

IPC BULLETIN

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HIGHLIGHT

IPC Exhibition Coming to Whistler: The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is proud to announce that it will have a special exhibition about the Paralympic Movement during the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Titled "Spirit in Motion – Discover What Moves Us", the IPC Exhibition will be placed in the middle of Whistler, and is supported by IPC Worldwide Partner Otto Bock. The aim of the interactive exhibition is to provide all visitors with information about the Paralympic Movement and Paralympic Games History, including specific details on sports, athletes' stories and background knowledge on technology. For more information, please visit www.paralympic.org > News.

PARALYMPIC GAMES

Vancouver 2010: The Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) has officially awarded Sustainability Stars to programmes "Real Deal" and the WorkSafeBC Paralympic Team. The announcement was made by the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Canada and shows that both programmes have demonstrated a contribution to two or more sustainability features in areas of social, economic and/or environmental interest. For more information, please visit the official website at www.vancouver2010.com.

London 2012: Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson and Tony Hall have been appointed to the House of Lords as Crossbench (non-party political) peers. Dame Tanni is one of Britain's greatest Paralympians, Vice-Chairperson of the London 2012 Sports Advisory Group and a UNICEF International Inspiration Ambassador. In 1993 she received an MBE for services to sport, in 2000 the OBE for services to sport and in 2005 was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. For more information, please visit www.london2012.com.

Sochi 2014: The Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee held a training seminar for Sochi's hotel companies on effective management in the hospitality industry. This seminar is part of Sochi 2014's educational programme for the management and staff of Sochi's hotels. The seminar addressed the issues of the hospitality philosophy, the introduction of modern standards of service and the methodology for establishing procedures to improve the quality of services provided. There will be a



total of 42,437 hotel rooms in all categories available in time for the Sochi 2014 Games. For more information, please visit www.sochi2014.com.

FROM THE HEADQUARTERS

IPC Governing Board Appoints Chairpersons of IPC Standing Committees: The IPC Governing Board has appointed the following persons as chairpersons of the respective IPC Standing Committees for the term of 2009-2013: Anti-Doping Committee: Dr. José Antonio (Toni) Pascual (ESP); Audit and Finance Committee: Miguel Sagarra (ESP); Development Committee: Rita van Driel (NED); Legal and Ethics Committee: Alan Dickson (GBR); Medical Committee: Dr. Oriol Martinez (ESP); Paralympic Games Committee: Andrew Parsons (BRA); Sports Science Committee: Dr. Yves Vanlandewijck (BEL); Women in Sport Committee: Tine Rindum Teilmann (DEN). More information on IPC Standing Committees can be found on the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

Call to Host IPC Governing Board Meetings: An official a call for expression of interest is being sent out to all National Paralympic Committee (NPC) Presidents and Secretaries General for hosting future IPC Governing Board meetings. The past has shown that hosting an IPC Governing Board meeting will help an NPC to promote sports for people with a disability in their respective country and strengthen the links to their national authorities. The first possibility to host an IPC Governing Board meeting is in November 2010. Please contact Verena Conrad, IPC Events Manager at verena.conrad@paralympic.org, for further details.

IPC Membership Fees: Invoices for Membership Fee will be sent out this week to all members. Payment must be received before 31 March 2010 in order to secure all Membership rights including participation in IPC sanctioned competitions. Payment after that date may result in suspension. For more information, please contact Frederic Herrmann at frederic.herrmann@paralympic.org.

Vancouver 2010 Team Uniform Pre-Inspection Reminder: The IPC would like to invite all National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) to upload their Vancouver 2010 Team Uniform Proposals for pre-inspection to PIDAS (<http://www.paralympic.org/pidas>) to ensure that they follow IPC guidelines. The "IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines - Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games" can be found at http://www.paralympic.org/Paralympic_Games/Vancouver_2010. If you have any questions and to avoid any non-conformity issues beforehand, please contact Ms. Carolin Jansen, IPC Marketing & Communications Co-ordinator at carolin.jansen@paralympic.org.



Athletes' Council Candidates Set For Vancouver Elections: A total of six athletes have been confirmed as candidates in the upcoming IPC Athletes' Council (AC) Elections during the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. The IPC AC Elections take place from 10-19 March 2010 at the Voting Centres in the Vancouver and Whistler Paralympic Villages. Winter athletes at this time will have the opportunity to participate in the voting process during the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. For more information, please contact Ms. Verena Conrad at verena.conrad@paralympic.org.

Extensive Coverage of Vancouver Paralympics on ParalympicSport.TV: ParalympicSport.TV, the IPC's Internet TV channel, will be offering the most comprehensive live coverage ever of the Paralympic Winter Games. ParalympicSport.TV will broadcast from the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games everyday from 12-21 March 2010, with all Paralympic sports covered in the programming, either live or delayed. This coverage will also be made available as Video on Demand (VOD) after the events. Paralympic fans can now easily inform themselves about the Paralympic Games and the Paralympic Movement, as well as watch Paralympic video clips without any trouble. For a sneak preview of what will be available on the IPC's Internet TV channel, please visit www.ParalympicSport.TV.

Project Review Sees Commitment From Guangzhou: The IPC held a thorough Project Review on 22 January in support of the upcoming Guangzhou 2010 Asia Para Games in China. The Project Review focused on venue planning, transportation planning and IT solutions for the Guangzhou 2010 Asia Para Games in the presence of a delegation from the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) led by Malini Rajasegaran, APC Secretary General. Also in attendance was a group of experts from the IPC and APC on accessibility, sport and IT. For more information, please visit www.paralympic.org > News.

Visa Extends Support of Paralympic Games Through 2012: Visa Inc. announced on 19 January the renewal of its partnership with the IPC through 2012, which includes the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games and the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Visa, the first Worldwide Partner of the IPC and sponsor of four Paralympic Games since 2002, remains the official payment service and only card accepted at all Paralympic Games venues to purchase Paralympic tickets, official Games merchandise, or food and beverages in venues. For more information, please visit www.paralympic.org > News.

FROM THE NPCs

Iran: The National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Iran held its General Assembly in Tehran, Iran, on 7 February, electing a new Board and



Executive Committee for 2010. The newly elected Board Members include Mr. Mahmoud Khosravivafa as President, Mrs. Fatemeh Rakhshani as first Vice President, Dr. Ghafour Karegari as second Vice President, Mr. Gholamresa Ebrahimi as Secretary General, and Dr. Jahangir Fadaei as Treasurer. For more information please visit www.npc.ir.

Ireland: The Paralympic Council of Ireland has announced O’Neills Irish International Sportswear Company as Official Kit Supplier to the Irish Paralympic Team for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The announcement sees O’Neills continue with their extensive support for Irish Paralympic Sport which began in the build up to the very successful Beijing 2008 Games. The deal will provide significant in-kind support, with O’Neill’s ensuring Irish athletes have specially designed ceremony, training and competition clothing at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. For more information, please visit www.pcireland.ie.

Canada: The President of the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Canada, Carla Qualtrough, has been named to the list of Most Influential Women in Sport and Physical Activity in Canada for 2009. Carla Qualtrough is entering her second term as President of NPC Canada, where she has led an organizational review, and implemented a new leadership model that has positioned the committee to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. For more information, please visit www.paralympic.ca.

Russia: Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia conducted a prayer service in the Cathedral of Christ the Savior for the Russian Paralympic team on the eve of their departure to Vancouver. Patriarch Kirill told athletes after the prayer service that he wished everyone spiritual strength, and that it can compensate physical disability. He said that all victories are based on it, and the strongest in spirit is always the winner. The Patriarch believes Paralympians prove to the world “their victory over themselves” with the very fact that they participate in sport competitions. For more information, please visit www.paralymp.ru.

FROM THE SPORTS

Arta Terme Hosts IPC Alpine Skiing European Cup Finals: The 2010 IPC Alpine Skiing European Cup in Arta Terme, Italy, finished on 14 February with races in Giant Slalom, Slalom and Super Combined rounding up the competition. The Giant Slalom event on 12 February saw Henrieta Farkasova (SVK) with guide Natalia Subrtova dominating the Women’s Visually Impaired category. For more information and results of the 2010



IPC Alpine Skiing European Cup Finals, please visit www.skieuropeancup.com.

Nordic Athletes Finish World Cup Finals in Oberried: A total of 150 athletes from 18 different countries gave their best performances from 4-7 February as the 2010 IPC Biathlon and Cross-Country Skiing World Cup Finals finished in Oberried, Germany. The final day saw the short distance (7.5km) competition in Biathlon. In the Men's Visually Impaired (B1-3) category, Belarus' Vasili Shaptsiaboi (B2) took first with his guide Mikalai Shablovski at a 20:29.9 result. For more information, please visit the official website at www.ipc-nordicskiing.org.

Powerful Races at World Cup in Bessans: A total of 135 athletes from 19 different countries finished with strong performances at the 2010 IPC Biathlon & Cross-Country Skiing World Cup in Bessans, France. In the Women's Cross-Country Skiing Sprint competition on 28 January, Paralympian Ambassador Verena Bentele (GER, B1) took first with her guide Thomas Friedrich. Coming in second and third were Belarus' Sviatlana Sakhanenka (B3) with her guide Imar Matlakhou and Russia's Mikhailina Lysova and her guide Alexey Ivanov respectively. For more information, please visit the official website at www.ipc-nordicskiing.org.

World Cup Finishes in Sestriere: The 2010 IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup in Sestriere, Italy, finished on 24 January with races in Super-G and Super Combined rounding out the competition. The Super-G event on 23 January had a total of 102 athletes from 19 different countries. Some athletes repeated their high level wins like in the Men's Visually Impaired category with Canada's Chris Williamson (B3) and guide Nick Brush taking first with their time of 1:23.67. Slovakia's Jakub Krako (B2) with guide Juraj Medera came in second, and Spain's Jon Santacana with guide Miguel Galindo came in third. For more information, please visit the official website at www.ipc-alpineskiing.org.

FROM THE COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

IPC Swimming Ready For 2010: The IPC Swimming Sport Technical Committee (STC) conducted its first meeting of the year in Bonn, Germany, from 29-31 January. The three days of productive meetings gave the IPC Management Team an opportunity to meet with STC members to discuss the success of 2009 and look ahead to this year and the upcoming competitions. Some of the major outcomes included a revision of the IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations and the appointment of officials for the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. For more information, please visit the official website at www.ipc-swimming.org.



Wheelchair Dance Sport STC Meets in Bonn: The IPC Wheelchair Dance Sport Technical Committee (STC) conducted its annual meeting in Bonn, Germany, from 22-24 January. The IPC Management Team met with STC members to discuss plans for 2010, as well as for the next three years regarding competitions and education opportunities for adjudicators, classifiers and coaches. Several topics held much of the discussion including the business plan, classification, development, the International Dance Sport Federation (IDSF) co-operation, licensing programme and education. For more information, please visit the official website at www.ipc-wheelchairdancesport.org.

New Committee Elected to Para-Archery: The International Archery Federation (FITA) Para-Archery Committee has been elected and has begun the year with many plans over the next months after meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland. The first meeting of the year had in attendance new Para-Archery Committee members Rita Van Driel (Chairperson), Pauline Betteridge, Carole Hicks, Marco Carpignano and Hans-Peter Werlen. FITA Secretary General Tom Dielen and FITA Events Director Juan Carlos Holgado were also at the first part of the meeting to discuss upcoming competitions. For more information, please visit the official website at www.archery.org.

New Governing Board Elected at Assembly of the African Region: The African Sports Confederation of Disabled (ASCOD) has elected a new Governing Board (GB) at its General Assembly which took place on 24 January. Results of the election were Leonel da Rocha (Angola) as ASCOD President, Jose Rodrigo (Cape Verde) as Secretary General, and Rigbi Khaled (Libya), Elouni Hamid (Morocco) and Sarel Marais (South Africa) as the three Vice Presidents. For more information, please visit the official website at www.ascod.org.

Young Athletes Encouraged in Germany: Deutsche Bahn (DB), the railway company in Germany, has announced a special pilot programme to encourage all young athletes to start their training for the Paralympic Games. Announced during a press conference in Frankfurt, Germany, on 5 February, DB together with the German Paralympic Committee will be working together on this integration project for children and youth with a disability to improve their sporting skills. For more information on the programme, please contact Stefanie Grunberg at stefanie.grunberg@deutschebahn.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Wheelchair Dancing on BBC3: A new series on Wheelchair Dance Sport started 11 February on BBC3, pairing six celebrities with six wheelchair users in a dance competition. Called "Dancing on Wheels", the celebrities



learn about the art of wheelchair dancing and the winning couple join the Great Britain Team at the Wheelchair Dance Sport European Championships. The first episode had three couples learn the Cha Cha Cha, and the other three took on the Tango. For more information about BBC3, please visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dancingonwheels>.

Nominees for 2009 Laureus World Sports Awards Announced: The Laureus World Sports Academy has announced the six nominations for the World Sportsman of the Year with a Disability category for the Laureus World Sports Awards 2010: Justin Eveson (Australia), Wheelchair Basketball; Kurt Fearnley (Australia), Athletics; Gizem Girismen (Turkey), Archery; Shingo Kunieda (Japan), Wheelchair Tennis; Michael Teuber (Germany), Cycling; Natalie Du Toit (South Africa), Swimming. For more information, please visit the official website at www.laureus.com.

IWTA Awards Coach of the Year to Geraint Richards: Geraint Richards from Great Britain has been awarded as the 2009 International Wheelchair Tennis Association (IWTA) Coach of the Year. The official announcement occurred from the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the IWTA and is a testament of the hard work and dedication that Mr. Richards has had in the Paralympic Sport. For more information, please visit www.itftennis.com/wheelchair.

USADA Launches Anti-Doping Campaign: The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) has launched a wide-reaching campaign called "I COMPETE CLEAN because..." which aims to encourage athletes and fans of all ages to take a proactive stand for clean and healthy competition. Included in the public service campaign is Paralympian Augusto Perez, who competed in the Wheelchair Curling event at the Torino 2006 Paralympic Games. For more information, please visit www.teamusa.org.

IPC Athletics World Championships Get Government Boost: Exactly one year out from the start of the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships to be held in Christchurch, the New Zealand Government has made a grant of \$400,000 to support the event. Announced by the Prime Minister, John Key, during an inspection of the QE II facilities on 19 January, the event will be a great opportunity for athletes to showcase their potential and the first time it has been held outside Europe. For more information, please visit www.ipcathleticsworldchamps.com.

TRIBUTE

The IPC would like to offer its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Clayton Gerein. Clayton was Sask Sport Inc.'s male athlete-



of-the-year in 1987, 1996 and 2001, racing at distances ranging from 800 metres to the 42.2-kilometre marathon. He retired from competitive racing after the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. In addition to competing and coaching, he volunteered with the Canadian Paraplegic Association and encouraged people with a disability to pursue their goals. Gerein lived in Pilot Butte with his wife, Ruth, and two teenaged daughters (Jasmine and Zoe).

OUTLOOK

2010 IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup Finals	2-5 March	Aspen, USA
IPC Governing Board Meeting	10 March	Vancouver, CAN
Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games	12-21 March	Vancouver, CAN

During the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, the IPC will be publishing a daily newsletter, which will include important information on competitions and events at the Games.

The next issue of the IPC Bulletin will be published on 12 April 2010. Please submit your contributions to the IPC Media & Communications Department no later than 10 April.

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