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# Message from the President

It is hard to believe it is time again to send season's greetings. I will say the year of 2007 has been very good. We have definitely made some positive steps in strengthening and increasing programs and services for deaf athletes worldwide.

I would like to reiterate what I wrote in my [President's message](#) for the April 2007 E-News. I am truly committed to fulfilling the objectives of our organization, where we seek ways to develop more sport opportunities and provide direct support for our members and athletes. Let me give some examples here:

Early in 2007, we witnessed the adoption of [Article 30.5 of United Nations Treaty](#) on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which is a major breakthrough. It will go a long way in expanding deaf and hard of hearing athletes' abilities and protecting their rights to play and compete on an equal playing field. Even better, the adoption of this specific article - 30.5 will ensure more and significant level of respect and recognition that is due for deaf and hard of hearing athletes who want to compete in the Deaflympics.

In Salt Lake City, Utah- the site of the 2007 Winter Deaflympics where we witnessed a new record in the total number of countries and athletes participating. For the first time since 1975, due to successful marketing strategies utilized during the Games the SLC Organizing Committee reported a net profit of approximately **USD \$100.000**. Primary beneficiaries of the profit will be our young athletes.

In early spring, I started community-based fundraising by writing to many people in my home country to help ICSD to strengthen and expand Deaflympics' place in the world of sports. I am pleased to report that sizeable donations continue to arrive in the mail. **It is never too late to send your donation** - Send to:

528 Trail Avenue  
Frederick, Maryland 21701  
USA

A total of 5 world championships (badminton, basketball, tennis, swimming, futsal) took place in 2007, with **sixty-five (65) new records** established. This shows that athletes strive for excellence.

Last July representatives from more than 40 countries traveled to Zagreb, Croatia to take part in the Deaf Sport Reform symposium. They showed a strong support for reform in Deaf Sports



Tiffany Granfors, Christophe Dubi, and Donaldda Ammons



Donaldda Ammons and Joseph "Sepp" Blatter

because it was the right thing to do. We are committed to upholding to the Olympic Spirit and its values by embracing changes.

In November to promote advancement of female leaders, we organized the first Deaf Women in Sports seminar in Switzerland, with representatives from 13 European countries in attendance.

Our membership base is growing at a steady pace and we are reaching the 100+ benchmark. This means more new young Deaf athletes will have opportunities to receive training and competing in our sanctioned events.

Last month in Lausanne, I had a great opportunity to meet with Mr. Christophe Dubi, IOC's new Sports Director who assumed the role in July, replacing Mr. Kelly Fairweather who has accepted a new job at a university in his home country- South Africa. At our meeting, Mr. Dubi and I agreed that we must work together to seek constructive ways to ensure that our deaf athletes will be afforded with equal opportunities for training and competition. Each one of us must commit ourselves to a greater height in preserving the privileges and benefits of worldwide deaf sports and Deaflympics.

While in Switzerland, I also had a very welcoming meeting with Mr. Joseph "Sepp" Blatter, President of FIFA at the FIFA headquarters in Zurich. Among many different matters discussed at the meeting, I sought cooperation with FIFA for certification for deaf football referees and coaches, in-kind donations for clothing and equipment to benefit our members and different levels of training for both genders and youth. In addition, I extended an invitation to Mr. Blatter to come and observe our inaugural football championship in Greece this coming July. Since FIFA's mission is to reach out and touch the world, using football as the symbol for hope and integration, Mr. Blatter showed his commitment to supporting deaf football players through FIFA's social responsibility division. I have asked Mr. Christof Niklaus, ICSD Technical Director - Football and Mr. Josef Willmerdinger, ICSD Sports Director to collaborate with FIFA.

Here comes 2008! We will have a very busy calendar with more than 15 international competitions on our [calendar](#) ranging from regional championships to world championships. Moreover, we will witness the inauguration of the 1st Mediterranean Sea Games in Izmir, Turkey. We are pleased to finally host the 1st World Deaf Football Championships in Greece, after several years of resolving the team selection procedures.

I can guarantee you another exciting and dynamic year! Come and support our athletes!

Dr. Donalda K. Ammons  
President

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# Inside ICSD

## Report from Vice President

2007 is closing near and 2008 is on horizon...

2007 is the year of many events – big and small.

- The 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City in February
- The Deaflympics Reform Symposium in Zagreb, Croatia in May
- World Basketball, Futsal, Swimming Championships
- Dresse and Maere Tennis Cup
- Women's sport seminar in Passaug, Switzerland
- There were some more .....

These are only part of the Deaflympics's 2007 programme. Next year - 2008 – will be more World Championships as follows:

- Martial Arts
- Table Tennis
- Football
- Volleyball
- Athletics
- Wrestling
- Golf

But we must not forget there are also regional championships too. There are some European Deaf Championships, Asia Pacific Deaf Games, Mediterranean Games and Africa Football Cup which will be part of qualification for the 21st Summer Deaflympics in Taipei.

I have been in contact with CADS – Confederation of African Deaf Sports – about Africa Football Cup and I do hope it will take place. All African member countries are

invited to participate in this Cup but only those who have registered for the participation in the Summer Deaflympics (The registration for team sports has been closed) are qualified only if they take top places at the Africa Cup. If the country who has NOT registered can participate in the Africa Cup and they can be perhaps African champions they still cannot proceed to the Summer Deaflympics. CADS will send out shortly the letters of invitation with full details. After this Africa Cup CADS and I would like to see the next Cup host already express its interest to host the next Cup in 2011. So get ready NOW for next Cup bid to host. At this 2008 Africa Cup I will be present as ICSD representative and will hold two workshops – one for CADS board members and another one for all delegates of African countries.

So take positive steps towards the Deaflympics NOW!

I wish you lots of Season greetings for 2008!

David Lanesman  
ICSD Vice President

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## Report from Sports Director

2007 is reaching its end and winter is appearing nearly everywhere. I wish you all a happy holiday season!

We have 7 World Championships to pull through in 2008 so it will be a lot of responsibility:

Martial Arts	21-26 May	Toulouse, FRA
Table Tennis	1-12 Jun	Sofia, BUL
Football	1-12 Jul	Patras, GRE
Volleyball	1-10 Aug	Buenos Aires, ARG
Wrestling	14-22 Sep	Yerevan, ARM
Athletics	22-28 Sep	Izmir, TUR
Golf	28 Sep - 4 Oct	Perth, AUS

I wish all hosts the best of luck in making all games to be well organised and successful.

### **Badminton**

The [World Deaf Badminton Championships](#) took place on the 28th of September till the 07th of October 2007 in Mühlheim/Germany. This was the 1st World Deaf Badminton Team Championships, holding 13 competing teams. Surprisingly, Russia won the Team Championship. The runner up is Japan, followed by Lithuania as third place. The anticipated stars from Great Britain with Superstar Rajeev Bagga only managed fourth place.

The 2nd World Deaf Badminton Individual Championship also took place this year. 21 countries with a total of 101 participants and 59 officials attended the event. In the category men solo the star Rajeev Bagga from Great Britain won the title, the equivalent for the ladies Kristina Dovydaityte from Lithuania mastered the title easily. Mika Hiwatari and Mio Inoue from Japan succeeded the 1st place in the ladies-double with nerves like steel; the men-double was won by Cheang Hock Teh and Kok Fang Yeo from Malaysia, who have played together for quite a while now, and they know how to support each other. The mixed double was won by Alena Pavlova together with Artemy Karpov from Russia.

I would like to make my reference to [Rajeev Bagga](#), for his fairness, which is a very important part of his game. He is also a role model as a sportsman and always friendly to his opponents, referees and welcomed by

his surrounding at all times. Not to be forgotten is also that he has never been defeated since his first game of Badminton at the World Games for the Deaf in New Zealand in 1989 to this very day, 19 years later. This fact deserves high regards!

My deep respect to the organizers of the German Deaf Sports Federation (DGS). They have managed the games in a very professional way. I would also like to mention the Dutch team from LiveScore, Tournamentsoftware, who implemented that all matches could be viewed and followed online in real time. The timing and schedule of all games also matched each other perfectly.

At the end of the World Deaf Badminton Championships the traditional competition of the continents (Europe against Asia) took place. All in all we had a lot of exciting matches, for the opponents were only high class. In the end Europe succeeded Asia with 14:10.

### **Futsal**

From the 8th to the 18th of November 2007 the first ladies championship and the second championship for men was held in Sofia / Bulgaria. The women had 10 teams and the men had 20 teams for the World Deaf Futsal Championships. The fabulous German team won against the Russian team deservingly by 3:2. The third runner up is Great Britain, but only after the penalty shooting against the Norwegians by 5:3 (the regular scoring 3:3)

In the men's team Ukraine won against Thailand with 3:2. My opinion is that this was the best match of the tournament. It was fantastic to watch the teams' enthusiasm and their great techniques. They both deserved to be in the final. Also exciting to see was the battle for the third and fourth place. Italy only

won by extra time by 2:2 against Russia through the penalty shot by 5:3.



Women Futsal Champs - Germany



Men Futsal Champs - Ukraine



Men Futsal Runner Up - Thailand

## **International Tennis Federation (ITF) London**

I visited the International Tennis Federation headquarter in London from the 6th – 8th of December 2007. I am looking for a good and close teamwork between ICSD and ITF. The Motto was "Possible partnerships between ITF and the International Deaf Tennis". Also attending this meeting was Mark Perry from GB Deaf Tennis. He was our consultant and

guide and his experience and advice had come in very handy for us. Mark Bullock, ITF Head Office, London, Wheelchair Development Officer was our contact person, just as Lynn Parker, the British Tennis Foundation and Head of National Disability Tennis. Our discussions have been very positive, so that we can hope for a very good cooperation in the near future.



Mark Perry, Lynn Parker, Mark Bullock, Josef Willmerdinger

## **New Tennis Technical Director**

I am pleased to inform you that Tobias Burz of Germany is our new Technical Director for Tennis. Shortly after the Dresse and Maere Cup 2007 in Munich, Guido Giovanetti our former Technical Director of Tennis made his decision to step aside. We want to thank Guido for his work with ICSD for the last few years and are pleased to be able to find a replacement quickly. Therefore, I would like to thank the German Deaf Sports Federation for their support, as well as I send my best wishes to Tobias Burz.

Regards,

Josef Willmerdinger  
ICSD Sports Director

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# Message from Technical Director

## Alpine Skiing

I have recently attended 2 days of Technical Delegate School at the invitation of Deutscher Ski Verband Technical Delegate help me with the upcoming World championship and Winter Deaflympics.



Alpine Skiing TD - Mike Schmauser with Peter Krogoll

NEW: The first Cross-Skiing event will be held for the first time during the 2010 Winter Olympics. I am thinking forward: I would like to see this event be included in High Tatras/ Slovakia, if there are enough participants.

I would appreciate it very much if nation members could keep me informed of the skiing results from any international competitions in which your athletes participate.

I also would like to inform you of the location change of the European Deaf Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Snowboard Championships which will take place in [Seefeld/Austria](#) from 6-15 March 2008.

I wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy Happy New Year 2008!

Mike Schmauser  
ICSD Technical Director - Alpine Skiing

Chief Instructor Peter Krogoll. He had attended International Ski Federation (FIS) meetings in Zürich/Switzerland. The information I had learned from the TD School will

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## Aquatics

### Swimming

2007 was a fast year for swimmers. There were 31 new World Records. Men - 16 short course (25m) records and 1 long course (50m) record. Women - 7 short course (25m) and 7 long course (50m) records. Swimmers, congratulations! Among many international swimmers, Sweden is dominating women short course swimming records. [Click here](#) to view new 2007 World Records for the year.

### Water Polo

Last month, the Ireland team traveled to Los Angeles, USA and played six matches against USA. Players from both teams enjoyed the competition and experience. Ireland will host the 8th European Deaf Water Polo Championships in 2010. For results and more information, click website: [http://www.irishdeafsports.net/events\\_watepolo.htm](http://www.irishdeafsports.net/events_watepolo.htm)

Attention for National Deaf Sports Associations- the first and last World Deaf Water Polo Championships was held in Belgium 1995. Please consider hosting the 2nd World Deaf Water Polo Championships in 2011. We need your support for this sport, water polo. Thank you.

I wish 2008 a good year for swimmers, players, and officials. Keep training and

competing in local swim meets and water polo tournaments.

Reed Gershwind  
ICSD Technical Director - Aquatics

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## Athletics

It is a pleasure to me to write news for this issue of the eNews.

First of all I am happy to announce that the 1st World Deaf Athletics Championships finally is on its way and will be held at the last week of September 2008 as previously announced.

Many of you have learned that the World Deaf Athletics Championships would not take place in Caracas, Venezuela, as we had originally planned. Due to several obstacles, the ICSD Management Team had no other viable options but to withdraw the World Deaf Athletics Championships from Venezuela.

Fortunately, we now have found another host for the World Deaf Athletics Championships. The Turkish Deaf Sports Association kindly has accepted to host the World Deaf Athletics Championships in the ancient (more than 3500 years old) city of IZMIR, on the same days 24 to 28 September 2008. I made a site inspection on December 6 to 9 and I am pleased to tell you that the championships will be held at ATATÜRK Stadium, where the UNIVERSIAD 2005 was held. This stadium is an IAAF 1st Class approved stadium with all necessary installations and equipments. The Organising Committee is planning to send out the first Bulletin before the end of 2008.

The deadline for [preliminary entries](#) has been postponed to **30 January 2008**. No

less than 11 countries already have sent their preliminary entries, and I hope that many more will follow before the end of January 2008 now where it is clear that the World Deaf Athletics Championships will be held as planned.



Barbara Søndergaard with Turkish leaders

A large number of especially Junior World Records have been made during the year. I am, however, disappointed to see that so many organisers, athletes and countries have great problems in obtaining the necessary signatures of judges and referees. In addition, many did not observe that for World Records it is mandatory to use the [ICSD Application form](#) and not the regional form (mainly the Europeans used the EDSO form). I am sure that judges and referees are not delighted to have to fill in first the regional form and later the ICSD form. I hope that everyone now is aware that only applications on the ICSD form will be recognised as a World Record. I also want to draw the attention to the decision taken at the Salt Lake City Congress in February 2007 that from now on no regional record may be better than a World Record.

A list of not only the many approved World Records during 2007 but also a few ones, pending ratifications, can be found [here](#).

Barbara C. Søndergaard  
ICSD Technical Director - Athletics

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## Badminton

The tournaments of team and individual events were held at the RWE Rhein-Ruhr Sports Hall, Muelheim a. n. Ruhr, Germany, the very same venue where the official German Badminton Open was held.

We used the latest technology of LiveScore via special program of Tournament software. We were very fortunate to have two wonderful Dutch men Hans and Aede who used their own vacation from their work to support us. They have worked very hard during the tournament with the preparation of the electronics equipment that connected to many computers and laptops via the network to link with the internet on real time live! I had some help from another Dutch man, Albert, who came to visit me twice to advise me on how to use the tournament software. I found it absolutely fantastic and this has proven to be very successful as all of the match schedules were completed on schedule, which to me was unheard of before!

I had prepared all players' ranking order beforehand and setup the program using the ranking lists to form the official seeding order and the draws were made by Albert who was a specialist on that program and he was also a member of the Dutch National badminton referee association.

The tournament began with the team event which consisted of 13 countries and there were 4 groups. The seeded order of the team was based on the results in the most recent major badminton tournament which was at the Deaflympics, Melbourne 2005. The top two of each group qualified to the knockout stage. Many of the match were excellent and well fought. Russia beat Japan 3-2 in the final and Lithuania took the Bronze after beating Great Britain also 3-2 in the 3rd/4th place play-off.

The number of the individual entries had been on the increase in spite of several players who were unable to come due to various reasons, such as entry Visa and financial problems. All single matches begun in the round robin where both Men and Women had 16 groups each. As usual, the top two of each group qualified to the knock-out stage. All doubles events ran in the knock-out stage only.

I am so pleased to say that the playing standards of players have improved tremendously and many matches were very close. All results showing the full scorings are attached. [Rajeev Bagga](#) of GBR (formerly IND) has defended his Men's Singles title again. He has been the Champion since he first emerged the World Deaf Games in New Zealand 1989 and now it has been 19 years since then. This is absolutely remarkable and one of the best deaf athletes we have ever seen.

More details, results, and photos can be found via [www.badminton-wc.dg-sv.de](http://www.badminton-wc.dg-sv.de) with some further links including the players' statistics which can be useful to the badminton officials and coaches. You can also read many reports from the daily basis during the competitions from the same website.

We had doping tests on the last day of the competitions where players were chosen by random.

After the official competitions were finished and I had organised a special match on the very last day between the European and Asian players consisting of six Men's Singles, six Women's Singles, three Men's Doubles, three Women's Doubles and six Mixed Doubles. Each side picked its own captain and a coach to select their players from the same continent to form the team.

It was absolutely fantastic to watch some players from different countries to play together. Europe won 14 – 10. One of the Men's Singles matches between Simon Le Blanc of France and Daisuke Miyazaki of Japan was the most exciting one. It was the first time we have ever witnessed, since the new score system was formed a couple of years ago, when their score has reached to the "Sudden Death" point after they were tied 29 points each on the decider set. Daisuke managed to win the very final point after a hard long rally. It was absolutely climax time for everyone!

It was nice to have our two ICSD Executive Committee members during the competition; Siv Fosshaug came for the first four days and then Josef Willmerdinger joined for the final four days. I was so pleased that they have enjoyed themselves very much and have admitted that the game of badminton was extremely fast before their eyes!

I have received two official bidders to host the 3rd World Deaf Badminton Championship for 2011. They are Korea and Malaysia so I will be working with them in obtaining necessary bidding paperwork to the ICSD office and maintain contact with them to ensure that the best host is appropriately selected for the next Championship site. I will update you all once I get more information.

I must thank from the bottom of my heart to German Deaf Sports Federation for their fantastic work before and during the competitions. Sabine Grajewski and her staff have worked many hours from early in the morning to late in the night, sometime well past midnight to prepare for the next day program. They have shown their real professional job. I shall stand up and bow them all for the 5 Star service to make the best Badminton tournament ever!

I have updated the [Badminton Ranking Points](#) and they can be found on ICSD website.

Martin Bogard  
ICSD Technical Director – Badminton

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## Curling

Canadian Deaf Sports Association is excited to announce World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships website will be launched in January 2008. Please visit website:

[www.worlddeafhockeycurling2009.com](http://www.worlddeafhockeycurling2009.com). You can check more information about our host committee, accommodation, registration, sponsors, etc. in this website.

ICSD has sent the [Preliminary Entry Form](#) to the countries few weeks ago. Please fill out the Preliminary Entry Form as soon as possible as the deadline is **January 15, 2008**. We are looking forward to receiving these forms to see how many countries will come to our country for the ice hockey and curling games.

I also extend a warm welcome to you to attend their 30th Canadian Deaf Curling Championships 2008 at Ellerlie Curling Club in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on 23 - 29 March 2008. There will be Men, Women, Senior Men and Mixed. If interest, please visit their website: [www.cdcc2008.com](http://www.cdcc2008.com)

Dean Sutton  
ICSD Technical Director - Curling

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## Cycling

During my tenure as the ICSD Technical Director for Cycling I have tried to make an

exciting and better program for the Deaf cycling at the Summer Deaflympics and World Deaf Cycling Championships and have added an event known as Points Race.

In addition, I brought the World Deaf Cycling Championships to the United States. Many things were accomplished at the recent World Deaf Cycling Championships attributed to my big dream. Mountain bike event and road cycling events took place at the velodrome in California and was a big hit!

As we know, the cycling community with strong support from ICSD was hoping for mountain bike event to be held at the Taipei, but the Taipei 2009 Games Organizing Committee was not able to set up the Mountain Bike event due to many difficult procedures. So with disheartening news, there will be no mountain bike event. However, I have spoken with the Greece 2013 Games Organizing Committee to make sure that the Mountain Bike event will take place in the 22nd Summer Deaflympics.

Bobby Skedsmo  
ICSD Technical Director - Cycling

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## Football

### 2nd World Deaf Futsal Championship

Twelve days in Sofia saw several elite deaf futsal footballers come together to battle it out for the 2nd World Deaf Futsal Championship. Let me explain what futsal is because it is still a relatively new sport - unknown to many.

Futsal is an indoor version of football. The name started from the Portuguese 'futebol de salão' and the Spanish 'fútbol sala/de salón' - translated as 'indoor football'.

Futsal is played between two teams of five players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. Unlike some other forms of indoor football, the field of play is more skillful with lines - not boards or walls that players can use to redirect the ball. Futsal is played with a size 4 ball, which is slightly heavier and smaller than the usual size 5 ball used in football.

Other forms of indoor football games, which are played by somewhat different rules, exist and may be referred to as indoor football, five-a-side football. The main differences between five-a-side football and futsal:

### Five-a-side football

- Five players on court - limited substitutions;
- No bye-lines or sidelines, use of walls or rebound boards, ball constantly in play;
- Only defending goalkeeper allowed in penalty-area;
- Height restriction on ball;
- Low and wide rectangular goals;
- Felt ball often used.

### Futsal

- Five players on court - rolling substitutions;
- Touchlines and bye-lines used with the ball always returned to play via kick-in;
- All players can enter penalty-areas;
- No height restriction on ball;
- 'Squarer' goals (3m x 2m);
- Regulation futsal ball: size 4 with a 30% reduced bounce.

Altogether 30 countries, 20 men and 10 women teams competed at the 2nd World Deaf Futsal Championship.

As always, a World Championship of any sport attracts the best players into the tournament. This time was no exemption as there were several fantastic deaf futsal footballers to enjoy from the viewing stands.

Stephanie Ziegler of Germany, Beate Hagdahl Solem of Norway and Denise Gardoni of Italy were some of those exceptional futsal footballers that really stood out in the women championship.



Christof gives good luck shake

In the men championship, the defensive partnership of Andriy Savytsky and Vasyl Azhnyuk of Ukraine had a big contribution to Ukraine's success while Roman Dudin of Russia, Milan Maksimovic of Serbia, Majid Awadh Al-Asmari of Saudi Arabia were a joy to watch with their amazing dazzling skills which outfoxed their opponents.

The biggest winners, for me, was the Thailand team who arrived in Sofia as virtual unknowns and departed as a force to be reckoned with, making a lot of friends and admirers with their superb attitude and teamwork.

Both the women and men finals were of unbelievable standard and pleased the noisy crowd on the final championship day. Germany overcame the European Deaf Champions Russia 3 - 2 in a tactical-like Women Final while Ukraine beat Thailand in a thrilling see-saw Men Final that just took your breath away. England (Women) and Italy (men) took the bronze in the championship.

How could I forget the passionate entertaining opera-like Italian manager who even sometimes took the attention away from his own Italy team! All in all, it was a

very successful World Deaf Futsal Championship and so a big thank you to the Championship Organising Committee for their hard work before and during the championship, in particular the constantly-in-demand Eli Zaharieva.

I also would like to thank Dogan Ozdemir and Josef Willmerdinger from ICSD Executive Committee for their support throughout the championship. Already, there are several interested countries bidding for the rights to host the 3rd World Deaf Futsal Championship in 2011, so watch this space.

There are some excellent [photos](#) of the action during the championship.

### Final standings

#### Men:

GOLD Ukraine  
 SILVER Thailand  
 BRONZE Italy  
 4th Russia  
 5th Bulgaria  
 6th Sweden  
 7th Netherlands  
 8th Saudi Arabia  
 9th Serbia  
 10th England  
 11th Switzerland  
 12th Macedonia  
 13th Israel  
 14th Norway  
 15th United Arab Emirates  
 16th Turkey  
 17th Ireland  
 18th Azerbaijan  
 19th Slovakia  
 20th Kuwait  
 DNF Uzbekistan  
 DNF Guinea  
 DNF Sierra Leone  
 DNF Colombia

### Final standings

#### Women:

GOLD Germany  
 SILVER Russia  
 BRONZE England  
 4th Norway  
 5th Denmark  
 6th Italy  
 7th Israel  
 8th Turkey  
 9th Sweden  
 10th Switzerland  
 DNF Japan

Click [here](#) for official results and fixtures.

### **1st World Deaf Football Championship**

In the last Enews I said that there would be an announcement as to who have entered the upcoming inaugural World Deaf Football Championship in 2008 after all the countries have paid their deposit.

Unfortunately, there has been a slight delay to this due to a request from the Championship Organising Committee in Greece to change the venue from Katerini to Patras, which is west of Athens.

I am going to carry out a site inspection of the facilities in Patras in mid-December and will make an announcement early January.

If you need to get in touch with the World Deaf Football Championship Organising Committee, their new email is: [wdcf2008@hafdeaf.gr](mailto:wdcf2008@hafdeaf.gr) (please copy your emails to [stoufis@hafdeaf.gr](mailto:stoufis@hafdeaf.gr)).

I wish all football fans around the globe a very happy Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2008.

Yours in football

Christof Niklaus  
ICSD Technical Director - Football

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### **Ice Hockey**

With 2007 closing behind us, we look forward to another great year of 2008.

I have been communicating with Brian Broszeit – Chairperson of the World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships that will take place in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on 11th – 18th April 2009.

They are very excited to announce that their website will be launched in January 2008. Please visit their website: [www.worlddeafhockeycurling2009.com](http://www.worlddeafhockeycurling2009.com). You can check more information about their host committees, accommodations, registrations, sponsors, & etc. in their website.

The ICSD has sent out [Preliminary Entry Forms](#) to our member countries a couple of weeks ago. Please fill out the Entry Forms as soon as possible on or before **15 January 2008** whether your country plans to attend or not to the Organizing Committee.

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association looks forward to receiving these Preliminary Entry Forms to give them an idea of how many countries will attend their 1st World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships.

My personal goal is to see at least 8 teams attend the Ice Hockey Championships in 2009. I will give you an update in our next e-NEWS in regards to how many countries and who will participate.

If you have any questions regarding the 2009 World Ice Hockey Championships, please feel free to contact me anytime at [icehockeytd@ciss.org](mailto:icehockeytd@ciss.org)

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

S. Chris Bradley  
ICSD Technical Director – Ice Hockey

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### **Shooting**

Hi there fellow Shooting Competitors!

Congratulations to those European Shooters for breaking more and more [World Records!](#) I would like to see other Shooters breaking World Records the other side of the world.

Just to let you know that ICSD Sports Director, Josef Willmerdinger and Wayne Langbein, the ICSD Technical Operations Manager, have been working very hard to oversee the growth of women's sports which was great news.

The new women's Deaf Shooting World Record standings would be on [ICSD website](#).

The minimum points in order to break women's World Record would be 85%, with the exception for 25m Pistol would be 80%. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [shootingtd@ciss.org](mailto:shootingtd@ciss.org) for further particulars regarding the women's events in Shooting competitions they all would be published in the next issue of next e-News Bulletin.

There have been more and more New World Records being made by Shooting competitors subsequent to my last e-News bulletin. To ensure that these records are recorded by the ICSD, I encourage that these records made by Men's or Women's category be submitted without any delay following the record being made.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about Deaf Shooting. I would be delighted to hear from you.

Wish you all the very best for the New Year!

Mac Adam  
ICSD Technical Director - Shooting

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## Snowboard

The year 2007 will soon come to an end. Hopefully this year has had many positive experiences for you. Above all, I hope that this winter 2008 will be a very good season for our winter sportswomen and sportsmen.

It was agreed to have Shooting World Records to be separated between men and women. We will accept new women's shooting World Records beginning on 1 September 2007.

More time is needed to write a complete report on the generation of snowboarders so that will be ready at next e-News issue.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year, with a lot of happiness, love, health and to an exciting and fulfilling 2008.

Marco Galmarini  
ICSD Technical Director - Snowboard

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## Table Tennis

Dear Sport Friends!

As you all are aware, Bulgaria is hosting our 1st World Deaf Table Tennis Championships in Sofia between 31 May – 09 June 2008.

The ICSD Secretariat will re-distribute the preliminary form with a new deadline date of **15 February 2008**, and deadline for Registration by name is **1 May 2008**.



Zsolt Nyiro and ICSD officials with Bulgarian leaders at the Ministry of Sports office

The host Organizers as well as ICSD officials strongly believe that this event will

take place in perfect harmony with ICSD Regulation WC.1.5 and many regions will be represented.

1st World Deaf Table Tennis Championships in Sofia is considered as an important milestone of our sport. World Deaf Table Tennis Ranking is being created and will be frequently updated to be the only database for draw process of international events in future. Certainly the results achieved during the World Championship will also count when draw for Taipei Summer Deaflympics will be established.

World Deaf Table Tennis Ranking List as a benchmark will be built according to the results during:

1. Deaflympics
2. World Championships
3. Continent and/or Regional Championships
4. National Championships

So go ahead and include yourself in the tournament at Sofia next year!

During my inspection this past November in Sofia, I found preparations to be satisfactory. Organizers are meeting the timeline schedule and are offering 3 kinds of accommodations which will meet various of countries' budget needs. Detailed information sheet from Bulgarian Deaf Sport Federation will be on internet as soon as the required number of entries are registered.

Once again, it is highly recommended to include 1st World Deaf Table Tennis Championship into your Agenda and see you in Sofia!

Zsolt Nyírő  
ICSD Technical Director - Table Tennis

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# Deaf Sports Events

## World Deaf Martial Arts Championships - Update

I am pleased to announce that by looking at the preliminary registration a total of 12 countries had submitted their interest to participate. Also, I have received additional 12 countries expressing their interest pending final confirmation.

If you wish to participate, please send the Preliminary Registration to us before the 1 March 2008 deadline date for Final Registration. [Click here](#) to review Information Packet and [here](#) for Preliminary Programme.

I would like to notify you that the event Taekwondo or Wushu may be cancelled at the 13 World Deaf Martial Arts Championships due to lack of number of participants. There must be more than 5 countries and 2 regions to make it possible for the event of Taekwondo and Wushu. Thank you for understanding, and we have till 1 March 2008 before we will know if we must cancel those events.

I would like to mention that the events of judo and karate will be under the supervision of the ICSD Technical Director Judo, Antoine DAMIEN and myself as the ICSD Technical Director Karate respectively.

### **Information from World Deaf Martial Arts Championships Organizing Committee**

The Organizing Committee (O.C.) would like to let you know that it is not possible to reserve the accommodation at CREPS therefore the O.C had decided to change the hotel. The O.C. ask you to not to send the reservation form and the application fee at the moment. The O.C. will send a new form with new bank coordination information. We are sorry for the inconvenience and would like to assure smooth operations of the event. Please do go ahead and send the final registration.

I would be pleased to hear from you.

François KHALEF  
ICSD Technical Director - Karate

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# Deaf Sports In Brief

## 2007 WIDEX Sportsman and Sportswomen Award Finalists

### Men's Category:



BAGGA

**Rajeev BAGGA** (GBR) - Badminton  
Winner with 85 points

Born 6 APR 1967, Rajeev won the men's singles once again in the recent World Deaf Badminton Championship in Germany. He has not lost his singles match since 1989 when he first emerged in the official competition. He was nominated by Technical Director of Badminton who perceived him to be a very unselfish player who usually accepted many bad calls by umpires without challenge. He went on to say that Rajeev has what it takes to be a true sportsman and has excellent personality in and outside of the badminton court. Rajeev has melted many people's heart at the 2nd World Championship by giving up his silver medal for the men's doubles to the family of Lithuanian promising player, Andirus Jankus who was tragically killed by car accident recently.



NATALCHUK

**Volodymyr NATALCHUK** (UKR) – Swimming  
Finalist with 70 points

Born 6 JUN 1980, Volodymyr won a total of 10 medals at the 2nd World Deaf Swimming Championships in Taipei; 6 Gold, 3 Silver, and 1 Bronze. He showed great sportsmanship and much improved time results as compared from 2005 Summer Deaflympics in Melbourne.



LACKERBAUER

**Werner LACKERBAUER** (GER) – Shooting  
Finalist with 67 points

Born 20 JAN 1965 in Munich, Germany. Werner's accomplishments for this year include holding three World Records:

- 25m standard pistols (60 shots) on 06.07.2007 in Munich
- Team Record for 25m standard pistols (60 shots) on 12.09.2007 in Genève
- 25m rapid fire pistols on 11.09.2007 in Genève

Also participating in European Deaf Shooting Championship in Genève SUI and capturing 4 medals:

- Gold medal in 25m rapid fire pistol on 11.09.2007
- Gold medal in 25m standard pistol on 12.09.2007
- Gold medal in standard pistol team on 12.09.2007
- Silver medal in 10m air pistol team on 10.09.2007



BECHERER

**Mathias BECHERER** (GER) – Alpine Skiing

Finalist with 64 points

Born 28 JUL 1982, Mathias's accomplishments for this year include winning 3 Medals at the 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City USA:

- Giant Slalom – Silver
- Combined – Gold
- Super G – Gold



DEGTIANNIKOV

**Alexander DEGTIANNIKOV** (RUS) – Cross Country Skiing

Finalist with 60 points

Born 1 AUG 1972 in Kamsky, Perm region, Russia. Alexander's achievement for this year was at the 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, USA where he won 3 Gold medals in the following disciplines:

- Cross country skiing – 15km mass start
- Cross Country skiing – 3x10km relay
- Cross Country skiing – team sprint

Total of medals he has collected over the years (Winter Deaflympics 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, and European Championships) 14 (9 Gold, 4 Silver, and 1 Bronze)

He has received a high rank "Honored Master of Sports" in the Russian Federation for greater achievement in Sports.



HARADA

**Noboru HARADA** (JPN) – Snowboard

Finalist with 57 points

Born 8 MAR 1976 in Tochigi, Japan. Noboru was nominated by both his Federation and the Technical Director of Snowboard. The Japan Federation stated that he is not only the top Alpine Snowboard competitor in Japan, having won many gold medals in the Winter Games of the Japan Deaf Sports Games, but tops the world, having won gold medals consecutively in the 15th and 16th Winter Deaflympics. In the 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, he won 2 gold medals for the Parallel Giant Slalom and Parallel Slalom, showing the world that the technical level of Japanese Alpine Snowboarding is truly at the top. As the leader of the Japanese Deaflympics team, he met with the Prince and Princess Akishino, then the Prime Minister Abe and played a major role in promoting the ideals of the Deaflympics. Through his positive actions, he inspired not only the Japanese team, but all the Deaf athletes in Japan. The TD Snowboard commented that he is a very distinguished snowboard driver and very impressive double winner.



PERCHTOLD

**Phillip PERCHTOLD (AUT) – Alpine Skiing**

Finalist with 49 points

Born 20 APR 1979 in Graz, Austria. Phillip’s accomplishment for this year began by winning 4 medals at the Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, USA.

- Giant Slalom – Gold
- Combined – Bronze
- Slalom – Bronze
- Super G – Bronze
- Downhill – 8th place

In addition he is considered the Austrian National Champion in all Ski disciplines in this season. He also won the Deaf Alpencup 2007. There were 53 participants from 8 countries. In Austria he is a top athlete and accepted from the state Austria as the top athlete. In September he got an award from Austrian government for his accomplishment. His plans include winning more medals in the upcoming Wintersport European Championship in Austria.



SCHNEIDER

**Roland SCHNEIDER (SUI) – Alpine Skiing**

Finalist with 39 points

Born 5 DEC 1970, Roland’s achievement for this year was at the 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, USA where he received 3 Medals in the following disciplines:

- Downhill – Gold
- Alpine Combined – Silver
- Super – G – Silver
- Slalom – 4th place
- Giant Slalom – 7th place



GRILLIS

**Sedaris GRILLIS (GRE) – Basketball**

Finalist with 34 points

Born 14 DEC 1981, Sedaris was nominated by the Technical Director of Basketball. He won the MVP and the top Five of the tournament as well as the silver medal for the Greece team at the recent World Deaf Basketball Championship in China.



KEARNEY

**Damien KEARNEY** (IRL) – Football  
Finalist with 28 points

Born 7 JAN 1988, Damien was nominated by the Technical Director of Football. Damien Kearney inspired Ireland to the Bronze medal with a string of stunning saves against Russia, Ukraine and Belgium. Damien conceded only two goals in four matches (including two clean sheets) at the European Deaf Football Championship before Ireland was defeated by Great Britain. In the third/fourth play offs; Damien came on as the last minute substitute to go in goal again for Ireland to face the Germans in the penalty shootout after both sides drew 2-2 (the reserve goal keeper was given a chance in the play off). Kearney saved a crucial penalty in the penalty shootout that made sure the bronze medal went to Ireland.

***Women's Category:***



DEEVA

**Natalia DEEVA** (BLR) – Swimming  
Winner with 85 points

Born 29 DEC 1979, Natalia's achievements were at the recent World Deaf Swimming Championships in Taipei where she broke three World Records and won three Gold medals.

- 50m breaststroke (heat) - 34.97 broke world record
- 50m breaststroke (final) - 34.91 broke world record and won Gold medal
- 4x100 medley - 4:38.00 broke world record and won Gold medal
- 100m breaststroke - 1:17.75 won Gold medal



FEDULOVA

**Anna FEDULOVA** (RUS) – Cross Country Skiing  
Finalist with 82 points

Born 19 JUL 1978 in Tula, Russia. During the 16th Winter Deaflympics 2007 (Salt Lake City, USA) Anna Fedulova has won 4 Gold Medals on the following disciplines:

- Cross Country Skiing – 1.3km individual sprint
- Cross Country Skiing – 10km mass start
- Cross Country Skiing – 15km double pursuit
- Cross Country Skiing – team sprint

Total of Medals received (Winter Deaflympics 1999, 2003, 2007 and European Championship – 19. (11 Gold, 6 Silver, 2 Bronze).

She has received a high rank "Honoured Master of Sports" in the Russian Federation for greater achievements in Sports.



POLIVANCHUK

**Anna POLIVANCHUK (SWE) – Swimming**

Finalist with 82 points

The Federation stated that Anna is already the World’s best swimmer and yet she still keeps breaking records after records and her statistics is fantastic. She is a great swimmer and is being nominated again this year. Below is her performance for this year:

- 35.74 - 50m breaststroke 14 April 2007 World Record at Trelleborg
- 1:07.36 - 100m backstroke 30 March 2007 World Record at Östersund
- 2:25.71 - 200m backstroke 01 April 2007 World Record at Östersund
- 1:09.18 - 100m individual medley 31 March 2007 World Record at Östersund
- 2:28.99 - 200m individual medley 30 March 2007 World Record at Östersund
- 32.24 - 50m backstroke 12 August 2007 Swedish Record at Taipei



DOVYDAITYTE

**Kristina DOVYDAITYTE (LTU) – Badminton**

Finalist with 55 points

Born 30 OCT 1985, Kristina is nominated by the Technical Director of Badminton. She has won many titles in the ladies singles for many years including winning Gold for the ladies singles in the recent World Deaf Badminton Championships. She has excellent history in the mixed doubles which she got silver in the recent tournament. Kristina also doesn’t challenge the umpires with poor decisions; this shown excellent character of a sportswoman she is. Kristina has encountered many hard matches but she managed to keep winning most of the matches and she is currently ranked no. 1 in the Deaf Badminton World.



KMOCHOVA

**Tereza KMOCHOVA (CZE) – Alpine Skiing**

Finalist with 54 points

Born 26 SEP 1990 in Harrachov, Czech Republic. Tereza is a junior, only 17 years old and already earning 5 medals at the elite Deaflympics level. Both the Federation and Technical Director of Alpine supports her nomination.

- Downhill - gold with a time of 1:51.37
- Combined – silver with a time of 1:28.85
- Super G – bronze with a time of 1:04.31
- Giant Slalom – gold with a time of 1:45.65
- Slalom – silver with a time of 1:34.10



BRØNDUM

**Charlotte BRØNDUM (DEN) – Football/Futsal**

Finalist with 46 points

Born 7 OCT 1983, Charlotte is nominated by Technical Director of Football. Charlotte is a very complete football player, she knows all aspects of the game and she would be capable of filling any role on the field.

At the end of 2006 she was selected as the best player in Moscow during EC in Futsal. She is one of the best and strongest players on the hearing team she plays on, a team that recently moved up to the 5th division and her team has a big chance of moving up into the 4th division this year.

As a football player she is exceptionally technical very skilled, physically strong, and has an excellent authority on the field. More importantly she is a good captain and a real team player – an excellent role model for other deaf aspiring female football players both deaf and hearing. As a football player she is very engaged in the sport and she does a lot of work for the Danish National Team. In general I would say that Charlotte is a person who both the Danish and the International Deaf Community can be proud of, she does a great job with improving deaf people's rights and living conditions.



LYTVYENKO

**Ganna LYTVYENKO (UKR) – Swimming**

Finalist with 46 points

Born 22 DEC 1970, Ganna won six (6) medals at the 2nd World Deaf Swimming Championships; 3 Gold, 1 Silver, and 2 Bronze. At this meet, she broke two of her own World Records. In the 100m Freestyle event, she dropped .85 seconds from her best time.



FERM

**Cecilia FERM (SWE) – Basketball**

Finalist with 37 points

Born 9 OCT 1975, Cecilia is nominated by Technical Director of Basketball. Cecilia won silver medal with her Swedish team at the World Deaf Basketball Championship in China. In addition she was voted as the MVP of the tournament in addition to 2 more prizes as the top Five of the tournament. She was the top scorer and the top rebounder.



CERVANTES  
ORTA

**Juana Mariana CERVANTES ORTA (MEX) – Athletics**

Finalist with 33 points

Born 18 JUL 1974 in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. Juana participated in the “XXII Campeonato Nacional Deportivo Selectivo Para Sordos” in Aguascalientes from 20-24 June 2007 and won 3 Gold medals in those events:

- 800 meters – 2:38
- 1,500 meters – 5:15
- 5,000 meters – 19:28

She also participated in the “IV Juegos Deportivos Panamericanos de Sordos” in Valencia, Estado Carabobo, Venezuela from 11-18 August 2007 and won a silver medal and two gold medals in those events:

- 800 meters – 2:31.72 (silver)
- 1,500 meters – 4:57.02 (Panam record)
- 5,000 meters – 18:23.48 (Panam record)



WACHSMUTH

**Mai Mathilde WACHSMUTH (DEN) – Bowling**

Finalist with 29 points

Born 12 NOV 1977, with three gold medals, Mai Mathilde achieved some extraordinary results this year.

She won gold in Nordic Baltic Championship in Estonia, in the discipline Womens Trio. She won gold in the Team Discipline also during Nordic Baltic Championships, and she took the gold medal in the discipline ALL EVENTS. It should be noted that the competition with the Swedish team was very tight, since they had Eva Ulfsparre who previously held the title of European Champion for a few years in a row.

Mai Mathilde is also a very enthusiastic bowler and a much appreciated team player, sharing her joy of the game with her team mates on the Danish National Bowling Team.

Click [here](#) to see current and past Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.



## 2007 Approved World Records and World Junior Records

Technical Directors of Athletics - Barbara C. Søndergaard, Shooting - Mac Adam, and Swimming - Reed Gershwind recognised and proudly announce 2007 approved World Records and World Junior Records below. International Committee of Sports for the Deaf congratulates all of the athletes who accomplished their feat for year 2007.

### 2007 APPROVED WORLD RECORDS

#### ATHLETICS – MEN

100km	9:55:04	ROSENBAUM Jörg (1966)	GER	18 Aug 2007	Leipzig, GER
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#### ATHLETICS – WOMEN

100m hurdles	14.68 (w 1.2)	OLENKO Kairit (1985)	EST	10 Jul 2007	Sofia, BUL
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#### SHOOTING – MEN

25m standard pistol (60 shots)	551	LACKERBAUER Werner (1965)	GER	6 Jul 2007	München, GER
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25m rapid fire pistol (60 shots) final	717.8	LACKERBAUER Werner (1965)	GER	11 Sep 2007	Genève, SUI
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10m air pistol (60 shots) team	1653	KOLODII Oleksandr (1986) OMELIANENKO Stanislav (1980) TARAN Valeriy (1973)	UKR	10 Sep 2007	Genève, SUI
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25m standard pistol (60 shots) team	1556	LACKERBAUER Werner (1965) UNGER Gerald (1969) MACKERT Peter (1956)	GER	12 Sep 2007	Genève, SUI
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#### SWIMMING – WOMEN (Long Course 50m)

50m freestyle	27.06	LYTVYNNENKO Ganna (1970)	UKR	12 Aug 2007	Taipei, TPE
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100m freestyle	58.05	LYTVYNNENKO Ganna (1970)	UKR	15 Aug 2007	Taipei, TPE
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50m backstroke	32.23	SHU-NING Tseng (1989)	TPE	15 Aug 2007	Taipei, TPE
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50m breaststroke	34.97	DEEVA Natalia (1979)	BLR	14 Aug 2007	Taipei, TPE
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	34.91	DEEVA Natalia (1979)	BLR	14 Aug 2007	Taipei, TPE
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4x100m freestyle relay	4:04.72	GUSKOVA Veronika (1984)	RUS	16 Aug 2007	Taipei, TPE
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		MARUSHKINA Luiza (1988)			
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		LOMOVA Olga (1983)			
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		FEDOROVA Olga (1986)			
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4x100m medley relay	4:38.00	RUDZKO Maryia (1989)	BLR	14 Aug 2007	Taipei, TPE
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		DEEVA Natalia (1979)			
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		YERAMTSOVA Katsiaryna (1983)			
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		PETRUSHENKA Aksana (1984)			
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#### SWIMMING – MEN (Short Course 25m)

1500m freestyle	16:47.86	WEINHAGEN Alexander (1985)	SWE	9 Apr 2007	Vellinge, SWE
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50m butterfly	27.40	MORGAN Craig (1989)	AUS	4 Aug 2007	Sydney, AUS
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	26.63	KOCH Björn (1988)	GER	20 Oct 2007	Bremen, GER
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100m butterfly	58.05	KOCH Björn (1988)	GER	14 Oct 2007	Essen, GER
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	57.56	KOCH Björn (1988)	GER	14 Oct 2007	Essen, GER
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100m indiv. medley	1:00.89	KOCH Björn (1988)	GER	13 Oct 2007	Essen, GER
	59.75	KOCH Björn (1988)	GER	20 Oct 2007	Bremen, GER

### **SWIMMING – WOMEN (Short Course 25m)**

100m backstroke	1:07.36	POLIVANCHUK Anna (1990)	SWE	30 Mar 2007	Östersund, SWE
200m backstroke	2:25.71	POLIVANCHUK Anna (1990)	SWE	1 Apr 2007	Östersund, SWE
50m breaststroke	35.74	POLIVANCHUK Anna (1990)	SWE	14 Apr 2007	Trelleborg, SWE
100m butterfly	1:04.25	POLIVANCHUK Alexandra (1990)	SWE	30 Mar 2007	Östersund, SWE
100m indiv. medley	1:09.18	POLIVANCHUK Anna (1990)	SWE	31 Mar 2007	Östersund, SWE
200m indiv. medley	2:28.99	POLIVANCHUK Anna (1990)	SWE	30 Mar 2007	Östersund, SWE
400m indiv. medley	5:18.51	POLIVANCHUK Anna (1990)	SWE	1 Apr 2007	Östersund, SWE

### **2007 APPROVED WORLD JUNIOR RECORDS**

#### **ATHLETICS – MEN**

800m	1:57.65	HELMIS Daniel (1988)	GER	30 Jun 2007	Berlin, GER
	1:57.08	HELMIS Daniel (1988)	GER	11 Jul 2007	Sofia, BUL
1000m	2:36.62	HELMIS Daniel (1988)	GER	12 May 2007	Berlin, GER
1500m	4:10.95	HELMIS Daniel (1988)	GER	1 Jun 2007	Berlin, GER
	4:04.15	HELMIS Daniel (1988)	GER	1 Jul 2007	Berlin, GER
5000m	16:26.64	HELMIS Daniel (1988)	GER	2 Jun 2007	Berlin, GER
	15:52.77	POLAT Cihan (1988)	TUR	11 Jul 2007	Sofia, BUL
high jump	2.00	SAVOSTIN Alexey (1988)	RUS	10 Jul 2007	Sofia, BUL
long jump	6.43 (w 0.8)	SCHLOSSER Florian (1990)	GER	1 Jun 2007	Berlin, GER
	6.62 (w 1.1)	SCHLOSSER Florian (1990)	GER	1 Jun 2007	Berlin, GER
	6.82 (w -1.0)	SCHLOSSER Florian (1990)	GER	9 Jul 2007	Sofia, BUL
	6.88 (w 0.1)	SCHLOSSER Florian (1990)	GER	1 Sep 2007	Mörfelden, GER
triple jump	14.81 (w 1.2)	SAVOSTIN Alexey (1988)	RUS	14 Jul 2007	Sofia, BUL
shot put	15.01	KLIMPEL Hanjo (1989)	GER	13 May 2007	Berlin, GER
hammer throw	40.82	PAZDERA Tomás (1989)	CZE	22 May 2007	Prague, CZE
javelin throw	54.36	KLIMPEL Hanjo (1989)	GER	2 Jun 2007	Berlin, GER
	54.43	KLIMPEL Hanjo (1989)	GER	2 Jun 2007	Berlin, GER

#### **ATHLETICS – WOMEN**

100m	12.95 (w 1.1)	SCHNEID Georgina (1990)	GER	1 Jun 2007	Berlin, GER
	12.91 (w 2.0)	SCHNEID Georgina (1990)	GER	30 Jun 2007	Germering, GER
400m	58.44	GOLOVINA Ksenia (1992)	RUS	9 Jul 2007	Sofia, BUL
100m hurdles	15.85 (w -0.4)	SCHNEID Georgina (1990)	GER	30 Jun 2007	Germering, GER
	14.76 (w 1.2)	SHAPOVAL Yuliya (1988)	UKR	10 Jul 2007	Sofia, BUL
400m hurdles	1:06.35	SHAPOVAL Yuliya (1988)	UKR	11 Jul 2007	Sofia, BUL
shot put	12.29	KRISTOFICOVA Ivana (1990)	SVK	23 Jun 2007	Bratislava, SVK
	12.51	KRISTOFICOVA Ivana (1990)	SVK	12 Jul 2007	Sofia, BUL

### **2007 AWAITING RATIFICATION WORLD RECORDS**

#### **SWIMMING – MEN (Long Course 50m)**

100m butterfly	57.15	KOCH Björn (1988)	GER	2 Dec 2007	Dortmund, GER
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#### **SWIMMING – MEN (Short Course 25m)**

800m freestyle	8:42.30	WEINHAGEN Alexander (1985)	SWE	28 Oct 2007	Kristianstad, SWE
	8:42.20	WEINHAGEN Alexander (1985)	SWE	14 Nov 2007	Stockholm, SWE
	8:38.25	WEINHAGEN Alexander (1985)	SWE	23 Nov 2007	Jönköping, SWE
1500m freestyle	16:29.20	WEINHAGEN Alexander (1985)	SWE	28 Oct 2007	Kristianstad, SWE
	16:26.71	WEINHAGEN Alexander (1985)	SWE	14 Nov 2007	Stockholm, SWE
	16:21.28	WEINHAGEN Alexander (1985)	SWE	23 Nov 2007	Jönköping, SWE
50m butterfly	25.86	KOCH Björn (1988)	GER	10 Nov 2007	Essen, GER
200m butterfly	2:04.53	KOCH Björn (1988)	GER	10 Nov 2007	Essen, GER
	2:03.99	KOCH Björn (1988)	GER	24 Nov 2007	Essen, GER

### SHOOTING – WOMEN

10m air rifle (40 shots)	385	BIATOVSZKI Mira (1992)	HUN	9 Sep 2007	Genève, SUI
10m air rifle (40 shots) final	481.2	BIATOVSZKI Mira (1992)	HUN	9 Sep 2007	Genève, SUI

### 2007 AWAITING RATIFICATION WORLD JUNIOR RECORDS

### ATHLETICS – MEN

pole vault	3.90 **tied**	RAPP Manuel (1990)	GER	18 Aug 2007	Saarbrücken, GER
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## Leadership Training Seminar for Deaf Women in Sports

From 9-11 November Therese Rollven and I organized a leadership training seminar for Deaf women within sports in Europe. The objective of the seminar was to make Deaf women more aware of their leadership skills in sports. Nowadays, there are not many women active in different levels of sports; i.e. coaches, administrators, board members, etc. A total of 26 women from 13 countries attended the seminar. Some women work in the area of Deaf Sports while other women have future plans to work in the field of Deaf Sports. Each NDSF in Europe was invited to nominate two women to attend this seminar.

The seminar was a fresh start to set up a network among Deaf women in Europe to motivate them to improve their role as leaders or become leaders within Deaf Sports. It was a follow-up seminar from the successful seminar "[No women- No Deaf Sport?](#)" which the Swedish Deaf Sport

Federation organized in October 2006 in Stockholm for women from each of the eight countries in Nordic Balticum Deaf Sport Federation (NBDSF). At the seminar it was confirmed among the participants that it is a great need for a continuance of that kind of seminar for Deaf women in Europe.



Group photo in the beautiful mountain

The seminar took place at the Education Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Fontana Passugg) in Passugg / Switzerland. The travel opportunities in Switzerland are very good. It took us just a little more than 2 hours to get from the Zurich airport to the idyllic Passugg surrounded with mountains and great nature. The ICSD has

experienced good service at the Education Center for different seminars and meetings. The center is established by Deaf people, so it is ideal to have our seminar there, where we can experience a great Deaf service. More information can be found on [www.bildungsstaette.ch](http://www.bildungsstaette.ch).

The lecturers at the seminar were Tiffany Granfors, ICSD - Executive Director, Therese Rollvén from Sweden, Katja Tissi from Switzerland, Isabelle Malaurie, EDSO - President and myself. It was a successful seminar and the participants were very active and showed a great interest during the seminar. At the end of the seminar, we all agreed that there is a big desire for an International Conference for Deaf Women within Sports in the future. Before organizing an international seminar for Deaf Women in Sports, each ICSD's Regional Confederation should have at least one leadership training seminar for Deaf women in sports. The next goal is to organize a seminar in Asia for Deaf Women in the Asian country sometimes in 2008 as the next Summer Deaflympics will be held in Chinese Taipei, R.O.C. in 2009.



Workshop in session

I want to send a big thanks to ICSD which supported us financially so it was possible to organize this seminar. I want also to thank the Swedish Deaf Sports Federation which was willing to give Therese Rollvén (the project leader of the equality project) some work hours to arrange the seminar together with me.

[Attached](#) you can read about the seminar in details which is written by Therese Rollvén. Now I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I hope to see some of you during 2008.

Best regards,

Siv Fosshaug  
ICSD Member at Large

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### **ICSD Vice President - David Lanesman received Telfed Volunteer Award**

#### **Telfed Volunteer Award for 2006**

On Thursday, 22nd November, Ra'anana., the South African Zionist Federation (Israel) celebrated yet another milestone in its 60th anniversary year. The annual Volunteer of the Year Award ceremony was graciously hosted by Barry and Marcelle Kornel in Ra'anana. Beautifully organized by Telfed's Sharon Bernstein, together with the National Events Committee, this particular evening was resonant with the spirit of volunteering which is at the heart of this organization.

At the center of this event, were five Southern African olim (immigrants), most worthy of nomination for their activities in the wider community.

The winner of the award for 2006, unanimously chosen by 3 independent judges, was **David Lanesman** who has spent his life volunteering to promote and assist sports institutions for the deaf, and is presently a vice-President of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and a management member of the Institute for the Advancement of the Deaf. For 18 years he has been the team chief leading the Israeli team to the Deaflympics. David spoke of the spirit of volunteering he imbibed in the home of his parents, Freda and Ralph Lanesman. Ably assisted by his

son Nadav, who brilliantly simultaneously translated his father's sign-language into perfect English for the audience, David's own example of volunteering has already inspired his young daughter to manage a branch of the local Tzofim (scouts) movement for disabled youngsters.

With 2 weeks to go to the beautiful festival of lights, this event, which ended off around the table filled with the most scrumptious desserts, prepared by hand by Marcelle Kornel and Debbie Chitiz, was yet another fitting milestone in our 60th anniversary calendar. Next on our agenda is the very prestigious Yakir Zion award ceremony to be held at Beit Hatefutsoth on March 6th, 2008.

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### **Rajeev Bagga Wins English National Veterans' Badminton Championships**



Rajeev proudly display his trophy

We recently received the latest news on Rajeev Bagga's achievement on winning the British National Badminton Veteran Over 40 Men's singles on 30th November in West Sussex, England. He is the new British Champion for the Veteran Over 40 which is absolutely marvellous. See the results on the link below including photos of him with a Glass Trophy.

Congratulations Rajeev!

[Click here](#) to see full results.

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### **Featured Article: DIBF Secretary General - Kjell Gunnå**

FIBA has featured an [article](#) of interview with Kjell Gunnå about his career and the deaf basketball in general. A round of applause for Kjell!

Lyndon Borrow  
President  
Deaf International Basketball Federation

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### **Shuttlers to give their best in Germany**

<http://thestar.com.my/metro/story.asp?file=/2007/9/29/central/18996724&sec=central>

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# IOC In Brief

## Five cities to compete to host the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2010

IOC Press Release - 19 November 2007

Athens (GRE), Bangkok (THA), Moscow (RUS), Singapore (SIN) and Turin (ITA) were today selected by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as Candidate Cities to host the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2010. The cities were selected unanimously from a total of nine Cities, which also included Debrecen (HUN), Guatemala City (GUA), Kuala Lumpur (MAS) and Poznan (POL).

The selection was made on the basis of a study of the Cities' Candidature Files and related documents submitted to the IOC on 26 October 2007. The study and subsequent report were conducted by a panel of experts including representatives of the Olympic Movement and specialists. The panel assessed the risk associated with each city's project based on the timeframe of two and a half years available to host the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games. It also appraised the robustness of each project in terms of the capability to host successful Youth Olympic Games in 2010. Based on this analysis, the IOC Executive Board unanimously validated the panel's proposal of short listed Candidate Cities.

### [Discover the full report of the panel of experts](#)

The projects of the five short listed Candidate Cities will now be further assessed by an IOC Evaluation Commission, chaired by IOC Executive Board member Sergey Bubka and composed of representatives of the Olympic Movement as follows:

Mr Frank Fredericks (IOC Athletes' Commission)

Mr Guido de Bondt (NOC representative)

Mr Andrew Ryan (IF representative)

Mr Gilbert Felli (Olympic Games Executive Director)

Mr Essar Gabriel (Head of the Youth Olympic Games)

The IOC Evaluation Commission will submit its report to the IOC Executive Board at the end of January 2008. On the basis of this report, the IOC Executive Board will recommend which Candidate Cities will be submitted to the IOC members for election as host city. Following a postal vote by all IOC members, the host city for the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games will be announced at the end of February 2008.

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## Sochi 2014 Coordination Commission announced

IOC Press Release - 29 November 2007

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) today announced the names of the members of the IOC's Coordination Commission for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

Composed of Olympic gold medallists to look after the athletes' interests, representatives of the major Olympic Movement stakeholders – National Olympic Committees (NOC) and International Federations (IF) - and other experts in different areas of Games operations, the Commission will be assisting and monitoring the work of the Sochi 2014 Organising Committee during the coming six-and-a-half years of preparations and building on the positive start that has been made since Sochi's election in Guatemala this July. This

positive start was underlined during the Sochi Orientation Seminar that was held last week in Moscow, which saw Coordination Commission Chairman Jean-Claude Killy brief the Russian Prime Minister and attend two days of meetings with the representatives of all the main organisations involved in the Sochi Games preparations.

Under the leadership of Chairman Killy, who was appointed as head of the Commission in September this year, the group notably includes Rebecca Scott, Olympic gold medallist and member of the IOC's Athletes' Commission; Ottavio Cinquanta, Rene Fasel and Gian-Franco Kasper, Presidents of the international skating, ice hockey and skiing federations respectively – Fasel is also Chairman of the Vancouver Coordination Commission; Gunilla Lindberg, Secretary General of the Association of National Olympic Committees; Cesare Vaciago, former CEO of the successful Torino 2006 Olympic Winter Games; and Rémy Charmetant, former Sports Director at the Albertville Games. In addition, the expertise brought by the remaining members in their work with the Olympic and Paralympic Games, all of them having served on Coordination Commissions or as experts before, will undoubtedly help Sochi to raise the bar, as they continue to work towards 2014.

Commenting on the Commission, IOC President Jacques Rogge said, "It is a pleasure for me that so many experienced and skilled people have agreed to participate in the work of the Sochi Coordination Commission. There is a lot of talent in this line-up and I am sure that the 2014 Games will benefit greatly from their knowledge and understanding of how to organise top-level sports competitions, and, in particular, Olympic Winter Games. Jean-Claude and his team will now be able to get to the heart of the matter and continue building on Sochi's positive start to their Games preparations."

Killy commented, "One of the biggest challenges that Games organisers face is trying to understand what it takes to put on a Games and what the different clients are looking for from their 'Olympic' experience. Thanks to the knowledge and experience of the people on this Commission, we will be able to give Sochi 2014 massive support, as they attempt to organise great Olympic Winter Games in 2014." He continued, "From Olympic gold medallist Beckie Scott, to former Torino 2006 CEO Cesare Vaciago, this Commission can call upon an unmatched level of experience in sports events. Be it from the point of view of the athlete to the preparation of the different fields of play to the Organising Committee's operations, this team has the know-how, and I for one am sure that, together, we will be able to capitalise on that knowledge as we assist Sochi over the coming years."

The members of the Coordination Commission for Sochi 2014 are:

**Chairman**

Jean-Claude Killy (FRA)

**Members (in alphabetical order)**

Rémy Charmetant (FRA)

Ottavio Cinquanta (ITA)

Philippe Drevon (FRA)

René Fasel (SUI)

Gian-Franco Kasper (SUI)

Gunilla Lindberg (SWE)

HRH The Prince of Orange (NED)

Miguel Sagarra (ESP) (IPC representative)

Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr (ESP)

Rebecca Scott (CAN)

Tsunekazu Takeda (JPN)

Cesare Vaciago (ITA)

Executive Director for the Commission  
Gilbert FELLI (SUI) IOC Olympic Games  
Executive Director

## Highlights of last IOC Executive Board meeting of the year

IOC Press Release - 12 December 2007

The Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today concluded its proceedings with a series of important decisions.

The EB disqualified Marion Jones from the five events in which she competed at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney (100m - 1st place, 200m - 1st place, 4x400m relay - 1st place, 4x100m relay – 3rd place, and Long Jump - 3rd place), and from the event in which she took part in the 2004 Athens Olympic Games (Long Jump - 5th place). Jones has already returned her medals, which are now in the possession of the IOC.

The EB also decided that Marion Jones is ineligible for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, not only as an athlete but also in any other capacity. Pending the outcome of the BALCO investigation, the IOC also reserves its right to consider possible further sanctions against her, including banning her from taking part in any capacity in future editions of the Olympic Games.

As soon as the BALCO story came to light, the IOC was keen to understand fully the degree to which the affair might have affected Olympic Games' competitions and set up a Disciplinary Commission with this aim in mind. Despite concerted efforts, sufficient information has not been forthcoming to date and therefore, with a full picture still not clear, the EB decided today not to adjust the rankings that might be impacted by Jones's disqualification: The IOC Disciplinary Commission will keep the BALCO file open and await greater access to documentation related to the case from which to make subsequent recommendations to the EB.

The full decision is available on [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org).

On the agenda this week was the topical matter of betting in sport. In a proactive approach, the IOC has initiated a series of discussions with other sporting organisations to find out what they are doing in this area. Lord Condon, the Chairman of the Anti-corruption and Security Unit at the International Cricket Council, was invited to address the EB this morning. In his presentation, Condon said he believed that the Olympic Games are not a particularly high risk event as regards illicit betting activities, but encouraged the IOC to pursue the proactive measures it has already undertaken, which include barring all participants in the Olympic Games from betting and promoting betting.

Following Lord Condon's presentation, the EB decided to continue to share rules and experiences with sports federations, especially in the area of event monitoring, and to organise a seminar involving the stakeholders of the Olympic Movement in order for participants to learn from the sports that have had to deal with this challenge.

### **Among the other key decisions taken by the EB this week are:**

- the drawing of lots that determines the order in which the cities bidding for the 2016 Olympic Games will be listed, make presentations, etc. until the election of the Host City in October

2009. The order will be: Chicago (USA), Prague (Czech Republic), Tokyo (Japan), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Baku (Azerbaijan), Doha (Qatar) and Madrid (Spain);

- approval of the major deadlines for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games bid process – the information is available on [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org);
  - approval of the timeframe for the bid process for the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games;
  - the extension of the Olympic Solidarity programmes to the Winter Games starting with Vancouver 2010. A US\$ 9 million funding package will be available to assist winter sports athletes in their preparation for the Games;
  - approval of the list of the 31 athletes who will run for election to the IOC Athletes' Commission in Beijing;
  - the release to the International Boxing Association (AIBA) of the totality of the money initially frozen by the IOC, in recognition the reforms adopted by the Federation to improve its judging system;
  - the provisional recognition – for two years - of the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC)
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