini
ICSD Technical Director - Handball

Message from 16th Winter Deaflympics Technical Director - Ice Hockey

Now with the 16th Winter Deaflympics behind us, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the athletes who competed so proudly for their countries in Salt Lake City, Utah. Thank you to all the coaches and mission staff for supporting their athletes. Overall, it was a meaningful event bringing together many Olympians from all over the world where old friendships were rekindled and new friendships were developed.

We are now approximately 18 months away for our 1st World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships in Winnipeg,

Manitoba, Canada in 2009 to be hosted by the Canadian Deaf Sports Association. CDSA and ICSD will share with you more detailed information when information becomes available.

I encourage all of you to stay connected with your athletes by participating in events going on between now and the World Championships in your country. Please check ICSD website for regular updates and stay tuned for new developments with the Ice Hockey program.

As always, please let ICSD know if they can be of any help in preparing for the upcoming 2009 World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships by contacting info@ciss.org

Yours in sport,

S. Chris Bradley
ICSD Technical Director – Ice Hockey for
2007 Salt Lake City Winter Deaflympics

Message from Technical Director - Snowboard

Now, summer has nearly passed by and the winter comes soon again by our doorstep! As mentioned in my last eNews, I give you the following Internet addresses:

- <http://www.deaflympics.com/sports/index.asp?SC=Snowboard>
- http://www.olympic.org/common/search/search_uk.asp?q=snowboard&lang=en
- <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/disciplines/snowboard/fiscalendar.html>
- <http://www.betterhalfpipesnowboarding.com>
- <http://www.abc-of-snowboarding.com>

- <http://expn.go.com/expn/archive?sport=snb>
- <http://www.ttrworldtour.com>
- <http://www.snowboardclub.co.uk>
- http://www.powderguide.com/index_en.php

Perhaps you may have other Snowboard information with Internet addresses whether they are about Racing, Freestyle, Contests, Camps, Games, or Superpark. I would be very glad and grateful if you can send me Internet address. I can share them with our snowboard community and publish it in the next eNews.

For the next eNews I will write about our next generation of snowboarders.

Marco Galmarini
ICSD Technical Director - Snowboard

Message from Technical Director – Volleyball

1st Deaf World Volleyball Championships - Preliminary Registration Deadline

The preliminary registration deadline for the first Deaf World Volleyball Championships is 1 October 2007. If your volleyball association has not yet filled out and sent in the form, please send an email to Volleyball TD John Knetzger at volleyballtd@ciss.org and ask for the registration form as soon as possible. More information about the championships will be available in the next eNews.


The first Deaf World Volleyball Championships will be a great event for your team to get experience and prepare for the 2009 Summer Deaflympics!

See you all in Buenos Aires next August!

John Knetzger
ICSD Technical Director - Volleyball

Deaf Sports Events

2008 World Deaf Golf Championships Update

(<http://www.deaflympics.com/news/enews/pdf/2008WC-Golf1.pdf>)  is updated information on the upcoming 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships in Perth, Australia.

2008 Australian Deaf Games

Click on (<http://www.deaflympics.com/news/enews/pdf/2008AUSDeafGames.pdf>)  for further information on the 2008 Australian Deaf Games.

Deaf Sports In Brief

New ICSD Technical Directors

We are pleased to announce new ICSD Technical Directors. Their contact information can be found on this following [page](http://www.deaflympics.com/about/contact.asp?ID=TD) (<http://www.deaflympics.com/about/contact.asp?ID=TD>).

Summer

Basketball: Yaacov Keren - ISRAEL

Beach Volleyball/Volleyball: John Knetzger - UNITED STATES, Assistant: Clifford Asare - GHANA

Judo: Damien Antoine- FRANCE

Taekwondo: Jung-bae Park - KOREA

Winter

Alpine Skiing: Michael Schmauser - GERMANY

Curling: Dean Sutton - CANADA

Snowboard: Marco Galmarini - SWITZERLAND

IOC In Brief

IOC strengthens fight against doping with bold new initiatives

IOC Press Release - 24 August 2007

During a meeting held prior to the opening of the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Osaka, the IOC Executive Board today discussed a series of new measures aimed at further strengthening the fight against doping in sport.

The measures, proposed by IOC President Jacques Rogge, cover the areas of prevention and sanctions.

Leading the meeting, Rogge said: "Recent doping-related events remind us that anti-doping measures do have an impact but also that the fight against doping in sport is a daily battle which must be fought in concert by the sports authorities, sports teams, athletes and coaches, and governments. The measures that we have reviewed today aim to reinforce the IOC's zero-tolerance policy that we already uphold through an unprecedented increase in testing – a 90 per cent increase from Sydney in 2000 to Beijing next year where 4,500 tests will be conducted – the collaboration with judicial authorities, and the creation of Disciplinary Commissions when needed to investigate incidents of doping which may have affected past Olympic Games".

Snapshot of the proposed measures:

- Athletes could be banned from taking part in the Olympic Games in the event of violations of anti-doping rules during the Olympiad having led to sanctions of more than six months.
- Automatic suspension after a positive A sample.

- The IOC could reserve the right to reduce penalties on athletes and their entourage found guilty who wish to cooperate and provide valuable information on suppliers, networks and any person involved in the doping chain.
- The IOC could impose strong financial penalties.
- Strengthened rules on Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs).
- The IOC reiterates its call upon governments to sign the UNESCO Convention as soon as possible.

Eleven cities apply to host the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2010

IOC Press Release - 03 September 2007

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) today announced that 11 cities have been put forward by their respective National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to apply to host the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2010. The Candidate Cities, in alphabetical order, are: Algiers 2010 (Algeria), Athens 2010 (Greece), Bangkok 2010 (Thailand), Belgrade 2010 (Republic of Serbia), Debrecen 2010 (Hungary), Guatemala City 2010 (Guatemala), Kuala Lumpur 2010 (Malaysia), Moscow 2010 (Russian Federation), Poznan 2010 (Poland), Singapore 2010 (Singapore) and Turin 2010 (Italy).

The NOCs had until 31 August 2007, midnight, to notify the IOC that a city within their jurisdiction was interested in applying.

The 11 Youth Olympic Games Candidate Cities now have until 26 October to prepare and submit their Candidature Files by replying

to the IOC questionnaire. An analysis of their Files by a panel of Olympic Movement experts will allow a short list of Youth Olympic Games Candidate Cities to be drawn up for further evaluations by an IOC Evaluation Commission.

[Click here](http://www.olympic.org/uk/news/olympic_news/full_story_uk.asp?id=2277) (http://www.olympic.org/uk/news/olympic_news/full_story_uk.asp?id=2277) for further information on the Youth Olympic Games and on the IOC questionnaire to which the Youth Olympic Games Candidate Cities have to respond.

KEY DATES

26 October 2007	Youth Olympic Games Candidate Cities to reply to IOC questionnaire
12 November 2007	Shortlist of Youth Olympic Games Candidate Cities drawn up
December 2007	Potential visits to the short-listed Youth Olympic Games Candidate Cities
February 2008	Election of the Host City for the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games

Three-times Olympic Gold Medallist to guide Sochi 2014

IOC Press Release - 12 September 2007

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) today announced that IOC member Jean-Claude Killy, the legendary French Alpine skier and triple Olympic champion, has accepted the Chairmanship of the Coordination Commission for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games. The appointment was made by Jacques Rogge, President of the IOC.

"Jean-Claude Killy's knowledge of the Olympic Movement makes him the ideal person to

guide Sochi as it prepares for the Olympic Winter Games in 2014," said Rogge. "His relevant and recent experience as an outstanding Chairman of the Turin 2006 Coordination Commission will be a great asset for the IOC and for Sochi."

In addition to his success as chair of the Turin Coordination Commission, Killy was Co-President of the Organising Committee for Albertville 1992. His reputation as a world-class skier was sealed when he won all three Olympic gold medals in Alpine skiing at the 1968 Winter Games in Grenoble, France.

"It is a great honour for me to be entrusted with this responsibility," said Killy, an IOC member since 1995. "I am very pleased to be able to make a further contribution to the IOC during the forthcoming years of hard work that await us. I will use key learnings from Turin 2006, and intend to set high standards to ensure Sochi delivers fantastic Games and a tremendous sporting legacy for its city, the Krasnodar region and Russia."

The members of the Commission that Jean-Claude Killy will chair will be announced in due course. The first Coordination Commission meeting is expected to be held next year. Jean-Claude Killy will join President Rogge at the end of the month when he visits President Putin in Sochi.

7 Applicant NOCs/Cities for the 2016 Olympic Games

IOC Press Release - 14 September 2007

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is pleased to announce that 7 cities have been put forward by their respective National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to apply to host the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in 2016. The cities, in alphabetical order, are: Baku

(Azerbaijan), Chicago (USA), Doha (Qatar), Madrid (Spain), Prague (Czech Republic), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and Tokyo (Japan).

NOCs had until 13 September 2007 to notify the IOC that a city within their jurisdiction was interested in applying.

The 7 Applicant Cities will now proceed to Phase 1 of the IOC's two-step procedure, which will lead to the election of the 2016 host city in Copenhagen in October 2009.
