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Message from the President

First and foremost I wish to express my sincere thanks to my predecessor, Dr. Donald K. Ammons for her time and commitment throughout her six years as ICSD President. There is absolutely no doubt that with 35 years of experience in Deaf Sport already under her belt she has already left a lasting legacy in Deaf Sports globally. On behalf of ICSD I wish her well in her future endeavours.



It is certainly a great honour to present my first Presidential Report since my election at Taipei ICSD Congress!

What can I say about the recent Taipei Summer Deaflympics?! It was a truly magnificent spectacle with over 4,000 athletes and officials taking part and over 50 world records broken - I was vastly impressed with the HIGH standards of our Deaf athletes! Congratulations to all who took part in this wonderful Taipei Summer Deaflympics - our thanks to the Organising Committee!

It is with genuine sadness that we record the most recent sudden passing of two of the most influential Deaf sport leaders in [Kuo-tung CHOU](#) and [Dr. Lawrence 'Larry' Fleischer](#). In a symbolic way Kuo-tung CHOU's legacy lives on with the huge success of the Taipei Summer Deaflympics in which he was one of the torch bearers. Larry was greatly respected in his home country for his pioneering achievements in both deaf education and deaf sport and they both will be sadly missed.

We have had positive feedback from the IOC Congress in Denmark, this means ICSD and staff now need to look closely at the approved IOC recommendations and the impact those recommendations have on ICSD and look at building those relevant recommendations into Deaf Sport Reform and our Members. More information will be communicated with our Members as soon as possible.

We hope to produce our first draft three year strategic plan at the ICSD Executive Committee in the New Year. We shall also be working hard to establish an ICSD Anti-Doping Code in compliance with the general principles of WADA including its international standards.

Therefore, in the next four years we must start building a better and robust future for Deaf Sport. I would really appreciate the help of the Deaf Sport Federations, so together we can lead or shape up the organisation in the next four years.

We all must put new touches into Deaf Sport Reform first – this work will not be easy – please be aware the challenges we face will have some very tough choices to be made. We cannot afford to look back now; we need to look forward with a sense of higher purpose with the whole ICSD Executive Committee in the driving seat to make it happen.

I quote a famous politician & diplomat who said: "***the greatest risk we can take is to try the same old politics with the same old players and expect a different result.***"

This means that the change we need does not have to come from ICSD – in fact change has to happen because Deaf Sport Federations want new ideas, new leadership, new people and new diplomacy and politics for a new ICSD.

I look forward to debating them with the new Executive Committee, Regional Confederations, Commission members, Technical Directors and ICSD staff over the next twelve months.

Here's to the next four years with an air of enthusiasm and a positive commitment.

Very best wishes,

Craig A. Crowley

President

Inside ICSD

Report from Vice President - World Sport

The 21st Summer Deaflympics in Taipei, Chinese Taipei was terrific. We can proudly say, that we were all involved at the Summer Deaflympics 2009 in Taipei. The events starting from the Opening Ceremony, to the competitions until the Closing Ceremony were exceedingly beautiful and simply phenomenal. I believe that this was an event of this century! In my opinion, Taipei 2009 was equal to the Olympics in Beijing 2008.

My personal thanks especially go to our past ICSD President Dr. Donalda K. Ammons, ICSD Executive Director Tiffany Granfors and to ICSD Technical Operations Manager Wayne Langbein. They all are the key people to ensure that the Deaflympics is to be carried out successfully in Taipei. Of course I respect Mr. Emile Sheng, CEO, his Organizing Committee of Taipei 2009, and the city of Taipei. They administrated the Games so great, that will remain unforgettable to us.

Besides the thank you's, I again want to thank the past President Donalda Ammons with all my heart. She is a great reformer and has a brilliant personality which she always has shown. She has a huge skill for leadership, not only that, she values the teamwork. I spent four wonderful, interesting and precious years gaining experience behind her as a Sports Director.

Of course I want to introduce our 15 Summer Technical Directors, four Assistants and 2 Consultants, and I want to thank them very much. Everyone of them has a wonderful heart and they were all the time ready to give their best. The Teamwork here was also brilliant.

The Technical Directors:
Barbara Søndergaard – Athletics

Martin Bogart – Badminton
Yaakov Keren – Basketball
John Knetzger – Volleyball/Beach Volleyball
Bobby Skedsmo – Cycling Road
Christof Niklaus – Football
Mario Torcolini – Handball
Damien Antoine – Judo
Marek Mir-Mackiewicz – Orienteering
Mac Adam – Shooting
Reed Gershwind – Swimming/Water Polo
Zsolt Nyíró – Table Tennis
Jung-bae Park – Taekwondo
Tobias Burz – Tennis
Mehmet Bilgili – Wrestling Freestyle and Greco Roman

The Assistants of Technical Directors:

Jürgen Endress – Basketball
Ido Rosnik – Beach Volleyball
Tony Clews – Football
Cindy-Lu Bailey – Swimming

The Consultants:

Kazimierz Chodak – Bowling
Wen-Tsai Wang – Karate

Now we have a new ICSD Executive Committee. Craig Crowley (ICSD President), Josef Willmerdinger (Vice President - World Sports), David Lanesman (Vice President - World Youth Sports), Vanessa Migliosi (Member at Large). I wish that every Deaf Sport Federation will support us actively and dynamically. We want to give our best, but we only can achieve this, when we are a unity. Cheer up for a good future for our Deaf Sport!

In the Summer Deaflympics in Taipei, many athletes broke World Records and Games Records with great effort, which is very amazing. The Niveau of the Deaf Sport has improved a lot since the last Games. We can be proud of those achievements of deaf athletes! Our Deaf Sport gets more and more to a high – performance – status. To

further, detailed information about the Records, see the schedule below.

New Game Records

	Men	Women	Total
Athletics	10	20	30
Shooting	9	8	17
Swimming	23	25	48
Total	42	53	95

New Deaf World Records

Athletics	4	6	10
Shooting	2	7	9
Swimming	15	21	36
Total	21	34	55

Year	Location	Games	Records	World Records
2001	Rome	50		14
2005	Melbourne	41		21
2009	Taipei	95		55

The following sports, **Handball** and **Water Polo** have been deleted from the 2013 Summer Deaflympics program. The decision was made during the ICSD executive committee meeting on 1 September. For three consecutive Summer Deaflympics, team participation in both sports has diminished. According to the Deaflympics regulations, at least twelve (12) federations for Summer Deaflympics and six (6) federations for Winter Deaflympics, from at least two regional confederations, must offer handball and water polo as part of their sports program. Since this has not been the case, these two sports have been eliminated from the Deaflympics. However, these sports can still be offered at the regional and world championships.

My Future vision for Deaflympics/ICSD is: Our World Deaf Sport must grow. World Championships must be improved to a perfect standard, also our WC Regulation must be reformed. We want to have clean World Championships with high quality. World Championship Regulation is to be followed. I think we all wish the very best World Championships, so help us to

accomplish the mission of high quality World Championships!

We have many World Championships which are still open, e.g. Handball, Orienteering and Cross County (Athletics). We have to arrange World Championships in year 2010 for each of those kinds of Sports. We ask the Countries of Deaf Sport Federations to host the World Championships. We are very grateful for any interests. Every Deaf Sports Federation which would like to host a World Championship shall please make contact with the ICSD office.

To all of our Technical Directors: Please get in contact with Deaf Sports Federations for World Championships which are still open. You can find more information for these World Championships in www.deaflympics.com/games/calendar.asp

Thank you for the support.

Josef WILLMERDINGER
ICSD Vice President - World Sports

Report from Vice President – World Youth Sport

The 21st Taipei Summer Deaflympics were behind but what do you think of this grand event of 4 years? I am sure we have one phrase in common – the greatest Deaflympics ever! It is you that make this event successful. We also have to thank the Organizing Committee and its local Government Taipei City for their great heart and much effort to make the 2009 Summer Deaflympics the most successful ever! Now we have to step forward to the next Deaflympics – first to 2011 Winter Deaflympics in High Tatras, Slovakia and then to 2013 Summer Deaflympics in Athens, Greece. But may I remind you that time flies too fast and then suddenly it is Athens time and you will be needing to start preparing now through the regional and

world championships before you arrive at Athens.

So with this program we welcome our new ICSD President Craig Crowley to our great organization of ICSD. We wish him great success with us and are looking forward to excellent cooperation for next four years. We also wish our new member at large Vanessa Migliosi successful partnership. With our new board we also wish to thank our past President Dr. Donald Ammons for being strong leadership for past four years with us, she indeed was on the committee for more than ten years, and wish her best of luck in her new path. We also do not forget Siv Fosshaug, Yang Yang and Dogan Ozdemir for their valuable contributions. Since we have our strong office staff in Frederick, USA in our Executive Director Tiffany Granfors, Technical Operations Manager Wayne Langbein, Sue Burnes and Terry Berrigan, it

is very important for all of us to work together with the headquarter office.

Today ICSD has 104 member countries, but we are still motivated to bring more members and to this date of preparing this report we have 17 countries more who are in process of applying their memberships but we hope to see at least 10 more new memberships to be confirmed at the next ICSD Congress in High Tatras in Slovakia in February 2011. Anyone who wishes to become a member please do not hesitate to contact us and apply!

Happy reading,

David LANESMAN
ICSD Vice President - World Youth Sports

Inside Deaflympics

2009 Summer Deaflympics Delivers Glittering Benefits 

<http://www.taiwantoday.tw/ct.asp?xItem=64359&CtNode=428>

Message from Technical Director

Alpine Skiing

I congratulate Mr. Hans Lie for his 80th birthday from Norway.

He is a famous Ski legendary and greatest deaf athlete!



Hans Lie celebrates his 80th!

He won 11 Medals (8 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze). I took up the opportunity to contact with him and wanted to ask him some questions and he was kind enough to answer my questions. I thank him very much and wish him good life!

Mike Schmauser: You have competed in ten editions of the Winter Deaflympics. Until now, no Alpine skier has achieved 10 times. Why have you participated so often? For fun or motivation ...?

Hans Lie: Alpine is the life for me, and I still run with it. I am in Norway Championship for veterans.

MS: You have 8 gold medals. What was it for you the best success of your life?

HL: The best I think the first gold medal in the downhill in Montana in Switzerland in 1959.

MS: Which city do you have the best memory at Winter Deaflympics?

HL: Alpin by Grand Montana in Switzerland in 1959 was the city with the best memory for me.

MS: Why?

HL: Great ski location and very demanding trail, as resident. And the Norwegian dominance, we took 3 gold, I won the downhill, LARSEN Kjell Otto won the slalom and DAMMEN Brynjulf won the giant slalom.

MS: Why is there not a Norwegian Alpine skier since then more than participating in the Winter Deaflympics? You're sports idol for all of Norway. It would be nice if there would be a new skier.

HL: It has not been new deaf skiers now. Time has changed. After school they go to higher schools and have



Hans won Norway National Veterans Championships in 2007

little time or interest in the sport. I've tried to get young people to be active, but it is not easy. We have had the world's strongest ski team for 10 years, from 1970 to 1980. There are never more so, unfortunately?

Mike SCHMAUSER
ICSD Technical Director - Alpine Skiing

Athletics

21st Summer Deaflympics

The fantastic and successful 21st Summer Deaflympics now is history and we have to look forward to the next athletics events, the World Championships 2012 (or other possible earlier events – see below).

I am sure that many readers that either were on site in Taipei or watched the daily

TV/internet-coverage agree that it will be difficult for future hosts of the Summer Deaflympics to surpass the recent Deaflympics.

I was especially impressed by the large numbers of volunteers that took care of the smooth and effective organization of the competitions. There of course also were some failures and mistakes but these were minor ones.

I was pleased and happy to have two official IAAF delegates as observers. In addition I had an excellent cooperation with the national competition director, Mr. Ben Ping Chan Chang.

Future Marathon Events

It was a little discouraging to see the large arrangement set up for such small number of athletes taking part in the Marathon event at the highway north of Taipei. It is not so exciting or motivating for the athletes and also the small crowd of spectators to see that only so few athletes took part in this event.

Therefore, I have proposed to go back to the former frame with a circuit of 8-10 kilometers to be run 4-5 times and to have the start and finish line at the stadium. This proposal was supported by everyone attending the technical meeting.

World Championships

Both at the Technical meeting in Izmir, Turkey, 2008 and at the 2nd Technical Meeting in Taipei, 2009, it was agreed to have the Athletics World Championships as follow:

2010 Cross Country – so far no bids
2011 Indoor – so far no bids
2012 Outdoor in Toronto, Canada

With the exception of the World Championships in Toronto 2012 no bids has been received so far for the Cross Country and Indoor World Championships.

I am hereby appealing to all ICSD Members to consider hosting the Cross country next year and the Indoor World Championships in 2011?

Best Results 2009

It has been a long while ago since a list of the "Years best results" were collected and published. At the informal meeting in Taipei all had made comments that it would be a good idea to resume this publication. However, without results from all ICSD Member Organizations it is not possible to compile such list. I therefore appeal to every members national athletics leader to send a maximum of 5 best result for 2009 for all events on the Summer Deaflympics programme to me to this e-mail address: athleticstd@ciss.org before 1 December 2009.

World Records

Again this year a large number of World Records, including junior records have been made both at the 21st Summer Deaflympics and during the year. In addition a number of Games Records were made even if the weather conditions in Taipei were difficult for most participants.

Several times I have reminded the Members that the application must be duly filled and signed. Rather often the name and signature of the surveyor is missing. I am aware that the surveyor seldom is present at a meeting but an official (referee) may sign on his/her behalf.

A list of the ratified World and Junior Records for 2009 will be published in the coming issue of the E-News.

Barbara C.SØNDERGAARD
ICSD Technical Director - Athletics

Badminton

I went to South Korea after the 21st Summer Deaflympics to do the site inspection for the

3rd World Deaf Badminton Championships which to be held around October 2011.

I was met by the Deaf Officials from Korea Deaf Sports Federation and guided me to



Mayor of Bucheon Hong Gun Pyo and Martin Bogard

Bucheon Gymnasium. The site is between the Incheon (Seoul) International airport and Seoul. The distance is approx 45km from the airport.

I was impressed with the venue.

- It can hold up to 8 badminton courts.
- Wood flooring
- About 5000 seats around the hall (Oval)
- It has meeting rooms / offices

The outdoor area is spacious and it can be useful for the players who wish to do some jogs.

I visited Hotel Koryo and I was satisfied with it. We had to rush to meet the Mayor of Bucheon Hong Gun Pyo and he supported us to have the 3rd World Championship. He will meet with the local Government in due course.

After having met the Mayor, we went to a Government building to meet one of the Deputy sports Ministers. Again he was happy to support us. They will have a meeting early next year for an official approval which expect sometime around March 2010.

I had a meeting with Taeki Chae, Deaf President of the District and his committee on badminton issue.

We will have to wait till next March before we can officially start the ball rolling.

Martin BOGARD
ICSD Technical Director - Badminton

Beach Volleyball & Volleyball

2009 Summer Deaflympics - Reflections

More than a month has passed since the 2009 Summer Deaflympics in Taipei. As I look back at the amazing opening and closing ceremonies and both volleyball and beach volleyball competitions in between, I think the people of Taipei have done a superb job. The venues were in excellent shape, the technical support was great, and the beach volleyball athletes handled the challenging combination of hot and humid weather on damp sand very well.

Once again, stand up and hand-wave for Taipei!

Beach Volleyball

Congratulations to Ukraine for a gold medal sweep in both men's and women's competitions in Taipei. The gold medalists are Oleksandr POLTORATSKYI and Sergii TARASOV (men) and Olena ONOKALO and Iuliia IAROSHEVSKA (women). POLTORATSKYI improved on his bronze medal performance with a different teammate at the 2005 Summer Deaflympics in Melbourne. Both OKOKALO and IAROSHEVSKA successfully defended their Melbourne title.

With Taipei behind us, what's next in beach volleyball? We are not going to wait for another four long years until Athens because Israel will be hosting the first world deaf beach volleyball championships in less than a year from now! Information about the championship was published in the May 2009 [issue](#) of ICSD eNews. I visited Tel Aviv last August and wrote a site inspection report, which is available under the menu "Main" on www.2010beachvolleyball.org. If

your federation has not submitted its preliminary entry form yet, please do so by completing the form under "Forms & Downloads" within the menu "Additional Information" and emailing it to Israel@ciss.org.

The next world deaf beach volleyball championships will be held in 2014. An application to host a deaf world championship is available at www.deaflympics.com/forms/ApplicationForm-DeafWorldChampionship.pdf

Volleyball

I noticed that several teams who competed in the 2008 world deaf volleyball championships in Buenos Aires gained experience and took advantage of the 13 months that had passed since then to adjust their strategies in preparation for Taipei. In men's volleyball, Russian Federation, who was swept by Ukraine in the 2008 finals, put on an excellent performance in a five-set exciting match to turn around and defeat Ukraine for the Summer Deaflympics gold medal. On the women's side, Ukraine repeated its gold medal performance in a dominating style.

The 2009-2012 FIVB rulebook had some important changes. Based on my personal observations in Taipei, two new rules deserve more attention than other rule changes. They are the 14-player rule and the net contact rule.

Only Russian Federation and Ukraine took advantage of the 14-player rule (Rules 4.1.1 and 19.1.1) in Taipei. If a team has 13 or 14 players on its final roster, two of these players must be designated as liberos. FIVB encourages the development of specialized skills and does not recommend the idea of reassigning the libero position from one player to another during the same volleyball competition.

Touching the net is no longer an automatic violation (Rule 11.4.4). For those interested in the new FIVB rule changes from 2009

onwards in relation to net violations, the four-minute video "[NET TOUCH RULE CHANGES FROM 2009](#)" (wmv 29.3Mb) can be downloaded for viewing.

Two federations have expressed interest in hosting the 2012 world deaf volleyball championships. The bidding process is still open. The website link to the application form is the same as the aforementioned link for the world deaf beach volleyball championships.

Enjoy the rest of the year,

John KNETZGER
ICSD Technical Director - Beach Volleyball & Volleyball

Bowling

It was a pleasure to work with - both new and old players from many different countries. I became a new ICSD Bowling consultant in April 2009 and I must say it has been hard, yet rewarding work. Thank you to WTBA Yap kok Wee, Mervyn Foo, CTBA, SLO, 8 interpreters, 10 referees, and about 60 volunteers for their hard work. I was really pleased to know that FIQ president Jessie Phua from Singapore came to Summer Deaflympics Bowling tournament. I am impressed that we have grown to host 39 countries and over 210 players.

On 3 and 4 September, a meeting was held at the congress. Argentina expressed interest to host 2nd World Deaf Bowling Championships in 2011, approval is pending site visit to their venues further announcement will follow.

On 8 September we started our tournament with Men's Singles in the morning at 9 am and women started in the afternoon at 1 pm.

Women's Singles winner is CHANG YAO-CHIEN from TPE. Her score was 1134 and second place was JEONG YEON JEONG

from KOR whose score was 1128 and third place was LIN HSIANG-TZU from TPE whose score was 1106. Men's Singles winner is PERRY RANDLL WAYNE from USA. His score was 1228 and second place was JONGHOON HAM from KOR whose score was 1197 and third place was AWANG MOHD ZAIDI (third time Deaflympian) from MAS whose score was 1188.

Women Doubles winners are KILPELAINEN AIRA and LINTULA SATU from FIN and their score was 2147 and second are WANG YU-CHIN and CHEN WEN-NI from TPE their score was 2140 and third are DI TONDO SHARON and BROTHAG PATRICIA from USA their score was 2108. Men's Doubles winners are SEONGJO AN and JONGHOON HAM from KOR and their score was 2378 and second are YOUNGCHUN SEO and YOUNHO KIM from KOR their score was 2368 and third are ORAIF MOHAMMED and ALROMAIH FAHAD from KSA (first time ever to get medal) their score was 2346.

Women's Trios winners are LIN HSIANG-TZU, WANG YU-CHIN and CHANG YAO-CHIEN from TPE and their was 3267 and second are CHEN WEN-NI, HUANG YA-TING and HSUEH HSIU-CHEN from TPE their score was 3182 and third are JEONG YEON JEONG, SUN JUNGF LEE and MOON JA JUNG from KOR are their score was 3118. Men's Trios winners are SEONGJO AN, TAEIN CHOI and JONGHOON HAM from KOR are their was 3485 and second are CHIU CHING-LING, WENG CHUNG-MING and HSIEN SHENG-FU from TPE are their was 3483 and third are their was ELOSSON ANTON, FLINK FREDRIC and JOHANSSON PETER from SWE are their was 3290.

Women's Team winners are Chinese Taipei, LIN HSIANG-TZU-1015, WANG YU-CHIN-1000, HSUEH HSIU-CHEN-1034, CHEN WEN-NI-1125, and CHANG YAO-CHIEN-1038 total score was 5212. Second are Russian Federation, KORALINOVA NADEZDA-985, LOTINA OLGA-1041, YAREEVA MARIA-1060, PARITS DINA-932,

KAATANSKAYA MARINA-499-3 games, and LIPKINA SVETLANA-402-3 games. Total score was 4919. Third are Sweden, STRANG VERA-891, KARLSSON ANNELIE-1014, LUNDH LENA-475-3 games, ULFSPARRE EVA-1006, SUNDELL MARITA-445-3 games, and DAHLBERG LOTTE-1056, total score was 4887. Men's Team winners are Chinese Taipei, CHIU CHING-LING-1168, WENG CHUNG-MING-1102, KUNG SHIH-CHUN-1061, CHEN CHUNG-CHIN-1168, and HSIEN SHENG-FU-1252 total score was 5751. Second are Korea, SEONGJO AN-1140, YOUNGCHUN SEO-1135, TAEIN CHOI-1111, YOUNHO KIM-998, and JONGHOON HAM-1210 total score was 5594. Third are Sweden, NORDELL ANDERS-1085, JOHANSSON PETER-997, DAHLSTROM EMIL-1096, FLINK FREDRIC-1066, and ELOSSON ANTON-968 total score was 5212.

Women Masters Final
CHANG YAO-CHEN-TPE
MATSUKIYO TOSHIKO-JPN
BERTI THEMIS-GRE

Men Masters Final
SEONGJO AN-KOR
TAEIN CHOI-KOR
JONGHOON HAM-KOR

The best bowler in the 10 days was CHANG YAO-CHIEN from TPE. She received 4 gold medals and SEONGJO AN from KOR was next with 3 gold medals and 1 silver. The country with most medals was Chinese Taipei with 5 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze and next was Korea with 3 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze. You can see more detailed results at <http://bowling.2009deaflympics.org/files/639-1034.php>

I will look forward to the World Deaf Bowling Championships in Argentina once it is officially approved.

Thank you,
Kazimierz CHODAK
ICSD Consultant - Bowling

Cycling

Three Crowns for France

Three Crowns is a national emblem of Sweden that present in the Coat of Arms and the Swedish Air Force roundel, but this time I am talking about three French cyclists who have won three consecutive Summer Deaflympics in the road race event. I consider that the road race is the most prestigious race of any other cycling events because it has powerful display of vigor, along with the drive, determination and the skill tactics that have all key qualities of paramount to triumphing in the most prestigious cycling race. Out of the Blue, Bernard Barugola won the road race at the Rome Deaflympics. And again, David Cloux won the road race at the Melbourne Deaflympics. And this time, Steeve Touboul won it at the Taipei Summer Deaflympics.

What secret did they have to accomplish this feat? Here is a big



Bernard Barugola, David Cloux, Steeve Touboul

congratulation to the country, France.

Terence Parkin of South Africa

Terence Parkin had won the silver medal in his 200-meter breaststroke swimming event and finished fifth in the 400-meter individual medley at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. He had finished third place at the 2006 World Deaf Cycling Championships in San Francisco. And again he could manage his strategy to win the bronze medal at the Summer Deaflympics in Taipei for his feat as the cyclist right after he had won the gold medal at his swimming event. It is something about him. He had the stamina and knew how to win two different sports. Here is high five for Terence with thunderous applause!

World Deaf Cycling Championships

The 13th World Deaf Cycling Championships will take place at the Mount-Tremblant about 75 miles northwest of Montreal, Quebec in Canada. The event will take place during the month of June 2011 (not in July) and the exact date will be between June 3rd and 12th. More information will come later.

Bobby SKEDSMO

ICSD Technical Director - Cycling

Football

2009 Summer Deaflympics Football Competition

Even after a month after the Summer Deaflympics in Taipei, I am still overwhelmed by the overall effect it has had on everyone. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies were of the highest standard and something that I will never forget.

The Summer Deaflympics Football Competition was an immense success from day one to the last day. Minor, yet expected, teething problems were quickly resolved on the first day and the Summer Deaflympics Football Competition brought out the best from many countries involved. The only major disappointment was Nigeria's withdrawal from the men competition 24 hours before the first match which meant it was too late to organise a replacement.

The major rebuilding work on the four pitches at YingFeng Sport Park produced a good quality grass surface while the Municipal Stadium pitch was affected by the opening ceremony being covered for eight days. After some extensive work by the Organising Committee, the final pitch was good enough for both the women and men football finals.

Summer Deaflympics Women Football Competition

The women football competition involved Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Japan,

Russian Federation, Thailand and United States.

United States, the reigning 2005 Summer Deaflympics Champions, scored 11 goals and conceded no goals in their two group matches while Russian Federation, the 2008 World Champions scored 36 goals and conceded two goals in their three group matches.

The women semi finals were contested by United States against Great Britain while Russian Federation met Germany in a rematch of last year World Deaf Football Championships Final. In a hard fought match, United States edged Great Britain by two goals to one in normal time. In the Russian Federation-Germany semi final, Russian Federation went 3-0 up in the first half only for Germany to stage a magnificent fight back to equalise 3-3 by the 65th minute. Julia Muller was the hero for Germany with her second goal in extra time to make it 4-3 for Germany to progress to the Summer Deaflympics Women Football Final.

The Women Final, between United States and Germany was a hard fought tactical game in the first half producing no goals. United States stepped up a gear in the second half with a break through goal on the hour. Germany, in their attempt to equalise, threw more into the attack, left them vulnerable at the back, conceded three more goals before the final whistle. It was Reagan Anders' third (1-basketball and 2-football) Summer Deaflympics gold medal for United States. Many congratulations to United States, Germany and Russian Federation who won the women football gold, silver and bronze medal respectively.

Summer Deaflympics Men Football Competition

The men football competition involved Argentina, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine and United States.

The group stages certainly threw some surprises, perhaps the biggest shock with the 2005 Summer Deaflympics Champions, Great Britain being knocked out by a single goal difference. France made it though despite being bottom of group B on the final day of the group stages with their first win against South Africa. Ukraine and Russian Federation made an early claim for the Summer Deaflympics crown recording the most points and superior goal difference than any other countries.

The men quarter finals, semi finals and final produced no extra time or penalties which were a bit of a surprise! In the quarter finals, France went through against Ireland with the only goal coming from Jeremy Peltier while Germany won 6-2 against Argentina in a bad tempered match which saw the referee wave several yellow cards and a red card. The other two men quarter finals resulted in Russian Federation overwhelming United States 5-0 and Ukraine edging out Iran by a single goal coming from Makar Bukin.

The men semi finals: Ukraine overpowered an injury depleted France with four goals to nil and Russian Federation, after going a goal down against Germany, scored four on the trot before Germany scored a late consolation to make it 4-2.

Russian Federation having previously won the Summer Deaflympics Football Competition at Malmo (1973) and Cologne (1981) started the final slightly stronger than Ukraine going a goal ahead on the half hour only for Ukraine to score a couple of goals before half time to make it 2-1. In the second half of the men final, it was pretty even with some chances being missed by both sides. Ukraine scored again to make it 3-1 with a goal from Vitaliy Solovey which turned out to be the winning goal before Russian Federation scored again to make it 3-2.

Many congratulations to Ukraine, Russian Federation and Germany who won the men football gold, silver and bronze medal respectively.

Note of thanks

I would like to thank Tony Clews for being such an excellent Assistant Football Technical Director with his calmness, positive suggestions and hard work throughout the Summer Deaflympics football competition. I also would like to thank Po-Hai Shih, the Sports Liaison Officer for his tireless efforts to ensure a smooth Summer Deaflympics Football Competition.

Po-Houng Lee and Wu-Hsiung Liu, the two FIFA Representatives, along with Jhang Jin Bo, the Match Commissioner also had a major contribution to the success of the Summer Deaflympics Football Competition of which I am also thankful for. I also would like to thank Anita Mao for her patience, kindness and excellent translation during our stay in Taipei.

What next?

Tony Clews and I will work on a number of issues, improving some procedures for world deaf football in 2010, e.g. a new improved match recording system, a new world deaf football ranking system and new guidelines for hearing referees.

It has now been confirmed that the 2011 World Deaf Futsal Championships will be held at Örebro, Sweden (5th-11th November 2011) while the 2012 World Deaf Football Championships will be held in Ankara, Turkey (10th-21st July 2012).

Invitations are open for all countries to make a bid to host the 2015 World Deaf Futsal Championships and the 2016 World Deaf Football Championships. The deadline for both World Championship bids is 30th June 2010.

If you are interested in hosting either Deaf World Championships, please view - www.deaflympics.com/about/index.asp?DID=543 and look under WC2. BIDDING.

As always, yours in football

Christof NIKLAUS
ICSD Technical Director - Football

Ice Hockey

With our World Deaf Ice Hockey Championship behind us, the 2011 Winter Deaflympics at High Tatras, Slovakia is rapidly approaching.

Our ICSD Executive Committee and Winter Technical Directors will do site visits near the end of January 2010 to check out venues for the 17th Winter Deaflympics. Will share more details in next eNews.

Our IIHF Official Rule Book (2006-2010) is still good until end of 2010. We should receive our new 2011- 2015 in time for our 2011 Winter Deaflympics.

We are aiming for an expansion of 6 to 10 teams participating at the Winter Deaflympics since most teams will be coming from Europe. Let's keep this as our goal so that we can all help to continue to grow the great sport of Ice Hockey. Deadline for final registration for team sports is **15 January 2010**.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming 2011 Winter Deaflympics, please feel free to contact me anytime at icehockeytd@ciss.org

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season and wish you all the best in 2010!

S. Chris BRADLEY
ICSD Technical Director – Ice Hockey

Orienteering

21st Summer Deaflympics

Incredibly, the 21st Summer Deaflympics in Taipei was very good in organizing a

successful orienteering event and they cooperated with CTOA (Chinese Taipei Orienteering Association). Great arrangement and did the same conditions as the World Orienteering Championships. I considered it a successful orienteering competition.

Also the terrain, Ching Tian Gang, was amazing and beautiful as well as the Yangming Park. Orienteers were very pleased with the exciting competition. Although the weather was bad - very variable, most days were pouring down but we also had sun too. Many audience came to the competition.

I thank and congratulate the organizing committee for their help and I will never forget it! If you have Facebook, so you can surf into it and it has many pictures.

2011 World Deaf Orienteering Championships

We had to postpone WDOC 2010 to 2011, because we must take into consideration the regions of Asia-Pacific and Americas with both the Summer Deaflympics and WDOC every other year and we will hold them every two Summer Deaflympics and WDOC.

Ukraine Deaf Sports Federation will arrange host WDOC, August, 2011, but UDSF schedule to meet on WDOC in 2011 at the end of October and will apply for papers to ICSD's office soon.

When ICSD confirms the official papers, we can then officially announce this event and send out invitations and information about WDOC 2011 to deaf sports federations in all countries.

If you want to read more information about orienteering, you can visit the page on www.deaforienteering.org

Marek MIR-MACKIEWICZ
ICSD Technical Director - Orienteering

Shooting

Hope you all arrived home safely and settled back to normal routine.

It was really sad that our friend and supporter Mr. Chou Kuo-Tung who passed away and it was a great privilege knowing him for some years and would not be forgotten by us all.

It was really good to see you all at Cong Si Shooting Range during 2009 Summer Deaflympics in Taipei and it went very well and many thanks for your time, support and participation which were very much appreciated and would not be forgotten for a long time.

It is hard to believe that 2009 Summer Deaflympics went too quickly but we have another Summer Deaflympics coming up at Athens, Greece in 2013 which would probably arrive quicker than we would imagine.

We were very fortunate to have very enthusiastic officials and volunteers from Chinese Taipei Shooting Association that have been working extraordinarily hard to make the Shooting Range ready for us all for 2009 Summer Deaflympics which was very successful.

Many thanks to Clark Chen and Judy Liou for their remarkable effort to support the Summer Deaflympics Shooting Program.

Next step for all is to work out to prepare the next World Deaf Shooting Competitions in near future.

And also work with Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation for the next Shooting Competitions hopefully in near future.

What we would like to see to have complete Shooting Events Program all over the world for everybody who are interested to participate to avoid the conflict of dates that may arise.

After a lot encouragement from those who were present at the Shooting Competitions during the Taipei Summer Deaflympics that I would continue as ICSD TD for Shooting.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Mac ADAM
ICSD Technical Director - Shooting

Snowboard

I will like to know how many of you have read the topic, "Snowboard" under the eNews on the homepage of Deaflympics?

I do sincerely hope that you will drop your email at this address: snowboardtd@ciss.org with the followings below:

1. Feedbacks
2. Suggestions
3. News about your country's snowboard
4. Events about snowboard in your country

Your email message will be confidential and will not be forwarded.

Your support will be appreciated.

Marco GALMARINI
ICSD Technical Director - Snowboard

Swimming & Water Polo

It was nice to see and meet many of you at the Hsinchu County Swimming Plaza last September in Taipei. The Swimming and Water Polo venues and competitions were very good. Appreciation and recognition goes to TOC Members, CTSA and FINA Officials, and many volunteers for their time, cooperation, and successful work. Thank you.

Swimming

It was amazing large and fast swim meet. 168 swimmers from 40 countries participated. Swimmers broke 48 Games Records and 36 World Records. With the fast pool and fast swimsuits, men broke 15 out of 19 and women 17 out of 19 Games Records. Swimming competition was fierce. A group of 11 swimmers, 5 men and 6 women, dominated the pool by winning 66 medals.

Terence PARKIN won 7 Aksana PETRUSHENKA won 6
Ilya TRISHKIN won 7 Ganna LYTVYNENKO won 6
Luca GERMANO won 6 Yue Yue HE won 6
Andriy ZURGALIDZE won 5 Anna TOVSTA won 6
Volodymyr NATALCHUK won 5 Ekaterina SAVCHENKO won 6
Valeria STYNIKOVA won 6

The 6 relay events, 3 men and 3 women, were extremely fast and exciting. All relays shattered world records. Russian Federation men swept all 3 relays and records. Belarus, Russian Federation, and Ukraine women split the 3 relays and records. Below are names of individual swimming Champions. Congratulations to all swimmers.

2009 Summer Deaflympics Swimming Individual Gold Medal Winners

Name	Country	Women	
		Medals	Records
PETRUSHENKA Aksana	BLR	4 Gold	5 World
		1 Silver	5 Games
		1 Bronze	
LYTVYNENKO Ganna	UKR	3 Gold	4 World
		2 Silver	5 Games
		1 Bronze	
HE Yue Yue	CHN	3 Gold	3 World
		2 Silver	3 Games
		1 Bronze	
TOVSTA Anna	UKR	3 Gold	2 World
		1 Silver	2 Games
		2 Bronze	
SAVCHENKO Ekaterina	RUS	2 Gold	2 World
		4 Silver	2 Games
DEEVA Natalia	BLR	2 Gold	2 World
		2 Silver	2 Games
POLIVANCHUK Anna	SWE	2 Gold	3 World
		1 Silver	3 Games
DE VILLIERS Peggy	RSA	1 Gold	1 World
		2 Silver	3 Games
		1 Bronze	

KILE Pernilla	SWE	1 Gold	1 World 1 Games
Men			
PARKIN Terence	RSA	7 Gold	3 World 6 Games
TRISHKIN Ilya	RUS	4 Gold 3 Silver	6 World 6 Games
KASSIN Ivan	RUS	4 Gold	2 World 2 Games
GERMANO Luca	ITA	3 Gold 2 Silver 1 Bronze	4 World 7 Games
SARYKIN Ilya	RUS	3 Gold	3 World 4 Games
KIM Geonoh	KOR	1 Gold 1 Silver 1 Bronze	---
XU Jia Hui	CHN	1 Gold 2 Bronze	1 World 1 Games
IBARA Ryutaro	JPN	1 Gold	---

At Technical Meetings in Taipei, members agreed to minor modifications in future Swimming regulations and qualifying times. There was a strong interest for a short course 25m world swim meet in 2012. Please consider hosting this event. You may contact me to start procedures or ask questions.

Swimming continues to grow, become stronger and faster. Germany will host 2010 European Deaf Swimming Championships. Portugal will host 2011 World Deaf Swimming Championships. Train and plan well. Set and reach high goals.

Water Polo

Water Polo competition was strong and physical among the top four teams. Since 1985 Deaflympics, Water Polo has seen a new Champion every four years. Gold medal Hungary drained the pool by winning all six games by a margin of 58 goals. Welcome Ireland who participated for the first time and played well. Congratulations all players.

2009 Summer Deaflympics Water Polo Final Results

Gold	Hungary
Silver	Italy
Bronze	Germany

4th place	Ireland
5th place	United States

ICSD Executive Committee has removed Water Polo from 2013 Athens Summer Deaflympics. To reinstate Water Polo, one must host World Championships and increase the number of teams. Refer to Deaflympics - Regulations DG8. Players, teams, coaches, officials, and sport federations --- please continue Water Polo for current and future deaf athletes.

Ireland will host 2010 European Deaf Water Polo Championships. Along with Germany, Hungary, Ireland, and Italy --- Denmark, Netherlands, and Russian Federation have entered. It will be a good tournament with 7 teams, more teams than past EDSO Water Polo Championships. Have fun, train well, and good luck.

Please consider hosting World Championships to keep Water Polo internationally and reinstate the sport to Summer Deaflympics.

Aquatically yours,

Reed GERSHWIND
ICSD Technical Director - Swimming &
Water Polo

Tennis

I hope you all are well recovered from our unforgettable Summer Deaflympics in Taipei.

Now I have some topics for you:

Izmir, Turkey in 2011

At the technical meeting in Taipei after the tennis tournament we have agreed with the proposal to set up the 1st World Deaf Tennis Championships in the year 2011. This World Deaf Tennis Championships (WDTC) should take place in Izmir, Turkey.

In 2011 at Izmir there will be the 20th Dresse & Maere Tennis Cups (DMC) – known as the World Team Deaf Tennis Championships – from 18th until 25th of July 2011.

My proposed plan is to combine the DMC with the WDTC. The director of the organisation committee in Izmir has said to me, this is possible, but the Turkish Deaf Sports Federation has to decide about it.

So my planned time schedule looks like (it is only draft!):

-Arrival of all tennis athletes at 17th (Friday) or 18th June 2011 (Saturday)

-3 days for practices (18th/19th/20th June)

-11 days for tournament:

*the first 5 days DMC – from 21st until 25th June

*1 rest day (at 26th June)

*last 6 days WDTC – from 27th June until 2nd July

-Departure of all tennis athletes at 3rd July 2011 (Sunday)

I have sent my email to the Turkish Deaf Sports Federation and have asked him to accept the additional WDTC together with the DMC in Izmir. If we get the answer from this Federation I will inform you as soon as possible. I hope, Turkey can accept my proposal.

Tennis Championships Outlook

If Turkey accept hosting the WDTC and DMC in Izmir 2011 then the next WDTC and DMC will be hosted separately. The 21st Dresse & Maere Tennis Cups will hold in year 2014. The 2nd World Deaf Tennis Championships will hold in year 2015.

So from 2013 on the time schedule will be fixed:

- 2013 Summer Deaflympics
- 2014 DMC
- 2015 WDTC
- 2016 Regional Tennis Championships (European only)
- 2017 Summer Deaflympics
- 2018 DMC

- 2019 WDTC
- and so on...

Now I have great pleasure to ask you all:

-Who want to host the 21st Dresse & Maere Tennis Cups in 2014?

-Who want to host the 2nd World Deaf Tennis Championships in 2015?

Please send your host [application form](#) via email to me: tennistd@ciss.org

Consolation Events

Due to the problems for the tennis athletes in Taipei who have lost their matches in the first round and then cannot play further matches till the end of the tournament we can consider the consolation event in the future tournaments. This can be decided upon on the number of tennis athletes, the courts and the number of chair umpires only shortly after the final entry for the tennis tournament.

Ranking Points

I am pleased to inform you that the actual ranking points is published in our ICSD website under Tennis: www.deaflympics.com/sports/index.asp?SC=Tennis

Deaf Open Tennis Tournaments 2010

At the last technical meeting in Taipei the USA and UK Tennis teams said they would think about hosting the Deaf Open Tennis tournament in 2010. The location in USA should be in Las Vegas directly after the Deaf Nation World Expo from 18th until 23th July 2010. So the Open tournament could start around 24th July.

The location in the UK could be in Nottingham during the month of July.

Both countries will send their final information in two weeks. If I get these information I will forward it to you all.

Contact Address

I want to contact with each person who is responsible for the Deaf Tennis in their

country. My goal is to communicate with these persons directly parallel with the Deaf Sport Federations. So please send your email address, your full name and the name of your Deaf Sport Federation to me. My email address is: tennistd@ciss.org

Many thanks in advance!

Best regards,

Tobias BURZ
ICSD Technical Director - Tennis

Wrestling

During the 21st Summer Deaflympics the Freestyle and Greco-Roman Wrestling events went very smoothly without any protests or injuries. I felt that the wrestling event was done in a very high level under

FLIA regulations and since we have used International FILA Licensed Referee, those FILA regulations were strictly enforced. For example in order for the FILA referee to be able to officiate the event, they need to ensure that all participants have proper international license before playing, if they do not they need to pay USD 150.00 during Technical meeting and before weighing in. In this regard, I feel that the IOC and FILA rules must be valid for the event and we need to better inform our Deaflympics athletes. I offer my thanks to the Deaflympics management committee.

Mehmet Demir BILGILI
ICSD Technical Director - Wrestling

Deaf Sports Events

2010 World Deaf Golf Championships Update

With less than 280 days to go until the start of the Championships, progress is continuing to be made. The website www.wdgc2010.com was launched and great feedback has been received as a result.

In September 2009, Scottish Deaf Golf Association and Sportworks Limited hosted representatives from the World Deaf Golf Federation. Golf was arranged for the group on the Torrance Course, one of the host courses for the British Open Qualifying, and the course for the World Deaf Golf Championships in 2010. David Wilson of the SDGA was triumphant on the day, and will hopefully take that form forward to next years championships.

The course is based at the Fairmont Hotel St. Andrews which provided the group with accommodation for the two days at reduced cost. The event details were finalised as a result of the visit and all venues have now


been contracted for the opening, closing and mid function ceremonies.

All that is needed now is for teams to start making their arrangements to take part in what is hoped to be the best World Championships to date.

Kind Regards,

Stephen Minto

2011 World Deaf Cycling Championships Update

The 2011 World Deaf Cycling Championships event will be held in Mont-Tremblant in Québec, Canada. For more information, please click this [link](#) .

Deaf Sports In Brief

In memory of Kuo-tung CHOU (1939-2009)



In Memoriam
Kuo-tung CHOU

By Dr. Donald Ammons, Past President,
International Committee of Sports for the
Deaf

I am deeply honored to be asked to write a eulogy of my dear friend, Mr. Kuo-tung Chou, who has unexpectedly departed us a few weeks ago. It was not long after the conclusion of the 21st Summer Deaflympics in his homeland, where at the opening ceremonies he had the honor of lighting the flame! I know he was very pleased to have witnessed the "Best Deaflympics Ever". He was very content!

My association with Mr. Chou began in the winter of 1991 when he traveled to Banff, Canada for the ICSD Congress, representing the Chinese Taipei Sports Association of the Deaf (CTSAD). At that time, CTSAD was not yet a member of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf. The majority of the delegates did not know where Chinese Taipei was located on the map. In Mr. Chou's effort to gain ICSD congress delegates' votes for CTSAD's membership application, Mr. Chou as a natural teacher made a great presentation on the country and deaf community of Chinese Taipei. As a

result, CTSAD was instantaneously admitted. It was indeed incredible to see a fairly new deaf sports federation to host several international competitions in such a short span of time. It was made possible because of Mr. Chou's great leadership and guidance.

Mr. Chou had great attributes and to name a few, his sheer determination to make a difference in many people's lives. He traveled extensively in Asia to help many underrepresented deaf groups. He was also a great friend. He was the kind of friend that stands by you when you need somebody to be there. I think everyone who knows him very well would agree with me on this. I will also miss his sense of humor. He was the kind of person that would make everyone laugh so hard that they would end up crying.

I will definitely miss Mr. Chou's presence at future deaf sporting events. We shall not forget him. He never wanted to see people cry. He wanted to make everyone happy. Let's all think back and remember how Kuo-tung touched our lives. We should all be thankful that we were given the chance to have known a man named Mr. Kuo-tung Chou.

May he rest in peace and his legacy be passed upon future generations in Chinese Taipei, Asia and the world.

In memory of Dr. Lawrence R. Fleischer (1945-2009)

With great sadness we are sharing this unfortunate news that USA Deaf Sports Federation President Dr. Lawrence (Larry) R. Fleischer had passed away on Sunday 1 November.

On behalf of ICSD Executive Committee, we send our deepest condolences and our heartfelt thoughts go out to his family at this difficult time. A light has gone out at USA Deaf Sports Federation at his sudden passing.

More information about this news announcement from USA Deaf Sports Federation at www.usdeafsports.org/news/news_20091102.html

If anyone wishes to pass on condolences, they may do so at this email: media@usdeafsports.org

Rajeev Bagga wins silver in the World Senior Badminton Championships

There was another piece of fantastic news from Rajeev Bagga who just returned home from



Rajeev Bagga at the 2009 World Senior Badminton Championships

Spain after the World Senior Badminton

Championships. He got Silver for over 40 men's singles and bronze for men's doubles. Congratulations Rajeev! For more details, click [here](#).

Deaf Sports Federations Update

Nigeria ■■

Effective on 11 June 2009, Nigeria Deaf Sports Federation has a new Board as follows:

PRESIDENT	Alhaji Usman Ahmad Nahuche
1st VICE PRESIDENT	Dr Lanre Aiyejuyo
2nd VICE PRESIDENT	Samuel Ebinipiri Igwe-Icho
MEMBER	John Steve Yusuf
MEMBER	Tola Odusanya
MEMBER	Suleman Sallau
MEMBER	Daniel Yusuf
MEMBER	Friday Okobi
MEMBER	Haladu Buba Jajimaji
MEMBER	Victoria Emeribe
MEMBER	Wokoma Solomon
MEMBER	Sam Egbo Chime