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Message from the President

Future of Deaf Sports

Believe it or not, this is my last message as your President for the term of 2005-2009. I want to express my gratitude for having the honor to represent this very fine organization as President. I am pleased and excited about some transformations through deaf sports reform. There have been positive changes and good results in the past 4 years. I believe that the 2005-2009 ICSD executive committee has been conscientious in upholding to the ideals and spirit of Olympism. ICSD realizes the importance of promoting good governance.



The future of deaf sports is standing at the crossroads. At this time, an important choice has to be made. In which direction should the future of deaf sports go?

Should we-

1. continue working vigorously in retaining the privileges of the name-Deaflympics by fulfilling the International Olympic Committee (IOC) requirements
OR
2. return to the name of World Deaf Games with less restrictions and requirements
OR
3. consider full integration with other disabled sport groups in the Paralympics


I do not make decisions and they can only be made by Congress delegates. The decisions made during the ICSD Congress in Taipei will be a deciding factor for the future of deaf sports.

During the [SportAccord conference](#) in Denver, I had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Christophe Dubi, IOC Sport Director and Mr. Jean Laurent, IOC sports department manager. We acknowledged a mutual understanding that the word "Deaflympic" is limited to the supreme governing body, only at the international level and it is still impossible to use "Deaflympic" at the national level. Currently under review are the issues of national sovereignty and non-discrimination.

As previously mentioned, the IOC President will soon consult with his Executive Board in order for the IOC to be in a position to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between both organizations.

After receiving feedback from IOC, I am now in process of making contacts with individuals who have expressed interest to serve on the Deaf Sport Reform working committees. The reform will require approximately 10 years for complete transformation.

With the 2009 Summer Deaflympics only 100 days away, there will be another site visit by ICSD for 5 days from 8-12 June. Representing ICSD will be ICSD Vice President Mr. David Lanesman, ICSD Sport Director Mr. Josef Willmerdinger, ICSD Executive Director Ms. Tiffany Granfors and ICSD Technical Operations Manager Mr. Wayne Langbein. Read for updates on the 2009 Summer Deaflympics-Taipei, click [here](#).

Mr. Knud Søndergaard, our honorary life member, recently received an honorary degree from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Click [here](#)  for a copy of the citation. ICSD and Viable, Inc. hosted a dinner reception in his honor, along with two other international honorary degree recipients, Ms. Wilma Newhoudt-Druchen of Capetown, South Africa and Mr. Roberto Wirth of Rome, Italy. Congratulations, Dr. Knud Søndergaard.

An update on future editions of Summer/Winter Deaflympics:

The Slovak Games Organizing Committee (GOC) for the 2011 Winter Deaflympics has undergone organizational changes and is resuming business.

The 2013 Athens GOC has recently been established and will attend a cultural/deafness awareness seminar in Athens for 3 days this coming July. They will also receive training in the Transfer of Knowledge.

At this moment, ICSD has not received any official bids for the 2015 Winter Deaflympics. Nevertheless, ICSD has been communicating with the City of Vancouver about the prospect of hosting the 2015 Winter Deaflympics.

The city of Barcelona has shown genuine interest in bidding for the 2017 Summer Deaflympics. They will send a delegation to speak at the Taipei Congress. Any other cities are most welcome to consider hosting the Games.

I look forward to seeing you in Taipei.

Dr. Donalda K. Ammons
President

Inside ICSD

Report from Vice President

Dear Friend of Deaf Sports

The 2009 Taipei Summer Deaflympics are now less than 4 months away! Are you ready? We do hope you are ready by now; selections of sportspersons, clothing, tickets, visa applications, hotel accommodation reservations, etc. all are ready more or less. We are trying to see a new record in the numbers of countries coming to Taipei. We finally have more than 100 member countries at last! We thank and welcome new members as provisional members until it is formally approved at the upcoming ICSD Congress.

More importantly, you should remember to pay off all debts to ICSD before you are allowed to participate. It would be better if you wire payment to ICSD immediately before we allow you to participate. It will reduce ICSD's workload in checking to see if debts have been paid in Taipei. Please check with the ICSD office for more information on outstanding debts.

As in my last report regarding to the Athletes Commission I would like to remind you to consider to send candidates to our Athletes commission. It is very important for ICSD to have this commission. ICSD needs to know and understand athletes' perspectives. This would allow us to make great strides by making positive changes and ensuring better prestige and motivation.

For the next Deaflympics in 2013 in Athens and beyond, with more than 100 member countries, we shall see more sportspersons compete. It will mean we need to have qualifying rounds. Most of the new members

are from Pan-Americas, Asia-Pacific and Africa. They may have to play in the Deaflympics qualifying matches.

Good luck to all during your preparations!!!

David Lanesman
ICSD Vice President

Report from Sports Director

Only less than four more months, the 21st Summer Deaflympics will officially be opened! For all athletes, officials, sports – friends and people who are interested in sports it is a highlight to attend the Summer Deaflympics. We heartily welcome you to Taipei/ Chinese Taipei.

Now I want to give some news about the consultants and assistant Technical Directors for the 21st Summer Deaflympics. As you already know, there were two vacant Technical Director spots for Bowling and Karate. We are pleased to announce that Mr. Kazimierz Chodak (USA) and Wen-Tsai WANG (TPE) have accepted to serve as consultants for Bowling and Karate respectively. We trust that both consultants will receive a good cooperation from all attending countries in Taipei, Chinese Taipei.

Let's turn attention to the Assistant Technical Directors. The reason for our need of assistants is, that some kind of sports are very big (e.g. Basketball, Football, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, and Swimming). These kinds of sport have to be carried out in different places and for both genders. I want

to introduce some consultants who will assist the Technical Directors:

Assistant Technical Director for Basketball -
Jürgen Endress (GER)

Assistant Technical Director for Beach
Volleyball/Volleyball – Ido Rosink (ISR)

Assistant Technical Director for Football –
Tony Clews (AUS)

Assistant Technical Director for Swimming –
Cindy-Lu Bailey (Fitzpatrick) (AUS)

All countries who plan to participate 21st Summer Deaflympics will only have one authorized person per National Deaf Sports Association who will be responsible to do the online Final Entries. Now I want to explain the "Filling Out Instructions". It is of a huge importance that all participating countries in the 21st Summer Deaflympics follow the instructions precisely. Please follow every point exactly in the instructions and then submit it to the ICSD office.

FILLING OUT INSTRUCTIONS

Online Final Entry for the 21st Summer Deaflympics

1. All forms must be filled out with the information requested. Leaving the field blank will not be accepted.
2. Qualification Standards for [Athletics](#) and [Swimming](#) events are strictly enforced. Please enter athlete's Best Results for each event via online. Leaving the field blank will not be accepted.
3. **Team Sports**
 - o Women's Basketball is for only to the 10 countries entered as Women's Basketball team:
AUS – CHN – TPE – GRE – HKG – JPN – LTU – SWE – UKR – USA
 - o Men's Basketball is for only to the 15 countries entered as Men's Basketball team:
CHN – TPE – GER – GRE – HKG –

ISR – JPN – LTU – RUS – SLO – ESP – TUR – UKR – USA – VEN

- o Women's Football is for only to the 8 countries entered as Women's Football team:
DEN – GER – GBR – JPN – RUS – RSA – THA – USA
- o Men's Football is for only to the 16 countries entered as Men's Football team:
ARG – DEN – FRA – GER – GBR – IRI – IRL – JPN – KAZ – KOR – NGR – RUS – ESP – RSA – UKR – USA
- o Men's Handball is for only to the 6 countries entered as Men's Handball team:
TPE – CRO – GER – SRB – THA – TUR
- o Women's Volleyball is for only to the 9 countries entered as Women's Volleyball team:
ARG – BLR – GHA – ITA – JPN – RUS – SWZ – UKR – USA
- o Men's Volleyball is for only to the 11 countries entered as Men's Volleyball team:
TPE – FIJ – GER – GHA – IRI – JPN – POL – RUS – TUR – UKR – VEN
- o Men's Water Polo is for only to the 5 countries entered as Men's Water Polo team:
GER – HUN – IRL – ITA – USA

IMPORTANT! Please fill out uniform numbers (cap numbers for water polo) for all team sports via online Final Entry. Also uniform colors (cap colors for water polo) is available to fill out.

4. Family Name and Given Name – in each box - should be correctly spelled.
5. Birthday should be shown as in: Day Month Year - i.e. 20 Feb 1985
6. The online 'Final Entry Report' must be emailed to the ICSD Secretariat. Also the Final Entry Report must be printed, signed, and mailed to the ICSD

Secretariat. Copies may be retained for your archives.

7. For pairing events in Badminton (doubles & mixed doubles), Beach Volleyball, Table Tennis (doubles & mixed doubles), and Tennis (doubles & mixed doubles), please enter the names that the athlete will pair up together for the event listed above.
8. Please see [Appendix 1](#) for maximum number of athletes and reserve allowed for each event.
9. Please see [Appendix 2](#) for maximum number of athletes for each discipline (sport).
10. Associations with Delegates for Congress should fill in both the "Power of Attorney" and assign Delegate role via online Entry Form in Step 4 - Enter Delegates and Officials.
11. The deadline date to submit new audiogram form to ICSD Secretariat is on 29 May 2009.

ACCREDITATION BADGE

For participation in the 21st Summer Deaflympics, all participants are required to bring their passport or a valid government issued card with photo identification on the day when they receive their accreditation badge for the 21st Summer Deaflympics.

Sincerely yours,

Josef WILLMERDINGER
ICSD Sports Director

Knud Søndergaard - ICSD Honorary Life Member

An honorary doctor of humane letters degree was awarded to Knud Søndergaard by Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Søndergaard is a man of considerable achievements who has made countless contributions to improve the quality of life for

individuals in the deaf community in local, national, regional, and international arenas. Deaf people have seen major improvements in many different aspects of life, including education, social service, recreation, and government service because of his commitment and dedication. Click [here](#) for a copy of the citation.

Since 1982, Søndergaard has served as president of the Center for Døve, a national institute in Denmark with programs and services for



Dr. Benjamin J. Soukup, Jr. (Board of Trustee - Chair), Knud Søndergaard, and Dr. Lawrence R. Fleischer (Board of Trustee)

deaf individuals who are elderly and have multiple disabilities, as well as for deaf youth, social workers, and others. He recently retired as president of the Danish Deaf Association, and he is a board member of Døvefonden, a foundation that raises funds to support the deaf association, organizations for deaf people, and deaf individuals.

In addition, he is a former president of the European Union of the Deaf, an honorary life member and former secretary general of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, and finance officer for the World Federation of the Deaf.

Source:
http://commencement.gallaudet.edu/Commencement/Special_Honorees.html

Biographies of ICSD Legal Commission (2009)

Rebecca ADAM

Ms. Adam has never felt that her disability has held her back. Profoundly deaf from birth and growing up in a completely deaf family, Rebecca's first language was Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN) and from an early age she enjoyed a confidence to tackle any challenge and live life to the full. In 1995, Rebecca completed a combined degree in Commerce/Law from the University of Melbourne. Upon completion of her studies Rebecca worked at a Melbourne law firm and then another organisation in the area of policy. Rebecca later joined IBM where she has enjoyed a number of roles, the latest being as a Business Program Manager. She also contributed significantly to the success of the 2005 Summer Deaflympics in Melbourne as President of the Deaf Sport Australia.



Gregory HLIBOK

Mr. Hlibok is deaf and is an attorney advisor at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)'s Disability Rights Office in Washington, D.C. His work involves rulemaking proceedings concerning Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) and telecommunications access for people with disabilities. Within a short four years at the FCC, his office witnessed tremendous progress in TRS, from one type of Service, TTY to several types of services, Video Relay Service, IP Relay, and Captioned Telephone. In his early career, Mr. Hlibok served in two capacities, as a private practicing attorney and a financial consultant. Admitted to the NY Bar, Mr. Hlibok holds a BA in Government from Gallaudet University and a JD from Hofstra University School of Law. He is known for his



leadership role during the Deaf President Now movement.

Adam KOSA

Dr. Kosa is a deaf attorney from Budapest, Hungary and has had a private practice until he was hired as President of the Hungarian Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Most recently, the national committee of FIDESZ (www.fidesz.hu/) approved the list of European Parliament representative candidates on 17 January 2009 and Dr. Kosa is among the leading nominees. He has been and is instrumental in promoting social acceptance and empowerment of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to ensure better quality of life and to strengthen the coherence of the Deaf community based on visual culture and to preserve the cultural values of sign language and communicate these values to the external world.



Knud SØNDERGAARD

Mr. Søndergaard is a deaf man of considerable achievements who has made countless contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals in the deaf community in local, national, regional, and international arenas. Deaf people have seen major improvements in many different aspects of life, including education, social service, recreation, and government service because of his commitment and dedication. Since 1982, Søndergaard has served as president of the Center for Døve, a national institute in Denmark with programs and services for deaf individuals who are elderly and have multiple disabilities, as well as for deaf youth, social workers, and others. He recently retired as president of the Danish Deaf Association, and he is a board member of Døvefonden, a foundation that raises funds to support the deaf association, organizations for deaf people, and deaf individuals. In addition, he is a former president of the European Union of the Deaf,



an honorary life member and former secretary general of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, and finance officer for the World Federation of the Deaf.

Sportaccord 2009 - Denver, Colorado (USA)

President Donalda Ammons represented ICSD at the 2009 SportAccord Conference in Denver, Colorado from 23-26 March.

Sportaccord annually brings representatives from the [100 international sports federations](#) affiliated to GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations), ASOIF (Association of Summer Olympic International Federations) and AIOWF (Association of the International Olympic Winter Sports Federations), as well as the International Olympic Committee Executive Board, together with sponsors, bidding and host cities, architects, sports lawyers, broadcasters, games organising committees, rights holders and other specialists to discuss the key issues facing the sports industry.

Owned by GAISF, ASOIF and AIOWF, Sportaccord encompasses the annual Congress and General Assembly of each association, while offering the sports community a powerful opportunity to come together in an exclusive and authoritative networking environment to build relationships, exchange knowledge and develop ideas.

Interesting tidbits:

IAAF- Unveils a new approach to finding host city partners, by Nick Davies, Communications Director of IAAF

Until now, the IAAF has always searched for host cities by inviting any of its member federations to declare an interest. Ultimately,

one of them will be selected to host following a presentation to our executive board- the IAAF Council.

However, although the IAAF member federations must always remain central to the organization of our events because they are directly associated to us and also have the technical expertise needed to organize athletics competitions, they also need other partners within their countries.

The growth of what could be called the sport hosting business means the municipal, regional and even national authorities play an increasingly crucial role. In many cases, we believe that the resources needed to organize world class sporting events, as well as the enthusiasm and understanding of the wider benefits, will be found there. This also allows the member federations to focus on what they do best- the technical aspect of competition organization.

But how do we reach this target audience of sport tourism destinations, which may be delighted to organize a top athletics event but are not aware of which IAAF events are on offer and what the demands and benefits might be.

So IAAF have taken a more pro-active approach by producing a new publication which directly addresses the target audience of city and other authorities with key messages about the values and qualities of the IAAF, as well as detailed analysis of each of our major competitions.

Athletes for HOPE

One of the highlights of the SportAccord was the Sport and Philanthropy session. Athletes for HOPE is a charitable organization created in 2007 by a few very successful athletes of exemplary character who have a deep commitment to charitable and community causes, like Andre Agassi, Lance Armstrong and Mia Hamm. Two of the

organization's founding athletes- Andre Agassi and Andrea Jaeger were invited speakers at the SportAccord.

The aim is to educate athletes about the importance of charitable work, as it connects them to causes and it recognizes the importance of what they are doing. More importantly, it symbolises a movement within the ranks of professional athletes and Olympic athletes and also within the country to enable people to make a difference.

Sportaccord 2010 will be held in Dubai from April 26-30. It will be the first time the international sports convention is held in the Middle East.

General Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF) Assembly in Denver, Colorado

Denver boasts to have the biggest airport in the USA, gets 300 days of sunshine per year, has the biggest and most up to date soccer complex in the world- Dick's Sporting Goods Park is the 18,000 seat home of Major League Soccer's Colorado Rapids.

President Donalda Ammons represented the ICSD at the general assembly of the GAISF in Denver on Friday, 27 March.

The General Assembly of the General Association of the International Sports Federations (GAISF) shaped up as a momentous occasion with some big decisions on the agenda that transformed the future of the organization.

GAISF President Hein Verbruggen believed that the time has come for GAISF to reinvent itself and develop a global strategy to leverage sport unity and better face today's sports challenges.

1. Re-naming to SportAccord to develop a stronger corporate identity and through unity and synergies, the world of sport will be stronger when tackling global challenges together.
2. Reinforcing its members' position by uniting and supporting them, while fully recognizing the authority of IOC and the Olympic Movement and remaining a loyal partner in the achievement of the Olympic Movement's objectives.
3. GAISF in collaboration with WADA, and with the support of the IOC, is now working on developing support services for its members on anti-doping matters. This would be real practical services designed to help member federations comply with the WADA Code.

Source:

www.sportcentric.com/vsite/vcontent/page/custom/0,8510,5148-180226-197444-39002-259654-custom-item,00.html

The General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) announced the upcoming launch of a number of anti-doping services to support International Federations (IFs), with the full support and collaboration of WADA and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

As announced to its Assembly General on March 27 in Denver, USA, GAISF will provide centralized anti-doping advice, support and services to IFs that may need them, with the objective of ensuring that they implement and enforce anti-doping rules and programs in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code. It will operate from Lausanne, Switzerland. The IOC and WADA will contribute toward costs. GAISF will hire an anti-doping manager who should be operational and provide expert advice and services in the coming months.

"The IOC is happy to support this cooperative effort to help International Sports Federations fight doping," said IOC President Jacques Rogge. "We have to work together to rid sport of cheaters. The IOC is more than ever committed to that effort and welcomes this new initiative".

"Through unity and synergies, we believe that the world of sport will be stronger when tackling global challenges together," added GAISF President Hein Verbruggen. "Anti-doping is a major issue for IFs today, and organizing together the fight against doping will enable us to reduce costs and administrative burden on IFs. This is one of GAISF's commitments: better service and support our members."

"As the monitor of the global fight against doping in sport and the guardian of the World Anti-Doping Code, WADA is very pleased to contribute to the establishment of this anti-doping support for IFs," said WADA's Director General David Howman. "Over the past four years, WADA has successfully experienced a similar collective resource approach with the establishment of Regional Anti-Doping Organizations in regions of the world with limited resources. This model has allowed the implementation of anti-doping programs in numerous regions with significant economies of scale. We are looking forward to starting to work with GAISF on this matter."

Inside Deaflympics

2009 is the Year of Deaflympics

"2009, the year of Deaflympics," Taipei City Mayor Hau announced it to the public while giving his speech at the Countdown to Year 2009 Celebration. Mayor Hau expressed Taipei's pride of being the first city in Asia chosen to host the Deaflympics, and being aspired to make the best out of this extraordinary opportunity to raise Taipei residents' awareness for the deaf and hard of hearing. More ambitiously, we hope to make a profound and long lasting impact from Taipei to Pingtung, the southernmost city of Taiwan. Responding to the goal of the program, commercial films featuring Chinese Taipei Deaflympics stars had been playing on TV to showcase deaf athletes' persistence and courage to challenge the odds (these CFs are also available on the Taipei Deaflympics official website.) In addition, a pamphlet has been published and distributed to every household. It briefly introduces the history of Deaflympics, the Taipei Deaflympics logo and mascot, Chinese Taipei Deaflympics athletes, and most importantly, promotes road safety during the Games.

The New Year was also marked by a press conference announcing the generous contributions made by local and international businesses. These sponsors and partners, through supporting the Games in different ways, demonstrate that Taiwan is an island of giving and caring. Their humanitarian acts not only significantly assist the preparation of Taipei Deaflympics, but also touched the hearts of many and brought hopes to the rather frustrating global economy.

The most thoughtful Deaflympics ever have always been one the goals the TDOC strives

to achieve. In the past few months, you might have noticed that many programs have been set up to assist your preparation for the Games and make your participation more pleasant. One of them is "Live Webcam from Taipei Stadium." Since last winter, the construction progress of the Stadium has been made available online through the Webcam on our official site. If you have the chance to check the progress online lately, you must have seen that the construction is coming to an end. The first security rehearsal will be held at the Stadium soon to ensure flawless emergency response service during the opening/closing ceremony.

The Taipei Deaflympics Entry Program is another thoughtful offer to our participants. It is a program under which TDOC collaborates with the central government offices to simplify your visa application process and reduce your financial burden while traveling to Taipei. It allows delegation members, referee, VIP, and international volunteers etc. to enter Taiwan without the rather pricy and bothersome visa application. Approximate 1100 delegates of 30 participating federations/associations have already submitted the required documents to take advantage of this Program.

For those who participated in the Invitational Games for the Deaf Taipei 2009 in last October might remember the smiles and enthusiasm of the young cheering teams assigned to each delegation. This applauded Program will be even more delightful as the branches of the International Rotary Club in Taiwan have teamed up with the public schools to host culture exchange events for the delegation they will be cheering for. Several of your consular or representative

offices in Taiwan also voluntarily give talks at schools to help students learn more about people, geography and culture of the countries.

The most exciting of all is perhaps the International Deaf Culture Fair. It will be held during the Games at and around the Taipei Arena and aims to present Taiwanese and international deaf talent and achievements. The Fair, along with the 2009 Deaflympics Social Centre, will be organized and run by the National Association for the Deaf in Taiwan. This fantastic event unites all the deaf communities in Taiwan such as schools for the deaf, deaf related associations and foundations, and business of devices and services for the deaf, and etc. Athletes, guests, spectators, sponsors and all participants will enjoy an assortment of entertainment, art work exhibition, and performances over the course of the event.

In order to provide efficient emergency service for the deaf and hard of hearing during the Games, the Police and Fire Departments of Taipei City Government have set up emergency text message/fax hotlines as follows: Police Dept. emergency text message hotline: 0912995110, fax hotlines: 0223318898, 0223319413; Fire Dept. emergency text message hotline: 0932299702, fax hotline: 0227587865. Reporting and requesting help during emergencies will be easier than ever for the deaf and hard of hearing at this year's Deaflympics! This service is not just for the Games, but will become a regular one afterwards to benefit the local deaf communities.

It is no surprise that you will be amazed at the end of this update about the many things that TDOC has done in the past few months. Every effort and program launched is there to keep the promise we made to you, a Deaflympics experience like no other. Not

only TDOC staff, the City of Taipei also awaits excitedly for your arrival in August/September. So, book your hotel and flight ASAP, if you have not done so, to guarantee your part in this history making celebration (hotel discount will end on 30 June). We look forward to officially opening the 21st Summer Deaflympics in the evening of 5 September with you in Taipei.

1st Meeting of the 22nd Summer Deaflympics - Athens 2013 Organising Committee

In the presence of the Deputy Minister of Culture, with responsibilities for Sport, Mr. Giannis Ioannidis, the Secretary General of Sport, Mr. Stavros Douvis and under the presidency of Mrs. Marianna Vardinogianni, the 1st Meeting of the Organising Committee of the 22nd Summer Deaflympics - Athens 2013 was held, on April 8, 2009 in the Zappeion Hall (Zappeion Megaron).

In order to present its objectives in regards to the conduct of the 22nd Summer Deaflympics - Athens 2013 Games, as well as to make it known to the public, the



Ioannidis Ioannis (Minister of Culture the subjects of Sports), Riggas Andreas (Member OC), Vardigiogianni Marianna (President OC), and Gargalis Konstantinos (Member OC)

Organising Committee also invited guests from various sectors, such as politics, the Hellenic Olympic Committee, sport

federations, journalists, executives of the business world, academicians and others.

The addresses of the Deputy Minister of Culture, Mr. Giannis Ioannidis, the president of the Organising Committee, Mrs. Marianna Vardinogianni and the Secretary General of Sport, Mr. Stavros Douvis followed, as well as a short video regarding athletes and games of the deaf. After that, the Organising

Committee gave a reception for all participants and guests.

Following the reception, the Organising Committee of the 22nd Summer Deaflympics - Athens 2013, proceeded to their first official meeting.

Message from Technical Director

Alpine Skiing

Hahnenkamm World Cup in Kitzbühel/Austria 23.01.2009

I was fortunate to have contact with FIS TD Wucherer Hans-Peter from Germany. Hans was responsible for the WC-slalom race. There were many well known skiers from all over the world. e.g. Bode Miller, Hermann Maier, etc.. This course at Hahnenkamm is very well known and popular. I also met with the Race

secretary Peter Eder Accreditation. I met Mr. Wucherer and showed me the famous Hahnenkamm



FIS TD Wucherer Hans-Peter and ICSD TD Mike Schmauser

course and we went and checked out the slalom course, which was situated near the downhill-course. The important things to look for were safety, control and Medical. I also met the head FIS race director, Guenter Hujara. It was memorable for me to experience. The organization of the Kitzbühel Ski Club was excellent. I thank the FIS TD colleagues Hans Peter Wucherer and Race secretary Peter Eder for everything.

Deaf European Ski Cup in Unterwasser/Switzerland 13.02.2009

I drove at 6 o'clock in the morning in a heavy snowfall to attend the Deaf Europacup skiing event in Unterwasser, Switzerland. There were clubs from France, Austria, Germany, Croatia, Holland, the Czech Republic and

Slovenia. I became acquainted with the new president Roland Brunner from Switzerland and discussed the 2012 European skiing championships in Switzerland. I looked at the Super G event. It has unfortunately, 1 1/2 hours time shift because of snow.

The afternoon opened with the coordinator Martin

Larch's presentation and then a meeting for all clubs was called. The event organizer Toni Koller shared information and plans for the next champions



From right: EC coordinator Martin Larch, Mike Schmauser, EDSO Member Ota Pansky and Europacup participants

hip. I have informed both Toni Koller and Martin Larch that they may carry out the World Cup with understanding that if the United States, Canada, Japan and other countries from other regions participate. The advantage would be more financial support to sports federations and sponsors for participating in world-class events. Mr. Larch said that whenever a non-European country participates, it will be automatically called the World Cup, but there is none, the event will remain as Europacup. I plan in the future to promote junior ski championships. I asked at this meeting for the number of Junior skiers? The following countries indicate: Czech Republic: 40, Germany 7, France 1, Austria 6, Switzerland 5, Slovenia 1, Italy-uncertain. All have only estimated numbers but it

already shows that we should consider European Junior Ski Championships.

Europe Cup Skicross in Sudelfeld/Germany from 14.02. to 15.02.2009

The German Ski Association and the organizing committee of SC Bad Aibling were pleased to host all the national freestyle associations to attend FIS Freestyle European Cup 2009 at Rankenlift / Sudelfeld on 15 February 2009. Ski Cross is tremendously versatile and offers a huge potential for fun - even for amateur drivers. The stage for the ski-cross-Duels are a mixture of giant slalom and super-G course with speculative obstacle, branches, waves and steep curves offer hot action as the motocross.

I have met the Chief of Competition Hans Gerzer (Skiclub Bad Aibling).



Ski cross participant lines up at the gate

There were nations from GER, POL, AUS, FRA, SPA, ITA, KAZ, SUI, CZE, USA, ARG, NED, BLR, GBR, CRO, DAN, and SLO. I worked with FIS TD Hans-Peter Pilz from AUT and controlled the course. Mr. Pilz explained to me what was important. TD Pilz and I controlled FIS Point system between the Computer and Paper and the starting order for Ski Cross. I also worked as assistant starter for Training for 1 X Run and after Qualification 1 X Time. It was indeed the most interesting and exciting race, that I have ever seen. Thanks to Europacup organizer Hans Gerzer and FIS TD Hans Peter Pilz for their support and cooperation.

World Junior Championships in Garmisch/Germany 28.02.- 08.03.2009

2007 Winter Deaflympics 2-time Gold medalist Tereza KMOCHOVA participated in the World Junior Championships. She came at the 23rd place for slalom and 45th place for Giant Slalom of 110 participants. We have a lot of respect for her!

Mike SCHMAUSER
ICSD Technical Director - Alpine Skiing

Badminton

After the 21st Summer Deaflympics in Taipei, I will be flying to Seoul, Korea to do a site inspection and to have some meetings with Korean Deaf officials also the Korean Badminton Federation to prepare for 3rd World Deaf Badminton Championships that will take place in Bucheon, near Seoul in 2011.

More details including photos will be included in the next edition of E-news.

I would like to hear any news from national deaf sports associations about their deaf badminton players who are involved in national/international tournaments. Please send me some information including the website address if possible. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Sports.

Martin BOGARD
ICSD Technical Director – Badminton

Bowling

Greetings to ICSD members and fans. It has been approximately two years since the last

bowling report - but finally, someone was chosen to report regarding the sport, and I am pleased to say that I have been awarded the position.

My name is Kazimierz Chodak, and I am from Los Angeles, California. I currently am the Consultant for the 2009 Summer Deaflympics with a concentration in Bowling. I hope to become a Bowling TD in the future.

I have had a vast experience with Bowling. I was a dedicated bowler for about twenty years, and my first attempt at going to the Summer Deaflympics occurred in 1996, but I unfortunately was one spot behind the cut. I kept bowling, regardless. I worked with the Asian Pacific Games for the Deaf in 2000 and also with the 2003 World Deaf Bowling Championships in Taipei. In 2001, I gladly became the assistant coach for the USA team. I also volunteered for the Summer Deaflympics in 2005 and Winter Deaflympics in 2007.

There is a growing number of participants for the Summer Deaflympics. For example, in 2005, about 200 players came, but for 2009, the participant details show that there will be more than 300 players from 28 different countries. We will wait to see the official entries regarding athlete names and other stats on 1 August 2009.

The building where the bowlers will play has two floors 40 lanes on each floor (totaling 80 lanes). For the rules from FIQ and WTBA, please check: www.fiq.org, www.worldtenpinbowling.com and www.deaflympics.com/sports/regulations.asp?SC=Bowling

There shall be a World Deaf Bowling Championships in 2011 (between September to October). If your country would like to host the World Deaf Bowling Championships, please do not hesitate to e-

mail ICSD office at info@ciss.org. To apply for World Deaf Bowling Championships, please click this [link](#). There will also be a meeting in Taipei 4-5 September 2009. The 2009 Summer Deaflympics bowling competition and training schedule can be found [here](#).

For questions and concerns, please e-mail me at: bowling@ciss.org

I look forward to meeting you all.

Kazimierz CHODAK
ICSD Consultant - Bowling

Cross Country Skiing

Hello!

My name is Maarit Malinen. This is to inform you all that the cross country skiing has a new technical director. Mr. Knut Bjarne Kjøde from Norway handed over the responsibility to me as your new technical director. I am a Finnish and a former competitive skier. Maybe you may remember me, my maiden name was Korhonen.

I will try to do my best to get the sport of cross country skiing to flourish again. It used to have a lot of skiers. Hopefully, skiing is not a dying species, and under my tenure, it will rise again.

The 2011 Winter Deaflympics is no longer far away. It will be in the High Tatras in Slovakia. Start exercising and stay drug-free!

Best regards,

Maarit MALINEN
ICSD Technical Director - Cross Country Skiing

Football

2009 Deaflympics Football Competition

More progress has been made since the last E-news with major rebuilding work being done on the remaining two pitches at YingFeng Sport Park. It is expected to be completed by this month. I have asked the Taipei Deaflympics OC to install electronic scoreboards and to evaluate the possibility of adding more seats behind the goal line to increase capacity at YingFeng Sport Park.

The grass construction at Pailing Sport Park (training pitches) started just after my last E-news report in February, scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

Referees are being recruited as I write this report. I hope to have an update on this by the next E-news just before the Deaflympics.

I have confirmed the final competition and training schedules and both are now available on the official [website](#).

2011 World Deaf Fustal Championships

All host bids are now closed for this championship. During Easter, I went to Ankara, Turkey to inspect their facilities as a possible venue for 2011 and I was very pleased with what they could offer for 2011. I will visit Örebro, Sweden later this month to inspect their facilities as a possible venue for 2011.

2012 World Deaf Football Championships

All host bids are now closed for this championship. I went to Ankara, Turkey to inspect their facilities as a possible venue for 2012 and was hugely impressed by what they could offer for 2012. I would like to thank Dogan Ozdemir, Turkish Deaf Sport Federation President, Memet Acak, Turkish

Deaf Sport Federation Secretary and Ali Metin, Turkish Football Association Football Director for their hospitality during my stay in Ankara.

For both 2011 and 2012 World Championships, I will soon make recommendations at the next Congress in Taipei,



Christof Niklaus, Memet Acak, Ali Metin and Dogan Özdemir

later this year, as to which city deserves to be awarded as hosts.

Yours in football,

Christof NIKLAUS
ICSD Technical Director - Football

Judo

The Summer Deaflympics in Taipei to be organized from 5 September to 15 September 2009 will be a very important event for the deaf athletes who practice judo. It gives everyone with an opportunity to see a high-quality demonstration.

I am very happy to see that the 2009 Summer Deaflympics will have judo in Taipei for the first time in the history of Deaflympics and the number of countries and athletes that has almost doubled compared to the World Deaf Martial Arts Championships in Toulouse, May 2008.

This event will be a good tool for the future, to develop more international judo competitions for the deaf.

Success to all

Damien ANTOINE
ICSD Technical Director - Judo

Shooting

It is hard to believe that 2009 Summer Deaflympics would be less than four months away!!

We are really very fortunate to have very enthusiastic officials and volunteers from Chinese Taipei Shooting Association that have been working exceptionally hard to getting the Shooting Range ready for us all for 2009 Summer Deaflympics which was remarkable efforts by them.

The Training and Shooting Schedule have been set up and you can find them on 2009 Summer Deaflympics [website](#).

They are still

working on the Light Command for the Shooting Competitions. When they have finally finished ironing out some bugs from the Light Command Equipment, they would incorporate this information into the 2009 Summer Deaflympics website for your perusal and information.

There would be a technical meeting on Friday 4 September from 10:00 until 12-30 pm at Gong Cheng Complex, Room 2F-100B and there would be 15 Jury Members



Gong Si Shooting Range - 10m

to be present at the Technical Meeting to assist the Shooting Schedule Process.

And there would be another short technical meeting at Cong Si Rifle Range, to welcome and meet the International Shooting Judges.



Gong Si Shooting Range - 50m

After the Shooting Events on 14th September there would be a very important and last technical meeting to be held at Gong Si Shooting Range for your feedback for our future shooting competitions and beyond of possibilities to host World Deaf Shooting Championships.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Mac ADAM
ICSD Technical Director - Shooting

Snowboard

Snowboard Construction in Europe

Around the same time as the first European skateboarders started to experiment with new constructions, two brothers 'Michael and Harald Strunk' developed the legendary "Swingbow 01". It consisted of two high waisted, short skis, using connected skateboard mechanics. On this mechanism, a non-slip surface was mounted and two plastic loops formed the binding. Swingbow was controlled by shifting body weight across the board, and allowing the skis to form a curve as a result. Through advertising campaigns supported by a stunt skier Fuzzy

Garhammer and through presentations at international trade fairs the sport of 'Swingbow' became popular in Europe. 1985 saw the first Swingbow - curriculum.

During the next few years, Fuzzy Garhammer the European "Snow surfer" developed the sport further and in 1987 he organised the first German championships. Since the middle of the 80's, the snowboarding sport in America and Europe experienced rapid growth. The first boards with steel edges, plastic coverings and High - Back - peel bond came on the market and suppressed slowly but surely the Snurfer. In 1983 the first European company, "Hooger Booger" started its snowboard production in Switzerland and in 1984 they brought the first asymmetric boards on the market. From this point on, more and more hi-tech snowboards evolved.

The breakthrough

Besides the development of the material and technology; popularity for the sport started to grow. Films like "James Bond - View to a Kill" and "Fire and Ice" represented snowboarding as a safe and exciting activity to a broader audience. It wasn't long before the sport of snowboarding made a breakthrough.

The number of "Snöber" steadily increased, training camps were established and competitions organised. In 1987 the first World Championships took place in Livigno and St. Moritz, and the International Snowboard Association was launched in order to organise events on an international scale.

The Instruction

With the establishment of national associations for snowboarding, it wasn't long before people started to teach the sport to others. The first teaching began in 1987 with VÖSS (Association of Austrian snow surfer) a small brochure entitled "Snowboarding -

Tips for Beginners and Advanced". In Germany, the book is titled "Snowsurfen". In this book, two of the curve and driving techniques are distinguished: the front and back Turn. However, there is no internationally accepted guideline for the training of snowboard instructors. Another issue is that the various national associations have developed their own teaching methods.

Sporting yours,

Marco GALMARINI
ICSD Technical Director - Snowboard

Swimming & Water Polo

Hello everyone,

Four more months before we compete again in Taipei. Swimming and Water Polo competitions will be fierce and exciting among aquatic athletes. Regulations for [Swimming](#) and [Water Polo](#) have been posted. Please be aware that training and competition schedules may be adjusted according to final entries. Updated schedules will be posted by middle of August. The T2009 Committee has invited four high-ranking FINA officials to serve on the technical and protest committees (two FINA officials for each sport). The T2009 Committee also provided a list of hotels at both Hsinchu County (competition pool) and Taipei City.

Swimming

ICSD has appointed Cindy-Lu Fitzpatrick as Assistant Technical Director – Swimming. Cindy-Lu is from Australia and has extensive experience in swimming and Deaflympics. Please welcome her.

Final swimming entries are due 1 August. Please submit swimmer names, events, and times. Minimum qualifying times are [posted](#).

The first Swimming Technical Meeting will take place on 4 September. Additional meetings during the week will occur to discuss future swimming events and swim meet formats. Please be ready to discuss ideas, plans, and feedback.

Water Polo

Since there are only five teams entered for Water Polo, additional teams may enter. The deadline is 1 June. Final team rosters are due 1 August. Please submit player names and cap numbers.

The first Water Polo Technical Meeting will take place on 4 September. Additional meetings during the week will occur to discuss future water polo events and women water polo. Please be ready to discuss ideas, plans, and feedback.

Thank you. Train well and travel safe. See you all soon.

Aquatically yours,

Reed GERSHWIND
ICSD Technical Director - Swimming &
Water Polo

Deaf Sports Events

2010 World Deaf Beach Volleyball Championships Update

Greetings,

We organize this championship with various bodies: the sport department of the municipality of Tel Aviv, Israel Volleyball Association, the Government sports Authority and the travel agency. I want to say it is an exceptional cooperation. Last week a conference took place for aforementioned bodies with a presentation. It was a successful conference and all of them now understand the importance of the championship and want it to be a huge success.

All the bodies have already hosted previous championships - Europe and world. They have great experience and said because the championship for the deaf it's possible to succeed in Tel Aviv because of activity of Israel as a holyland and Jerusalem. They also will make sure that the professional level of organizing will be very high.

Now we are now working on manpower in the different sections of the organizing committee.

Program -

Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
27-28.8.2010	Friday & Saturday			Arrival
28.8.2010	Saturday	Evening	Marina Hotel	TD meeting & Draw Groups
29.8.2010	Sunday	Full Day	Gordon Beach	Matches, Opening ceremony
30.8.2010	Monday	Full Day	Gordon Beach	Matches
31.8.2010	Tuesday	Full Day	Gordon Beach	Matches
1.9.2010	Wednesday			Rest Day
2.9.2010	Thursday	Full Day	Gordon Beach	Matches
3.9.2010	Friday	Full Day	Gordon Beach	Matches
3.9.2010	Friday	Evening	Marina Hotel	TD meeting
4.9.2010	Saturday	Full Day	Gordon Beach	Matches, Finals, Closing ceremony

Part of the sections will be distributed between municipality and various committees. The responsibilities of hospitality and lodging will be borne by the travel agency. Most of other committees will be represented by deaf people.

In August of this year, ICSD Volleyball Technical Director, John Knetzger, will visit Israel for a site inspection of facilities. All the bodies are prepared to meet with him. I will organize a conference.

This coming September in Taipei during the Deaflympics I will distribute pamphlets on the championship including the Preliminary Entry Forms and details of hotel and all important information of the championship.

Schedule and Program

Schedule -

1.7.2009 - Preliminary Entry Form + Details of hotels. **Deadline 31.10.2009.**

1.3.2010 - Final Entry Form. **Deadline 31.05.2010.**

1.7.2010 - Name Registration Form + Flight Info Form. **Deadline 14.08.2010.**

4-5.9.2010	Saturday & Sunday		Departure
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Note: Program is preliminary and is subject to change.

Gordon Beach

The venue of the championship will be at Gordon Beach, in the center of Tel Aviv.

Gordon Beach is the most northern seaside of the central shoreline in Tel Aviv, adjacent to the marina.

Beach Gordon is one of the veteran popular beaches in Tel Aviv. This beach serves many tourists from the adjacent hotels and close



Aerial view of 2010 World Deaf Beach Volleyball Championships

residents to execute activity of sport in the morning hours and also the wide audience. The beach is situated with easy access from the hotels – all on foot, or descent from the pavements and beach promenade towards to the beach. The entrance to the beach is free.

There are many central beaches which are relatively convenient. Many admirers of this beach will not exchange it for any other beaches. They insist to come to this beach mainly due to its central location.

The beach is very busy on Saturdays, and it is not excessive to say that it is the busiest beach in Tel Aviv on Saturdays, since except for the convenient parking lot it constitutes accessibility to the Tel Aviv to the seaside also on foot from environs of avenue Ben Gurion and the adjacent streets.

At the Gordon Beach there are restaurants and also it is possible to rent chairs and sunbathing decks. Likewise, it can be seen on the beach fields of beach racketballs, installations of sport and playgrounds to the children. On the promenade nearby on Saturdays group dances take place.

To the Gordon Beach is a Israeli quality in particular and it is favorite with many tourists. It is flooded with great restaurants, an avenue of fast food and reality of the promenade of Gordon Beach is provides a place of meeting for youth in the city.



Layout design

Marina Hotel

A tour of the hotel took place and it was chosen for various reasons: localized in the beach 2-3 minutes walk from the Gordon Beach and additional advantage of non-use in the transportation between hotel to the venue.

We have reserved 80 different rooms (single and double). But the price per room is not yet determined, because the hotel did not prepare a price-list for the summer 2010. But we were promised by the hotel that by this coming summer of 2009, there will be a price-list.

We plan with the travel agency and hotel that the cost per person will include lodging, transportation from airport to the hotel, meals, guided trip (on the free day of the championship) entrance to the party of the finale. There will be only one price for all

things. There will be no extras of prices for different things.

The Marina Hotel Tel Aviv is located on the sea shore promenade and provides its guests a magnificent view of the fabulous marina.

The hotel successfully combines quality accommodation with an intimate atmosphere, while its prime location allows you to stay close to the business, recreation, entertainment, dining and cultural centers of Tel Aviv "the city that never sleeps".

The hotel facilities include a lobby bar with direct access to the promenade, beach and marina, a balcony facing the Mediterranean Sea and the promenade, a magnificent rooftop sundeck and swimming pool, elegant conference and banquet halls and underground parking.

<http://www.marina-telaviv.com>

Events and Ceremonies

The Organizing Committee and Tel Aviv Municipality are cooperating on the subject of events, ceremonies and evening trips every day. We also will work with other deaf organizations in Israel for cultural events during the championship.

Visit - www.2010beachvolleyball.org

2010 World Deaf Golf Championships Update

The 2010 World Deaf Golf Championship event will be held in Scotland. For more information, please click this [link](#) to read the first issue of the 2010 World Deaf Golf Championships newsletter and [poster](#).

Deaf Sports In Brief

Hans Lie - Legendary 10-time Deaflympian Turns 80

Norway's greatest deaf athlete- Hans Lie- turned 80 years old on 30 April. He has competed in ten (10) editions of the World Winter Games for the Deaf. To see Mr. Lie's medals, click on this link [here](#) 📷

The Bergen Deaf Sports Club of which he is a member of for 64 years held a party for him.

Please see pictures [here](#) via home page of www.bgds.no

Submitted by: Bjørn Røine

1st World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships

On the behalf of 1st World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships Host Committee, we wish to express gratitude to all of you for a very successful event that took place 10-18 April 2009 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. My hard-working committees deserve a round of applause and pat on their back for their hard work in the past 3 years and this success could have not been possible without them. I would also like to thank the volunteers and interpreters who have given up their time to volunteer all week. We have received a lot of praise and positive comments about our event from the fans and athletes as well as they have enjoyed their stay with Winnipeg and will leave Winnipeg with wonderful memories.

Results and articles can be found [here](#).

Brian Broszeit
Chairperson - World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships

Canada Just Can't Finish It Off - Winnipeg Free Press 📷

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/sports/hockey/canada-just-cant-finish-it-off-43242507.html>

Deaf Sports Federations Update

Senegal 🇸🇳

Effective on 15 January 2009, Association des Sports des Sourds du Sénégal has a new Board as follows:

PRESIDENT	Emmanuel G. SOHOU
VICE PRESIDENT	Abdoul Aziz CISSE
GENERAL SECRETARY	Roger DJIBA
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Mamadou FAYE
TREASURER	Pape S. NIANG
ASSISTANT TREASURER	Faourna B. FALL
SPORTING DIRECTOR	Eugene DIATTA
MEMBERS	Oumou Kalson FALL

People's Republic of China 🇨🇳

Effective on 07 May 2009, China Sports Association for the Deaf has a new President and Secretary General:

PRESIDENT	Xiande SUN
GENERAL SECRETARY	Xuemo DONG

Greece 

Effective on 09 May 2009, Hellenic Athletic Federation of the Deaf (HAFD) has a new Board that is consist of 11 members:

PRESIDENT	Ioannis STOUFIS
VICE PRESIDENT A	Panagiotis KORDONOURIS
VICE PRESIDENT B	Antonis ZASPALIS
GENERAL SECRETARY	Argyris FOTIOU

AS. ASSISTANT	Eleni FOUNTOULAKI
TREASURER A	Konstantinos SIMPSIS
TREASURER B	Michalis ANDRIANOS
ADVISOR	Fotis NOULAS
ADVISOR	Athanasios MAKRAS
ADVISOR	Iosif STAVRAKAKIS
ADVISOR	Vaios GKINTIKAS

General News

Sportaccord/GAISF Announces the Departure of its Director General, Christine DOMINGUEZ

Sportaccord Press Release - 14 May 2009

Sportaccord (formerly known as GAISF, the General Association of International Sports Federations) announced today the departure of its Director General, Mrs Christine DOMINGUEZ.

This decision is based on the fact that the GAISF General Assembly unanimously decided to move its headquarters from Monaco to Lausanne, at its annual meeting on 27 March 2009.

Mrs DOMINGUEZ became GAISF Director General in 2005, after many years of working in collaboration with her predecessor. She has efficiently managed the day-to-day running of the organisation and worked towards developing GAISF and has loyally supported its members.

"Christine has always put a lot into her work and we would like to sincerely thank her", stated the Sportaccord/GAISF President, Hein VERBRUGGEN. "Our best wishes go to her for her future and the new challenges that lie ahead."

2010 DeafNation World Conference & Expo

The 2010 DeafNation World Conference & Expo is truly an excellent place to bring the Deaf together under one roof. Based in Las Vegas at a

200,000 sq. ft (18,580 sq. m) exhibit hall, the World Expo will have many things going on for the Deaf, including exhibits,

workshops, performances, sporting activities and activities for the children. There will definitely be plenty of opportunities to learn new cultures, make unforgettable memories, and create a network of friends and professionals from all around the world.

Meet the rest of the deaf world, and make your own future here!

Visit www.deafnation.com



Logo - DeafNation World Conference & Expo

IOC In Brief

Singapore 2010: 15 months to go and progressing well

IOC Press Release - 20 May 2009

The Coordination Commission for the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2010 concluded its second visit to Singapore today. Fifteen months before the Opening Ceremony on 14 August 2010, the Singapore Organising Committee (SYOGOC) has advanced considerably with preparations for the first edition of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in 2010.

Good progress has been made with finalising the sports programme in collaboration with the IFs. The daily competition schedule is almost complete, and SYOGOC is moving forward well in terms of planning for sports presentation.

SYOGOC has also made significant progress in terms of developing the Culture and Education Programme, including specific content development, and has shown strong commitment to this part of the project, which is essential to the success of the YOG.

SYOGOC's commercial and marketing efforts are gaining momentum with the engagement of a large number of potential sponsors and suppliers. Following the launch of the Singapore 2010 emblem in January, SYOGOC is currently developing a full range of brand elements and applications to support the promotion of the Games.

A comprehensive communications plan has been put forward, and SYOGOC has stepped up its local publicity efforts in the last few months. Messages will be disseminated through multiple channels including traditional

media platforms, local and international digital platforms, events and festivals and with a particular emphasis on the use of digital media. and supplier events and festivals, with particular emphasis on the use of digital media. In this respect, SYOGOC launched its "WhyOhGee" website in April (www.singapore2010.sg/whyohgee), a micro site aimed at young people. SYOGOC and the IOC are working and will continue to work together to ensure synergy between the two organisations' digital efforts aimed at the youth audience.

"In the last six months, the Organising Committee has worked hard towards the completion of its venue master plan and YOG event schedule by day. Much effort has also gone into detailed operational and venue planning, which will remain SYOGOC's focus for the coming months. It will be important for SYOGOC to keep up the tremendous momentum it has built up so far as it moves towards operational readiness", said Sergey Bubka, Chairman of the Coordination Commission, at the end of the visit.

"We have been working closely with the IOC to co-construct the YOG. In the last two days, we had fruitful and open discussions with the IOC Coordination Commission (CoCom) on various aspects of the Games, specifically on venue development, the Games-time Culture and Education Programme, as well as the YOG Event Schedule, which integrates the sport, culture and education programme schedules. We received valuable inputs from the CoCom. We will fine-tune the concepts and work with the IOC YOG team to develop the operations plan.

"We are in the midst of venue planning to synthesise the various functional areas'

operations plans at each venue. This will be completed in the second half of this year as we prepare to enter the Operational Readiness Planning phase in September 2009", said SYOGOC Chairman and IOC Executive Board member Ser Miang Ng.

The Singapore 2010 sport pictograms were unveiled today at the Singapore 2010 Learning Centre. In line with the YOG philosophy, Culture and Education pictograms will also be created and unveiled in the lead-up to the Games.

"Presentations were of a high standard and the level of detail was a clear reflection of the solid planning work SYOGOC is currently undertaking. It is clear that SYOGOC is on the right track to deliver the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games and is committed to the co-construction of these inaugural Games with the IOC", concluded Sergey Bubka.

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Notes to Editors:
The Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, to be held between 14 and 26 August 2010, will bring together 3,600 athletes between 14 and 18 years of age from all 205 National Olympic Committees to compete in the 26 sports on

the London 2012 Olympic Games programme. A fully fledged education programme will raise participants' awareness of the Olympic values and topics like healthy lifestyles and the fight against doping. A number of communications initiatives will link the youth of the world with the event. A culture programme will ensure a festive and pleasant atmosphere within the host city.

*Members of the Coordination Commission: Sergey Bubka, IOC member and Chairman; Nat Indrapana, IOC member; Syed Shahid Ali**, IOC member; Raja Randhir Singh, IOC member; Frank Fredericks, IOC member and Chairman of the Athletes' Commission; Rania Elwani, IOC member; Guido de Bondt, NOC representative; Andrew Ryan, IF representative; and Gilbert Felli, Olympic Games Executive Director. The Coordination Commission is the group of representatives from the IOC and the Olympic Movement who will be monitoring the Youth Olympic Games preparations and guiding the Singapore Organising Committee.

(** not present at the 2nd Coordination Commission meeting in Singapore)
